



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529
and 50-530

Mr. W. O. Nelson, Jr.
Regional Director, Region 2
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
P. O. Box 1306
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Arizona Public Service Company, Phoenix, Arizona, has applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an operating license for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

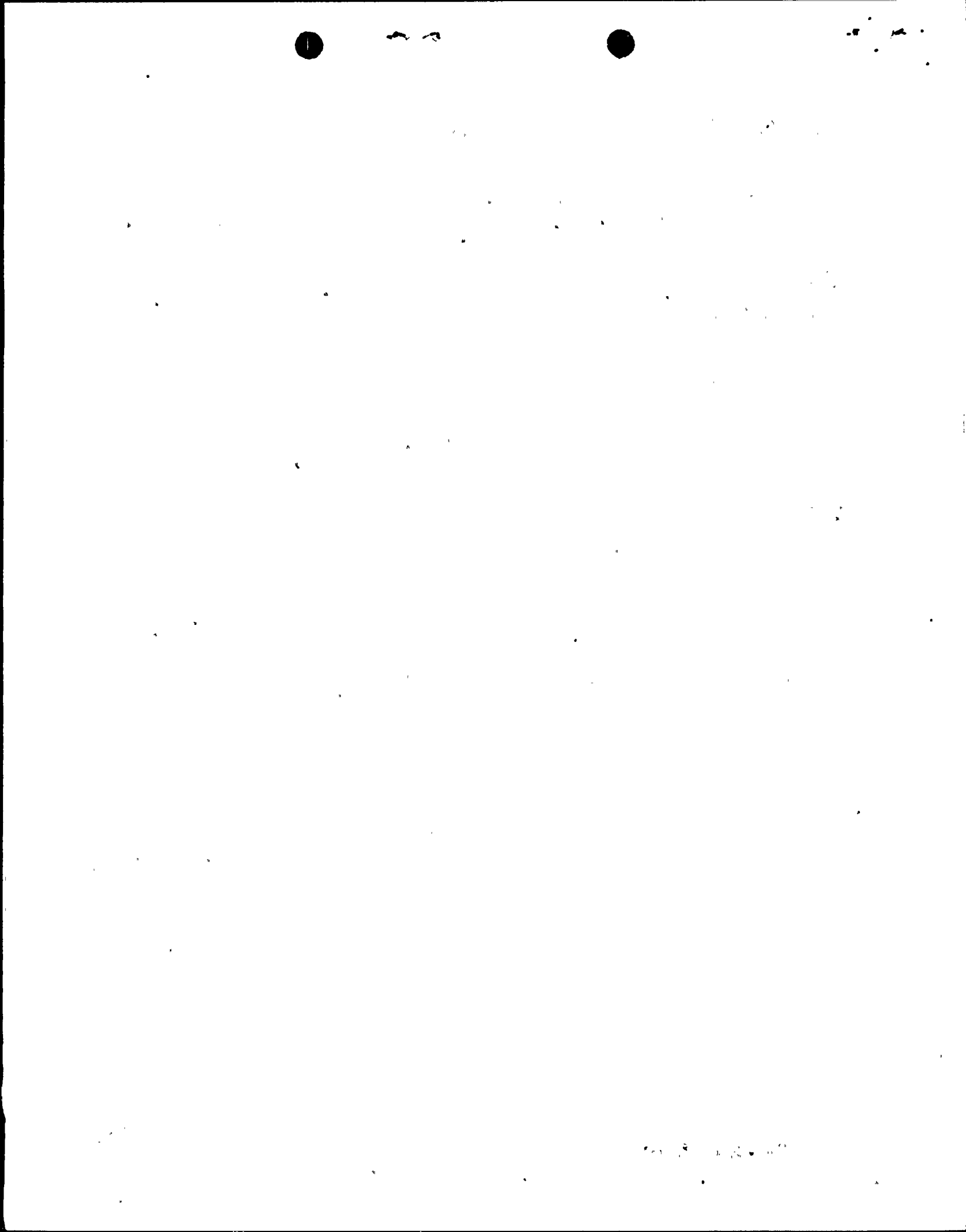
We are preparing an environmental impact statement as part of our operating license review. Based on our interpretation of Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 1978 (PL 95-632), 16 U.S.C. §1536(c), and the fact that construction of the Palo Verde Plant began prior to November 10, 1978, initiation of a Section 7(c) biological assessment is not required. However, to assure a thorough environmental review, we request that your office provide NRC with information concerning proposed or listed plant and/or animal species that may be present in the vicinity of the Palo Verde plant site or along the associated transmission corridors.

We anticipate that a draft environmental impact statement, which will assess only impacts of operation of the Palo Verde plant and associated transmission systems, will be available for public comment during July 1981.

The Palo Verde site is in Maricopa County, Arizona, roughly 15 miles west of Buckeye, and about 50 miles west of downtown Phoenix. Approximately 3800 acres are enclosed by the site boundary. Maps showing the plant site location and associated transmission lines are enclosed.

In addition, we also wish to invite your office to participate in our site visit to Palo Verde on January 27 and 28.

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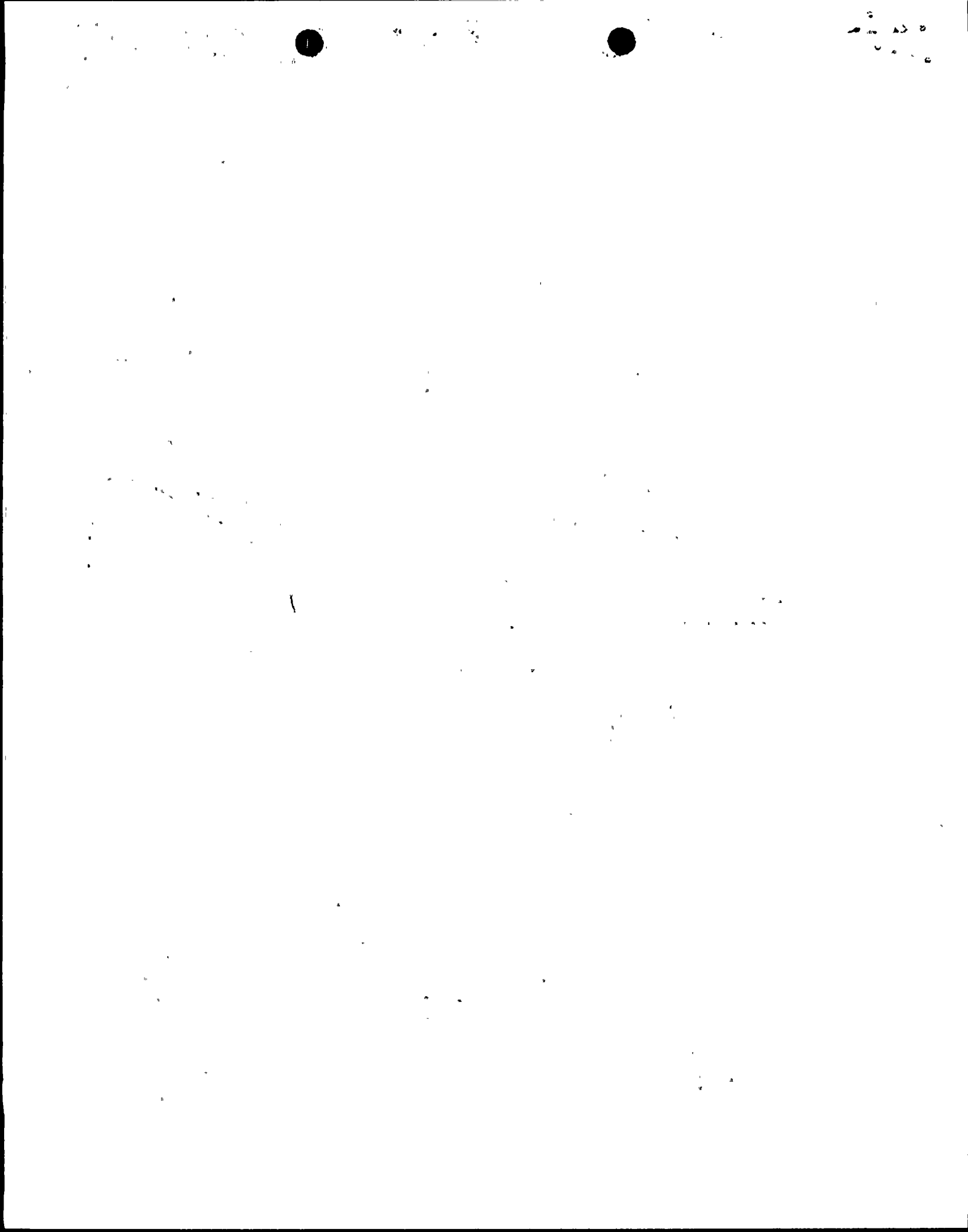
If your office does not have copies of the Palo Verde Environmental Report-Operating License Stage and the 1975 Final Environmental Statement-Construction Permit Stage, we will be pleased to forward them to you.

If you believe it would be helpful to attend this site visit as part of The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, please contact Janis Kerrigan, Licensing Project Manager, at 301-492-7272.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Miraglia, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 3
Division of Licensing

Enclosures:
Maps



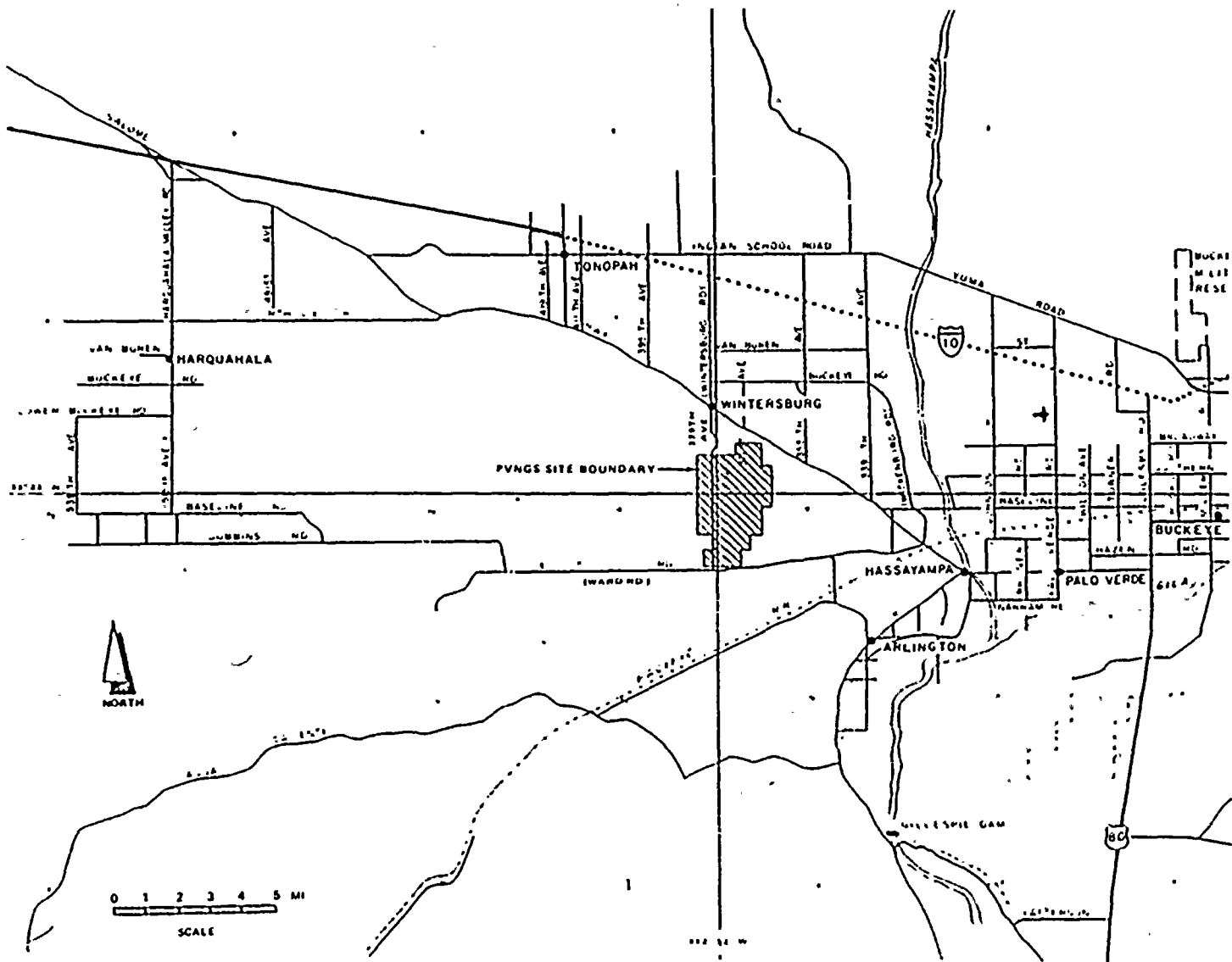
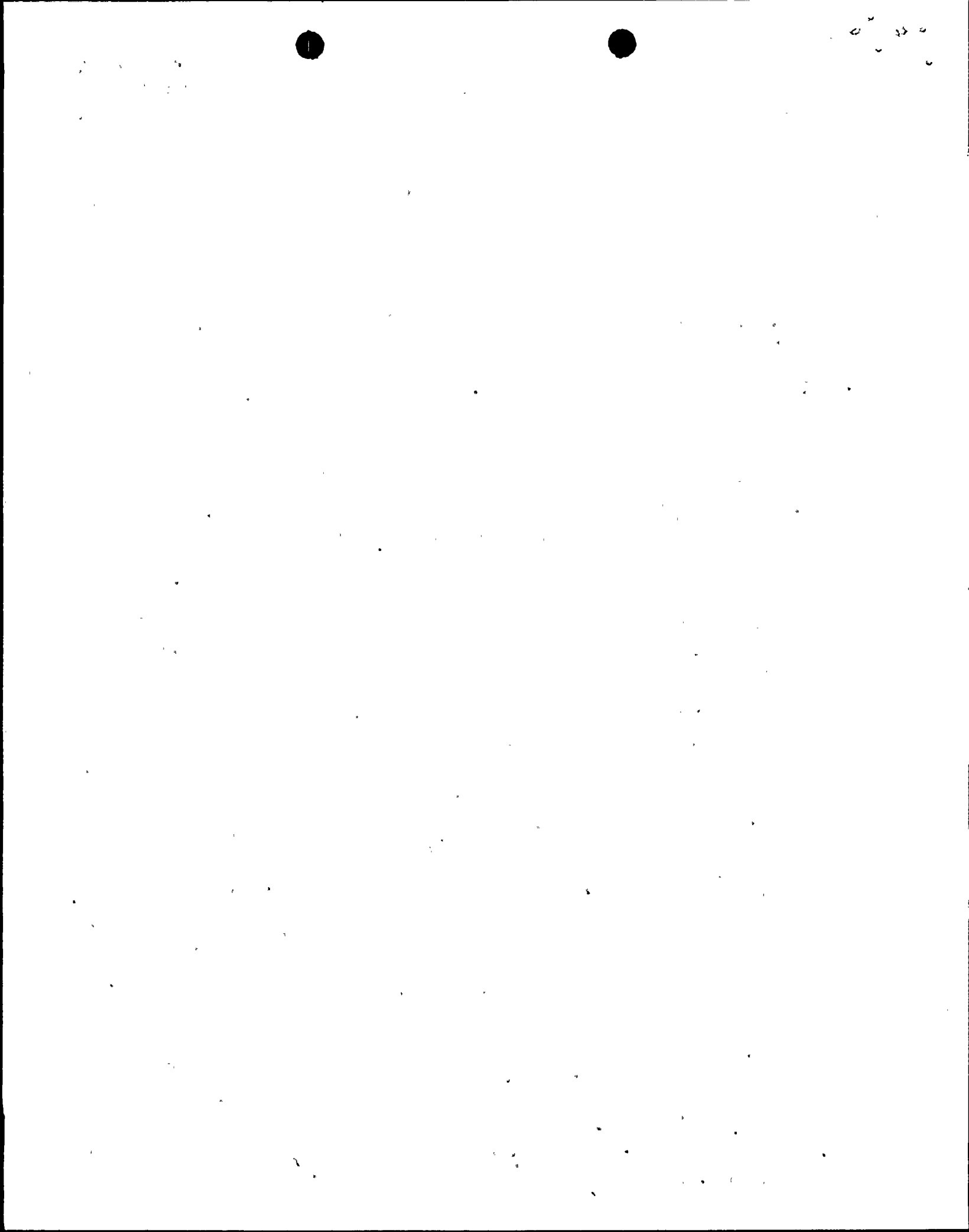
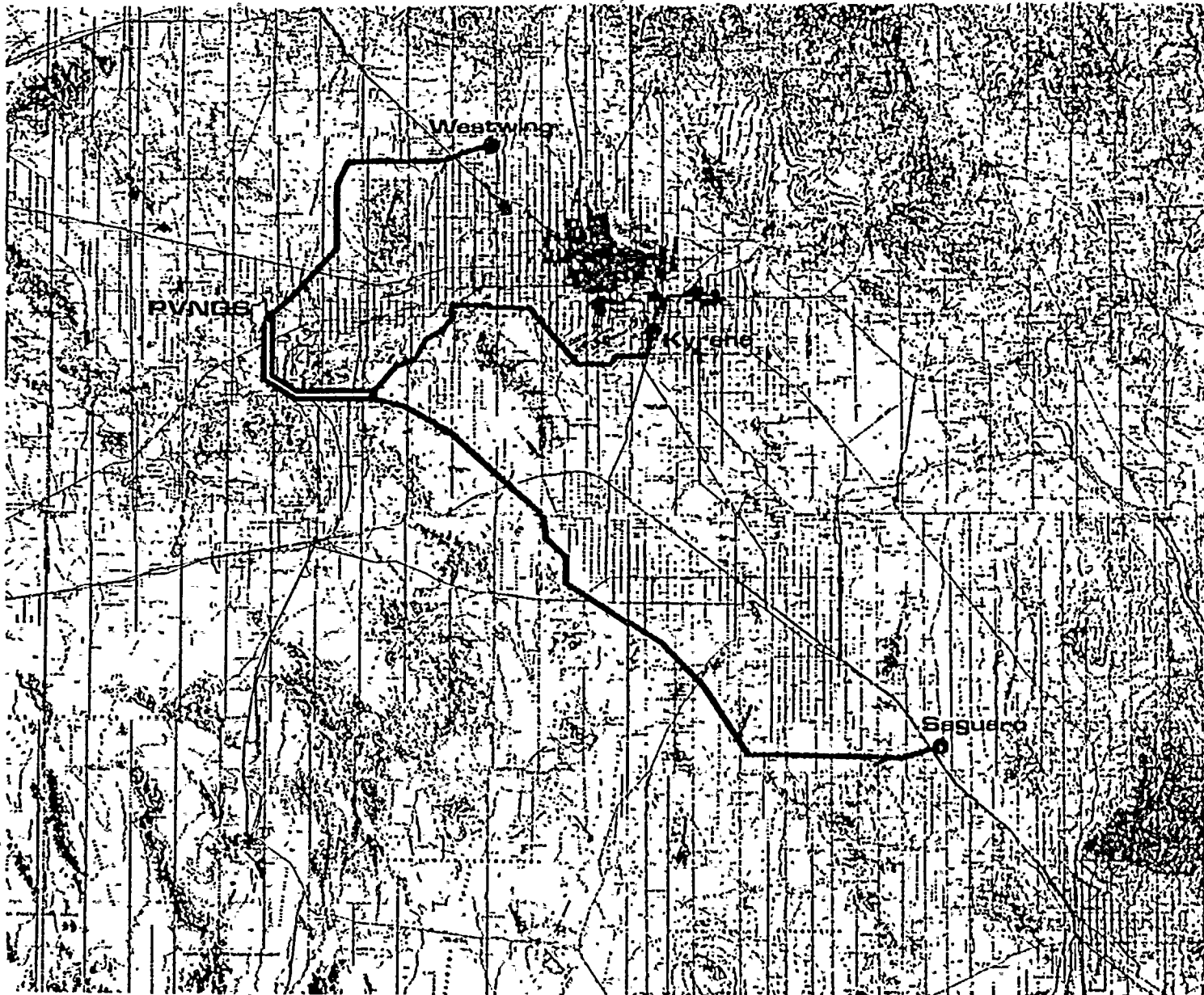

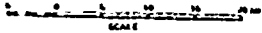
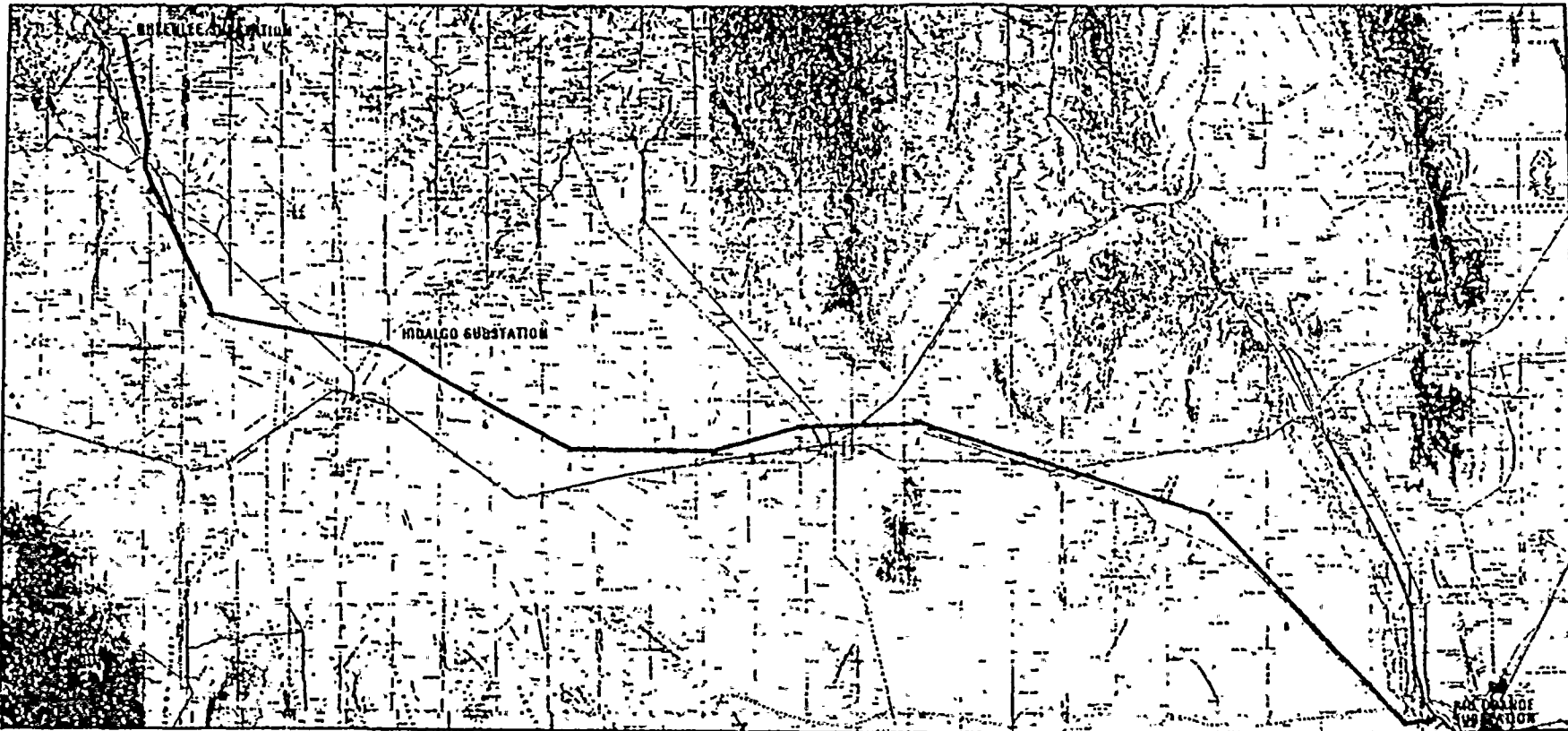


Fig. 2.2. Site Local Vicinity. From ER, Fig. 2.1-1.





	Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station ER-01.
TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTES PROJECT 1	
Figure 3.9-1	



El Estero de San Juan
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TRANSMISSION LINE MAP
PROJECT 2
Figure 3.9-2