



# **Transformation at the NRC**

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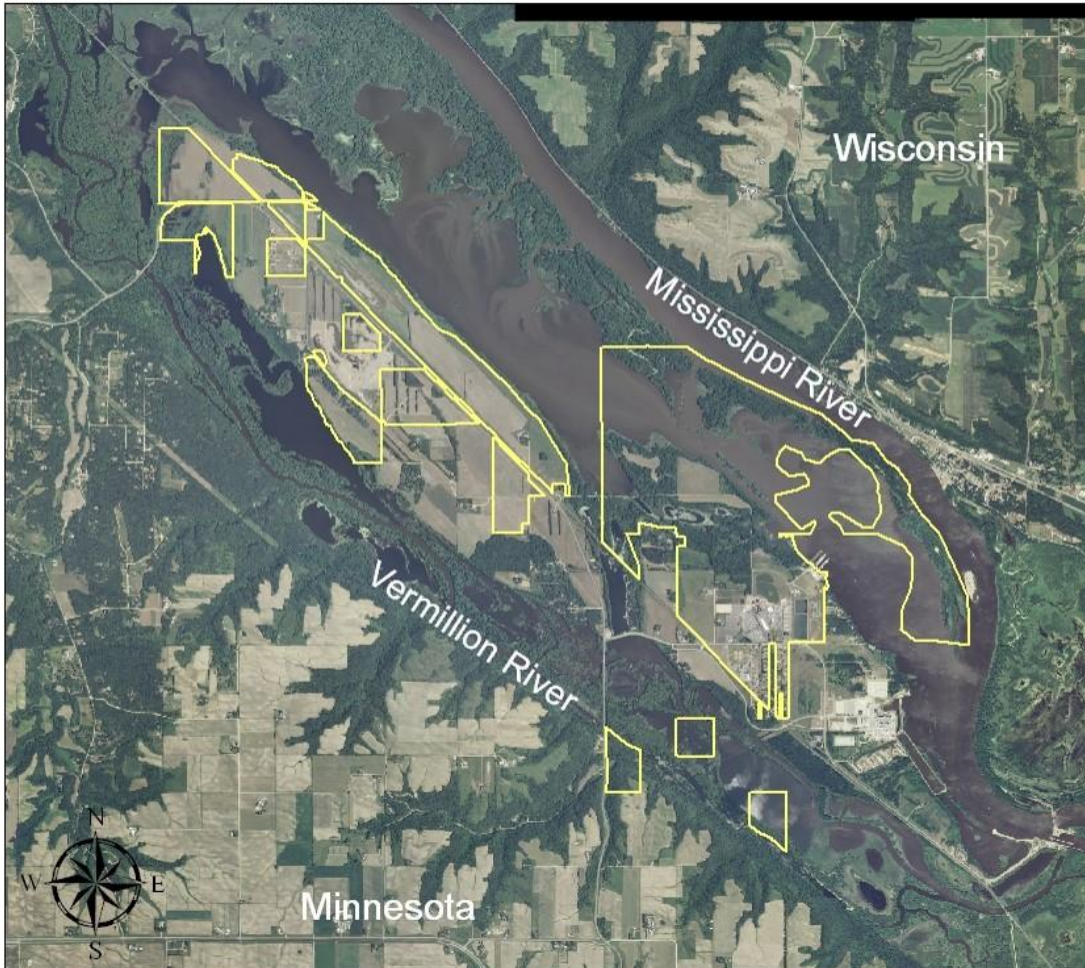
**Prairie Island Indian Community**

**Welch, Minnesota**

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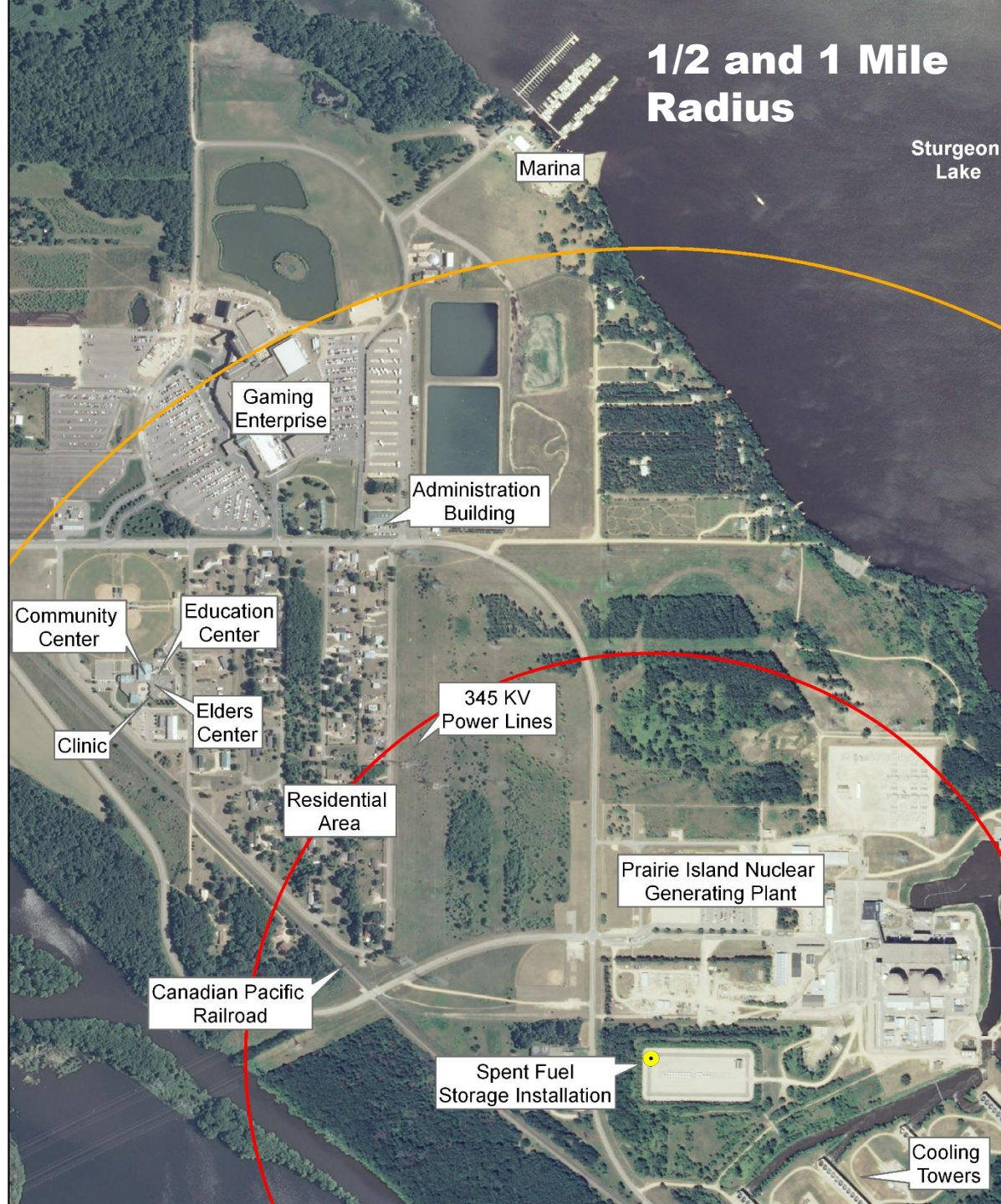
# Location

## Prairie Island Indian Community

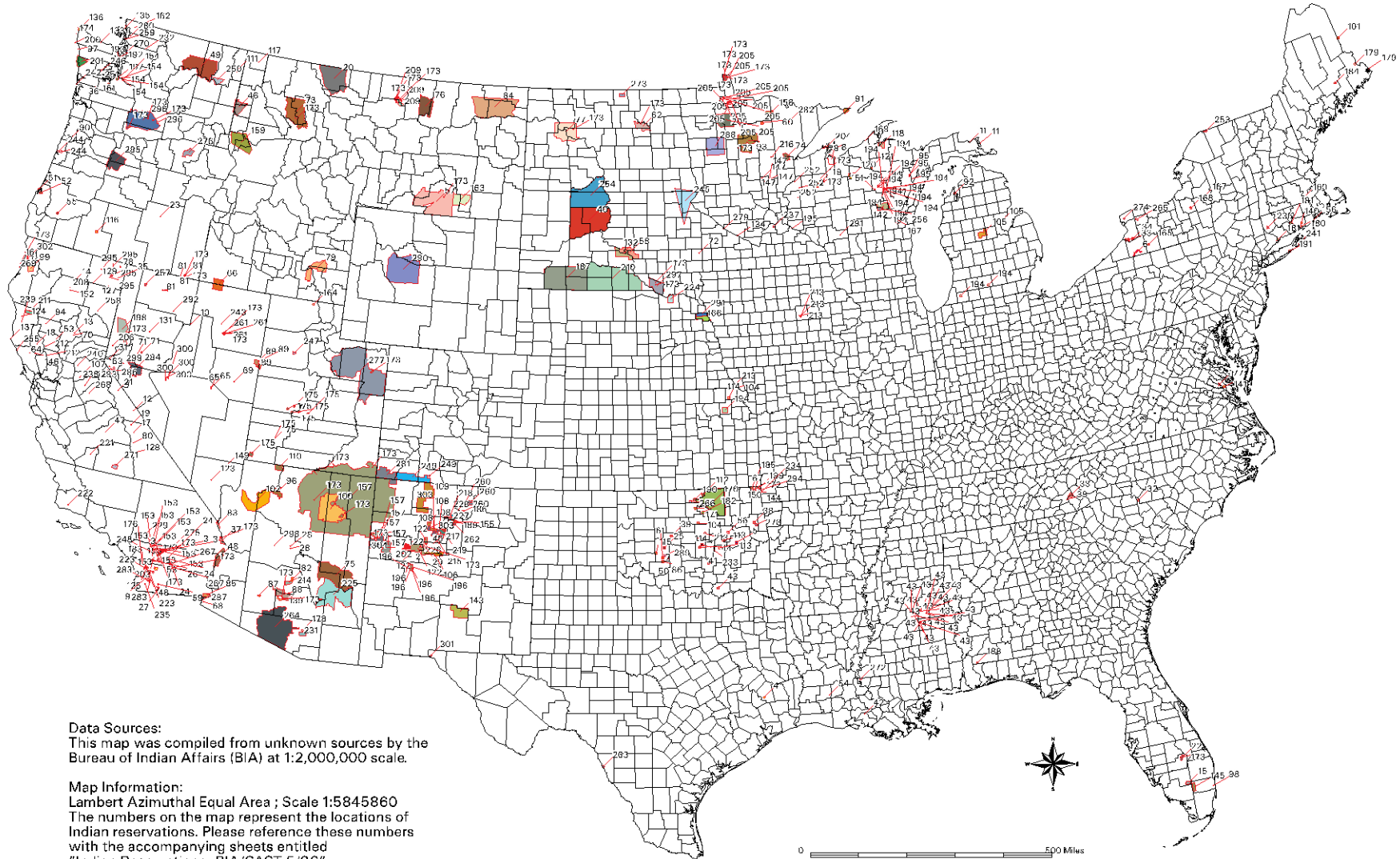




# 1/2 and 1 Mile Radius



# Indian Reservations in the Continental United States



# **The NRC and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes**

*Encourage and facilitate Tribal involvement in the areas that the NRC has jurisdiction. Tribal Policy Statement, 2017.*

## **NRC Tribal Policy Statement—fully integrated within NRC**

- **Trust Responsibility**
- **Government-to-Government Consultation**
- **Outreach to Tribes**
- **Understanding Tribal Counterparts**

# **Recommendations**

## **NRC Tribal Policy Integrated Across all Program Areas**

- **NRC staff familiar with Tribal Policy and Protocol Manual**
- **Agency guidance documents includes tribes**

## **Recognition that Tribal Interests and Rights Extend Past Reservation Boundaries**

- **Consultation**
- **Ceded lands, aboriginal lands**

## **Include Cultural Risks in Analyses**

- **Recognize traditional cost-benefit models don't include potential impacts to tribal culture/traditions**

## **NRC Encourage Licensee Outreach to Indian Tribes**

- **Develop working relationship**