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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2008-00450-NSB

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

**PROPOSED FILLING OF WETLANDS FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT,
ECO STEEL RECYCLING, LLC, MONROE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: City of Amory
Attention: Mr. Howard Boozer
Post Office Box 457
Amory, Mississippi 38821

AGENT: Wildlife Technical Services, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Casey Smith
Post Office Box 820188
Vicksburg, MS 39182-0188

LOCATION: The 30 acre project site is located .6 miles north of Highway 278, at latitude 33° 59' 16" North and longitude 88° 30' 41" West, within Sections 26 & 27, Range 19 East, Township 12 South, Monroe County, Mississippi.

WORK: The applicant requests authorization to fill 6.79 acres of jurisdictional forested wetlands and 331 linear feet of ephemeral stream for the construction of an industrial plant. A finalized mitigation plan has not been received.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to certification will be made.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and use of important resources.

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Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number: SAM-2008-00450-NSB and should be directed to Department of the Army, Mobile District Corps of Engineers, Attention: Mr. Nicholas Baggett, Regulatory Division/Birmingham Field Office, 218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222, Homewood, Alabama 35209, with a copy to the, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39209. Comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of this Public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at Mr. Nicholas Baggett at nicholas.s.baggett@usace.army.mil or telephone number 662-327-2142(Ext 288). Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

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The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. The district engineer remains the final decision authority.

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity may effect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

Attachment "B"

Nature of Activity

The City of Amory and the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce is proposing the development of Eco Steel Recycling, LLC located along the east bank of the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway within the Amory Port property in Monroe County, Mississippi. The project site is more specifically located within portions of Sections 26 & 27, Township 12 South, Range 19 West, along the west boundary of Waterway Drive, west of the City of Amory.

Eco Steel Recycling facility will be constructed on an approximate 30.0 acre parcel of land. Site development activities will include the construction of an approximate 200,000 square foot facility, office building, access roads/streets, utilities, parking lots and storage/shipping areas. Additionally, a rail spur and two (2) associated set-out tracks will be constructed on site and utilized in the daily operations of the facility.

Also included as a component of the site development plan would be the construction of a barge notch along the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway. The proposed barge notch would be utilized by barges to import incoming scrap steel and also to export the finished rebar product. Eco Steel Recycling LLC would import approximately 330 million tons of scrap steel annually that would be recycled to produce rebar. It is currently estimated that approximately 300 million tons of rebar on an annual basis.

As you are well aware, the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway is a vital economic waterway that is heavily used for the transport of commerce. As such, the barge notch is equally important to Eco Steel Recycling LLC as a component of their operations.

As part of the initial project planning, a wetland delineation and determination covering the project site was completed during July 2007. As a result of the wetland delineation and determination it was determined that the project site is primarily occupied by a forested upland habitat. The principal drainage through the site is maintained through segments of one (1) ephemeral stream dissecting the property in a north to south orientation considered as "other waters of the United States." In addition, three (3) forested wetland habitats were identified within the limits of the subject property. Based upon the completed assessment it was determined that approximately 0.02 acres are contained within the ephemeral stream habitat and approximately 6.79 acres are contained within the forested wetland habitat. Given this, it was determined that a total of approximately 6.81 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and "other waters of the United States" are present on the property. Please note a jurisdictional determination was issued for the property as referenced by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers letter dated July 20, 2007. The project is referenced by SAM-2006-1908-HWL.

As previously discussed, the proposed Eco Steel Recycling project will include the development of an approximate 200,000 square foot facility, office building, access roads/streets, utilities, rail spur, parking lots and associated shipping/storage areas. Based

upon the project design, a total of approximately 6.79 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and approximately 0.02 acres (331.0 L.F.) of "other waters of the United States" shall be impacted.

A copy of the proposed site development plan depicting the project design features and the identified wetlands and other waters impact areas is included in Attachment "A" to this permit application.

Attachment "C"
Block 19
Project Purpose

The proposed Eco Steel Recycling facility shall be constructed on an approximate 30.00 acre parcel of land located west of the City of Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi. The purpose of the proposed project is to construct a rebar manufacturing facility.

The proposed 175 million dollar facility will utilize 330 million tons of scrap steel to produce 300 million tons of rebar annually. Recycling steel saves 74% of the energy used to produce them from raw materials. Additionally, scrap steel reduces related water pollution, air pollution, and mining wastes by about 70%. Every time a ton of steel is recycled, 2500 pounds of iron ore, 1000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestones are preserved.

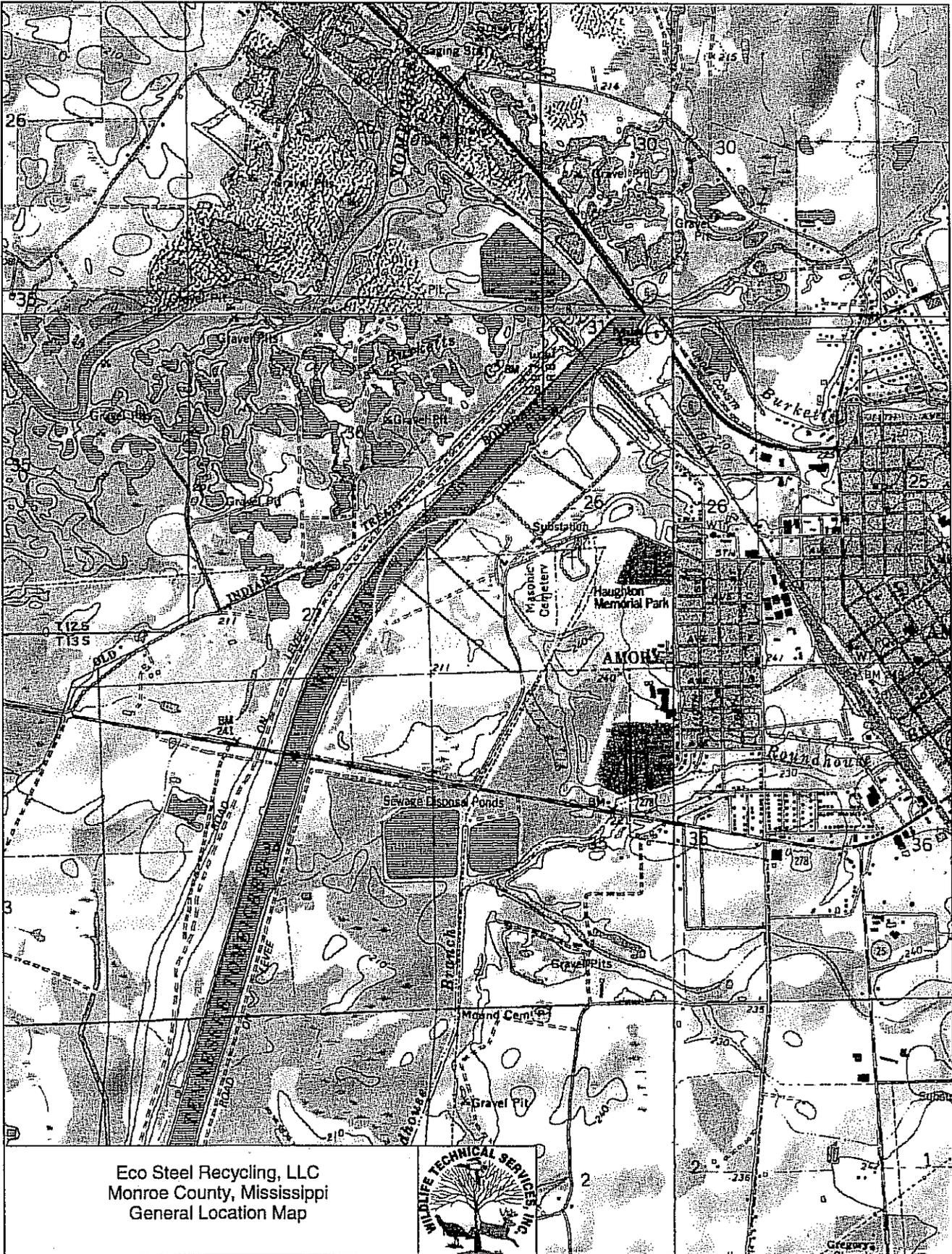
Benefits of using Iron and Steel (ferrous metals) instead of virgin ore to make new steel:

- Savings in energy 74%
- Savings in virgin materials 90%
- Reduction in water use 40%
- Reduction in water pollution 76%
- Reduction in air pollution 86%
- Reduction in mining wastes 97%
- Reduction in consumer waste generated 105%

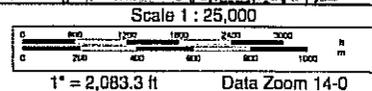
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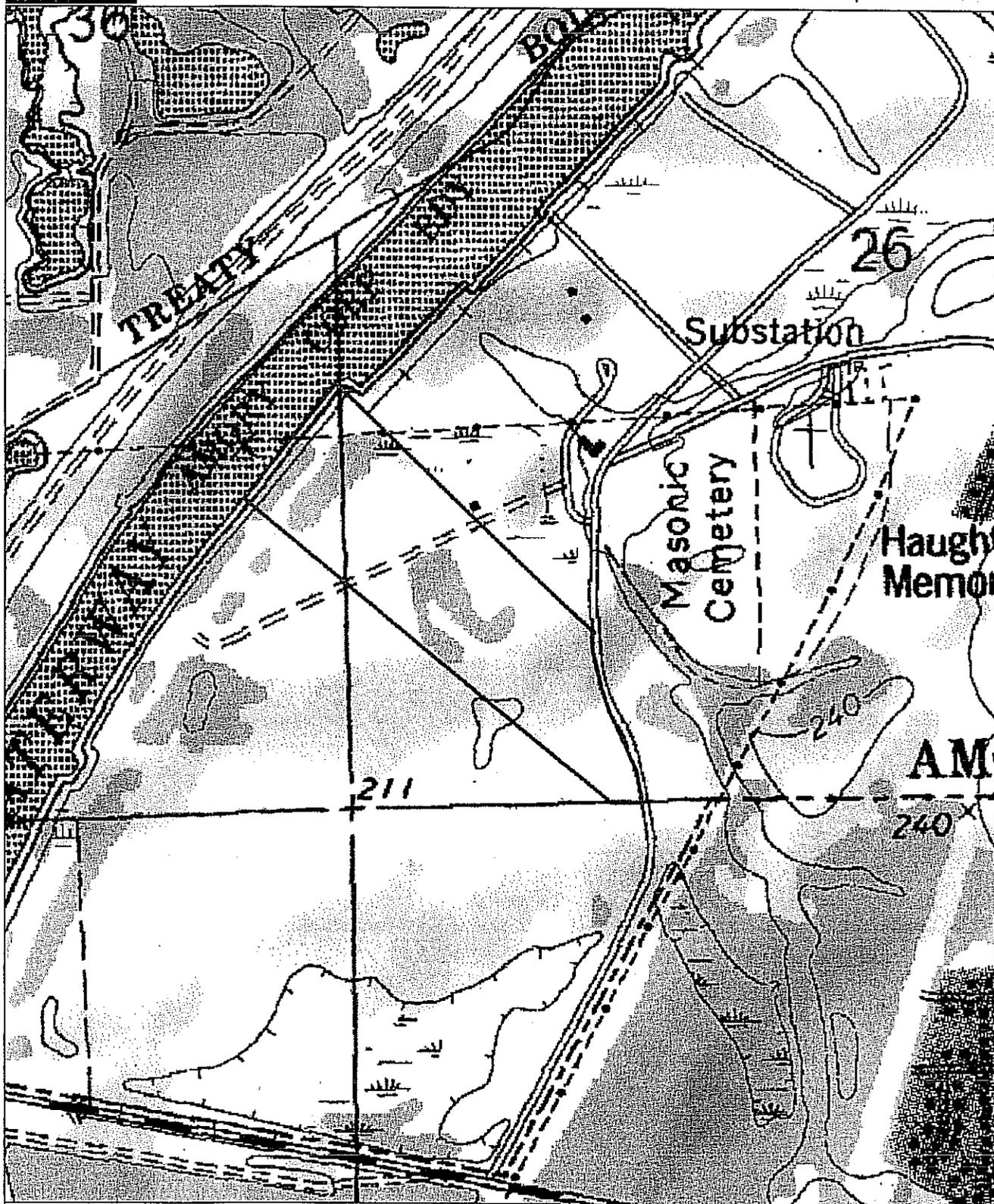
In addition to lessening harmful impacts to the environment through recycling the Eco Steel Recycling facility will also provide employment opportunities within the immediate region. The facility is expected to provide 110-150 permanent employment opportunities upon project completion and numerous other opportunities during the construction phase.

Construction activities associated with the proposed project will commence in April 2008 and is estimated to be completed by April 2010.



Eco Steel Recycling, LLC
 Monroe County, Mississippi
 General Location Map





Eco Steel Recycling, LLC
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 Project Location Map



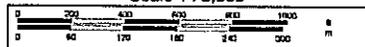
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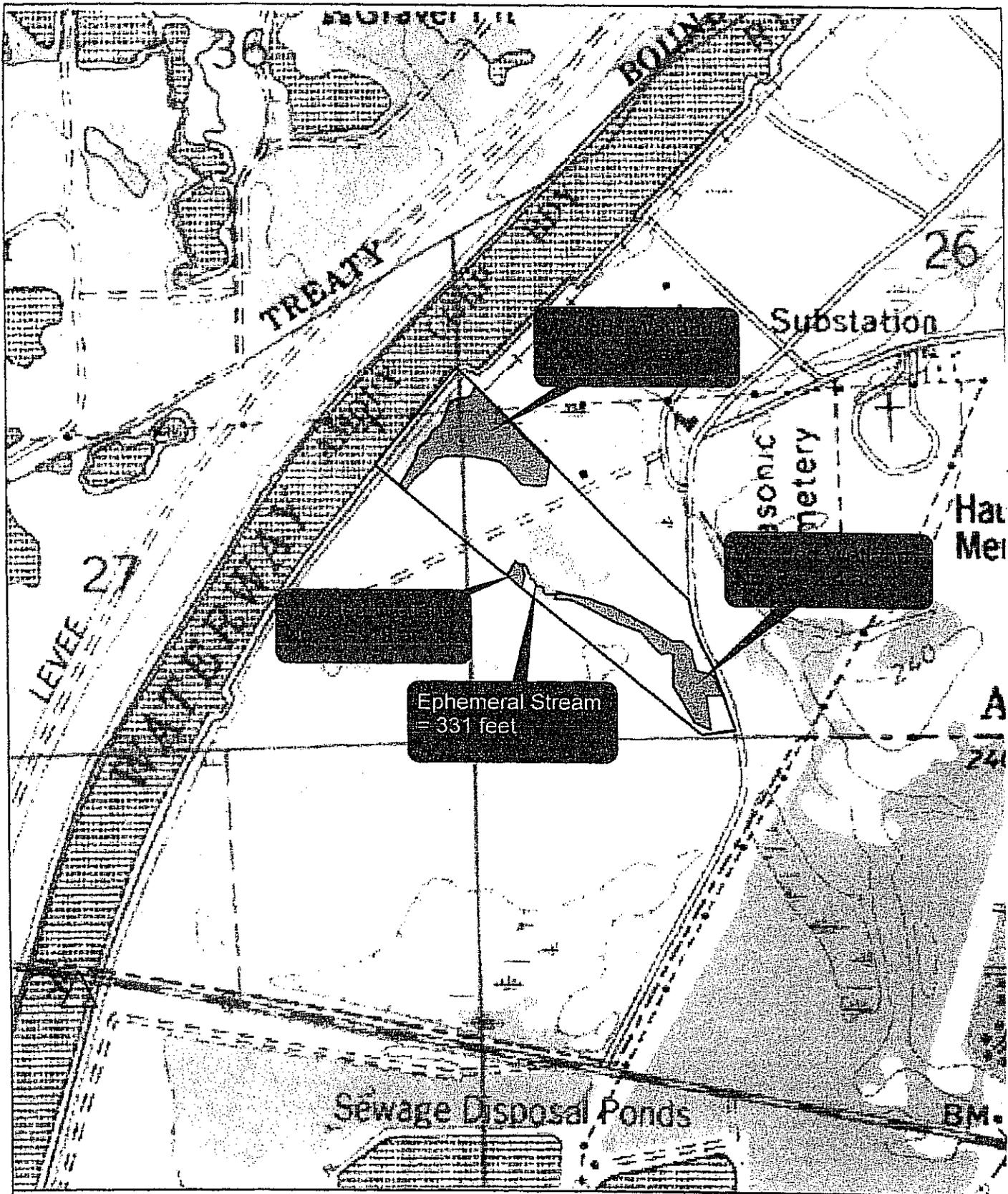


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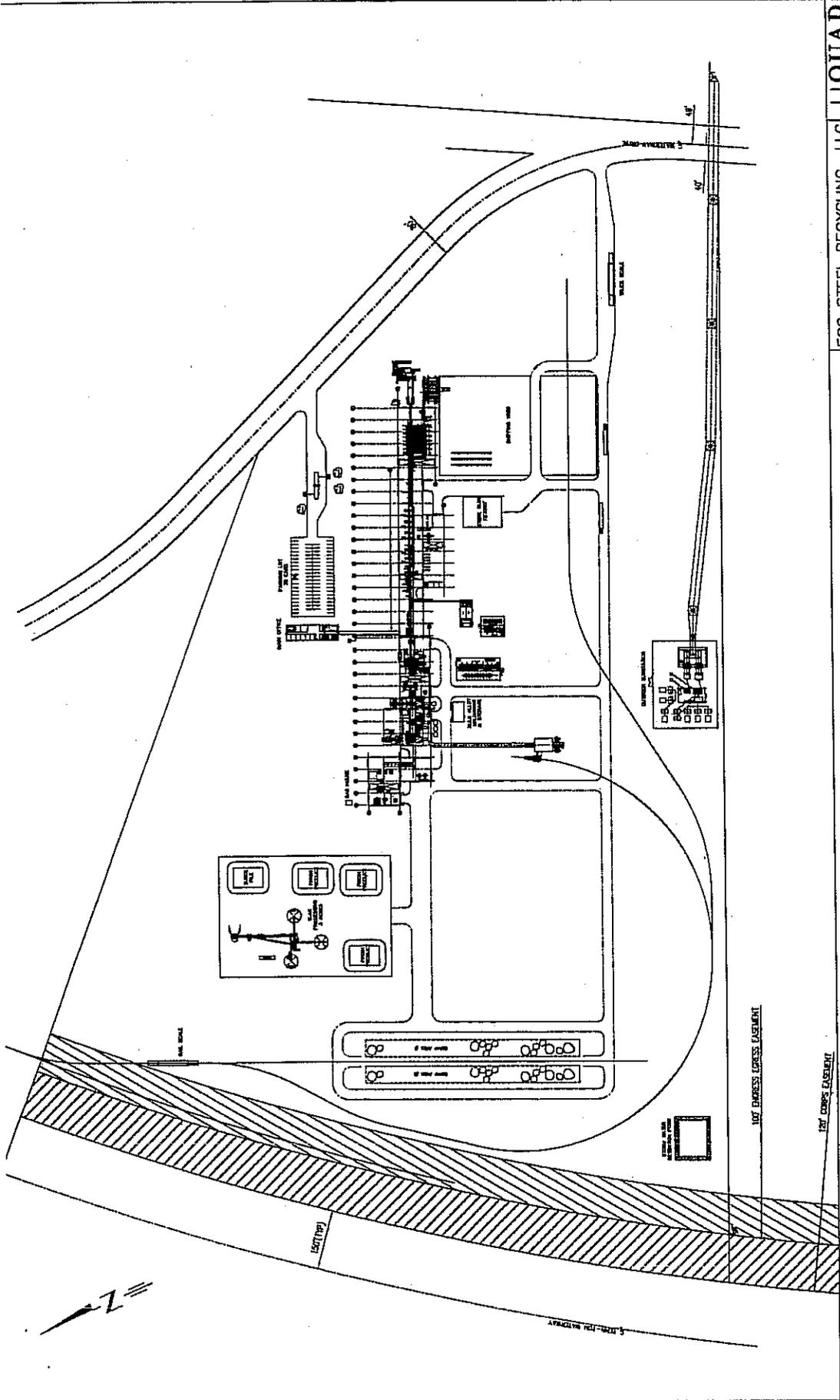
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