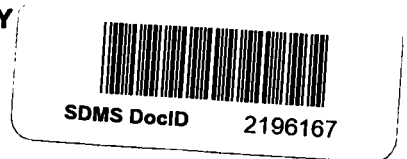




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**Re: Price Battery Superfund Site:
Hamburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania
122(j) notification**

Dear Messrs. Conte and Chezik:

Pursuant to Section 122(j)(1) of CERCLA, I am writing to inform you of negotiations concerning actions to be taken in response to a release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Price Battery Superfund Site ("Site") in Hamburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Specifically, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") will be negotiating an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) at the Site with the potentially responsible parties ("PRPs").

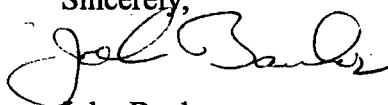
The Department of the Interior ("DOI") may be the trustee of certain natural resources at the Site pursuant to Executive Order 12580 and the National Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300, Subpart G. EPA would welcome DOI's participation in these negotiations if you determine that such participation is desirable at this time.

The Price Battery Site encompasses a mixed commercial/residential area approximately one-quarter mile in size located in the vicinity of the former Price Battery facility. The Borough of Hamburg, located in rural Pennsylvania, is a mixed residential and commercial town with some industrial areas. Kaercher Creek flows through the Borough of Hamburg and through the former Price Battery facility before joining the Schuylkill River located to the southwest of Hamburg. Between 1940 and 1971, operations at the Price Battery facility included a secondary lead smelter and smokestack, and an oxide plant. During its operation, the lead smelter produced emissions that potentially contaminated residential areas downwind of the facility with lead, antimony, and arsenic. The CERCLIS ID number for this Site is PAN000305679.

The EPA is the lead agency for Site activities and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) is the support agency. EPA has reached prior settlements with potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") under which the PRPs have cooperatively performed some removal actions at the former facility and have maintained the facility. EPA is currently conducting a removal action on the residential properties and has initiated a RI/FS for the residential portion of the Site only. This action includes the RI/FS for the facility portion of the Site and an opportunity for the PRPs to assume the RI/FS for the residential portion of the Site.

If you have any additional question feel free to contact me directly at 215-814-3214.

Sincerely,



John Banks
Remedial Project Manager

Attachments: Price Battery Site Map

cc: Tom Cinti , EPA ORC attorney

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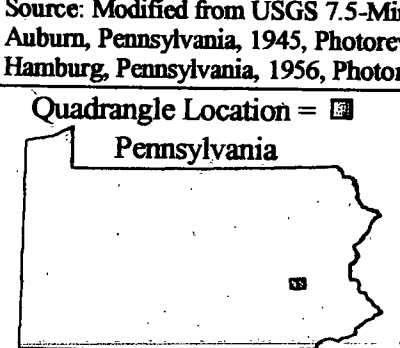
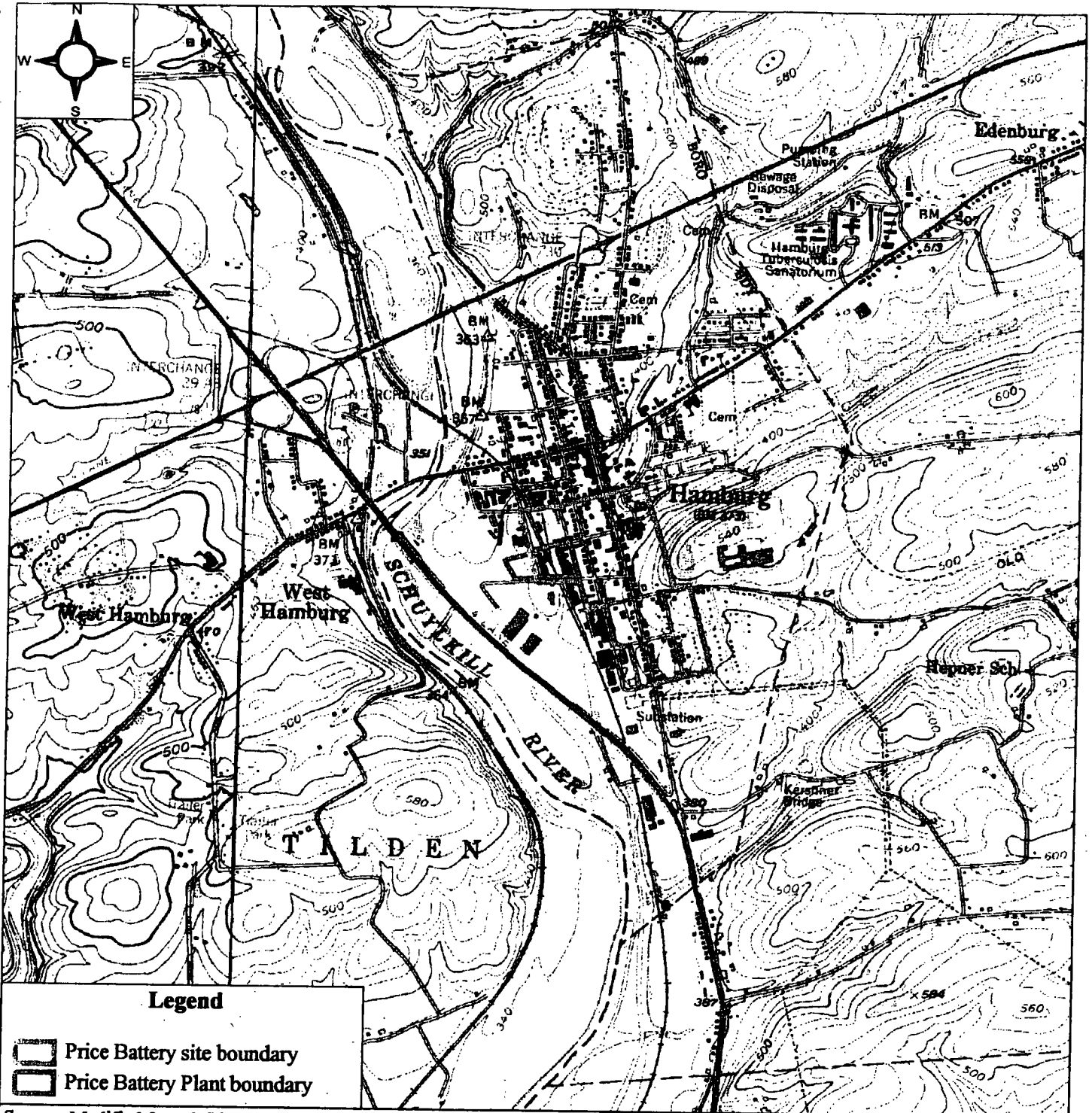
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Price Battery Site
 Hamburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Figure 1
 Site Location Map

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