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PCB WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

WARREN COUNTY, N.C.

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Introduction

The decision to remove the approximately 40,000 cubic yards of PCB contaminated soil along public roads by the state of North Carolina was based upon the availability of a secure disposal facility. Such a facility is regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The State of North Carolina applied for permission to utilize a 140-acre tract of land, owned by the State and located in Warren County, to construct, operate, and maintain an Annex II PCB Landfill. The site and operational plans were approved conditionally by the Environmental Protection Agency in correspondence dated June 4, 1979. Additional conditions were added on December 14, 1981.

Pre-Operation Phase Activities

The North Carolina Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch was chosen by the PCB Remedial Action Project coordinators in the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to ensure construction and environmental monitoring compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's approval conditions. This was made clear in a pre-construction meeting located at the site on June 10, 1982.

Of primary importance in pre-operation activities was the establishment of background data on groundwater and surface water around the site. This is imperative for any long-term environmental monitoring program associated with such disposal facilities. The initial groundwater monitoring wells were constructed according to the Environmental Protection Agency approved standards when general site construction started (June 21, 1982). These wells were found to be unsatisfactory by the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management and replacement wells were installed, with the Environmental Protection Agency's approval the first week of July. One of these replacement wells was vandalized on August 5, 1982, and was again reinstalled. The Environmental Protection Agency stated that the "closing out" of unusable groundwater monitoring using cement would not jeopardize the collection of representative groundwater samples from monitoring wells in the immediate vicinity. Groundwater and surface water background chemical data was collected using the Environmental Protection Agency-approved methodologies and analytical techniques (see attachment I).

Vandals damaged the 30-mil PVC liner on August 21 or August 22, 1983. Repairs were made and certified by a representative of the liner supplier. The Environmental Protection Agency inspected the repair work on August 27, 1982, and gave verbal approval at that time to continue construction.

Inspections by the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management to ensure compliance with North Carolina Sedimentation and Erosion Control Laws were conducted on August 3, 1982, and August 25, 1982 (see attachments II and III). Measurements of in-place saturated hydraulic conductivities of the clay liner were taken on September 12, 1982, in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency permit conditions. All measurements showed the liner to meet or exceed regulatory requirement (see attachment IV).

Operation Phase Activities

Placement of the contaminated soil into the prepared landfill commenced on September 15, 1982. The last load of contaminated soil was delivered on November 17, 1982. The total volume of contaminated soil was estimated at just under the projected 40,000 cubic yards. An attempt to calculate the average concentrations of PCB in the contaminated soil was made on October 7, 1982, following advice given by Mr. Ralph Jennings, Toxic Substances Section, Environmental Protection Agency. Composite samples were collected at six locations in the contaminated soil fill. Each sample consisted of a composite of material from six foot deep borings. The average concentration of PCB's in the landfill as determined by the October 7, 1982, sampling event was 135 ppm (see attachment V).

Operational phase monitoring of groundwater, surface water, and surface water sediments was conducted on October 5, 1982, and October 28, 1982 (see attachment I).

Post-Operational Phase Activities

Final placement of the topsoil covering over the clay and PVC cap was impeded by wet weather conditions. The North Carolina Division of Environmental Management inspected the landfill for compliance with erosion control regulations on November 5, 1982 and November 17, 1982 (see attachment II). The lack of an adequate stabilized topsoil cover resulted in the uncovering of the PVC cap due to accelerated erosion during January, 1983. The lack of the topsoil covering's weight on the PVC cap allowed decomposition gases to accumulate in bubbles under the PVC cap instead of being forced through the gas vent located at a single location at the center of the landfill. These bubbles were pierced and temporary venting pipes installed to prevent gas buildup until weather conditions allowed the contractor to repair the PVC cap and finish the placement of topsoil.

Analyses of gases venting from the single permanent vent and the temporary vents by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources and the United States Environmental Protection Agency showed them to consist primarily of methane with concentrations of PCB's far below OSHA standards.

Post-operational phase environmental monitoring of groundwater, surface water, and surface water sediments was permformed on November 29, 1982, and May 16, 1983. Identical monitoring events will occur each November and May until the United States Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator and appropriate authorities of North Carolina determine otherwise.

The pumping of the landfill's leachate collection system to remove rainwater that accumulated during the operational phase commenced on March 7, 1983. Over 5,000 gallons of water were removed and treated in the site's treatment works by June 1, 1983. Any effluent from the treatment works met the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standards for PCB's.

Final construction of the landfill was completed on July 14, 1983. The State of North Carolina accepted the site conditionally on July 15, 1983. All keys to locks at the facility are in the custody of the North Carolina Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch.

The Environmental Protection Agency permit conditions identifying post-closure maintenance of the PCB landfill specify monthly inspections of the physical structures at the landfill and the leachate collection/detection sumps in addition to the twice a year environmental monitoring program. The Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch retains responsibility for these actions until directed otherwise by the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources. Attachment I

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June 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO:

O. W. Strickland, Head Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Branch Environmental Health Section

FROM: Thomas C. Karnoski, Environmental Engineer JCX Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Branch Environmental Health Section

SUBJECT: Environmental Monitoring of the PCB Disposal Facility

Environmental monitoring of the PCB disposal facility to identify releases from the landfill consists of select sampling and analyses of groundwater, surface water, and surface water sediments. Analytical parameters dictated by EPA are pH, specific conductivity, and total PCB for groundwater and surface water and total PCB for surface water sediments. All sampling, analytical, and security chain of custody procedures rigidly follow EPA and N. C. Division of Health Services accepted methodologies.

Locations of the four groundwater monitoring wells were designated by EPA as were the four surface water and surface water sediment sampling points (see attachment).

The following identifies the dates that environmental monitoring events took place:

Pre-Operation Monitoring of Groundwater to Determine Background Quality

August 20, 1982 August 30, 1982 September 6, 1982

Pre-Operational Monitoring of Surface Water and Surface Water Sediments to Determine Background Quality

July 7, 1982 August 3, 1982 August 10, 1982

Operational Phase Monitoring of Groundwater, Surface Water and Surface Water Sediments

October 5, 1982 October 28, 1982

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Post-Operational Phase Monitoring of Groundwater, Surface Water, and Surface Water Sediments (to occur indefinitely twice each year)

November 29, 1982 May 16, 1983

To date, all monitoring activity has indicated no release of PCB's are occurring at the disposal facility. All analytical data is available as a part of public record.

A functional aspect of the landfill's design is a mechanism to remove free liquid from the waste mass and hence eliminate material that has migration (or release) potential. Pumping of the leachate collection system commenced on March 7, 1983 and continued at various intervals through June 1, 1983.

Approximately 5,000 gallons of free liquids were removed from the landfill and treated at the landfill's treatment works. Below are dates where water analytical work was conducted on influent and effluent water of the treatment system:

March 7, 11, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 April 1, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 May 10, 25 June 1

The highest concentration of PCB's detected in the influent water was 2.47 ppb $(2.47 \ (10^{-7})\%)$ by weight. All effluent analyses show PCB concentrations less than .1 ppb $(1(10^{-8})\%)$ by weight. Attached are allowable concentrations of PCB's in food and feed products according to 29 CFR 109(B). Effluent from the treatment works meets EPA drinking water standards.

Over fifty-five private drinking water wells from residents in the area around the landfill were sampled in January of 1983. All analytical data showed no detectable levels of PCB's.

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COMPLIANCE.

Attachment IV



SOIL & MATERIAL ENGINEERS INC. ENGINEERING-TESTING-INSPECTION

3109 Spring Forest Road, Box 58069, Raleigh, NC 27658-8069, Phone (919) 872-2660

September 14, 1982

Sverdrup & Parcel Associates, Inc. 2211 W. Meadowview Road Suite 114 Greensboro, North Carolina 27409

Attention: Mr. Frank B. Rainey, Jr., P.E.

Subject: Permeability Test Results of In-Place Clay Liner PCB Landfill Site Warren County, North Carolina S&ME Job No. 053-82-240-A

Gentlemen:

As requested by Sverdrup & Parcel Associates, undisturbed samples were taken of the in-place clay liner at the subject project for permeability testing. Five (5) laboratory permeability tests were performed on representative samples taken at the locations indicated on the attached tabulation of test results. Falling head permeability tests were performed in accordance with procedures outlined in the Corps of Engineers Engineering Manual 1110-2-1906, Appendix VII. The tests reveal that the in-situ clay liner material has permeability values ranging from 3.0 x 10^{-8} to 1.0×10^{-7} cm/sec. See attached Tabulation of Falling Head Permeability test results.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

SOIL & MATERIAL ENGINEERS, INC.

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John R. Browning, P.E. Manager Construction Services

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Attachment

cc: Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Attention: Mr. William Phillips

RALEIGH, GREENSBORO, ASHEVILLE, WILMINGTON, FAYETTEVILLE, CHARLOTTE, NC SPARTANBURG, COLUMBIA, CHARLESTON, MYRTLE BEACH, SC ATLANTA, ALBANY, GA—TRI-CITIES, KNOXVILLE, TN—MONTGOMERY, AL—CINCINNATI, OH—ORLANDO, FL

Test Number	Test Location	Permeability coefficient (cm/se
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2	10035 N 9750 E	3.6 x 10 ⁻⁸
3	10135 N 9800 E	1.0×10^{-7}
4	10320 N 9750 E	3.0 x 10 ⁻⁸
5	10320 N 9850 E	6.6×10^{-8}

TABULATION OF FALLING HEAD PERMEABILITY TEST RESULTS OF IN-PLACE CLAY LINER PCB LANDFILL SITE

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Crime Contro & Publia P. O. Box 27687 Roleids 27634 7687 (919) 733-2126

512 N. Salisbury Street

James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor

October 11, 1982

Heman R. Clark, Secretary



Mr. Al Hanke Environmental Scientist EPA, Region IV 345 Courtland St., NE Atlanta, GA 30365

> Contaminated Soil Concentration Re: PCB Landfill Warren County, NC

Dear Al:

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Enclosed is a copy of the state analysis of the six soil samples taken from the landfill on October 5, 1982.

Sincerely,

William W. Phillips, Jr. Assistant to the Secretary

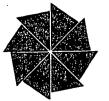
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North Carolina Department of Natural Resources & Community Development

James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor

Joseph W. Grimsley, Secretary

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT December 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM

To: William W. Phillips, Jr. PCB Cleanup Project Officer

From: H. E. Mew, Jr., Coordinator Enforcement and Emergency Response

Subject: Final Report Activity 4--Sampling

All requirements under Activity 4 of the Superfund contract have been completed. Laboratory results and sample location descriptions are listed in the appendices. Endpoints on all strips have been located and all trench samples taken. Erosion samples were identified, sampled, and picked up where necessary. All reports of possible contamination sites were investigated and samples taken. Each of these tasks is described in more detail below.

Strip Endpoint Delineation

Endpoint sampling was carried out in accordance with the sampling procedures documented in Appendix 7. Each sample location was logged in a log book, copies of which are available in the Division of Environmental Management's (DEM's) Central Files.

Originally, long segments of contaminated roadside had been identified for endpoint sampling. Within these long segments the PCB had been discharged intermittently. In discussions with EPA and other state agencies involved in the pickup, it was decided to identify and sample each of the intermittent strips. A Department of Transportation (DOT) representative for each effected DOT district accompanied DEM samplers and identified where the contaminated strips had been marked. Photographs were taken of all endpoint locations. The strips were numbered consecutively and located on a set of 13 maps, see Appendix 1. The maps were developed based on a logical grouping of strips and and a map size which could be easily photocopied. A master map showing all locations of individual maps is included in the notebook pocket of the original of this report. A description of each strip is included in Appendix 2 of this report. For each strip the following information is provided: the map number locating the strip; the road number and whether it is a designated state route (NC), a county state road (SR), or a United States designated highway (US); the county in which the road is located; the length of the contaminated shoulder; the starting point of the contamination; the direction along the road; and the ending point of the contamination. Information is provided on the DOT division and district number, and the strip is also related to previous segment designations.

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The "Segment" information correlates various designations which have been given to the contaminated strips over the years. The first column locates the strip within a lettered segment. These lettered segments were used before a complete listing of strips was developed. The letters have also been used to label sample locations. A working map showing these letter designations is contained in the notebook pocket of the original report. The second column under "segment" lists the original segment number containing the strip, and these segments are mapped in the sampling plan in Appendix 7. The third column relates the strips to the original list of 51 contaminated roadways (210.97 miles) contained in the PCB Project EIS and other documents.

The criteria used for designating strips was that the contamination had to be continuous and that it was located on a single road within a single county. If, for example, a single continuous strip crossed a county line, it was divided into two strips for administrative purposes. Endpoint samples were only taken at the endpoints of contamination, and the entire contaminated shoulder between endpoints was picked up.

Appendix 2 shows sample results. The starting point. also ooint," and ending point, "E-point," of each strip is identified with sample number, e.g., S-1A. This is strictly an administrative "S-point." designation, and where contamination is continuous, a road intersection designates a strip starting or ending point. The column labeled "212D-#" shows an EPA laboratory number. All official results from EPA laboratories and contracted laboratory have been submitted with this shows final report and are available in DEM Central Files. These results are in "212D-#" order for easy reference. Laboratory results from the DEM laboratory and Department of Human Resources (DHR) laboratory are show in Appendices 8 and 9. There was a thirty or more day turnaround period for all samples sent to EPA laboratories.

Laboratory results are shown in total parts per million ("Tot. ppm") of PCB in Appendix 2. Laboratory printouts are in micrograms per kilogram for both Aroclor 1242 and Aroclor 1260. These results were combined and converted to parts per million for this report. Most analyses were only taken to one part per million as a cutoff. Endpoint samples were a composite of three individual cores. The EPA definition of 50 ppm PCB was used as the criteria for contamination. Thus, if a composite sample showed a concentration greater than 17 ppm, the endpoint was extended until sampling indicated that the endpoint of contamination had been found. The results of this resampling is shown in Appendix 2. Where two or more stips were picked up continuously because of unacceptable sample results, Appendix 2 notes this combining. To insure quality control and quality assurance, randomly selected samples were split among various laboratories. These results are also shown in Appendix 2.

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In developing the list of strips all possible contaminated roadways were identified. Some of these, sampling results verified, did not contain PCB's. An example of this is strip 61 on NC 58 in Franklin County between Centerville and the Warren County Line. This site had been identified in the earlier EIS, but DOT personnel in the area were certain no PCB had been discharged in that area. Extensive sampling on both sides of the road confirmed this. Strips 74 and 75 in Wake County had also been suspected of having PCB's, but sampling and discussions with DOT personnel confirmed no PCB's.

Erosion Site Locations

All erosion sites were identified and sampled in accordance with the sampling plan in Appendix 7. These sites are described in Appendix 5 and located on the maps in Appendix 1. Of the four erosion sites identified, only one showed elevated PCB levels, and the erosion fan at that site was picked up.

Miscellaneous Sample Results

At various times throughout the sampling activity reports were received of potential PCB-contaminated roadways. Each of these reports was investigated and samples taken. The results of these investigations are listed in Appendix 6. There was no indication in any of these investigations that PCB had been discharged in areas other than those being cleaned up.

Miscellaneous samples were also taken for other reasons. In two incidents small amounts of contaminated soil had spilled from DOT trucks transporting the material to the landfill. Each area was checked after the material had been picked up. In Warren County material had been stored from an earlier test pickup. This storage area was tested after the material had been removed to the landfill and resampled after additional soil had been removed.

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Trench Sample Results

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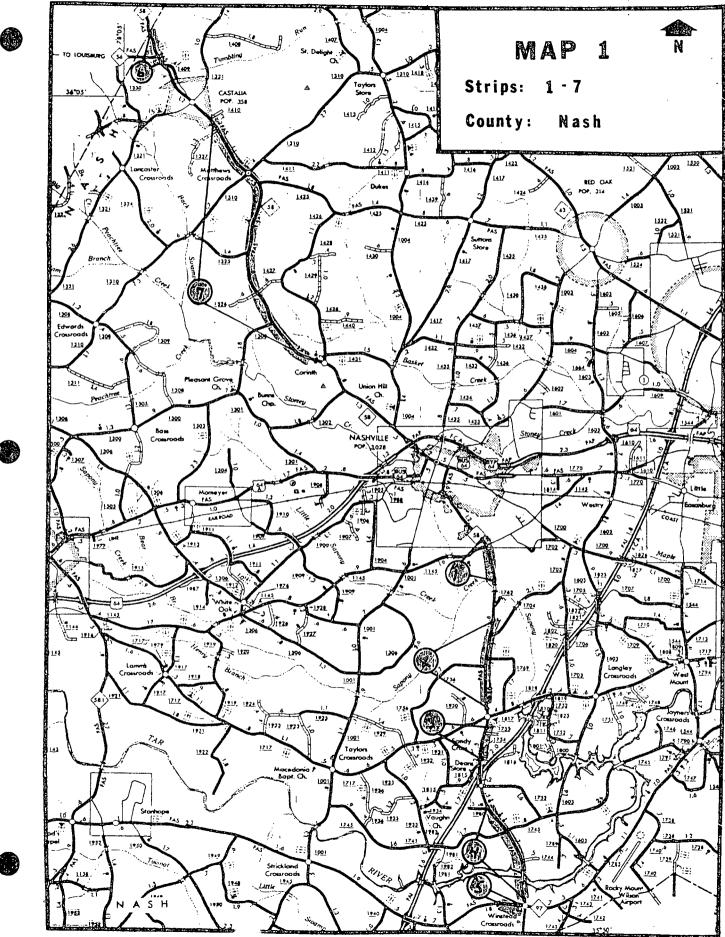
The first-day trench samples were taken following the sample plan in Appendix 7. Based on conversations with state and EPA officials the sampling plan was modified for the remaining trench samples. This modified plan called for a sample to be taken every mile. Each sample was taken by removing all soil in a strip 30 inches across the trench and one inch square in cross-sectional area. All soil sampled at each site was mixed in a container and a pint jar filled from material in the container. This proved to be an effective sampling technique and is recommended for sampling of this type.

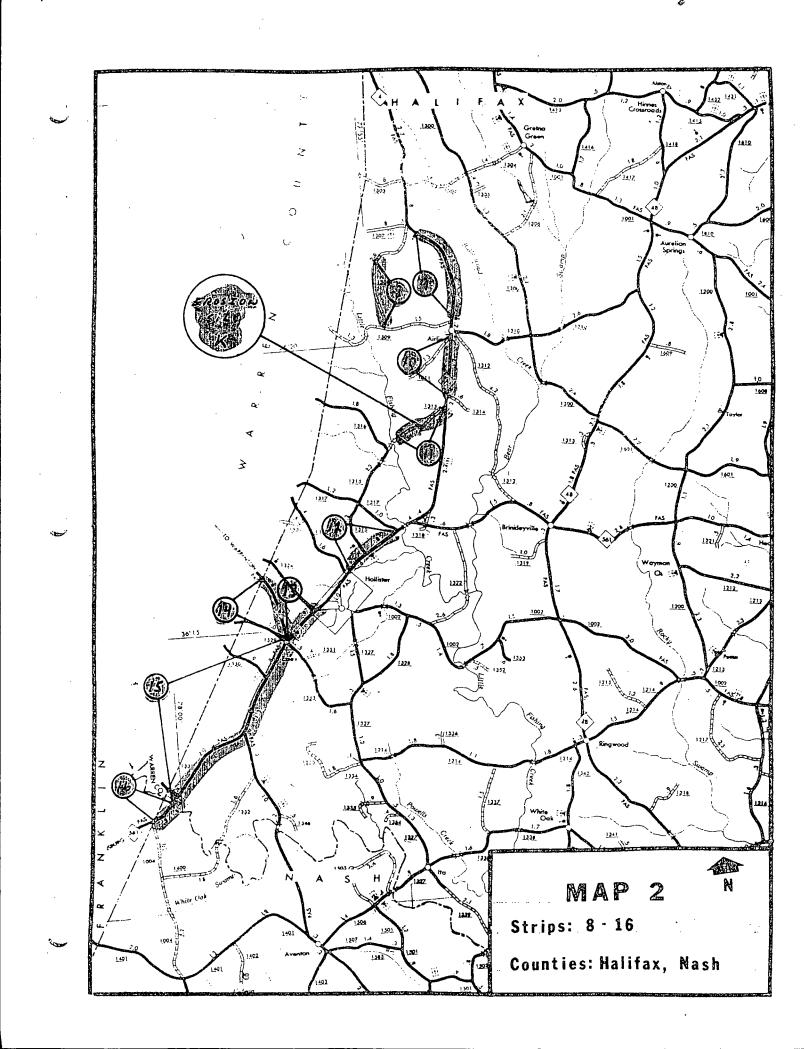
Maps showing locations of the trench samples are contained in Appendix 3, and a description and laboratory results are contained in Appendix 4. The same station and 212D numbers were used for trench samples, and laboratory printouts on these results are available in DEM Central Files. If trench sampling showed elevated PCB levels, additional soil was removed and the area resampled. Where a trench area had been refilled, the area was first resampled, and if elevated samples were found, additional soil was picked up and the area resampled.

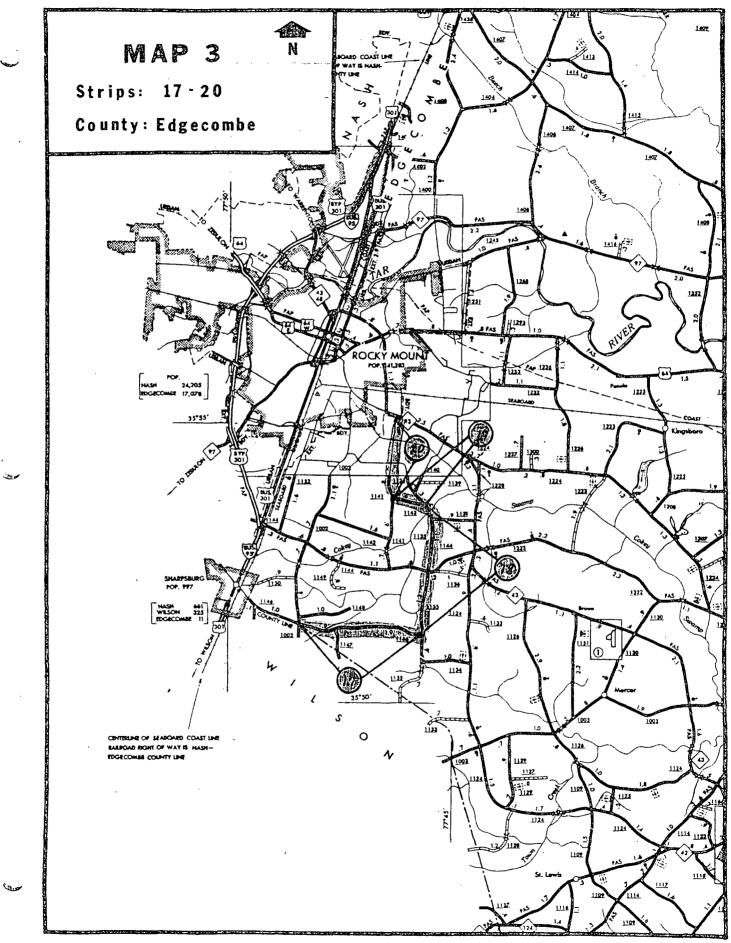
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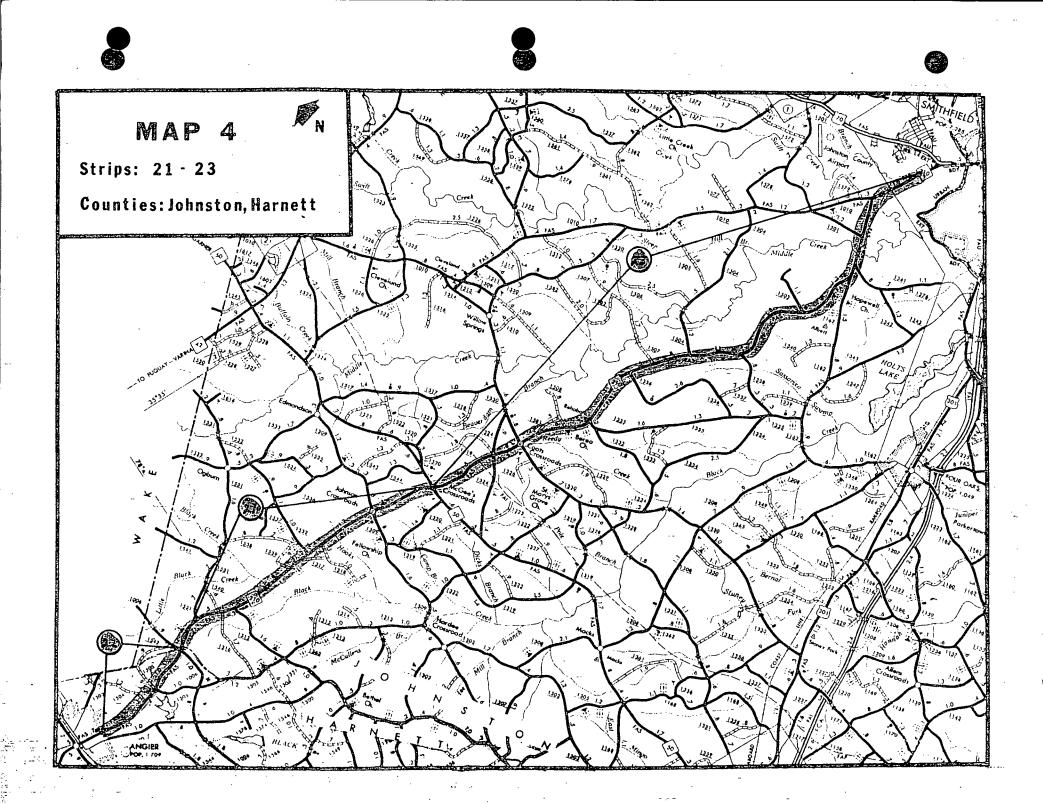
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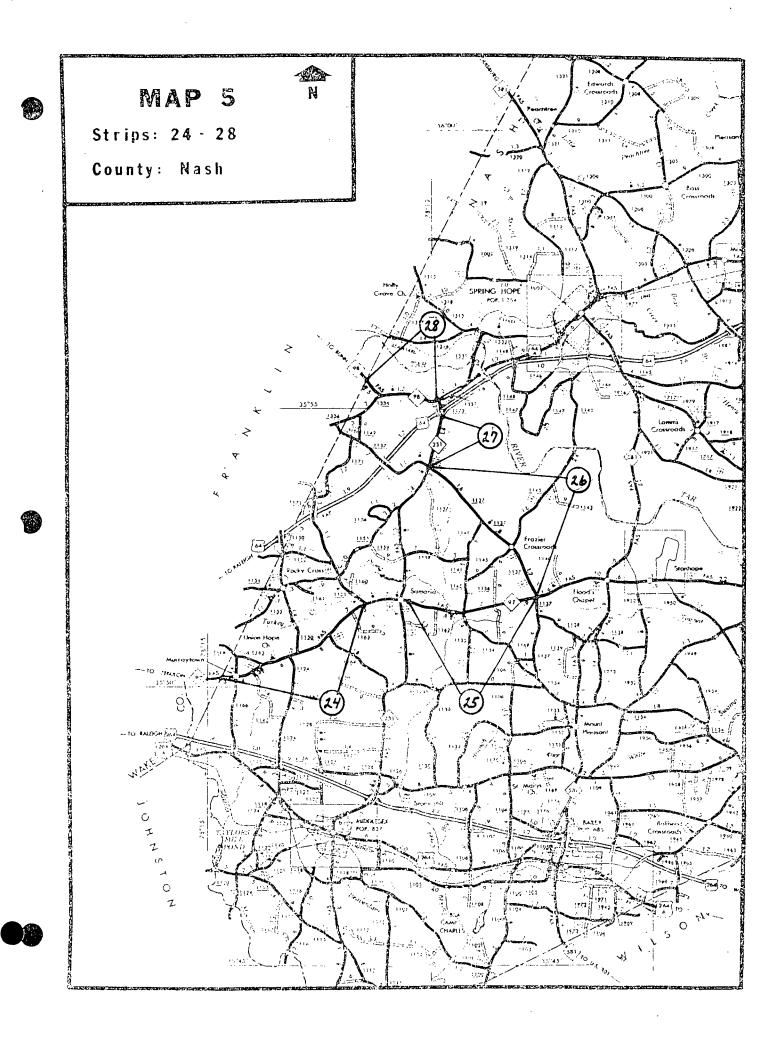
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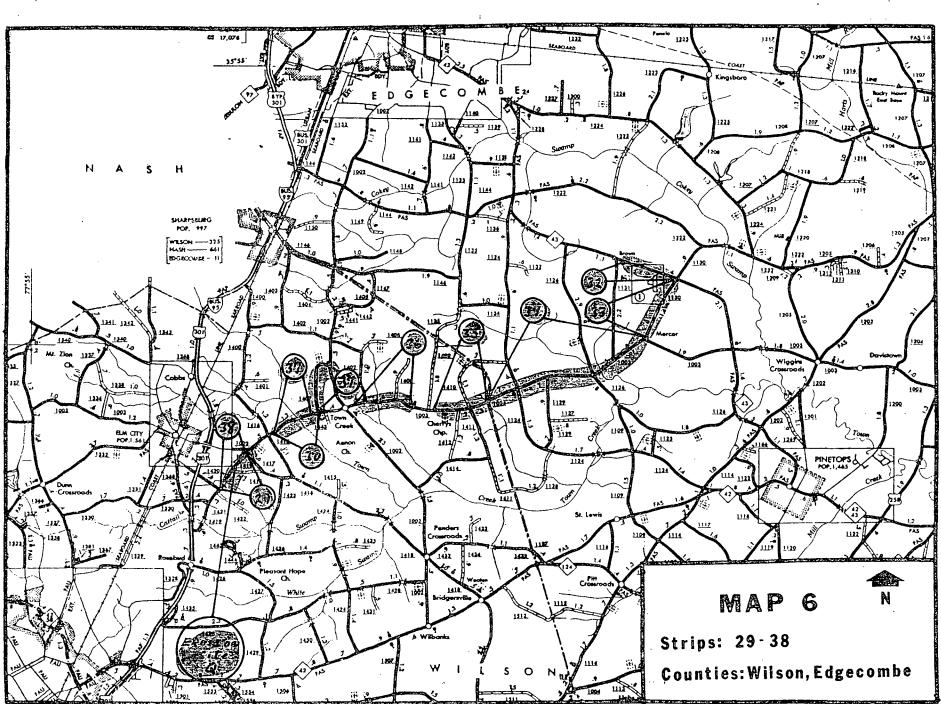






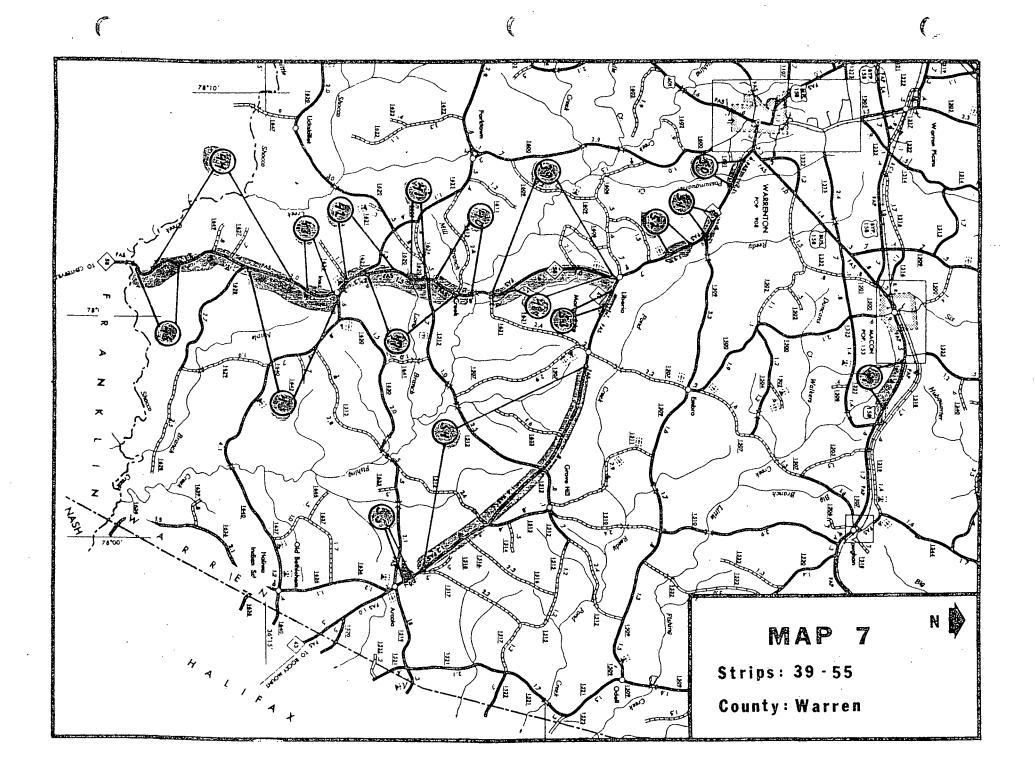


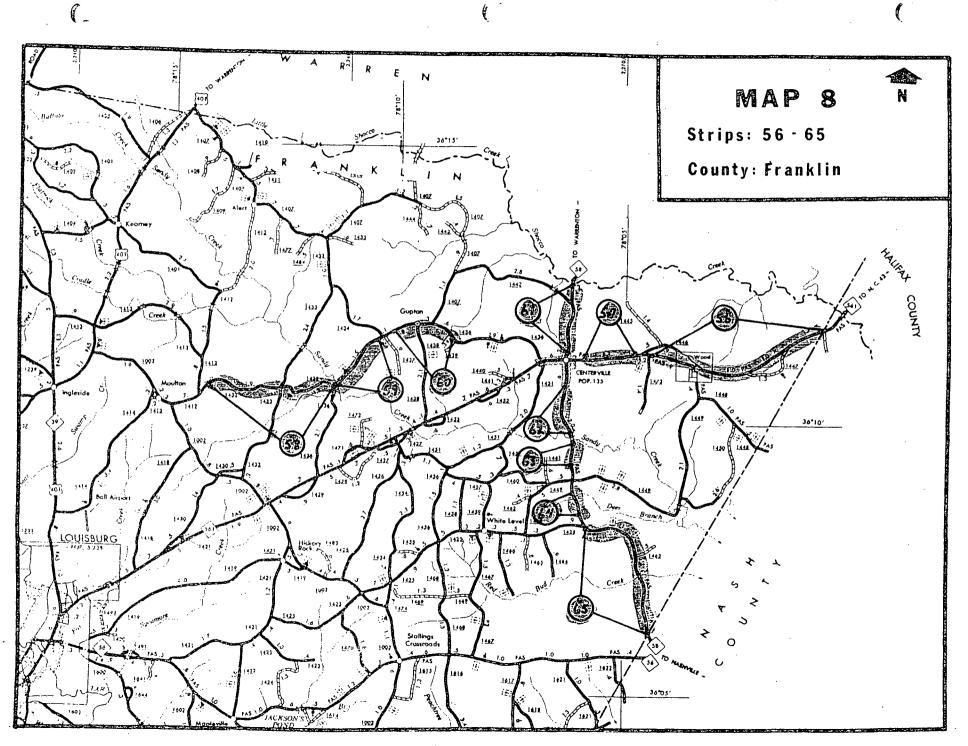




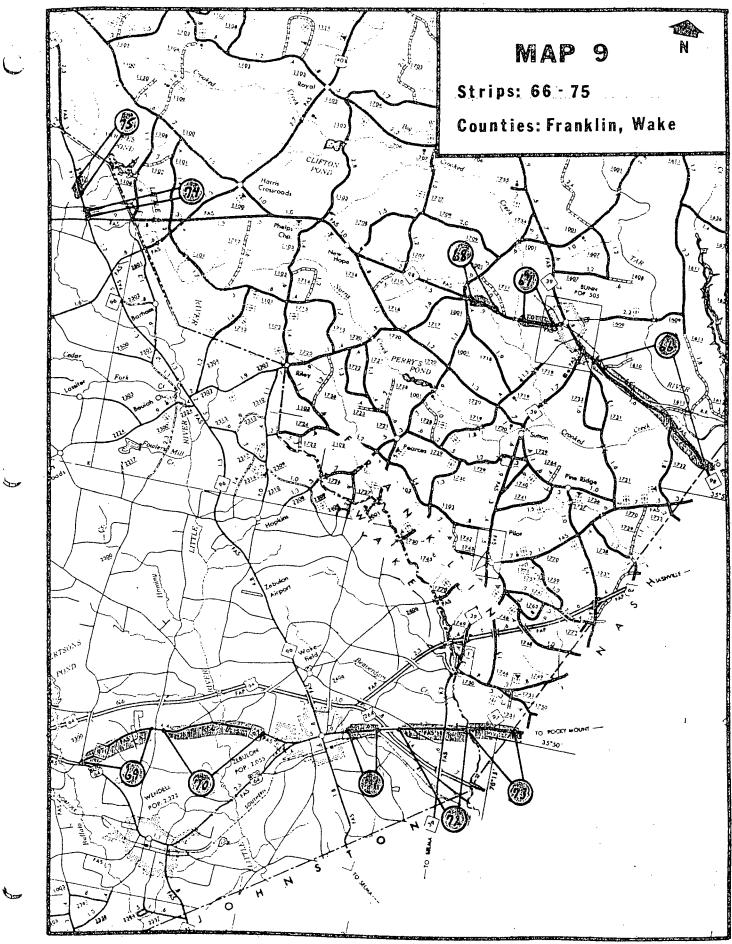
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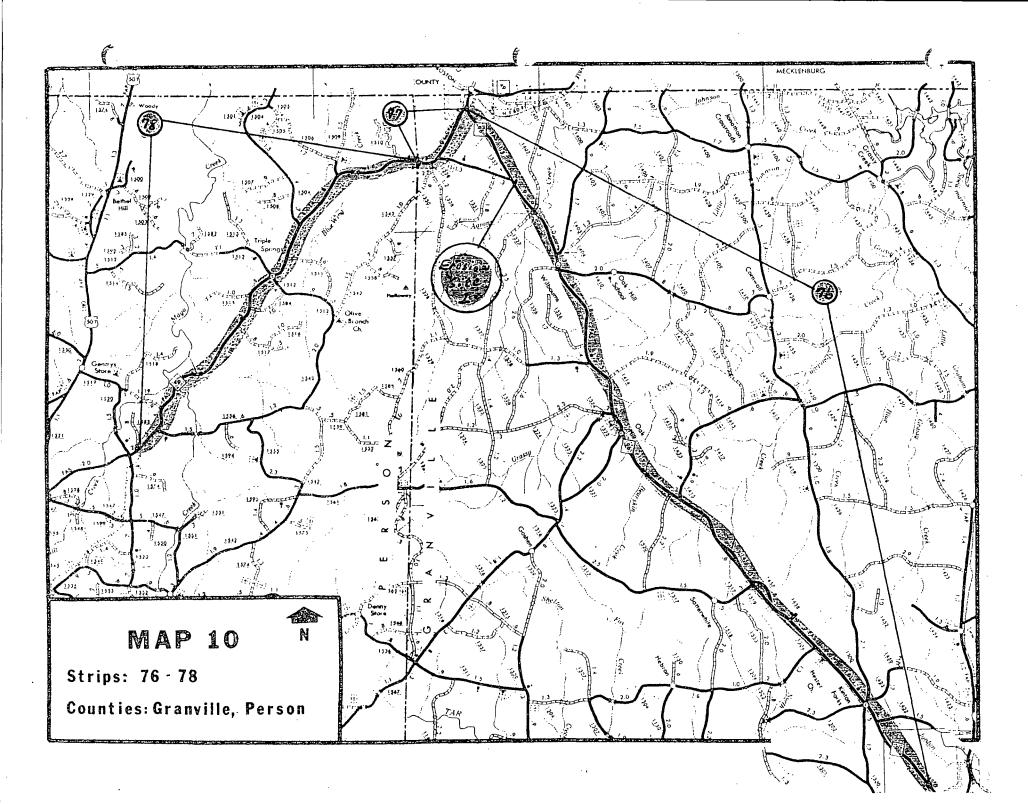


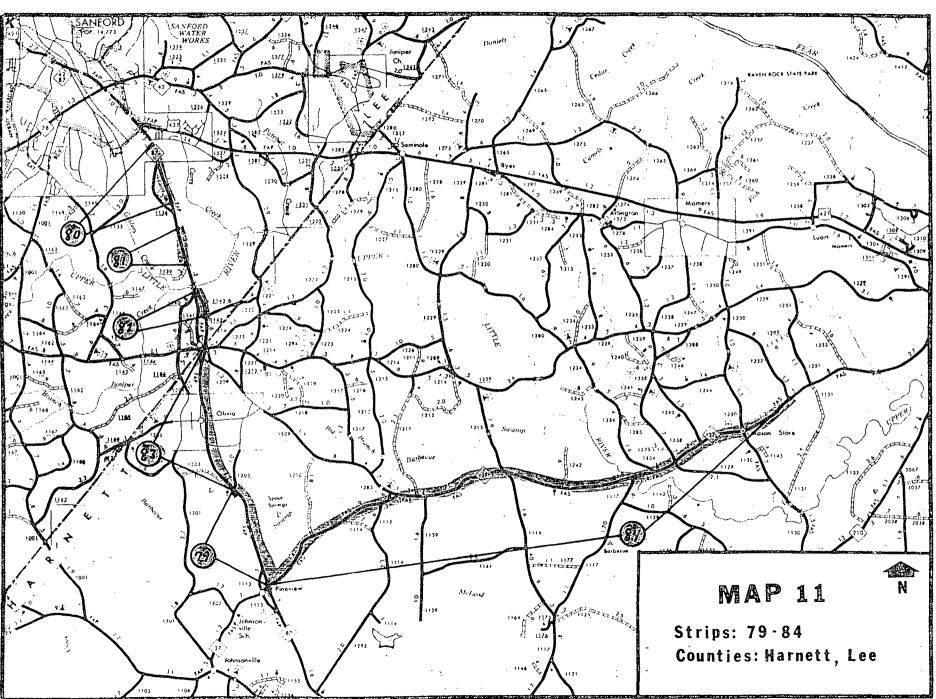


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