EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES

TORCH LAKE SUPERFUND SITE OPERABLE UNITS 1, 2 and 3 HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN EPA SITE ID: MID980901946

PREPARED BY:

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5



October 2024

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE SITE AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Torch Lake Superfund Site (Site) (CERCLIS ID# MID980901946) is located on the Keweenaw Peninsula in Houghton County, Michigan.

The Site consists of three Operable Units (OUs):

- OU1 includes select surface tailings, drums, and slag piles on the western shore of Torch Lake. These areas include Lake Linden, Hubbell/Tamarack City, and Mason Sands.
- OU2 includes groundwater, surface waters, submerged tailings and sediments in Torch Lake, Portage Lake, the Portage Lake Canal, Keweenaw Waterway, North Entry to Lake Superior, Boston Pond, and Calumet Lake.
- OU3 includes select tailing and slag piles in Calumet Lake, Boston Pond, Michigan Smelter, Dollar Bay, and Grosse-Point (Point Mills).

A Site location map is included in the figures.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Site to modify the scope of the remedy selected in the Record of Decision (ROD) for OU1 and OU3 issued on September 30, 1992 (1992 ROD). The changes to the scope of the remedy include:

- The inclusion of the Scales Creek area among the areas to be addressed by the 1992 ROD. Scales Creek was incorporated into the areas considered for remedial action during the remedial design phase. Construction activities were then conducted at Scales Creek consistent with the remedial actions completed at the other OU1 and OU3 locations.
- The addition of additional shoreline protection to the Lake Linden area.
- The clarification that in future Five Year Reviews (FYRs), the FYRs will include review of the "No Action" remedy selected in the 1994 ROD for OU2 and make a protectiveness determination for the "No Action" remedy.

The EPA is the lead agency for the Site and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is the support agency. Section 117(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9617(c) and Section 300.435(c)(2)(i) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 C.F.R. §300.435(c)(2)(i), establish procedures for explaining, documenting, and informing the public of significant changes to a remedy that occur after EPA signs a ROD. An ESD is required when the remedial action differs significantly from the remedy selected in the ROD but does not fundamentally alter the remedy with respect to scope, performance, or cost.

In accordance with Sections 300.435(c)(2) and 300.825(a)(2) of the NCP, 40 C.F.R. §300.435(c)(2) and 40 C.F.R. §300.825(a)(2), respectively, this ESD and supporting documentation will become part of the administrative record for this Site and will also be available for public review at the information repository that has been established for the Site. The update to the administrative record for this ESD is included as Appendix A. The administrative record is available for public review at the following locations:

EPA Region 5 Records Center 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60604 Portage Lake District Library 58 Huron Street Houghton, Michigan Lake Linden/Hubbell Public Library 601 Calumet Street Lake Linden, Michigan

II. SITE HISTORY, CONTAMINATION, AND SELECTED REMEDY

The Torch Lake area was the site of copper milling and smelting facilities, which operated for over 100 years. The first mill opened on Torch Lake in 1868. At the mills, copper was extracted through a series of technologies. First, copper was extracted by crushing or "stamping" the rock into smaller pieces, then by grinding the pieces of copper, and driving the pieces through successively smaller meshes. The copper and crushed rocks were separated by gravimetric sorting in a liquid medium. The copper was then sent to a smelter.

The crushed rock particles, called "tailings" or "stamp sands", were discarded along with mill processing water, typically by pumping the tailings and mill processing water into lakes and streams. The lake was a repository for all the mining industry-related waste and served as a waterway for transportation to support the industry. The areas comprising the Site are the areas where mining wastes were placed. The Site was proposed for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) in October 1984 and placed on the NPL in June 1986.

The 1992 ROD lists the following remedial action Objectives (RAOs) for OU1 and OU3:

- Reduce or minimize potential risks to human health associated with the inhalation of airborne contaminants from the tailings and/or slag located at the Site.
- Reduce or minimize potential risks to human health associated with direct contact with and/or the ingestion of the tailings and/or the slag located at the Site.
- Reduce or minimize the release of contaminants in tailings to the groundwater through leaching.
- Reduce or minimize the release of contaminants in tailings to the surface water and sediment by soil erosion and/or air deposition.

The components of the selected remedy from the 1992 ROD were:

• Deed restrictions to control the use of tailing piles so that tailings would not be left uncovered, and in a condition that is contrary to the intent of the ROD and RAOs, which could cause human and ecological exposures and/or increase the potential for run-off of contaminants into the lake.

- Removal of debris such as wood, empty drums, and other garbage in the tailing piles for off-site disposal in order to effectively implement soil covers with vegetation over the tailing piles.
- Soil cover placement with vegetation in the following areas:
 - OU1 tailings in Lake Linden, Hubbell/Tamarack City, and Mason.
 - OU3 tailings in Calumet Lake, Boston Pond, Michigan Smelter, Dollar Bay, and Grosse-Point (Point Mills).
 - OU1 slag pile/beach in Hubbell.

The 1994 ROD selected a "No Action" remedy for OU2. In selecting the No Action remedy, EPA took into consideration and relied upon the following:

- The reduction of stamp sands loading to surface water bodies expected as a result of the remedial action at OU1 and OU3;
- The ongoing natural sedimentation and detoxification that was occurring in other surface water bodies in the area;
- County and state-administered institutional programs and practices that would control potential future exposure to site-affected groundwater; and
- The long-term monitoring and the Five-Year Review process monitoring requirements for the remedy selected in the 1992 ROD for OU1 and OU3.

III. BASIS FOR THE DOCUMENT

When EPA determines that a remedial action, as implemented, differs from the originally selected remedy for a Superfund site, and also determines that the change does not fundamentally alter the originally selected remedy, the EPA will publish an ESD.

Inclusion of Scales Creek as an OU3 Site Location

The 1992 ROD identified areas containing exposed stamp sands that required capping, both to reduce human exposure to the stamp sands and loading into the nearby waterbodies.

Scales Creek is a tributary of the Trap Rock River, which feeds into Torch Lake. Scales Creek and the Trap Rock River are located to the north of Torch Lake. The Trap Rock River and its tributaries were considered for possible remedial action in advance of the 1992 ROD but were not included within the definition of the Site in the 1992 ROD.

In 1994, during the remedial design phase, despite not being listed as a site location in the 1992 ROD, EPA developed a remedial design for the Scales Creek area. During this time the Scales Creek area was under review and evaluation to determine whether the remedial action would be conducted.

In 1998, EPA finalized the remedial design treatment plan for the Scales Creek area. The remedial design of the remedy in the Scales Creek area included: (1) placement of six inches of

cover over the stamp sand, (2) debris removal, (3) seeding and mulching, (4) streambank protection and rock chute construction for erosion control, and (5) installation of a chain link fence for protection of the Scales Creek area. The total area to be covered and seeded was estimated at 19.2 acres, with 1,500 tons of riprap projected to be placed. These actions within the Scales Creek area were consistent with the remedial actions that were planned for the other Site locations.

In 2003, the first Five-Year Review for the Site documented that the Scales Creek area was still under review and continued evaluation was necessary before EPA could initiate the remedial action at the Scales Creek area.

Remedial action activities were conducted at the Scales Creek area during 2005 and EPA completed a *Construction Completion Report for the North Entry & Scales Creek Sites* that year, which is included as Appendix B. This report details the actions taken within the Scales Creek area, which included covering exposed stamp sands with soil and construction of a vegetative cap. The work completed was consistent with actions taken at the other Site locations and the remedial action objectives specified in the ROD. Pre- and post-construction imagery is part of the *Construction Completion* report.

Institutional controls (ICs) are required at the Scales Creek location. This is consistent with the 1992 ROD's intent to prohibit land uses that could leave tailings exposed. Operation & maintenance activities, which include cap inspection and, if necessary, cap repair, are ongoing.

Additional areas of Shoreline Protection in the Lake Linden Area

Lake Linden was one of the fourteen areas where remedial actions were conducted as part of the Torch Lake OU1 and OU3 ROD. Lake Linden is a peninsular area of approximately 110 acres located on the north end of Torch Lake. The selected remedy set forth in the ROD for OU1 and OU3 included a soil and vegetative cap over Site areas containing stamp sands. During the remedial design phase, EPA determined that shoreline protection was required in areas where wave action was found to cause increased erosion. Remedial action work at Lake Linden included removal of debris and adding six to eight inches of soil to the treatment area.

During the remedial design phase, EPA identified two sections of the Lake Linden site area that required shoreline protection. The two locations were located in the northern end of the Lake Linden peninsula and included (1) where the Traprock River enters Torch Lake, and (2) an approximately 900-foot length of the southern edge of the Lake Linden peninsula.

Since the implementation of the remedial action, EGLE and its contractors have conducted yearly Site inspections as part of the Site's operation and maintenance. These inspections include all of the areas where the remedial action activities took place. Items completed during the inspections include cap inspections and the notation of areas that may need further maintenance. EGLE has documented that the areas which adjoin each side of the southern shoreline protection area in Lake Linden have been subject to erosion. Appendix C of this ESD

includes imagery which documents the erosion at the Lake Linden site including Figures 1&2, which illustrate the changes in the shoreline between 2011 and 2020. Since the completion of remedial action, portions of the cap are eroding, exposing stamp sands. This erosion prevents parts of the Lake Linden area from meeting one of the RAOs; specifically, the objective to reduce the release of contaminants in tailings to the surface waters and sediments through erosion. One of the purposes of this ESD is to document EPA's determination that additional shoreline protection is required in the Lake Linden area.

Clarification of the 1994 ROD Remedy and inclusion in the FYR process

The 1994 ROD selected "No Action" as the remedy for OU2. In selecting the "No Action" remedy for OU2, EPA took into consideration the items identified in the above section including the state-and locally administered institutional practices, and deed restrictions required by the 1992 ROD. Thus, while the selected remedy is listed as "no action," EPA based that selection partly on institutional controls that were already in place or were expected to be implemented.

While Five-Year Reviews ordinarily are not conducted for OUs that have "no action" as the selected remedy, EPA's "Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance" (OSWER Directive 9355-7, July 17, 2001) provides, in Section 1.5.6, that if institutional controls are included in a "no action" or a "no further action" ROD, and protectiveness relies on the institutional control, then that ROD is not considered to be "no action" or "no further action" and EPA may need to include the OU in Five-Year Reviews. Consistent with this guidance, EPA intends to include OU2 in its Five-Year Reviews for the Site.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES

Inclusion of Scales Creek in OU3 Locations

The Selected Remedy in the 1992 ROD includes capping exposed stamp sands and tailings at specified areas of the Site. This ESD documents EPA's modification of the geographic scope of the Selected Remedy in the 1992 ROD by adding the Scales Creek location to OU3.

EPA, in consultation with EGLE, has determined that this change to the remedy selected in the 1992 ROD is significant but does not fundamentally alter the overall remedy for the Site with respect to scope, performance, or cost. Actions to implement this modification to the geographic scope of the 1992 ROD have already been undertaken. The remedial activities taken at Scales Creek were consistent with and in the interest of achieving the overall objectives of the selected remedy, which include reducing human exposure to the stamp sands and reducing the amount of stamp sands loading into the nearby surface water bodies. Implementation of the cap was completed in a manner consistent with the remedy selected for and implemented at other locations.

Additional Areas of Shoreline Protection in the Lake Linden Area

During the remedial design phase, shoreline protection in the form of riprap and geotextile fabrics were included for capped areas where EPA expected shoreline erosion. This ESD documents EPA's modification to the geographic scope of the selected remedy by increasing the area in Lake Linden where shoreline protection is used. Figure 3 illustrates the areas where shoreline protection is to be added and is included as Appendix C. This change will include approximately 2,000 feet of additional shoreline protection.

EPA, in consultation with EGLE, has determined that this change to the remedy selected in the 1992 ROD is significant but does not fundamentally alter the overall remedy for the Site with respect to scope, performance, or cost. Implementing shoreline protection in areas where shoreline erosion was occurring or was expected to occur was considered during the remedial design phase. The cost of this change is estimated to be \$500,000, compared to the approximately \$12,000,000 total cost of remedial actions at the site. This change will improve the remedy's performance by limiting the amount of stamp sands entering Torch Lake, thereby meeting the RAO of minimizing or limiting the release of stamp sands into surface water and sediment by soil erosion and/or air deposition.

Clarification of the OU2 remedy and Five-Year Review Process

In selecting "No Action" as the remedy for OU2, EPA considered certain institutional controls that were already in place or to be implemented, such as local and state controls on well installation, and the deed restrictions required in the ROD for OU1 and OU3. EPA also considered that county and regional permitting programs and development review procedures would provide further assurances against future public exposure to stamp sand-affected groundwater.

The FYR process provides an opportunity to evaluate the remedy's implementation and performance, and thus determine whether the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. In future FYRs for the Site, OU2 will be included in the review process to ensure OU2 is considered as EPA determines whether the remedies remain protective of human health and the environment.

V. SUPPORT AGENCY COMMENTS

EGLE supports the significant changes to the remedy selected in the 1992 ROD for OU1 and OU3, and the inclusion of the remedy selected in the 1994 ROD for OU2 at the Torch Lake Superfund Site in future Five-Year Reviews, as described herein. EGLE documented approval of this ESD in a September 20, 2024, letter to EPA. This letter has been added to the Administrative Record for the Site and is also available as Appendix D to this ESD.

VI. STATUTORY DETERMINATIONS

With the differences described in this ESD, EPA, in consultation with EGLE, has determined that the remedies for OU1, OU2, and OU3 of the Torch Lake Site continue to satisfy the requirements of Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621, which are to protect human health and the environment; comply with legally applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs); be cost effective; utilize permanent solutions and alternate treatment technologies to the maximum extent practicable; and satisfy the preference for treatment as a principal element of the remedy. Since hazardous wastes will remain on-site at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, the agencies will continue to conduct Five-Year Reviews of the remedy.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

EPA will make this ESD available to the public by placing it in the Administrative Record file and the Site information repository (see Section I, above, for locations). EPA will also ensure that a notice that briefly summarizes this ESD and the reasons for the significant changes are published in a newspaper of local circulation after the ESD is approved. By doing so, EPA will meet the public participation requirements of Section 300.435(c)(2)(i) of the NCP, 40 C.F.R. §300.435(c)(2)(i). An electronic copy of this ESD will also be available online at: www.epa.gov/superfund/torch-lake

VIII. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE

EPA has determined that the modification to the remedies for OU1, OU2, and OU3 of the Site documented in this ESD are significant but do not fundamentally alter the overall Site remediation with respect to scope, performance, or cost. EPA therefore approves the issuance of this ESD for the Torch Lake Site and the changes to the OU1, OU2, and OU3 remedies documented herein.

Approved by:

10/18/2024

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Douglas Ballotti, Director Superfund & Emergency Management Division Signed by: DOUGLAS BALLOTTI APPENDIX A

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REMEDIAL ACTION

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THE TORCH LAKE SUPERFUND SITE OPERABLE UNITS 1,2, and 3 HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

UPDATE October 2024 SEMS ID:

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<u>1</u>	2005192	5/18/1994	EPA	NCRS	U.S. EPA LETTER RE: Remedial design for Operable Units I & III	2
<u>2</u>	2005191	8/4/1997	NCRS	NCRS	USDA LETTER RE: Recent decision made by EPA RPM	1
<u>3</u>	163717	11/2/1999	NCRS	EPA	Report – Construction Complete Report for Lake Linden Sands	21
<u>4</u>	346244	11/17/2005	NCRS	File	Report – Construction Complete Report: North Entry & Scales Creek Sites	24
<u>5</u>	Pending	Pending	EGLE	EPA	Concurrence Letter – Regarding Torch Lake Site OU-3 Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD)	1
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APPENDIX B

Construction Completion Report

North Entry & Scales Creek Sites Torch Lake EPA Superfund Project Houghton County, Michigan



11/17/05

To:Bill Fude, Administrative OfficerUSDA-NRCS3001 Coolidge Road.Suite 250East Lansing, MI 48823-6321

<u>Contract No. 50-5D21-4-176</u>: for construction of North Entry and Scales Creek sites, Torch Lake EPA Superfund Project, Houghton County, Michigan.

Contractor: MJO Contracting, Inc 54560 Hwy. M-203 Hancock, MI 49930

Contract Amount:

Original Estimated Value of Contract	\$ 1,206,181.00
Revisions Due to Contract Modifications	\$ 54,621.24
Revisions Due to Variation Clause	\$ 0.00
Final Value of Contract	\$ 1,260,802.24

Location of Work: The North Entry and Scales Creek project areas are both located in Houghton County, Michigan. The work for Scales Creek will be done near the town of Lake Linden in Sections 5, 4, 8 and 9 of Township 56 North and Range 32 West. The work for North Entry will be done near the town of Freda in Sections 28 and 29 of Township 56 North and Range 34 West.

Description of Work: The work consisted of placing earthen cover over the stamp sand, debris removal, seeding and mulching, outlet protection, culvert installation, diversion and waterway construction for surface drainage and erosion control, access road construction and installation of a chain link fence for site protection. In addition, beachgrass was planted at the North Entry site and streambank protection was utilized at the Scales Creek site.

Dates:	Contract Date:	1/13/05
	Notice to Proceed:	5/16/05
	Work Started:	5/16/05
	Original Date for Completion:	10/11/05
	Revised Date for Completion:	10/21/05
	Work Completed:	10/21/05

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Time allowed for completion: 149 calendar days

Liquidated Damages: Contract provided that \$1300.00 per calendar day would be assessed for each day of delay. No. of days charged $\underline{0}$.

Plans and Specifications

The following plans and specifications were used:

- North Entry construction drawings (16 sheets) signed by NRCS State Conservation Engineer Steve Davis on 10/01/04
- Scales Creek construction drawings (19 sheets) signed by NRCS State Conservation Engineer Steve Davis on 10/01/04
- <u>Construction Specifications</u> 2 Clearing and Grubbing 3 Structure Removal **5** Pollution Control 6 Seeding, Sprigging, and Mulching for Protective Cover 8 Mobilization and Demobilization 11 Removal of Water 21 Excavation 23 Earthfill 27 Diversions and Waterways 44 Corrugated Polyethylene Tubing 51 Corrugated Metal Pipe 61 Rock Riprap 91 Chain Link Fence 94 Contractor Quality Control 95 Geotextile 420 Cover Material 467 Field Office 523 Rock for Riprap 548 Corrugated Polyethylene Tubing 551 Coated Corrugated Steel Pipe 552 Aluminum Corrugated Pipe 592 Geotextile

Contractor Performance Rating

Factors Considered	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Success in meeting scheduled completion dates	Χ				
Quality of work performed	X				
Organizational ability and efficiency	X				
Cooperative attitude of contractor	X				
Cooperative attitude of superintendents and foremen	X				
Effectiveness of supervision (contractor's)		X			
Effective use of equipment and manpower	X				
Adherence to safety regulations		X			

Overall adjective rating to be entered in appropriate space below and signed by the rating and reviewing officials.

Rating Official Rating Excellent Signature

Summary of Major Points of Contract

Reviewing Official

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Signature ₩. Contracting

Give a brief summary of major points concerning the contract, such as weather conditions, labor problems, material shortages, etc.

- This project consisted of two separate sites covered under a single contract. Each site had its own set of drawings and bid schedule. This allowed final inspection and acceptance of individual sites to occur, and thereby relieve the Contractor of responsibility for these sites, prior to completing the Scales Creek site, which was completed last.
- Weather was predominantly dry from May through October 2005, providing good construction weather and site conditions. Heavy construction was completed by September 1, 2005; however, it was not until October 21, 2005 that actual work

was complete due to beachgrass planting at North Entry. Adverse weather days were encountered during this period and added to the performance time.

- Modification #1- The stamp sand gradation at the North Entry site consisted of approximately a well-sorted coarse sand material. Upon subsequent consideration of utilizing this material as a growing medium for beach grass, it was believed that the extreme coarseness and homogeneity of the stamp sand particles would provide minimal pore water holding capacity and, likewise, prove detrimental to beach grass growth and viability. Therefore, it was recommended that a one-foot lift of natural quartz sand be placed and then blended with the stamp sand to increase the water/nutrient holding capacity of the matrix. As a result, Bid item No. 16, Cover Material, Beachgrass, 1', and Bid item No. 17, Remobilization (lump sum) were added to the contract for the North Entry site. An additional 14 days of performance time was added to the contract to facilitate placement of the quartz sand for a total performance time of 149 days.
- Modification #2- Access to the North Entry site consisted of an unimproved road leading to and through the Stanton Township park. Original planned improvements to the site access route were minimal. In order to accommodate truck traffic, it was proposed to widen the road by clearing and grubbing trees to a width of 13 feet from road centerline. The widened road would then be smooth-graded. During the course of the above improvements, however, it was determined only a veneer of gravel surfacing was present and that soft material was present underlying the gravel. It was then decided that in order for the road to handle repetitive loaded truck traffic that placement and grading of 4" roadway gravel fill would be required. Also discovered during improvements was an existing 15" diameter culvert that needed to be lengthened to accommodate the widened road. Therefore, Bid item No. 18 (lump sum), Site Access Road Improvements, was added to the contract for the North Entry site. No additional performance time will be added to the contract.
- Modification #3- During the course of excavating a portion of a hillside to construct an access road through the Haltunen property down to Scales Creek, several springs and seeps were identified. If left unchecked, the seeps on the cut side of the access road back-slope had the potential to quickly washout the newly constructed access road. As a result, 8" diameter drain tile, fittings, drain stone and geotextile fabric were installed by MJO to convey the water under the roadway. Therefore, Bid item No. 18 (lump sum), Site Access Road Improvements, was added to the contract for the Scales Creek site. No additional performance time was added to the contract.
- Modification #4- In order to reconcile differences between estimated quantities and as-built quantities on actual quantity pay items an

- adjustment needed to be made to the contract. Therefore, differences were calculated for each actual quantity pay item for both North Entry and Scales Creek and then totaled for the entire contract which yielded an additional cost of \$1,354.94.
- NRCS staff used GPS surveying equipment for construction layout, and measurement of completed work.
- NRCS and MJO staff worked to develop a very cooperative and trusting relationship early on. This has resulted in a very good working relationship that has been quite beneficial to the success of the project. Also, MJO had been very cooperative and performed very well remediating the borrow sites.
- MJO had originally designated an individual as construction superintendent; however, this individual was hardly ever seen on-site and as a result provided little, if any, direction of day-to-day construction. This duty was delegated unofficially to an equipment operator, who as it turns out, performed wonderfully.

Construction Inspection

Principal Construction Inspection by:

Name	Duties	Representing
Rob Aho	COTR, Project Engineer/Manager	USDA NRCS
Dick Crane	Chief Inspector	USDA NRCS
Alan Pekkala	Inspector	USDA NRCS
Todd Larson	Inspector	USDA NRCS

<u>Recommendations</u>: Suggested improvements- plans, specifications, field staff, organization, construction materials, installation methods, etc.

• None noted.

North Entry & Scales Creek, Final Inspection Date held: September 1, 2005

Attended by:

Name	Title	<u>Representing</u>
Steve Davis	State Conservation Engineer	USDA-NRCS
Fred Gasper	Asst. State Conservation Engineer	USDA-NRCS
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an Pekkala	Inspector	USDA-NRCS
odd Larson	Inspector	USDA-NRCS
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Approval Recommended:

By: Rob Aho Project Eng /Project Manager/COTR

Date: 11/17/05

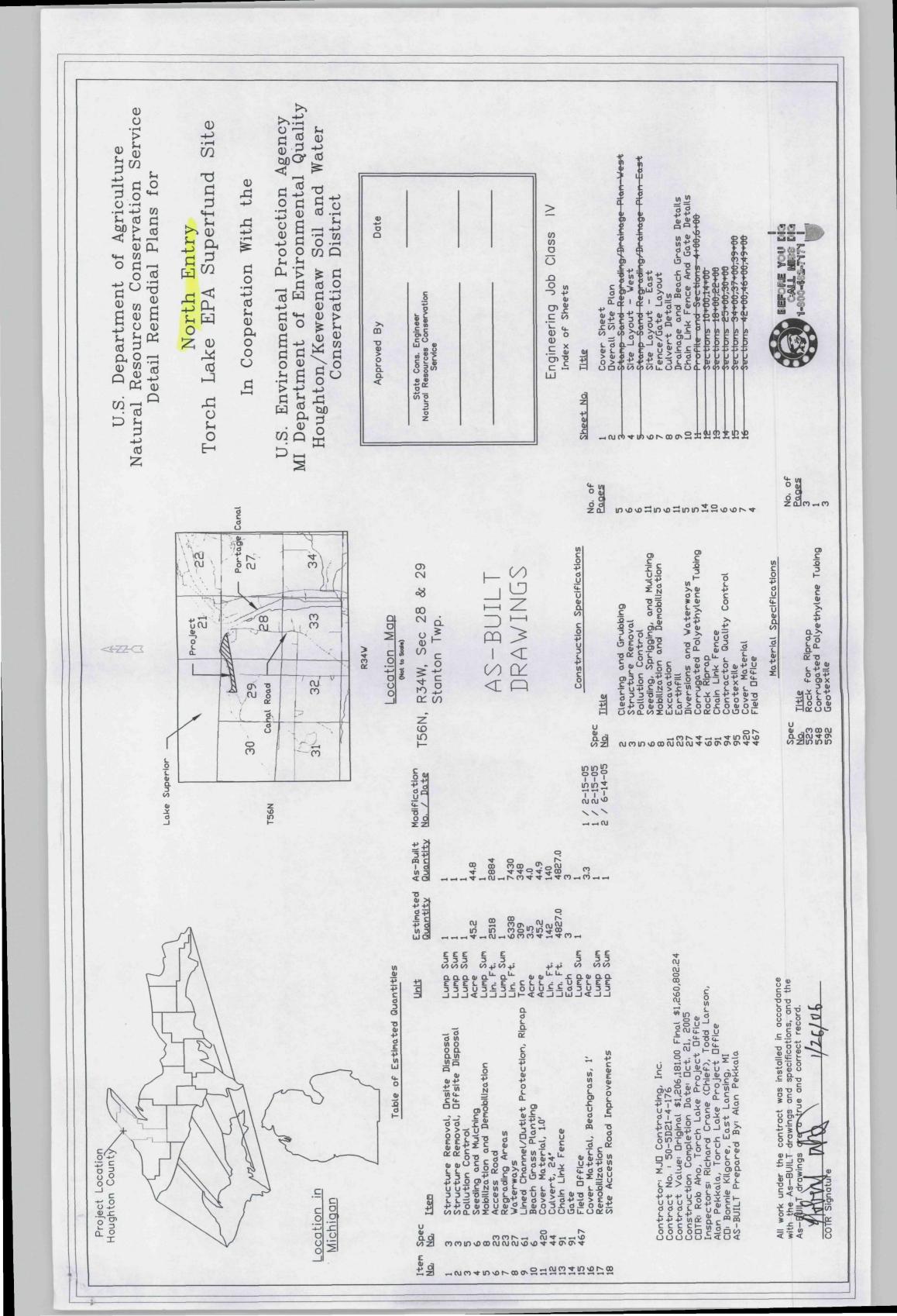
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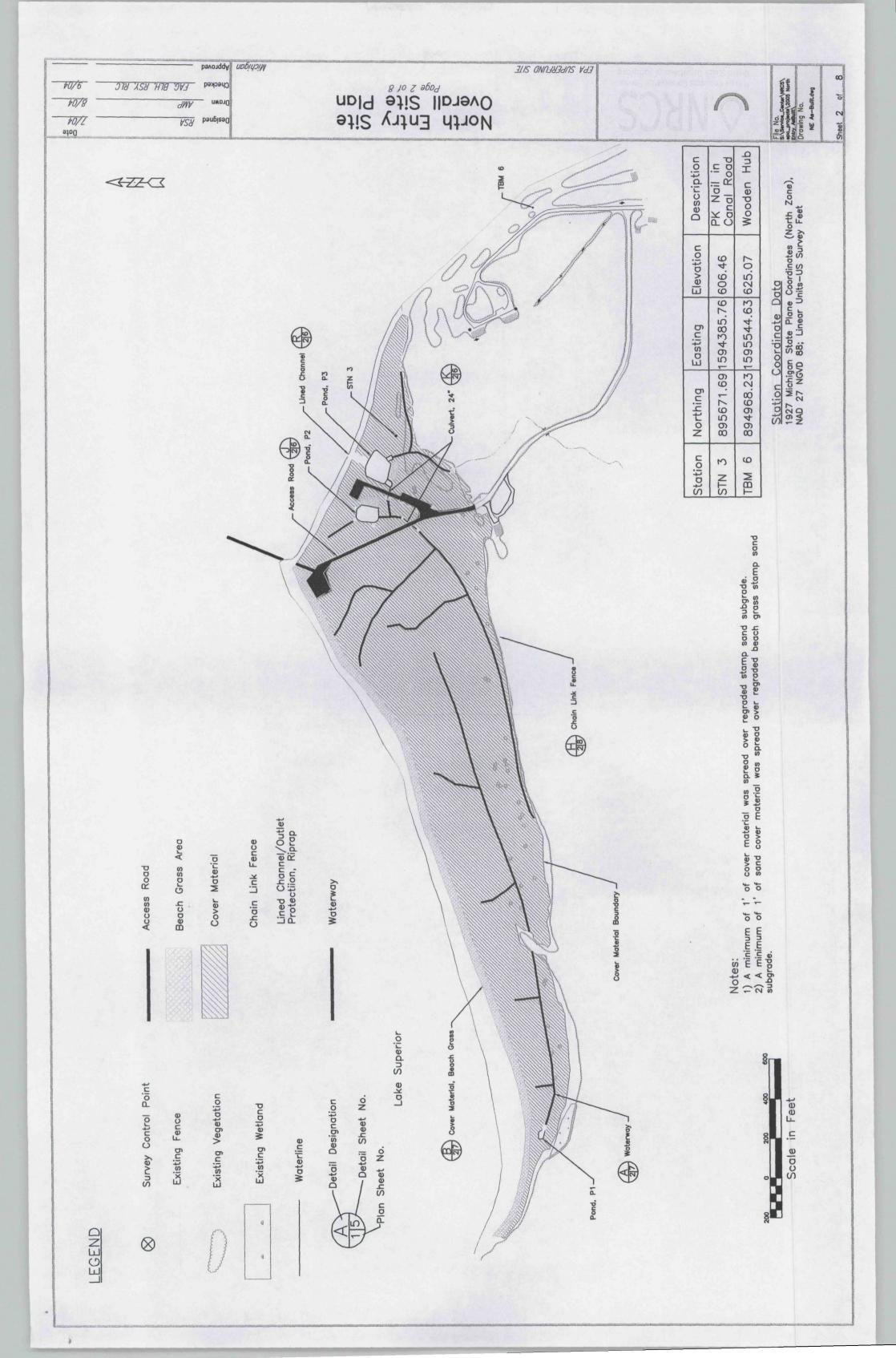


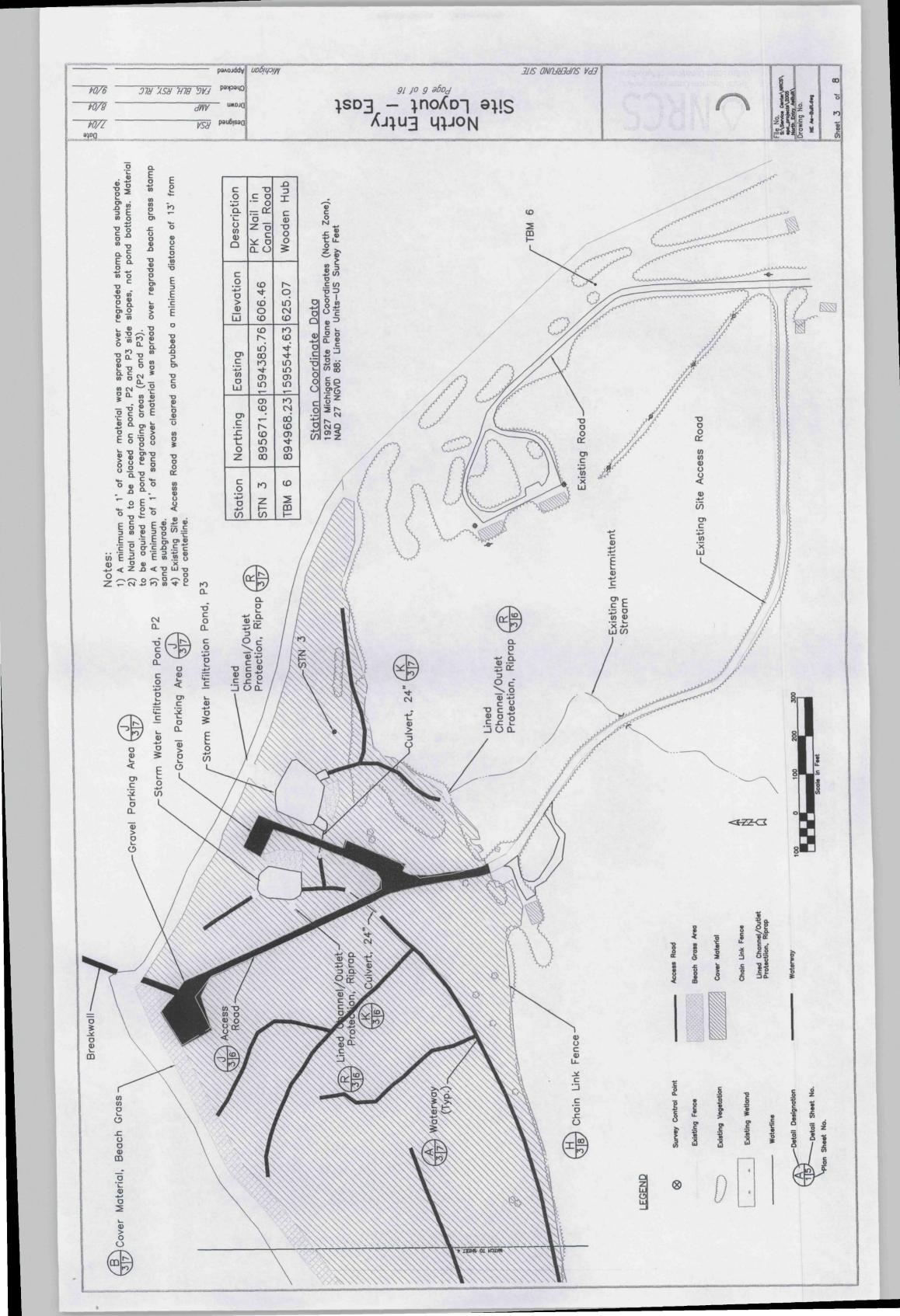


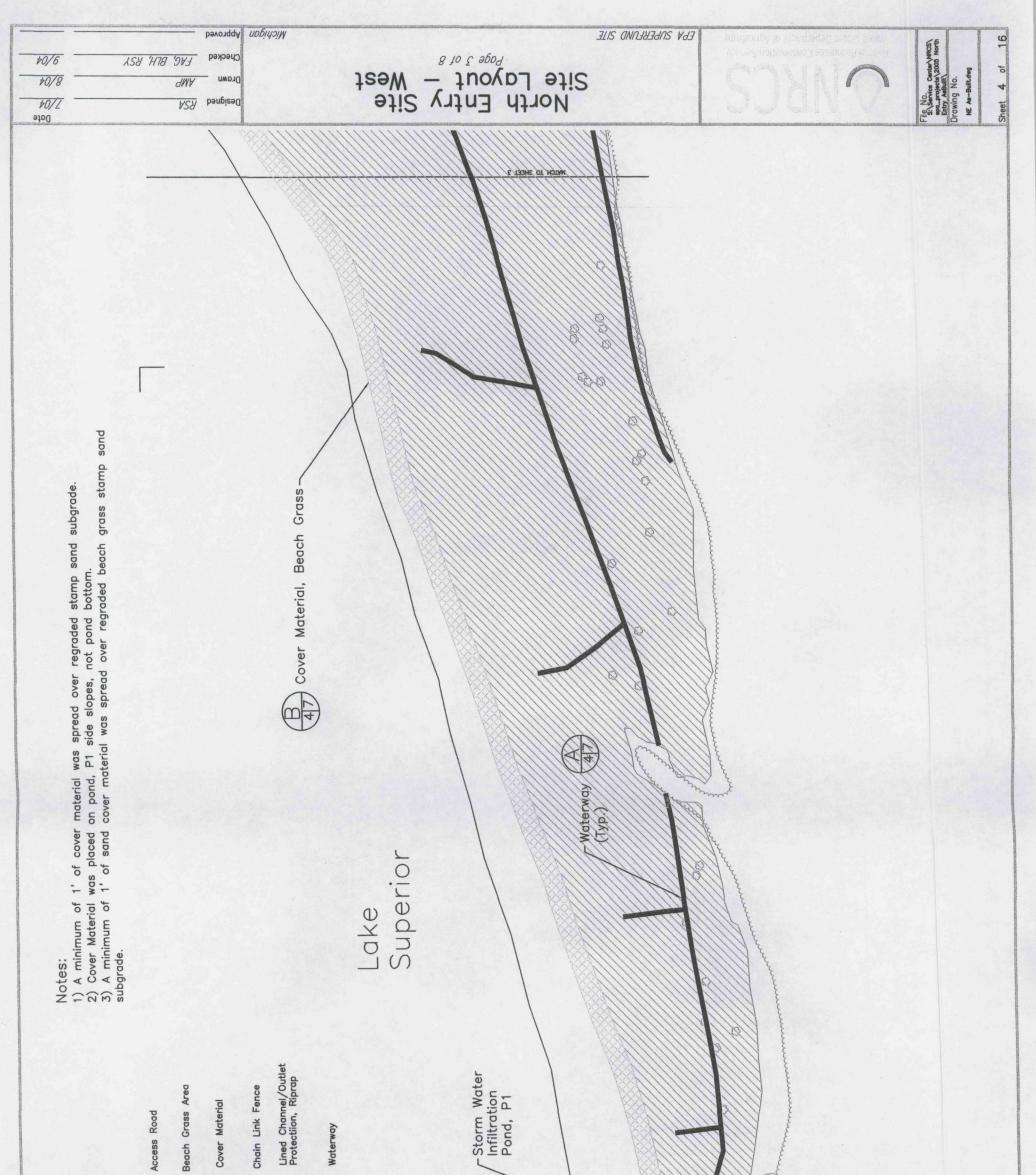




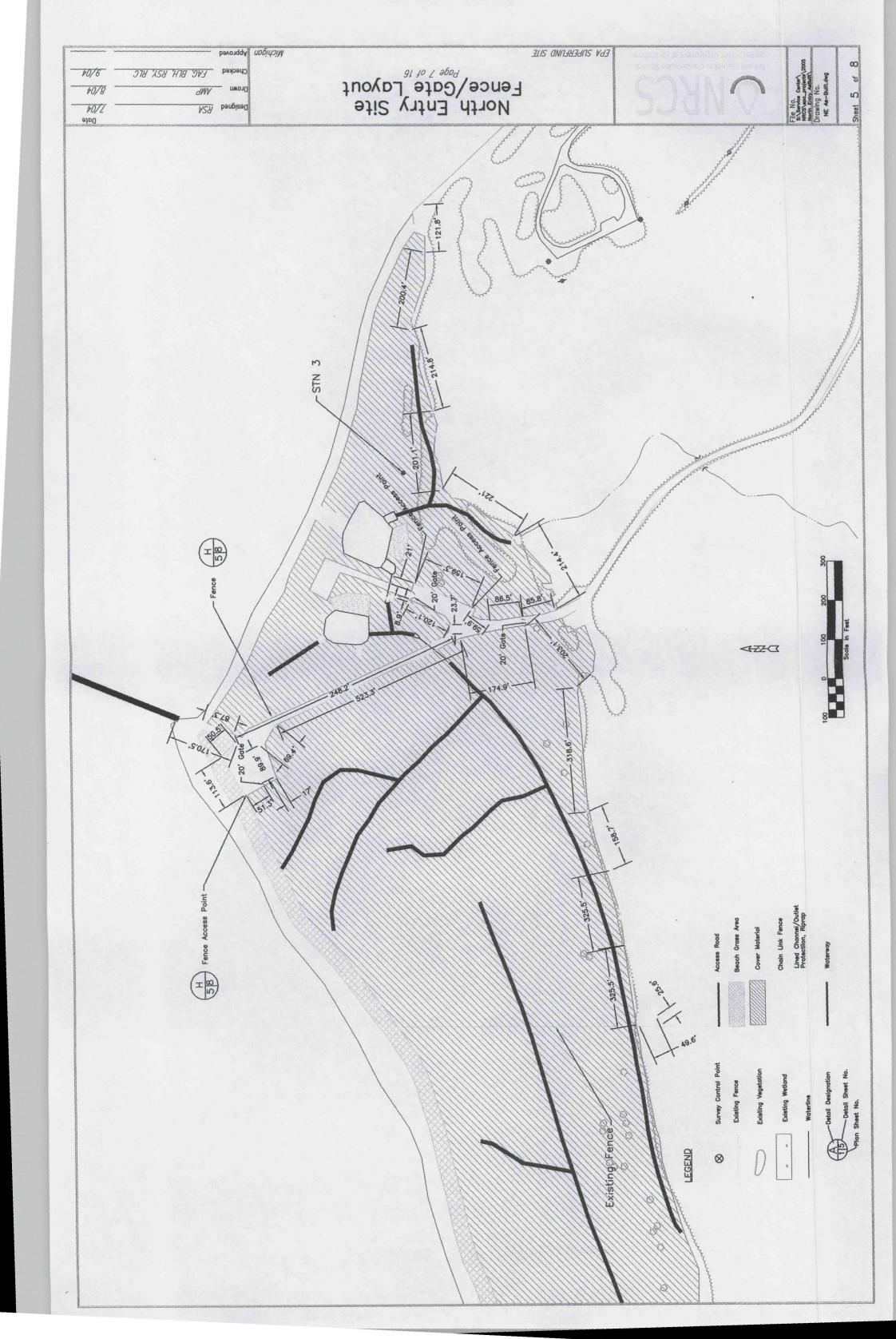


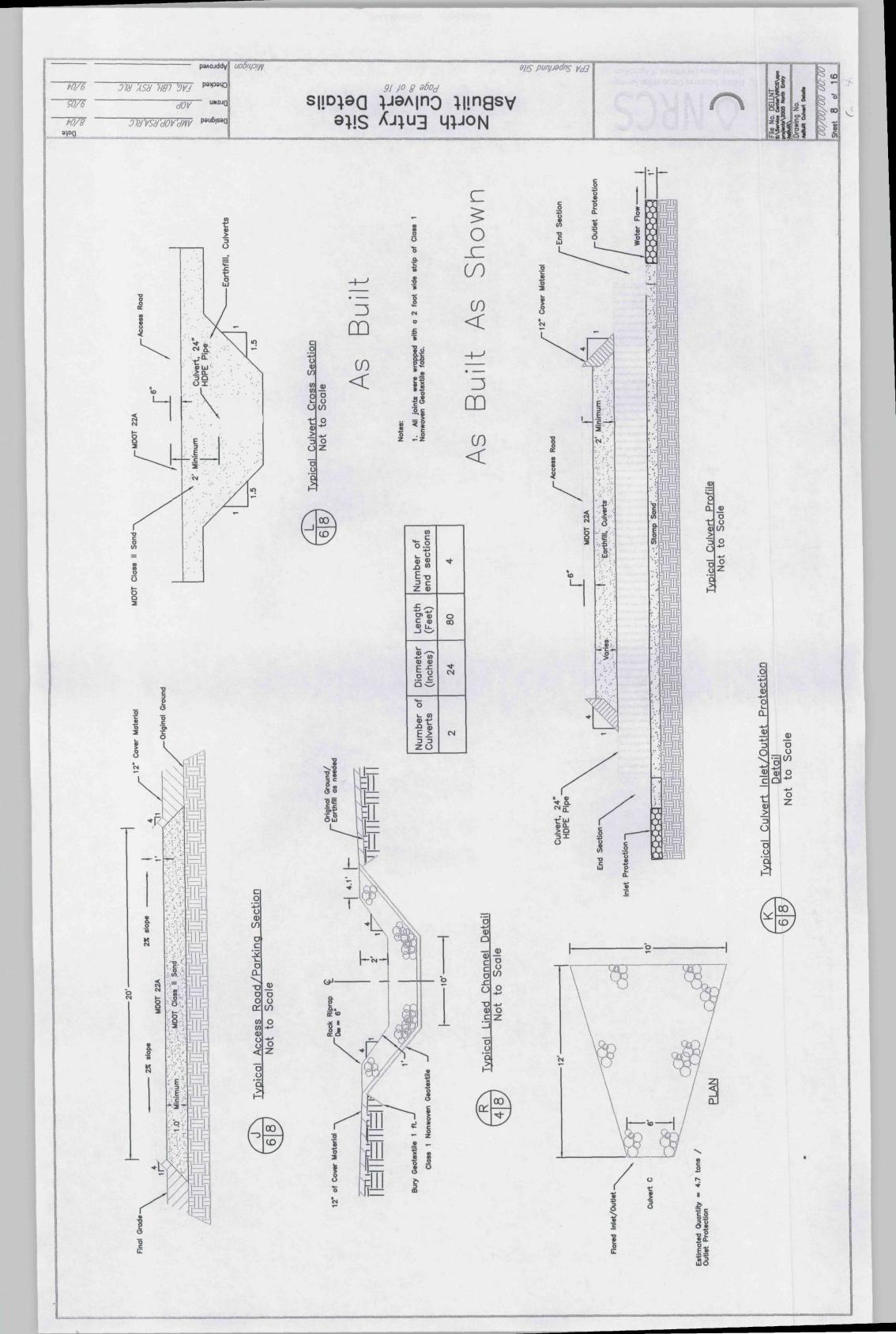


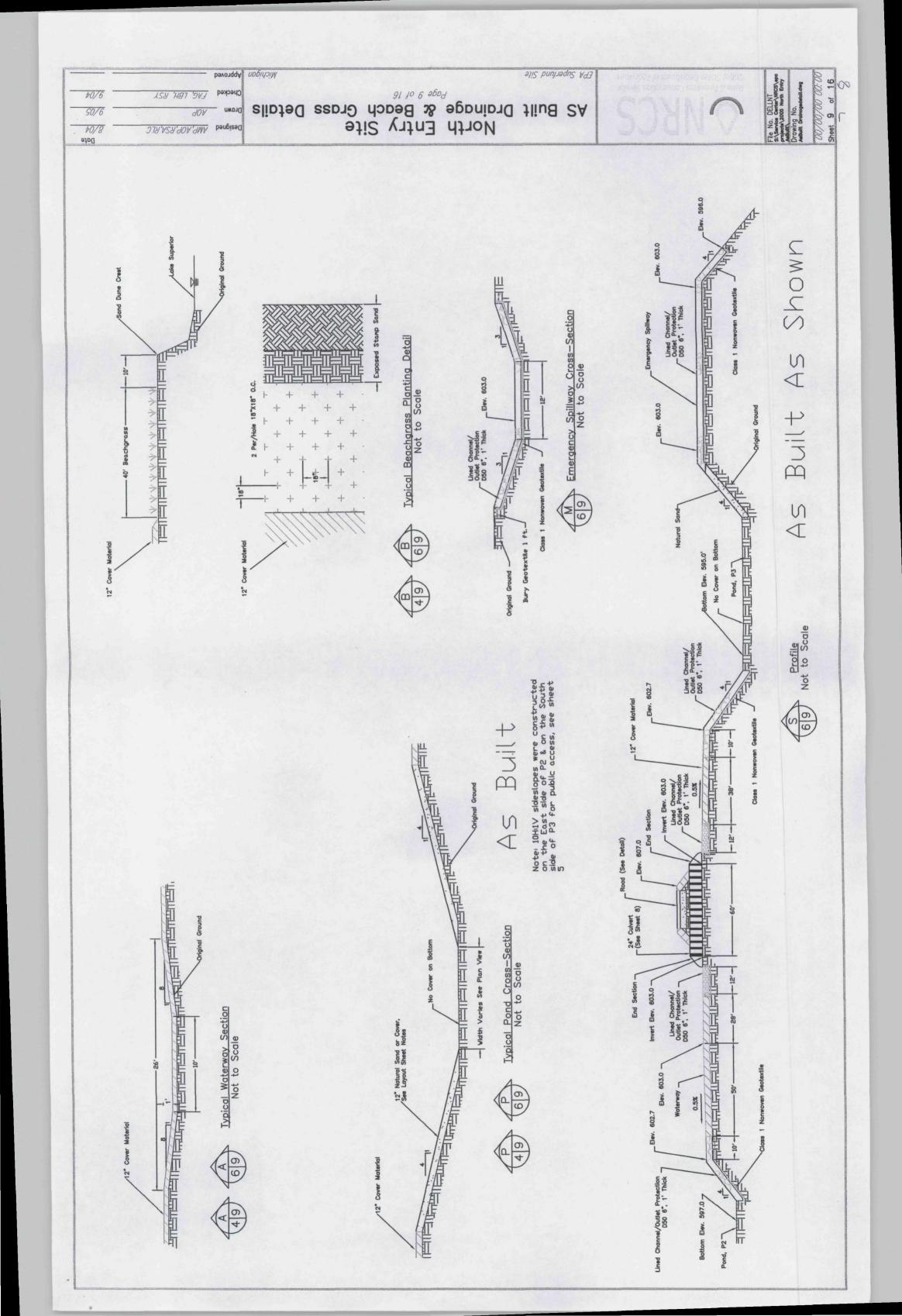


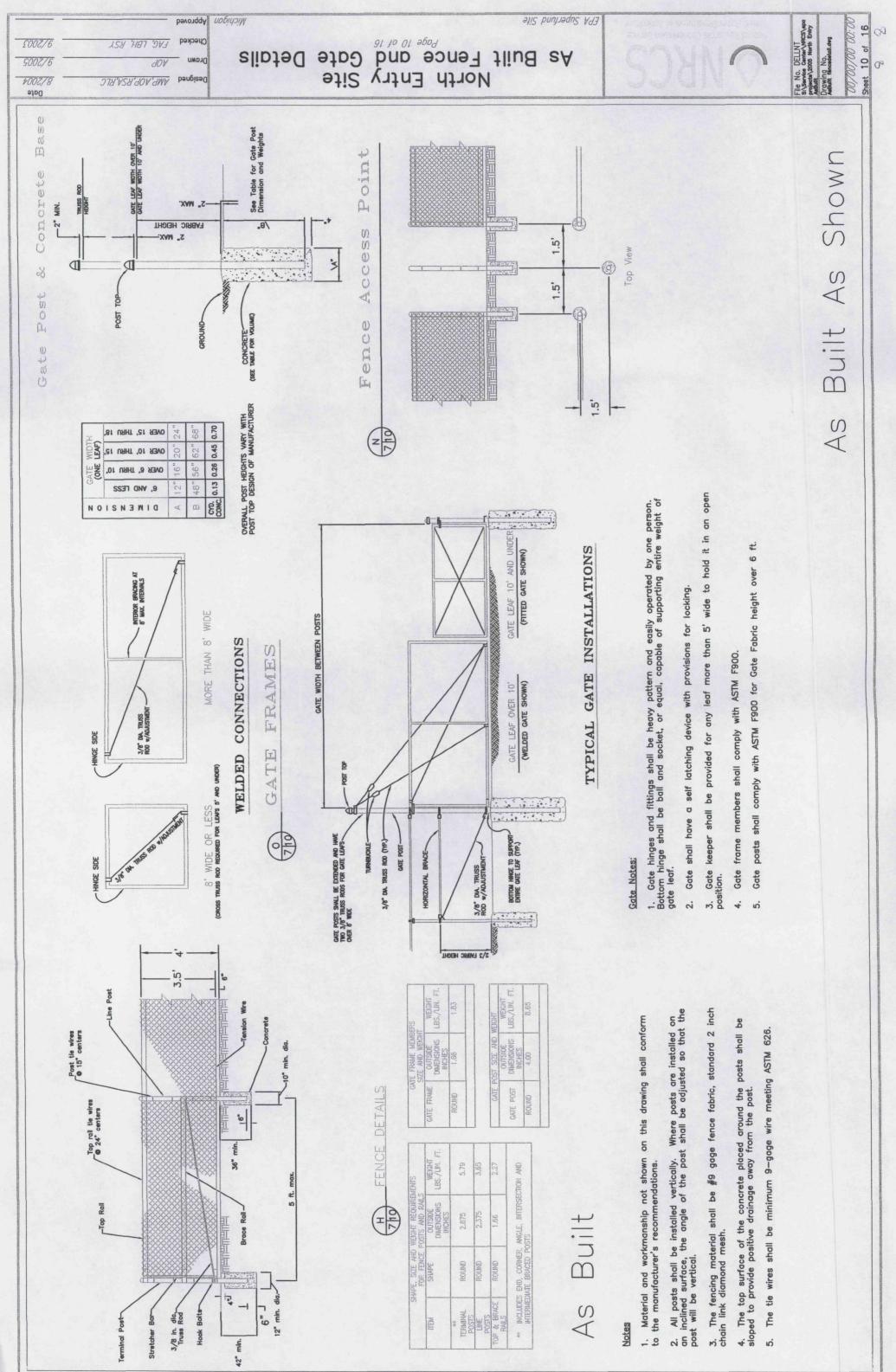


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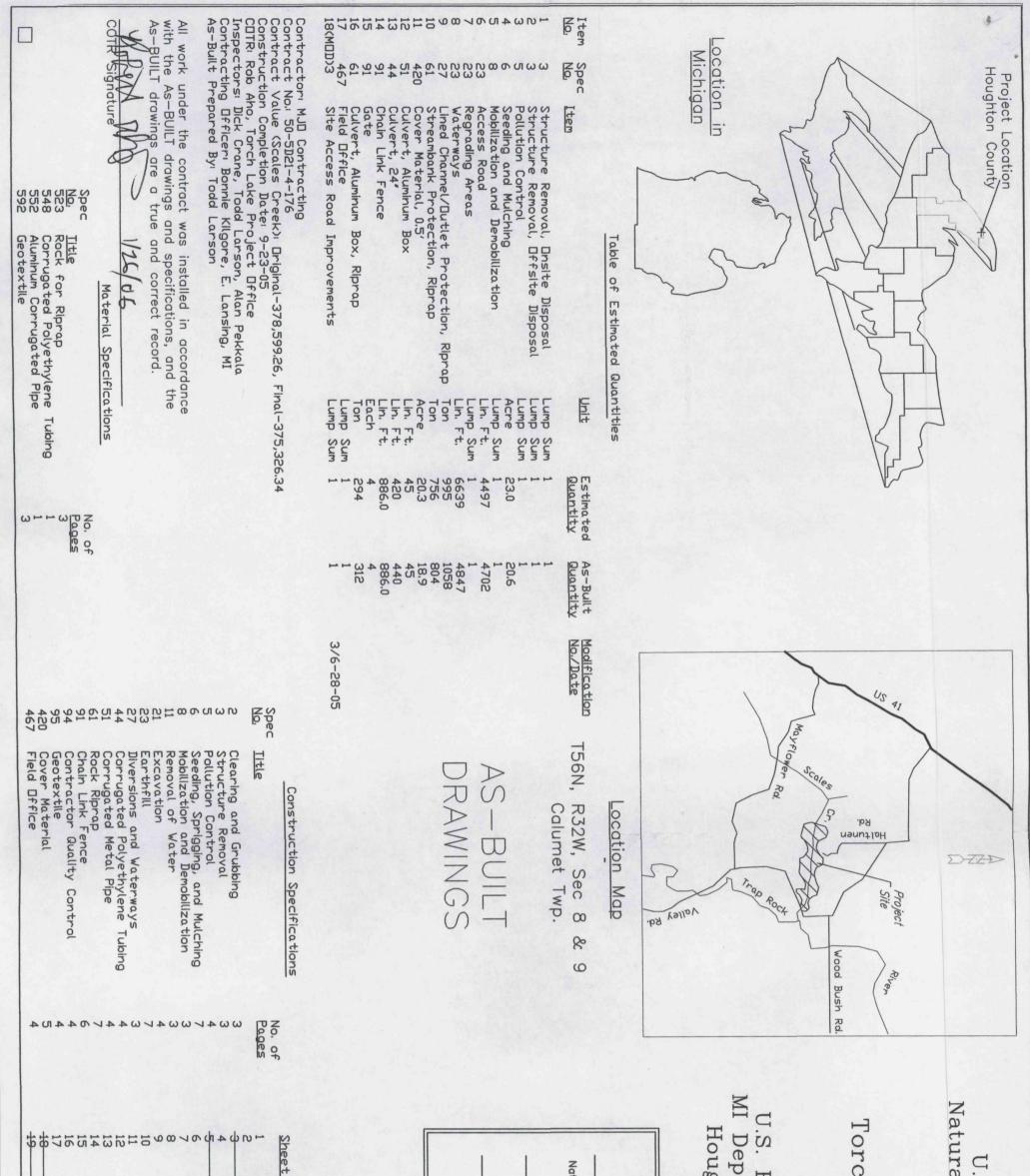




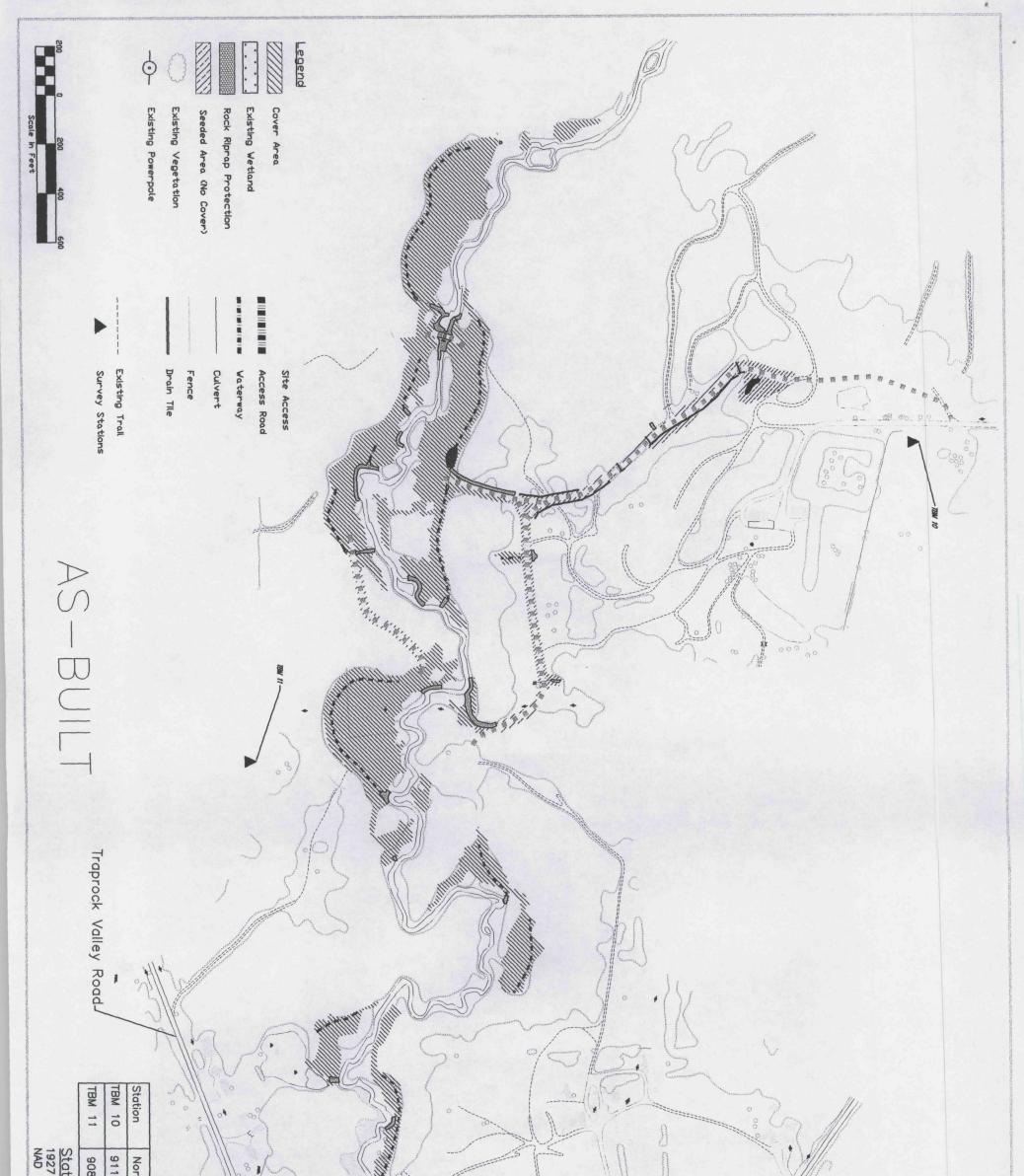
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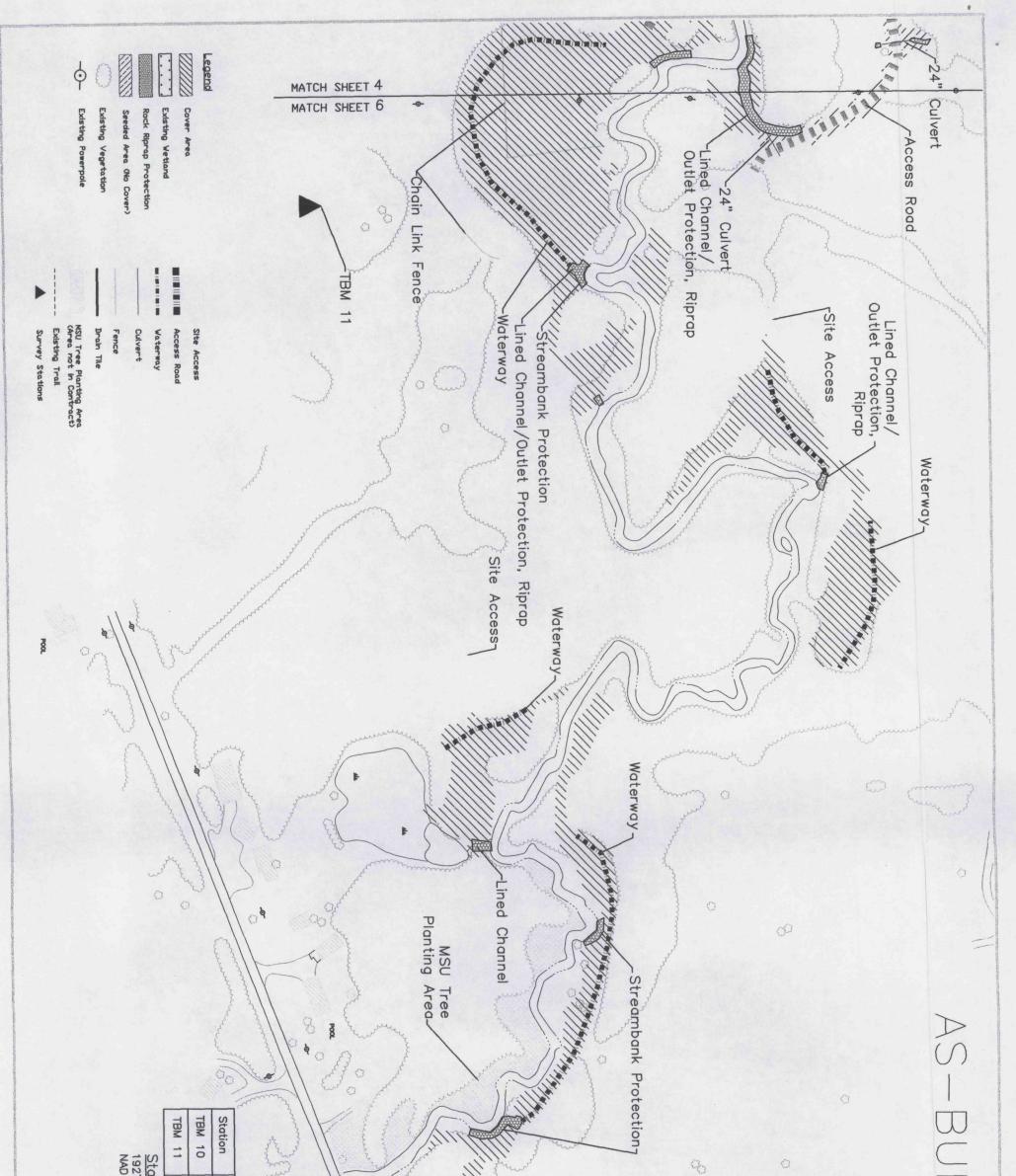


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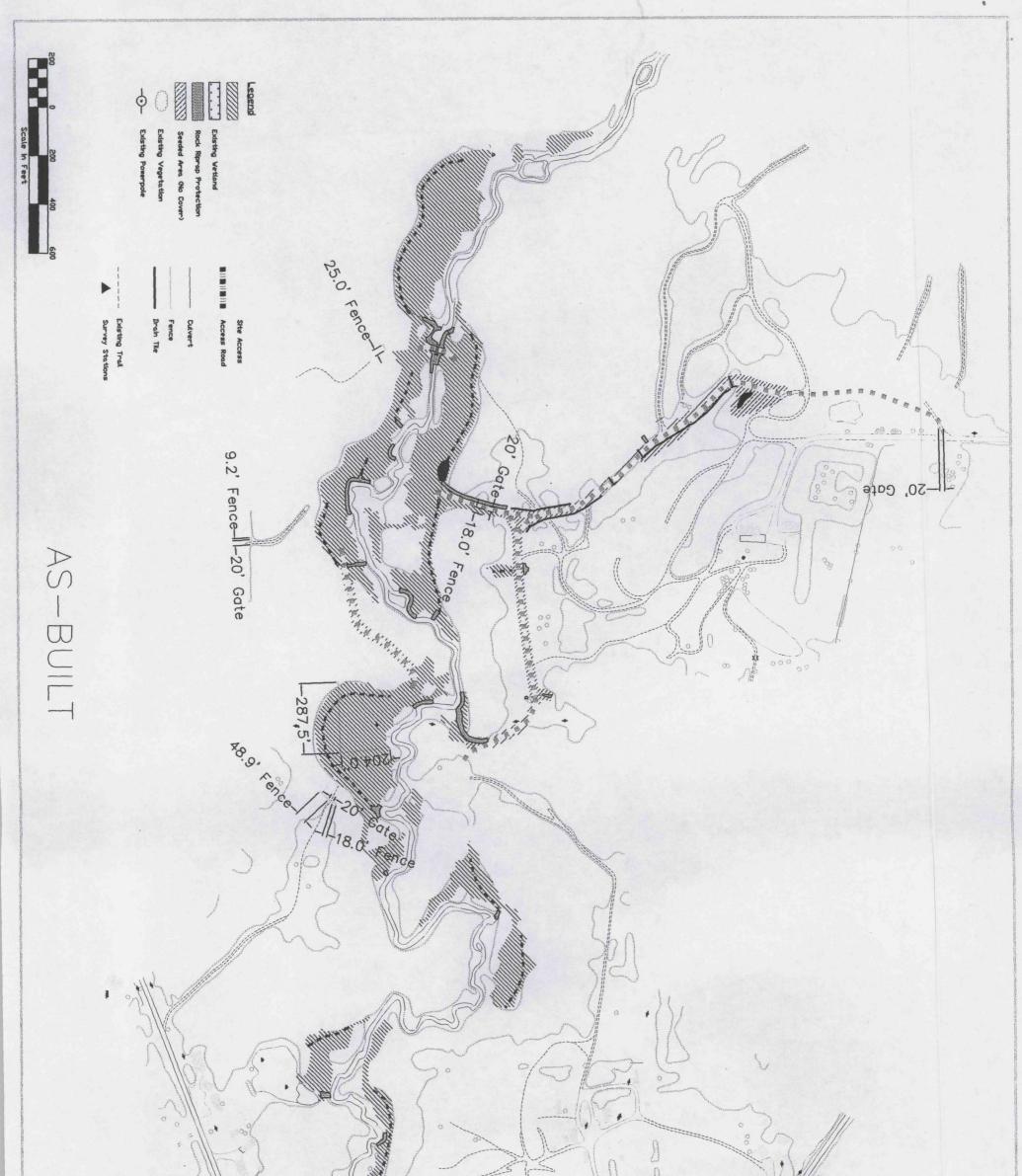


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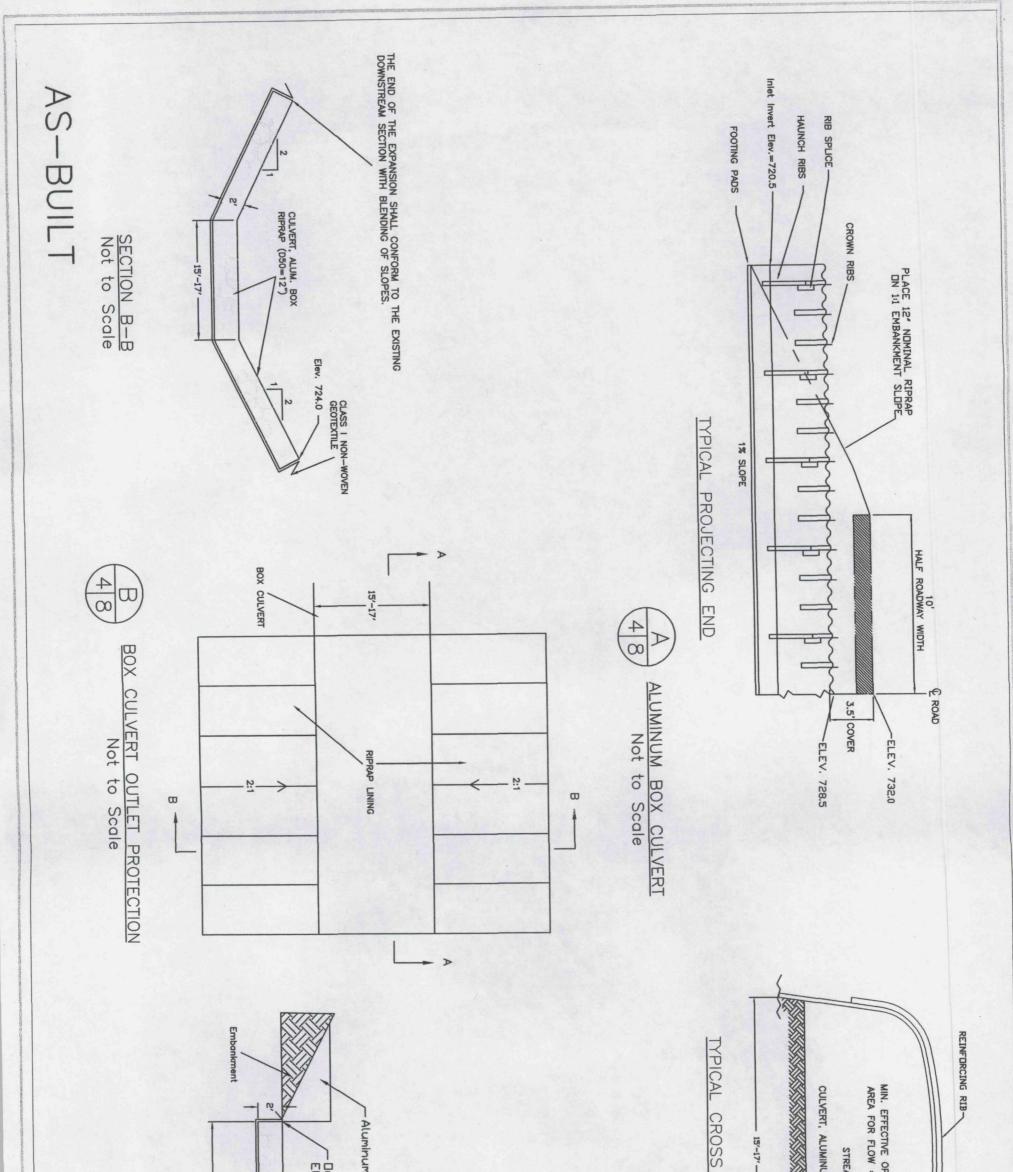




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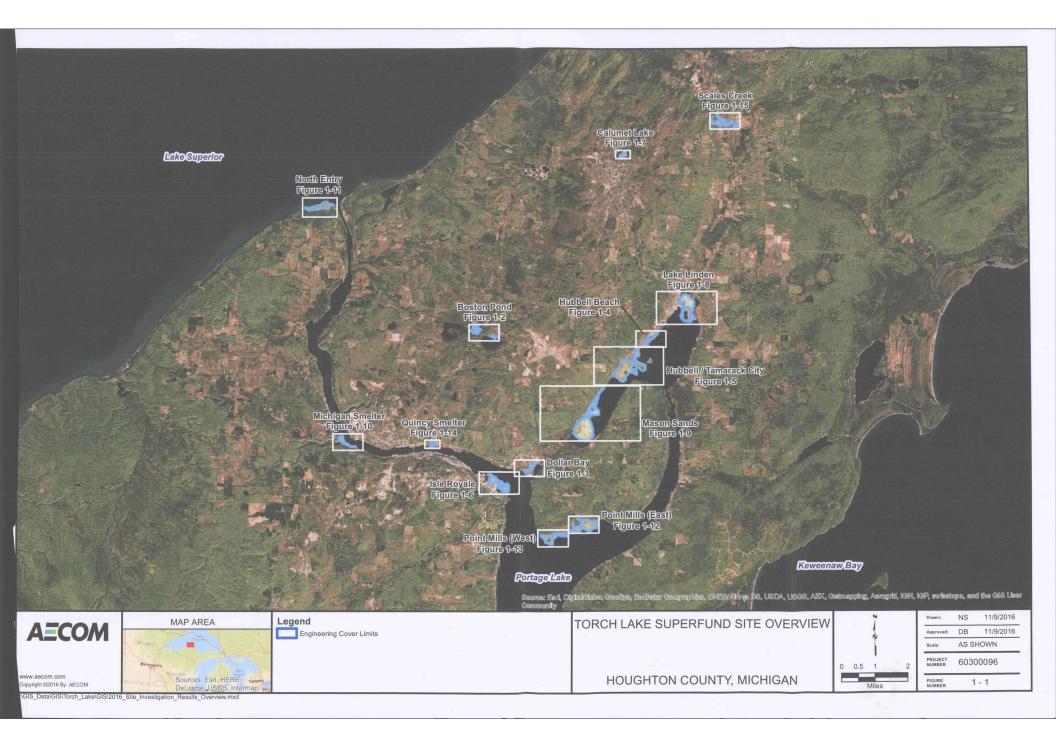
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APPENDIX D



STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

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September 20, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Douglas E. Ballotti, Director Superfund Division United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard (S-6J) Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Dear Douglas E. Ballotti:

SUBJECT: Concurrence with the Draft Final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD); Torch Lake Superfund Site; Houghton, Michigan

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has received a copy of the Draft Final ESD for the Torch Lake Superfund Site, Houghton, Michigan. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has requested concurrence from the State of Michigan with the Draft Final ESD for this site.

EGLE concurs with the remedial action modification that is proposed in the Draft Final ESD for operable unit (OU) OU1 and OU3, and the inclusion, in future Five-Year Reviews, of the remedy selected in the 1994 Record of Decision to OU2 at the Torch Lake Superfund Site.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at the number below or at NellerM@Michigan.gov; or EGLE, P.O. Box 30426, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7926.

Sincerely,

Mike Neller, Director Remediation and Redevelopment Division 517-512-5859

cc: Glenn Lautenberg, U.S. EPA Kalan Briggs, EGLE Robert L. Franks, EGLE Walelign Wagaw, EGLE