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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	Definition	ACRONYM	Definition
>	Greater than	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
<	Less than	OU	Operable Unit
%	Percent	pCi/g	picocurie/gram
ABS -	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene	PEP	Preliminary Excavation Plan
AEC	U.S. Atomic Energy Commission	PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
AOC	Administrative Order on Consent	QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
ARAR	Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements	QA/QC	Quality assurance/quality control
ASAO	Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order of Consent	RA	Remedial action
ASTM	American Society for Testing & Materials	RAO	Remedial action objective
Auxier	Auxier & Associates, Inc.	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
B2005GS	Below the 2005 surveyed ground surface	RD	Remedial Design
DIWP	Design Investigation Work Plan	Respondents	West Lake Landfill OU-1 Respondents
DMP	Data Management Plan	RI	Remedial Investigation
DQO	Data quality objective	RIM	Radiologically Impacted Material
EMSI	Engineering Management Support, Inc.	ROD	Record of Decision
FS	Feasibility Study	RODA	Record of Decision Amendment
FSP	Field Sampling Plan	Site	West Lake Landfill Ste
GSMO	Geostatistical Modeling Objective	SOP	Standard operating procedure
GWMP	Groundwater Monitoring Plan	SOW	Statement of Work
PSHEP	Project Safety, Health, and Environmental Plan	SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures
Herst	Herst & Associates, Inc.	SSP&A	S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc.
HI	Hazard index	UMTRCA	Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act
IC	Institutional control	USEPA	United State Environmental Protection Agency
LBSR	Leached barium sulfate residues	UU/UE	Unlimited Use/Unrestricted Exposure
MDNR	Missouri Department of Natural Resources		
NAVD88	North American Vertical Datum of 1988		
NCC	Non-combustible cover		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Design Investigation Work Plan (DIWP) has been prepared on behalf of West Lake Landfill OU-1 Respondents Bridgeton Landfill, LLC, Cotter Corporation (N.S.L), and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (collectively, Respondents). This work plan presents the proposed scope of the investigation to assist in the design of the selected Amended Remedy for Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site (Site), which is located in Bridgeton, Missouri. The Site is a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Superfund Site (ID #MOD079900932). A Record of Decision Amendment (RODA) for OU-1 of the Site was issued on 27 September 2018 (USEPA 2018). The Respondents entered into a Third Amendment to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order of Consent (ASAOC) with USEPA (Docket No. VII-93-F-0005) to perform the design of the Amended Remedy selected in the RODA for OU-1 on 6 May 2019 (USEPA 2019). USEPA is the lead agency for the Site and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is the supporting agency.

The Site is located east of the Missouri River in the western portion of the St. Louis metropolitan area in northwestern St. Louis County, with a physical address of 13570 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, Missouri (**Figures 1 and 2**). The Site consists of an approximately 200-acre parcel of land that includes six inactive waste disposal areas, or units, as indicated on **Figure 3**. The six units include Radiological Area 1 (Area 1), Radiological Area 2 (Area 2), a closed demolition landfill, an inactive sanitary landfill, the North Quarry, and the South Quarry. The North Quarry and the South Quarry are part of the permitted Bridgeton Landfill, a former sanitary landfill. These six identified units were used for solid and industrial waste disposal at the Site from approximately the 1950s through 2004.

The Site is composed of three OUs. OU-1 contains the radiologically contaminated areas and is comprised of Area 1, Area 2, the Buffer Zone (a 1.78-acre parcel of land adjacent to Area 2), and Lot 2A2 of the Crossroads Industrial Park. OU-2 contains areas not identified as containing radiological contamination and is comprised of the closed demolition landfill, the inactive sanitary landfill, the North Quarry and the South Quarry. OU-3 covers the sitewide groundwater. This DIWP addresses OU-1 only.

The primary objective of this work plan DIWP is to lay out the process for the remedial investigation activities for OU-1 at the Site in accordance with the RODA (USEPA 2018) and the Remedial Design (RD) Statement of Work (SOW) attached to the ASAOC. This DIWP has been developed consistent with applicable federal and state RD guidance documents for hazardous waste sites (USEPA 1995a, USEPA 1995b, USEPA 2005).

1.1 Site History

The Site received radiologically contaminated materials from the processing of uranium ore for the Manhattan Engineering District and the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), in addition to receiving municipal, demolition, and other waste. Parts of the Site were radiologically contaminated when soil mixed with leached barium sulfate residues (LBSR) was brought to the landfill and reportedly used as cover for landfilling operations at the Site in 1973. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as successor to the AEC, commissioned a radiological study that ultimately confirmed the presence of two distinct radiological areas at the Site. The USEPA added the Site to the National Priorities List in 1990.

On 3 March 1993, the USEPA and the Respondents (at that time Laidlaw Waste Systems [Bridgeton], Inc.; Rock Road Industries, Inc.; Cotter Corporation [N.S.L.]; and the U.S. Department of Energy [DOE]) entered into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for performance of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for OU-1. Between 1994 and 2006, the OU-1 Respondents performed multiple investigations at the Site, including the collection and analysis of waste and soil samples and the monitoring of surface water, sediments,

groundwater, and air quality. The results of these evaluations were summarized in the Remedial Investigation Report (Engineering Management Support, Inc. [EMSI] 2000), Baseline Risk Assessment (Auxier & Associates, Inc. [Auxier] 2000), and Feasibility Study Report (EMSI 2006) reports. Based on these reports, The USEPA issued a proposed plan for OU-1 (and OU-2) in June 2006 and, in May 2008, selected a remedial action (RA) for OU-1 in a Record of Decision (ROD) (USEPA 2008).

In the 2008 ROD, the USEPA selected a capping remedy for OU-1. As a result of stakeholder and community concerns following the 2008 ROD, the USEPA determined that further evaluation of remedial alternatives was warranted. Other actions have been taken at the Site since 2008, which include the following:

- Preparation of a Supplemental Feasibility Study (EMSI et al. 2011)
- Installation of a non-combustible cover (NCC) over portions of Area 1 and Area 2
- Development and implementation of an Incident Management Plan
- Installation of engineering controls and other active measures in the North Quarry of the Bridgeton Landfill (OU-2) in response to a subsurface reaction in the South Quarry portion of Bridgeton Landfill
- Air monitoring on and around the perimeter of the Site
- An investigation of the extent of radiologically impacted material (RIM) in Area 1 (Feezor Engineering 2014 and EMSI et al. 2016)
- An Isolation Barrier Alternatives Analysis (EMSI et al. 2014)
- Additional characterization of Area 1 and Area 2
- Preparation of a Remedial Investigation Addendum (EMSI 2018), an updated Baseline Risk Assessment (Auxier 2018), and a Final Feasibility Study (EMSI et al. 2018) for OU-1

In September 2018, the USEPA amended the remedy for OU-1 in the RODA (USEPA 2018).

1.2 Remedy of Record – 2018 Selected Remedy

The Amended Remedy selected in the RODA (USEPA 2018) addresses the portions of the West Lake Landfill that are contaminated with radiologically impacted soils and landfilled waste, through a combination of excavation and placement of an engineered cover. The selected Amended Remedy is summarized below.

- The overburden, consisting of waste materials with a combined radium and/or combined thorium activity less than (<) than 52.9 picocuries/gram (pCi/g), in OU-1 Radiological Areas 1 and 2 is to be excavated and stockpiled to access the RIM containing combined radium and/or combined thorium activity greater than 52.9 pCi/g.
- RIM from the Areas 1 and 2 of OU-1 that contains combined radium or combined thorium activities greater than (>) 52.9 pCi/g and is located generally within 12 feet of the 2005 topographic surface is to be excavated. Optimization of RIM removal above and below the 12-foot target depth (excavation as deep as 20 feet or as shallow as 8 feet) will be completed during the RD based on criteria set forth in Section 12.0 of the RODA (USEPA 2018).
- Radiologically impacted soil is to be excavated from the Buffer Zone and/or Lot 2A2 sufficient to reduce concentrations of radionuclides to background levels in order to allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure (UU/UE) of these areas. Any radiologically impacted soil is to be brought back to Area 1 or 2 and incorporated into these areas as part of implementation of the remedy, unless it exceeds the 52.9 pCi/g criteria, in which case it is to be disposed offsite.
- The excavated RIM and radiologically impacted soil containing combined radium or combined thorium > 52.9 pCi/g is to be loaded and transported for disposal at an off-site permitted disposal facility. RIM >7.9 pCi/g but <52.9 pCi/g may be used to backfill the excavation at depth.

- The remaining solid waste materials within Areas 1 and 2 will be regraded to meet the minimum and maximum slope criteria as described in the 30 percent (%) Design.
- A landfill cover is to be installed over Areas 1 and 2. The cover must be designed to meet the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste design criteria, municipal waste landfill regulations, and Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) performance and longevity standards.
- Surface water runoff controls are to be designed, installed and maintained.
- Groundwater will be monitored.
- Landfill gas and radon will be monitored and controlled, in accordance with Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs).
- Institutional controls (ICs) will be put in place to prevent land uses that are inconsistent with a closed landfill containing radiological materials.
- There will be long-term surveillance and maintenance of the landfill cover in Areas 1 and 2 and other remedial components.

1.3 Remediation Objectives

Remedial action objectives (RAOs) are specific goals selected for the Amended Remedy in the RODA (USEPA 2018) that must be accomplished to protect human health and the environment from risks posed by the Site. The RAOs also serve as the design basis for the Amended Remedy selected for OU-1.

1.3.1 Updated RAOs for Areas 1 and 2 of OU-1

In the RODA, USEPA modified the RAOs for Areas 1 and 2 as follows:

- Prevent direct contact to contaminated media (including waste material, fill, stormwater, sediments, leachate, and groundwater) located on or emanating from OU-1.
- Limit inhalation and external radiation exposure from contaminated media (including waste material, fill, leachate, and gas emissions) located on or emanating from OU-1 to within the acceptable risk range (10^{-4} to 10^{-6} cancer risk or a hazard index (HI) of less than 1 for non-carcinogenic risk).
- Minimize water infiltration to prevent contaminants from leaching to groundwater above levels protective for the reasonably anticipated use of the groundwater and surface water.
- Control and manage leachate that emanates from OU-1 in accordance with standards identified in the ARARs.
- Control and treat landfill gas from OU-1, including radon, in accordance with standards identified in the ARARs.
- Control surface water runoff and minimize erosion associated with OU-1 in accordance with standards identified in the ARARs.

Based on USEPA's site-specific evaluation of risk, the Amended Remedy selected in the RODA (USEPA 2018) requires partial excavation of some RIM > 52.9 pCi/g. Partial excavation of some RIM in combination with the installation of the engineered cover will meet the above RAOs.

The proposed delineation of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g is outlined in **Section 3.1** of this work plan.

1.3.2 Updated RAOs for Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 of OU-1

Historical erosion of the landfill berm along the north side of Area 2 resulted in deposition of radiologically impacted soil on the surface of the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 of the Crossroads Industrial Park (also known as the former Ford Property). In the RODA, the updated RAO for this property is to remediate soils to the extent necessary to allow for unrestricted land use. The USEPA determined the radiologically impacted soils on Lot 2A2 and parts of the Buffer Zone should be remediated to background levels. Additional background characterization will be performed during the design investigation to select statistically valid background concentrations for the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2. Additional delineation of impacted soils on Lot 2A2 and parts of the Buffer Zone and the proposed background concentration evaluation are described in **Section 3.1.4**.

1.4 Overview of DIWP

The primary objective of the design investigation is to collect information necessary for the design of the selected Amended Remedy in the RODA (USEPA 2018). Per the requirements listed in Section 3.6 of the SOW, this DIWP includes the following information to meet this objective:

- An evaluation and summary of existing data and description of additional data needs including:
 - Extent of RIM on the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 of the Crossroads Industrial Park;
 - Additional background characterization to select statistically valid background concentrations for the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2;
 - Boundary confirmation of OU-1/OU-2;
 - The extent of historical impacts, if any, in drainage areas and northwest surface water body; and
 - Additional characterization to support the proposed preliminary excavation, including the proposed optimized excavation locations, presented in the Preliminary Excavation Plan (PEP) described in Section 3.4 of the SOW.
- A Field Sampling Plan (FSP) (**Appendix A**) as described in Section 5.7(d) of the SOW and submitted in accordance with the schedule in Section 6.2 of the SOW, including media to be sampled, contaminants or parameters for which sampling will be conducted, sample locations (including boring locations and sample depths), and number of samples;
- Cross references to quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) requirements set forth in the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (**Appendix B**) as described in Section 5.7e of the SOW and submitted in accordance with the schedule in Section 6.2 of the SOW;
- A Data Management Plan (DMP) (**Appendix C**) as described in Section 5.7(g) of the SOW and in accordance with the schedule in Section 6.2 of the SOW; and
- A Project Safety, Health, and Environmental Plan (PSHEP) (**Appendix D**) as described in Section 5.7(a) of the SOW and in accordance with the schedule in Section 6.2 of the SOW. The PSHEP also contains the site-specific Radiation Safety Plan.

1.4.1 DIWP Organization

Following this introduction, the DIWP is organized as follows:

- Section 2: Evaluation and Summary of Existing Data – summarizes historical data sets and evaluates the usability of these sets. This section also discusses the geostatistical model and activity calculations.
- Section 3: Additional Data Needs – describes various investigational phases for the project, each designed to supplement existing data or provide new information. Additional data will be obtained during

a proposed RIM Investigation, Geotechnical Investigation, Groundwater Investigation, Utility Investigation, and Site Survey.

- Section 4: Supporting Plans – lists the FSP, QAPP, PSHEP, and DMP developed for the investigational phases of the project.
- Section 5: References – provides references for documents cited in this DIWP.

2.0 EVALUATION AND SUMMARY OF EXISTING DATA

2.1 Geostatistical Model Background

The results of the previous investigations completed in OU-1, as shown in **Table 1**, and the geostatistical model previously developed to support the FFS, were evaluated to identify any data gaps that could affect the RD or remedy implementation, as well as areas of the geostatistical model that will benefit from additional analyses. An initial summary of the model was provided in the PEP. Subsequent to the PEP, the USEPA and MDNR requested that Respondents to further evaluate the model basis, fundamentals, potential improvements, and data needs. This review and elaboration of the model limitations since the PEP are provided in **Appendix E** to the DIWP with an overview provided here. The additional data needed to improve the model, as well as agency comments, are the basis for the geostatistical modeling objectives (GSMOs), which are discussed in further detail below.

The geostatistical component of the West Lake project involves the development of a three dimensional model through the implementation of various geostatistical analyses. The purpose of the geostatistical model is to estimate the probability of the presence of RIM >52.9 pCi/g, and the approximate total activity in Areas 1 and 2. This DIWP identifies data needs that will support modeling improvements (provided in **Appendix E**) with the goal of converging on a representation that meets the expected precision for decision- making during RD. The current model is tested and improved throughout this process with the objective of recognizing and minimizing uncertainty/limitations and addressing stakeholder concerns. These improvements include an in-depth review of the data pre-processing steps and the interpolation algorithms. Additional data collection for geostatistical model improvement is described in **Section 3.0**.

Appendix E provides an in-depth review of the current model status and expected updates once new data are collected. Furthermore, there are additional details on the logic and progression of model development since the PEP, which address USEPA and MDNR comments. The components of the geostatistical process in **Appendix E** are:

- Expanded details on model development and model improvements since the PEP, such as sensitivity testing, variogram adjustments and other components;
- Opportunities for improvement of the FS model developed by S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc. (SSP&A), which was the basis for the PEP modeling;
- Analysis of historical boring locations (**Figure 4**) and kriging standard deviation as related to RIM extent to support the location of additional borings;
- Improvements of the optimization process as related to total activity calculations; and
- Identified design investigation model-specific data collection needs.

Certain aspects of the model refinement and sensitivity testing have not been performed for inclusion in the DIWP, although they are expected to be performed in the future, and will include data collected during the design investigation. However, plans for future sensitivity testing and general model refinement for inclusion in the Revised Excavation Plan and 90% design documents when additional data will be available are discussed. **Appendix E** includes a discussion of specific geostatistical requests from the USEPA in its comment letter dated February 13, 2020, as well as discussion points conveyed during meetings with USEPA and MDNR on February 19 and 20, 2020. **Appendix E** was developed to align with the DIWP GSMOs, which were developed

based on limitations of the geostatistical model and comments from USEPA and MDNR. **Appendix E** details are organized to address the USEPA and MDNR comment related to limitations and justification of the geostatistical modeling and include:

1. Geostatistical Pre-Processing and Regression Analyses
2. Indicator Kriging – RIM Boundary Model Enhancements
3. Ordinary Kriging – Activity Model Enhancements
4. General RIM Uncertainty
5. Excavation Optimization
6. Spatial and Depth Limitations of Current Data

2.2 Elevation Standardization for Design Investigation Data Collection

The existing geostatistical model is currently based on the 2005 ground surface, as specified in the RODA (USEPA 2018). Since 2005, an NCC consisting of clean gravel and inert debris has been placed over portions of Areas 1 and 2 where surface RIM was present. NCC material was applied to a minimum depth of eight inches, as described in the Remedial Investigation Addendum (EMSI 2018). Furthermore, subsidence has been observed since the 2005 ground survey was performed. These two events (material addition and natural subsidence) add a level of uncertainty to sample locations that were based on measurements below the 2005 ground surface (B2005GS). The spatial accuracy of estimated elevations associated with collected laboratory analytical and field measurements of radiological parameters will be improved during the design investigation through a site wide topographic survey.

Another potential source of variability that was considered when reviewing historical data sets is the uncertainty associated with areas exhibiting poor soil core recovery. Uncertainty is inherent when interpreting borehole sample depths versus lengths of recovered core. Translation errors can occur due to core expansion or sample loss during extraction. Variability associated with uncertainty in observed depths versus actual depths below ground surface manifests in areas where laboratory and field data collected from soil cores are directly compared to in-situ measurements such as downhole gamma logging. Sample collection methods proposed during the design investigation aim to decrease variability related to depth-based uncertainty.

A multipronged approach will be undertaken to improve the elevation data for use in the geostatistical model:

- Perform a sitewide ground surface survey in Areas 1 and 2 to document the current (2020) ground surface topography. Vegetation will be cleared in select regions of Areas 1 and 2 to improve the accuracy of the survey, and new survey benchmarks/monuments will be installed. The 2020 ground surface topographic survey will be developed in the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) coordinates as required by 5.4(b) of the SOW with elevations referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88). Following the survey, historical site data will be converted to these geodetic standards.
- Update historical laboratory and field data from the 2005 ground surface elevations to the 2020 surveyed elevations based on the new survey and observations of waste surfaces that will be made during the design investigation.
- Perform 4-foot core runs during design investigation drilling to limit the amount of expansion or loss during extraction of core from the borehole, reducing the possibility for translation error between interpreted core depths as compared to typical 10-foot core runs. The use of short core runs will provide a more accurate elevation relationship between downhole and core scan data. The 4-foot core runs also match the RIM excavation decision zones defined in the RODA which are defined in multiples of 4-foot depths (e.g., 0 to 8 feet, 8 to 12 feet, 12 to 16 feet, and 16 to 20 feet B2005GS).

- Develop correlations on a boring-by-boring basis comparing downhole responses to laboratory and core scan responses to improve the elevation resolution between data collection tools.

Following the design investigation, the geostatistical model will be updated to include the 2020 surveyed ground surface, updated elevation, corrected historical laboratory and field data from the 2005 surveyed ground surface to the 2020 surveyed ground surface, and incorporation of design investigation data based on the 2020 surveyed ground surface. Details of the sitewide topographic survey are discussed in **Section 3.4**.

3.0 ADDITIONAL DATA NEEDS

Per Section 3.6 of the SOW, the following design investigation objectives were developed to support the design and implementation of the selected remedy:

1. Delineate the extent of waste/RIM along the Area 1 and Area 2 boundaries.
2. Delineate the extent of waste/RIM along the boundaries of: a) Area 2 and the Inactive Sanitary Landfill; and b) Area 2 and the Construction and Demolition Landfill.
3. Further characterize RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g as related to geostatistical modeling objectives (includes geostatistical GSMOs below).
4. Assess statistically valid background concentrations for the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 through collection of surface samples in five off-site reference units.
5. Define the extent of radiologically-impacted soil above statistically valid background concentrations in the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2.
6. Evaluate potential impacts to site drainage areas including the northern surface water body and Earth City Flood Control Channel via sediment sampling and bathymetric survey.
7. Collect geotechnical data needed to further design objectives, such as waste density, moisture content, and soil properties in areas projected to be beneath starter berms and future drainage structures.
8. Collect data for to assess site infrastructure requiring removal during the RA.
9. Collect data to characterize materials related to waste acceptance criteria of potential waste disposal facilities.
10. Evaluate liquid levels within the potential excavation footprint and previously identified seeps.
11. Evaluate characteristics of potential leachate that may be present and estimate characteristics/treatment requirements of water that may contact waste/RIM.
12. Assess the impact of the RA on wildlife attractiveness.
13. Perform a detailed topographic survey of Areas 1 and 2.

This DIWP includes data collection for improvement of the geostatistical model as used to estimate locations with a 50% probability of containing RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g. Principle study questions and data quality objectives associated with the geostatistical model are discussed in the QAPP. The GSMOs, as summarized below, were developed specifically for the addressing the model limitations, uncertainties, and/or other concerns within the context of principle study questions one and two (PSQ-1 and PSQ-2). The GSMOs are as follows:

- GSMO #1 (**Figure 5A**): Increase sampling density in specific gamma count ranges to improve correlations between radium, thorium, and gamma using core data;
- GSMO #2 (**Figure 5B**): Improve correlation between core scan and downhole gamma to the extent practicable by maximizing core recovery;
- GSMO #3: Improve distribution and spacing of samples and borings, and improve elevation data, particularly as they relate to sample depths and recovery. All proposed borings will satisfy this modeling objective;
- GSMO #4 (**Figure 5C**): Increase data density between, and improve correlation of, laboratory and field data along the 52.9 pCi/g RIM boundary;
- GSMO #5 (**Figure 5D**): Increase data density of laboratory samples and field data where the RIM extent is expected to be predominantly thorium;
- GSMO #6 (**Figure 5E**): Further define activities of deeper RIM (> 12 feet B2005GS and above >52.9 pCi/g); and

- GSMO #7 (**Figure 5F**): Collect additional laboratory and field data within specific activity ranges, install nested borings at variable spacing to evaluate nugget/short range variance, and collect data in areas of relatively higher kriging standard deviation.

Data needs for the geostatistical model are based mostly on radium and thorium, as the geostatistical model uses these constituents directly, either as measured in the laboratory samples or as estimated from gamma relationships. The following data needs are derived from the above listed GSMOs and will be addressed through additional data collection during implementation of the DIWP to support the geostatistical model:

- Increase laboratory analytical sampling density in gamma count ranges from 40,000 to 500,000 counts per minute (cpm), as measured during core scanning;
- Increase data density of laboratory and field data;
- Increase linear density of boreholes along the RIM 52.9 pCi/g;
- Increase data density by minimizing linear distance between borings;
- Collect downhole gamma at all interior (non-perimeter) boring locations to compare with core scanning data and laboratory analytical samples;
- Increase data density of analytical samples (laboratory data) to 1-foot intervals between 0 and 16 feet B2005GS where RIM extent is largely driven by thorium;
- Further quantify activity values of RIM via additional borings where RIM is below 16 feet B2005GS;
- Use increased boring and sample density to evaluate nugget/short range variance at various spacings.

Further details regarding the geostatistical model and DIWP data needs are provided in the QAPP, including the seven- step process used to develop and explain each principal study question. **Figures 5A through 5F** provide depictions of depict the borings arranged by GSMO categories. Due to the organization of the GSMOs, there are redundancies in the boring location map as many borings will satisfy multiple objectives. **Table 2** shows a summary of borings proposed to fulfill the above GSMOs.

3.1 RIM Investigation

The objectives of the RIM investigation include defining the extent of waste and verifying that the RIM occurrences and extent are limited to the Area 1 and Area 2 boundaries, further characterizing RIM > 52.9 pCi/g, determining a statistically valid background concentration for the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2, and evaluating the extent of RIM above statistically valid background concentrations in the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2.

Locations of RIM sampling were chosen, in part, based on the standard deviation analysis developed using the geostatistical model and recommendations from USEPA, including Figures 17 and 18 from the RODA (USEPA 2018).

The RODA states that the excavation plan will identify the locations where RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g is to be removed from Area 1 and Area 2 down to 12 feet. It will also identify deeper areas where RIM may be removed to achieve the long-term effectiveness and permanence. It will also identify isolated pockets of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g to remain between 8 and 12 feet in certain instances to achieve the same or better short-term effectiveness. The USEPA expects the areas between 12 and 16 feet will be excavated if they are greater than 1,000 pCi/g. Additionally, the USEPA expects to focus the excavation in the areas between 16 to 20 feet on the higher activity occurrences of RIM (greater than 1,000 pCi/g) if it doesn't add significant excavation of non-RIM waste. Furthermore, not excavating isolated pockets of RIM between 8 and 12 feet will minimize the short-term impacts by reducing the volume of overburden and setback.

Several investigation techniques for the forthcoming design investigation have been evaluated based on results from previous RIM investigations. The proposed methods and alternatives are presented in the FSP. A primary design investigation goal is to optimize core recovery ratios and reduce the related elevation uncertainty of the core sample intervals.

All work completed during the design investigation will be performed in accordance with the field methodologies and techniques outlined in the FSP submitted with this work plan and the standard operating procedures (SOPs) therein.

A total of 200 borings (61 in Area 1 and 139 in Area 2) are proposed to fulfill the data needs of the design investigation. **Table 2** summarizes the proposed borings, organized by general design investigation objectives as well as by GSMOs.

Additionally, proposed boring locations are shown on **Figure 5** and are categorized by design investigation objectives and geostatistical GSMOs on **Figures 5A through 5F**.

Site aerials and topography from 1973 (**Figure 6**) were evaluated during design investigation planning to address agency concerns regarding historical site operations in Area 2. Additional perimeter borings were placed in areas where historical filling operations were observed to supplement historical data collected and better define RIM distribution in these areas. Proposed borings are shown compared to 1973 aerial photographs and topography on **Figure 6A**.

A conceptualized cross-section of RIM areas >52.9 pCi/g is included on **Figure 7A**. While this figure is not representative of site conditions, it was designed to demonstrate thought processes used to optimize boring placement for the fulfillment of multiple data collection needs and objectives. These thought processes are discussed as they relate to specific objectives in **Section 3.1.2** below. The current model predictions of RIM >52.9 pCi/g are shown on **Figure 7B** (Area 1) and **Figure 7C** (Area 2), and were used to identify target depths for field and laboratory sample collection at specific borings.

The following tasks (described in **Sections 3.1.1 through 3.1.5**) define the scope of data gap investigation activities to be performed at the Site.

3.1.1 Waste/RIM Extent Delineation Along Area 1 and Area 2 Perimeters

Additional data will be collected along the perimeters of Area 1 and Area 2 to further delineate the extent of waste and/or RIM, as well as evaluate the possibility of radiologically impacted soil migration down the landfill toe that may have occurred during historical rain events. The proposed perimeter borings will be sampled for radiological parameters to evaluate the presence and magnitude of RIM impacts. Such information will support future design activities.

Seventeen (17) borings are proposed along the perimeter of Area 1, and 39 borings are proposed along the perimeter of Area 2, to evaluate (a) whether RIM is present and evaluate (b) the extent of waste as it pertains to cap design. Perimeter boring locations are proposed at a maximum of every 200 feet along area perimeters except where historical borings and data were present (e.g., RIM/waste observed in historical borings) and design objectives dictated specific data needs (e.g., geotechnical data needs in specific areas). The proposed boring locations are shown on **Figure 5G**, and are shown with the 1973 aerial and topography on **Figure 6** and **Figure 6A**.

These perimeter borings and the associated laboratory samples collected primarily serve the purpose of waste extent delineation and geotechnical evaluation of site soils. However, some borings may be proximal to expected RIM boundaries. Radiological data collected from perimeter borings may be input to the geostatistical model where appropriate.

A small subset of perimeter borings proposed along the southwestern and northeastern edge of Area 2 are adjacent to a potential thorium-driven excavation boundary. As addressed in **Section 3.1.2.1**, these areas will be evaluated through the placement of gridded borings and with a much higher density of laboratory analytical samples. Boring specific data needs are described in the FSP.

Perimeter borings will be installed via hollow-stem auger drilling methods to a depth of 25 feet B2005GS at locations that are expected to be outside the waste extent. Borings installed within the expected waste extent, including those proposed along the North Quarry boundary and along the southeastern edge of Area 2, will be installed through the total thickness of waste and five feet into the alluvial substrate using sonic drilling methods.

For borings installed outside the waste mass in in-situ soils, split-spoon soil samples will be collected continuously. Blow counts will be recorded, soils will be visually described and logged, and each sample will be scanned with hand-held alpha, beta, and gamma detectors in the field to fulfill the data collection needs detailed in the FSP.

For borings installed within the waste mass, soil samples will be collected using sonic cores and extruded into sample bags. Soils will be visually described and logged, and each sample will be scanned with hand-held alpha, beta, and gamma detectors in the field to fulfill the data collection needs detailed in the FSP.

These perimeter borings and the associated laboratory samples collected primarily serve the purpose of waste extent delineation and geotechnical evaluation of site soils. However, some borings may be proximal to expected RIM boundaries. Radiological data collected from perimeter borings may be input to the geostatistical model where appropriate. In addition to radiological samples collected at depth, radiological samples will also be collected from the top one-foot of select proposed perimeter borings to evaluate the potential for radionuclide occurrences in surficial soil.

If RIM is observed at or near the surface in these borings it will be excavated and disposed of during the RA. If surficial RIM is detected at activities >52.9 pCi/g it will be disposed of off-site while surficial RIM detected between 7.9 and 52.9 pCi/g will be disposed of on site in areas where an UMTRCA cap is proposed.

Boring installation and sample collection will be performed in accordance with the methods and boring specific data collection needs detailed in the FSP, DMP, and QAPP.

3.1.2 Define RIM Margins Greater than 52.9 pCi/g

The Amended Selected Remedy specifies the removal of RIM from Areas 1 and 2 containing combined radium or combined thorium activities greater than 52.9 pCi/g located generally within the top 12 feet B2005GS. In order to optimize RIM removal by maximizing removal of RIM volume and minimizing removal of non-RIM waste, additional data is needed to define margins of the areas containing RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g for both thorium and radium. This will be achieved by increasing data density along the 52.9 pCi/g combined thorium and combined radium RIM edges, as well as in areas of deeper activity removal (from 12 to 20 feet B2005GS) and areas where RIM is expected to exist in isolated pockets shallower than 12 feet B2005GS.

The current lateral extent of 52.9 pCi/g RIM margins are shown on **Figures 5A through 5G** and have been developed using the geostatistical modeling methods detailed in **Appendix E**. Statistical standard deviation analysis of the model indicates areas of low confidence and high standard deviation, which will be improved through the installation of additional soil borings. These borings will serve to increase the density of both field and laboratory data within and along the 52.9 pCi/g RIM edge. The vertical extent of RIM is largely driven by modeling the distribution of RIM through the correlation of field and laboratory data sets. The proposed soil borings will be installed using short (4-foot) core run lengths to maximize recovery, thereby reducing inherent elevation uncertainty associated with interpolating depth intervals in low-recovery soil cores. These methods will allow for better correlation between downhole gamma, gamma core scanning, and laboratory analytical data.

Borings were proposed based on visual comparison of 25% and 75% probabilities of non-exceedance of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g as compared to the current RIM margins (50% probability), as shown on **Figure 5C**. The current RIM margins model areas where a probability of 25% non-exceedance indicates a 75% likelihood that RIM is present greater than 52.9 pCi/g has been carried over. The use of probability of non-exceedance, or a null hypothesis, is carried over from the Focused Feasibility Study as presented by SSP&A (2017). Borings were placed to increase data density of field and laboratory analytical data and reduce the linear distance between borings (including historical borings).

Additionally, overland gamma survey data collected by McLaren-Hart (1994) was included on **Figure 5C**, and borings were placed and relocated to provide coverage in areas where elevated counts were observed outside of historical boring/surface sample locations.

To optimize boring placement while minimizing total boring count, borings proposed with the purpose of improving understanding of RIM distribution also fulfill other design investigation objectives and GSMOs; therefore, additional analytical samples may be collected from these borings and submitted for laboratory analysis. The FSP details the specific data collection needs of each borings.

The sampling strategy and methodology as related to both the design investigation objectives and GSMOs are detailed in the FSP. All analytical samples will be collected and submitted to the laboratory in accordance with the QAPP and DMP.

3.1.2.1 Thorium-Driven Excavation Areas

In areas where RIM is predominantly defined by activities greater than 52.9 pCi/g of combined thorium, 44 borings (six borings in Area 1 and 38 borings in Area 2) were proposed using systematic spacing and sampling intervals to fully delineate areas where the geostatistical model predicts RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g at depth and historical data sets consist primarily or exclusively of thorium activities derived from only surface samples and/or downhole gamma readings.

Field data collection methods are less accurate when detecting thorium as opposed to radium, as discussed in **Appendix E**, so a high laboratory analytical sample-density combined with systematic grid spacing will be used to better define RIM estimated extents in these areas, and generate a more accurate excavation extent and disposal volume.

At proposed borings in thorium-driven excavation areas, as shown on **Figure 5D** and detailed in **Table 2**, laboratory thorium and radium data will be collected in 1-foot intervals to from 0 to 16 feet B2005GS. Each soil core will be scanned in the field using alpha, beta, and gamma detectors to a depth of 16 feet B2005GS.

Figure 7A shows a conceptualized cross-section through Area 2. As shown, proposed borings in areas where RIM >52.9 pCi/g is defined by combined thorium were placed in select locations to better define the extent of the proposed excavation and improve understanding of thorium concentrations at depth. These locations were generally modeled using historical laboratory results from surface samples and field gamma data (from downhole and core measurements). In order to achieve increased resolution via increased data density (GSMO #5), 1-foot sampling intervals will be utilized in these areas where field data collection methods are less reliable for detecting RIM. Proposed borings in thorium-driven areas will also improve the correlation between core scan and downhole gamma data (GSMO #2).

In the interest of optimizing boring placement and minimizing the total boring count, a small subset of systematically spaced borings will also fulfill other design investigation objectives, such as general RIM delineation and identifying the extent of waste. Therefore, select borings may be advanced to greater depth (25 feet B2005GS) to fulfill the data needs of perimeter borings described above, in addition to the data needs associated with thorium-driven RIM delineation. The sampling strategy and methodology as related to both the

design investigation objectives and GSMOs is detailed in the FSP. Analytical samples will be collected and submitted to the laboratory in accordance with the QAPP and DMP.

Following boring installation, the borehole will be sheeted with 3-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) solid casing and logged in 6-inch intervals using a sodium iodide (NaI) gamma detection assembly using the methods specified in the FSP.

Once the downhole gamma scan has been conducted and all data collection needs are satisfied, the borehole will be decommissioned by removing the casing and grouting the borehole from total depth to surface grade, in accordance with applicable state regulations as discussed in the FSP.

3.1.2.2 Combined Radium and Thorium Excavation Areas

In areas where RIM is predominantly defined by activities greater than 52.9 pCi/g of combined radium and thorium, proposed sample locations were selected to increase data density, decrease linear distance between data points, and fulfill the needs of the geostatistical model as outlined in the GSMOs, which are summarized above and described in the QAPP.

Figure 7B and **Figure 7C**, respectively, show cross-sections along transects in Area 1 and Area 2 where RIM has a greater than 50% probability of exceeding 52.9 pCi/g. These locations are generally from 0 to 12 feet B2005GS in Area 1 and from 0 to 16 feet B2005GS in Area 2. Proposed boring locations and sampling intervals described below were selected to better understand RIM distribution and to assist in determining support total activity calculations throughout these depth intervals. Proposed borings to address areas where RIM may be present deeper than 16 feet B2005GS are discussed in Section 3.1.2.3.

Borings in areas where RIM >52.9 pCi/g is expected to consist of radium and thorium will generally be installed to 16 feet B2005GS to evaluate and delineate RIM generally within 12 feet B2005GS and to collect additional data from 12 to 16 feet B2005GS for the optimization of total activity removal, as discussed in **Appendix E**.

At these locations laboratory thorium/radium soil samples will be collected from 0 to 16 feet B2005GS based on field results of alpha, beta, and/or gamma readings during core scanning. The data needs and sampling strategy for these borings is detailed in the FSP.

Following boring installation, the borehole will be sheeted with three-inch PVC or ABS solid casing and logged in six-inch intervals with a NaI gamma detection assembly using the methods specified in the FSP.

Once the downhole gamma scan has been conducted and all data collection needs have been satisfied, the borehole will be decommissioned by removing the casing and grouting the downhole borehole to grade in accordance with applicable state regulations as discussed in the FSP.

3.1.2.3 Areas of Deeper RIM Excavation

In the areas of potential deeper RIM removal shown on **Figures 7B** (Area 1) and **Figure 7C** (Area 2) where RIM >52.9 pCi/g is expected to consist of radium and thorium, laboratory and field data will be collected to better define excavation limits and support total activity calculations, as discussed in **Appendix E**.

Proposed borings in areas where RIM may be present greater than 16 feet B2005GS (shown on **Figure 5E**) will be installed to a depth of 20 feet B2005GS. Laboratory analytical samples will be collected for both thorium and radium at 1-foot intervals from 12 to 20 feet B2005GS. Results of core scanning and downhole gamma logging will be used to increase the resolution of the data set to better support the needs of the geostatistical model at depth and in determining the total activity calculations.

The sampling strategy and methodology for areas of potential deeper RIM removal as related to both the design investigation objectives and GSMOs are detailed in the FSP. Analytical samples will be collected and submitted to the laboratory in accordance with the QAPP and DMP.

Following boring installation, the borehole will be sheeted with 3-inch PVC or ABS casing and logged in 6-inch intervals using a NaI gamma detection assembly as specified in the FSP.

Once the downhole gamma scan has been conducted and all data collection needs have been satisfied, the borehole will be decommissioned by removing the casing and grouting the borehole to grade, in accordance with applicable state regulations as discussed in the FSP.

3.1.3 Define RIM Margins Greater than 7.9 pCi/g

Areas of RIM defined by the total activities of combined thorium and radium between 7.9 pCi/g and 52.9 pCi/g require further characterization to interpolate the boundary between RIM to be removed and RIM that will be left in place via kriging methods. In addition, samples of relatively low activity (7.9 to 52.9 pCi/g) will provide data to bolster the regressions used by the model to calculate total activities and define the required limits of the UMTRCA cap. These proposed borings will be located outside of the currently expected extent of RIM, and will also aid in the characterization of overburden/sidewall material consisting of RIM >7.9 pCi/g that may be placed in the bottom of the excavation during the implementation of the RA.

Borings proposed to better define RIM margins greater than 7.9 pCi/g are shown on **Figure 5C**. Borings will be advanced to a depth of 16 feet B2005GS, and soil samples will be collected and submitted to a laboratory for combined thorium and combined radium analysis. Samples will be collected based on field results of alpha, beta, and/or gamma readings during core scanning. The FSP summarizes the data needs related to both the design investigation objectives and GSMOs, as well as sampling strategy for each boring.

Analytical samples will be collected and submitted to the laboratory in accordance with the QAPP and DMP.

Following boring installation, the borehole will be sheeted with 3-inch PVC or ABS casing and logged in 6-inch intervals using a NaI gamma detection assembly as specified in the FSP.

Once the downhole gamma scan has been conducted and all data collection needs have been satisfied, the borehole will be decommissioned by removing the casing and grouting the borehole to grade, in accordance with applicable state regulations as discussed in the FSP.

3.1.4 RIM Extent on Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2

The Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 are distinct parcels adjacent to the site where it is expected that historical rainfall and surficial runoff may have transported radionuclides from Area 2 of the West Lake Landfill and deposited it in the surface soils of these parcels. The Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 of the Crossroads Industrial Park are components of OU-1 that are located to the west of Area 2. Previous investigations of the Site and surrounding parcels have demonstrated radionuclide impacts to surface soils of the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2, likely as a result of historical erosion of Area 2 slopes.

3.1.4.1 Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 of the Crossroads Industrial Park

Surface soil samples will be collected to further define and delineate the extent of RIM in both the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 areas.

For evaluation purposes, each of these parcels was divided into contiguous survey units, each of approximately 2,000 m² area. The division into survey units reflected a balance between proximity to potential contamination

and minimizing spatial extremities within each survey unit. There are eight survey units for Lot 2A2 and three survey units for the Buffer Zone. Within each survey unit 20 sample locations were selected based on random-start systematic sampling on a square grid, as shown on **Figure 8**. A discussion of sampling design and rationale is included in the QAPP.

The surface samples will be collected from the six-inch interval located below the base of imported gravel, recycled asphalt, or other fill material used for parking surfaces or the NCC in order to approximate surface samples prior to subsequent development activities.

Access to the properties, specifically Lot 2A2, will be carefully coordinated with all applicable property owners. Lot 2A2 is currently used as a staging area for covered semi-trailers. As such, the ability to access sample locations will be highly dependent on site conditions and the ability to relocate these trailers. Surface soils will be sampled in accordance with the data needs defined in the FSP, and laboratory analytical samples will be prepared and submitted in accordance with the QAPP and DMP.

3.1.4.2 Background Concentration Investigation

The scope of RIM investigations for the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 includes the determination of statistically valid background radioactivity concentrations for comparison to the results obtained from the surface samples collected at Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2.

Background measurements generally comprise a range of values, particularly for mineral elements that are naturally occurring as well as a result of anthropogenic activities. In order to select a statistically valid background concentration range, four reference areas with characteristics like those in the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 (**Figure 8A**) have been chosen, and an additional fifth reference area, further away from the site, will be included in the background study.

Sampling locations were chosen from undisturbed/undeveloped (to the extent practicable) reference units, each approximately 2,000 square meters in areal extent. Fifteen sample locations were randomly selected within each reference unit. Surficial soil samples will be collected at two depth intervals at each location. One laboratory analytical sample will be collected from 0 to 6 inches, and a second laboratory analytical sample will be collected from 6 to 12 inches. Sample locations are shown on **Figure 8A**.

A discussion of sampling design and rationale, as well as data quality objectives associated with the background study is included in the QAPP. The QAPP describes the decision making process associated with determining if radionuclide concentrations in the Buffer Zone and Lot 2A2 are reduced to background (PSQ-3).

Analytical results from these surface samples will be evaluated to determine a range of used to evaluate these reference areas for comparison to statistically valid background concentrations.

Surface soils will be sampled in accordance with the FSP, and all laboratory analytical samples will be prepared and submitted in accordance with the DMP and QAPP.

3.1.5 Investigation of Potential Impacts to Drainage Areas

The potential exists for radionuclides associated with the Site to have been transported from Areas 1 and 2 during rain events and deposited in drainage areas adjacent to the Site. An evaluation of surface water flow patterns was included in the FFS, which identified drainage areas where transported radionuclides may have been deposited.

In Area 1 surficial runoff flows into the perimeter drainage ditch, which ultimately feeds into the surface water body to the north of Area 2 (North Surface Water Body), as discussed in the FFS (ESMI, 2018) and as shown on **Figure 9**.

The majority of surface water runoff from Area 2 ultimately flows into either the North Surface Water Body or on to the Buffer Zone, beyond which lies the Earth City Flood Control Channel (ESMI, 2018).

Sediment samples from the areas discussed below will be collected and submitted for laboratory analysis in order to address Section 3.6 of the SOW. Sediment sampling details and methods are described in the FSP. Laboratory samples will be collected and submitted for analysis in accordance with the procedures outlined in the QAPP and DMP.

A discussion of sampling design and rationale, as well as data quality objectives associated with evaluating impacts to drainage areas (PSQ-5) is included in the QAPP.

3.1.5.1 Northern Surface Water Body

Surficial runoff from Area 1 and the southeastern regions of Area 2 flow into a perimeter drainage ditch which ultimately drains into the Northern Water Body (ESMI 2018) and sediment samples have historically been collected from the banks of this area. During the design investigation radiological data will be recollected from these locations to verify previous results, as well as from five new locations (**Figure 9A**) to further evaluate potential radiological impacts to this surface water body.

3.1.5.2 Earth City Flood Control Channel

Surficial runoff from the southwestern regions of Area flows into the Buffer Zone (ESMI, 2018). The Buffer Zone will be sampled in order to evaluate the presence of RIM, as detailed in **Section 3.1.4**.

In addition to the surface sampling proposed in the Buffer Zone, radiological data will be recollected from the historically sampled sediments adjacent to the Earth City Flood Control Channel (**Figure 9A**) to evaluate the potential for rainwater surface runoff to have transported radionuclides from Area 2 across the extent of the Buffer Zone and into the adjacent waterbody.

3.1.5.3 Bathymetric Survey of Northern Surface Water Body

A bathymetric survey of the sediment surface throughout the Northern Surface Water Body will be performed during the design investigation. Bathymetry data will be collected using a single-beam survey of east-northeast to west-southwest oriented transects along the length of the water feature, with a proposed transect spacing 15 feet. Additionally, a pole shot topographic/bathymetric survey will be performed along the shoreline to tie-in sediment surface elevations to the surround topography. Bathymetric data will be used in conjunction with radiological data collected from sediments to evaluate the potential for erosion of historically deposited materials based on the presence of erosional features.

3.2 Geotechnical Investigation

Geotechnical data and samples will be collected around the perimeters of Area 1 and Area 2 to delineate the extent of waste and to support the RD objectives for cap design and construction of future stormwater drainage control pond features. These proposed borings will also be used to evaluate/delineate RIM along the OU-1 perimeter as described in **Section 3.1**. Proposed perimeter boring locations are shown on **Figure 5G**, and are organized into the following categories:

- Future drainage feature and starter berm geotechnical data needs;
- RIM delineation;
- Waste extent; and
- General geotechnical data needs.

Each proposed boring will fulfill multiple data collection objectives, as outlined in **Table 3**, but are organized by primary purpose. A detailed summary of data collection needs from each location is included in the FSP.

3.2.1 Geotechnical Data Needs for Cap Design and Site Management

Non-waste areas along the outer perimeter of Area 1 and Area 2 will be evaluated for suitability as a termination point for the proposed final cover boundary. These areas will also be evaluated for suitability to support construction of starter berms.

Perimeter borings will generally be installed to a depth of 25 feet B2005GS, as described in **Section 3.1**, in areas where site soils are being evaluated for geotechnical data needs pertaining to cap design and site management features (e.g., starter berm and temporary stormwater collection ponds). The expected target depth and data collection needs of each proposed boring is included in the FSP.

During boring installation, split-spoon soil samples will be collected continuously. All blow counts will be recorded, and soils will be visually described and, logged, and each sample will be field scanned with alpha, beta, and gamma detectors to allow for sample collection in accordance with **Section 3.1**.

Classical geotechnical design requirements such as strength and shear properties, and friction angles will be inferred from soil types and index properties, including organic content if organic soils are preserved (including decomposed municipal solid waste or MSW). A summary of geotechnical analyses is included in the FSP.

Boring installation and sample collection will be performed in accordance with the FSP, DMP, and QAPP. Once all data collection needs have been satisfied, the borehole will be decommissioned by removing the casing and grouting the borehole to grade, in accordance with applicable state regulations as discussed in the FSP.

3.2.2 Geotechnical Data Needs for Waste Evaluation

Perimeter borings along waste interface boundaries proposed for RIM delineation and identifying extent of waste will also be used to collect geotechnical data for waste characterization. Waste material will be tested and evaluated to provide data related settlement characteristics, potential gas generation, and handling characteristics for use in the design and implementation of the RA.

Most of these proposed perimeter borings will be installed to a depth of 25 feet B2005GS, as described in **Section 3.1**. The exceptions are borings along the North Quarry boundary and borings along the southeastern edge of Area 2, which will be installed through the bottom of the waste and five feet into the alluvial substrate, approximately 100 feet B2005GS and 60 feet B2005GS respectively. The expected target depth and data collection needs of each proposed boring is included in the FSP.

Soil samples will be collected continuously during boring installation. Any blow counts will be recorded, soils will be visually described and logged, and each sample will be field scanned with alpha, beta, and gamma detectors. A summary of geotechnical analyses is included in the FSP.

In addition, field density and hand penetration measurements will be taken during sample collection to evaluate waste settlement and aid in calculation of disposal volumes based on characteristics (moisture content and density) of site-specific waste material.

Geotechnical sample and field tests will be collected from specific proposed perimeter borings listed in **Table 6** in accordance with the FSP, QAPP, and applicable ASTM standards. Once all data collection needs have been satisfied, the boreholes will be decommissioned by removing the casing and grouting the borehole to grade, in accordance with applicable state regulations as discussed in the FSP.

3.2.3 Evaluation of Liquid Levels in Proposed Excavation Areas

Leachate will likely be encountered during implementation of the RA. In order to quantify the volume of leachate that may be encountered and evaluate treatment and/or disposal options, seven locations within the proposed remedial excavation boundaries have been selected for installation of monitoring wells.

Monitoring wells will be installed at two proposed boring locations in Area 1 and at five proposed boring locations that fall within, or adjacent to the expected extent of excavation in Area 2. The locations of monitoring wells, as shown on **Figure 5G**, were selected based on the location of proposed borings that may be reused following the collection of soil samples and subsurface measurements (e.g. downhole gamma logging) in order to provide coverage of proposed excavation areas.

Proposed monitoring wells will be constructed using two-inch PVC screen and installed to the maximum vertical extent of the proposed excavation. Construction details for monitoring wells proposed to evaluate liquid levels within the proposed excavations are provided in the FSP.

Leachate levels will be monitored monthly over the course of one year. Laboratory samples may be collected and submitted for analysis, and field tests may be conducted to evaluate leachate volumes and potential off-site disposal and/or on-site treatment methods. A list of the leachate parameters is included in the FSP and QAPP.

Monitoring wells will be installed and sampled in a manner consistent with the methods described in the FSP, and any laboratory analytical samples will be collected in accordance with the QAPP and the DMP.

3.3 Groundwater Investigation

This section provides an overview of the proposed Groundwater Monitoring Plan (GWMP) for OU-1 of the Site, with additional information included in **Appendix F**. The GWMP describes the groundwater monitoring program that the Site is required to develop and implement in accordance with the RD SOW for OU-1 of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site (USEPA 2019) and will be included as a component of the Site-Wide Management Plan.

Data quality objectives and decision making processes associated with determining baseline concentrations of contaminants in groundwater (PSQ-4) are discussed in the QAPP.

3.3.1 Objectives of the GWMP

The objectives of the GWMP are to:

- Obtain baseline information regarding the current groundwater quality along the outer perimeter of Areas 1 and 2;
- Obtain information about groundwater quality at Areas 1 and 2 before, during, and after implementation of the RA through short- and long-term groundwater monitoring;
- Obtain water quality information to assess whether the RAOs are achieved; and
- Obtain information to evaluate whether additional site groundwater monitoring actions are necessary.

Groundwater at the Site is being investigated as a part of OU-3 activities, and an RI/FS will be implemented for OU-3. Any required future RA related to groundwater will be addressed in a separate USEPA ROD in connection with the OU-3 activities.

The goals of the groundwater monitoring in the context of OU-1 specifically are to:

- Provide data to evaluate the performance of the OU-1 remedy; and

- Demonstrate that the engineered cover functions as intended and minimizes the potential for precipitation or surface water to infiltrate waste materials.

3.3.2 Proposed Monitoring Well Network

The RIM within OU-1 Areas 1 and 2 is located within unconsolidated materials (waste, fill, and alluvium). The Alluvial Zone that directly underlies the Site is the hydrogeologic zone with the greatest potential to be impacted by Areas 1 and 2 and the RA. An overview of site hydrology is provided in **Appendix F**.

Since the OU-1 groundwater monitoring program is focused on evaluating of the remedy's performance, the program will accordingly rely primarily on wells that monitor the Alluvial Zone. However, the program will also incorporate wells that monitor the deeper St. Louis/ Upper Salem Zone, to provide monitoring of the nearest underlying groundwater unit.

3.3.2.1 Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Network – Area 1

The proposed groundwater monitoring network for OU-1 Area 1 consists of 10 existing alluvial and upper bedrock monitoring wells located around the perimeter of Area 1, which are listed in **Table 7** and shown on **Figure 10**.

In addition to the existing wells, the proposed monitoring well network for OU-1 Area 1 will incorporate two new shallower Alluvial Zone wells, as shown on **Figure 10** and listed in **Appendix F**. These wells are proposed to be installed as part of the OU-3 monitoring network.

3.3.2.2 Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Network – Area 2

The proposed groundwater monitoring network for OU-1 Area 2 consists of nine existing wells around the perimeter of Area 2, as shown on **Figure 10**.

In addition to existing wells, the monitoring well network for OU-1 Area 2 will eventually incorporate 19 wells that are proposed as a part of the OU-3 monitoring network, as shown on **Figure 10** and discussed in **Appendix F**.

3.3.3 Proposed Sampling Program

The proposed Groundwater Monitoring Plan for OU-1 will be comprised of four phases:

1. Baseline
2. Pre-RA
3. RA
4. Post-RA

3.3.3.1 Baseline Monitoring

The Baseline Monitoring phase of the proposed GWMP will include an initial sampling event in which the wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network are sampled, followed by a verification sampling event during the following quarter. The purpose of these sampling events will be to establish existing monitoring constituents present in groundwater near OU-1.

Details regarding the scope of monitoring is included in **Appendix F** of this document.

3.3.3.2 Pre-RA Monitoring

The Pre-RA Phase will include quarterly monitoring of wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network. The constituent list may be reduced, subject to EPA approval, based on the results of the Baseline Monitoring phase. This phase will continue until the implementation of the RA begins.

The results of the Baseline and Pre-RA phase will be used to establish statistical limits to evaluate changes in constituent concentrations or extent during, and following, the RA process.

3.3.3.3 RA Monitoring

The RA Monitoring phase of the GWMP will include quarterly monitoring of wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network, with the same constituent list used during the Pre-RA Monitoring. This phase will also include annual monitoring of wells for an expanded constituent list, discussed in **Appendix F**, in order to screen for new constituents of concern that could potentially emerge as a result of the RA.

3.3.3.4 Post-RA Monitoring

The Post-RA phase of the GWMP will include quarterly monitoring of wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network for the same constituent list employed during the RA Monitoring and will include necessary additions based on any newly detected constituents during the RA phase.

After a certain period, it is anticipated that groundwater monitoring frequency will eventually be reduced, subject to EPA approval, based on the results of routine evaluations of the remedy's performance and upon approval by the regulatory agencies.

It is currently anticipated that as part of the overall coordination of work, and to avoid duplication of effort, monitoring well installation and groundwater sampling will be performed by OU-3 and the data obtained by OU-3 from the above identified monitoring network will be provided to OU-1. Assuming this will be the case, groundwater sampling will be conducted in accordance with the EPA-approved planning documents (e.g., FSP and QAPP) for OU-3. In the event that groundwater sampling is conducted by OU-1, monitoring well installation and groundwater sample collection techniques and methods are detailed in the Field Sampling Plan. New dedicated bladder pumps and associated tubing will be installed in proposed and existing monitoring wells as necessary to provide a consistent sample collection methodology..

3.3.4 Proposed Monitoring Constituents

The proposed groundwater monitoring constituents for the initial Baseline Monitoring and subsequent phases are discussed in **Appendix F**. Groundwater constituents and laboratory requirements are also included in the FSP and QAPP.

3.3.5 Groundwater Monitoring Schedule

The OU-1 groundwater monitoring plan schedule is partially dependent on the RD and RA schedule; however, the goal will be to collect eight quarters of groundwater monitoring data from existing OU-1 wells prior to the initiation of RA Monitoring, if possible. This would result in eight quarters total of Baseline and Pre-RA Monitoring.

The feasibility of collecting eight quarters of data from all proposed new OU-3 monitoring wells prior to RA Monitoring is dependent on the approval and installation schedule of those the newly-proposed wells for OU-3.

It is currently expected that groundwater sampling will be conducted by OU-3 beginning in the third or fourth quarter of 2020.

3.4 Utility Investigation

3.4.1 Existing Site Management Utilities

Current utilities related to site management of the Bridgeton Landfill are shown on **Figure 11A** (Area 1) and **Figure 11B** (Area 2) and primarily consist of gas and leachate collection wells and associated piping. Site management utilities generally exist outside of the proposed work zones of Area 1 and Area 2; however, two borings are proposed to be installed in the near the RIM margin abutting the North Quarry in order to better define RIM extent in the southwestern region of Area 1.

Boring installation is proposed in the vicinity of two landfill gas collection lines, a buried landfill gas lateral collection line as well as an aboveground 6-inch landfill gas lateral collection line. The proposed boring locations are shown on **Figure 5**, and care will be taken to protect these utilities during boring advancement.

Bridgeton Landfill representatives will be informed prior to commencement of drilling operations and will be present during proposed boring installation in the vicinity of the North Quarry. In addition, a geophysical survey using ground-penetrating radar will be used to clear the proposed borings in a manner consistent with the methods described in the FSP.

3.4.2 Historical Infrastructure

In addition to utility infrastructure related to site management at Bridgeton Landfill, the Respondents have been directed to investigate and evaluate historical infrastructure in Area 1 for potential removal. Historical utility infrastructure consists of an old underground storage tank which previously contained diesel fuel and an existing septic waste holding tank, as well as a manhole as shown on **Figure 11A**.

A geophysical survey will be conducted using ground-penetrating radar and electromagnetic induction to identify the footprint and approximate depth of these utilities. Following the precise locating of these utilities, soil borings are proposed throughout Area 1, as outlined above in **Section 3.1**. These borings may be used to evaluate the effect of the historical infrastructure, if any, on the subsurface environment.

Should additional investigation be required, proposed boring locations may be shifted in order to better evaluate the condition of historical infrastructure. Prior to any drilling operations taking place in the vicinity of the underground storage tank, liquid levels within the tank will be measured, if accessible. Residual liquid and/or product remaining in the tank it will be sampled and evaluated for treatment and/or disposal, if possible.

The manhole, a drainage pipe near Area 1, and associated private sewer system will be mapped and the depths to drainage inverts will be measured to the extent possible based on subsurface conditions. These depths will be translated to elevations and coordinates using the revised system discussed below. The outlet invert will also be surveyed and documented for design purposes.

Design information related to replacement/installation of future site septic infrastructure will be addressed in a later design document.

3.5 Topographic Survey

Aerial photography and a topographic survey of the Site will be performed to better define the existing conditions at the Site and to further the RD objectives.

The expected SOW for the topographic survey at the Site includes installation of six concrete monuments with brass discs (i.e., three monuments per radiological area). These discs will be stamped with the control point number and coordinates in NAD83, with elevation referenced to NAVD88.

The newly installed monuments will also be surveyed with reference to the existing site coordinate system and elevation in order to allow for conversion of historical topographic data from NAD27 into NAD83/NAVD88.

The first phase of the topographic survey will be conducted in OU-1 areas currently free of vegetation and tree canopy in 50-foot grids and grade breaks. In addition, access paths will be demarcated in areas where vegetation clearing is required to survey topographic breaks/grade changes currently obstructed by vegetation.

The second phase of the topographic survey will consist of a survey of break lines after access pathways are cleared through vegetation/canopy areas.

Once the topographic survey is complete, it will be compared to previous (including 2005) data, and all requisite survey data will be converted as needed to meet the requirements outlined in the SOW Section 5.4 (b).

Topographic and land surveying tasks will be conducted to meet the technical requirements outlined in Missouri Department of Transportation Engineering Policy Guides 238.1 and 238.2 and performed by a Missouri-licensed professional land surveyor (PLS)

3.6 Wildlife Hazard Mitigation and Monitoring

While the design investigation is ongoing, monitoring will be conducted to evaluate if the investigation creates a potential bird hazard to the safety of aircraft utilizing the nearby St. Louis International Airport (STL). This plan and the associated mitigation of potential bird hazards, if they occur, was prepared by LGL Unlimited. This plan has been submitted to STL personnel for review under separate cover, and is summarized below.

Wildlife monitoring, specifically bird monitoring, related to the proposed design investigation work scope, will be focused on the specific areas where drilling is occurring at any given time. As there may be two or more drilling rigs operating simultaneously, a technician at each operating rig will record the location and start and stop times of each operation. The technician will note and record the presence or absence of any birds present within 100 yards of the rig during drilling activities at the start and stop times, including flyovers. Although all avian species will be recorded, the observations will focus on species that are potentially hazardous to aircraft safety and species that might be attracted to the drilling activity, including gulls, Canada geese, American crows, turkey vultures, and European starlings. Should potentially hazardous bird species be attracted to drilling operations, mitigation measures outlined in the Draft West Lake OU-1 Landfill Bird Hazard Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for Design Phase of Remediation Program will be implemented (LGL Unlimited, 2020). Measures may include pistol-based pyrotechnics or other measures deemed necessary to deter birds from the area.

4.0 SUPPORTING PLANS

4.1 Field Sampling Plan

The FSP is included as **Appendix A** of this DI work plan.

4.2 Project Safety, Health, and Environmental Plan

The PSHEP is included as **Appendix D** of this work plan and includes the Parsons Project Safety, Health and Environmental Plan, Feezor's Subcontractor Safety, Health and Environmental Plan (SSHEP), and Ameriphsysics' SSHEP. Additionally, the PSHEP includes the West Lake Radiation Safety Plan, Emergency Response Plan, and Site Management Plan.

4.3 Quality Assurance Project Plan

The QAPP is included as **Appendix B** of this work plan.

4.4 Data Management Plan

The DMP is included as **Appendix C** of this DI work plan.

4.5 Geostatistics DIWP Technical Memorandum Evaluation

The Geostatistics DIWP Technical Memorandum Evaluation is included as **Appendix E** of this DI work plan.

4.6 Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Plan Technical Memorandum

The Proposed GWMP Technical Memorandum is included as **Appendix F** of this DI work plan.

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TABLES

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS IN OU-1

Type of Work	Year	Conducted By	Scope of Work	Reference Doc
Site Reconnaissance	1994	McLaren/Hart	Identify changed features since 1994 RI/FS Work Plan & conditions that may affect remedial investigations & development of alternatives	RI Addendum (EMSI 2018)
Gamma Surveys	1977	EG&G, DOE	Aerial survey identified 2 areas with external radiation levels up to 100 microR/hour	RI Addendum (EMSI 2018)
	1980-1981	RMC, NRC	Walkover surveys using grid system in Areas 1 & 2 - Levels in both areas had decreased significantly due to added waste & construction fill	
	1994	McLaren/Hart, SEG	Overland survey along transects to identify & delineate (i) areal extents of Areas 1 & 2 and (ii) areas with elevated rad needing additional investigation work	
	2013	EPA-OEM, ASPECT	Rad survey to identify areas with elevated gamma (gamma above background) - 10 of 800 measurements (all in Area 2) indicated elevated level of rad	
	2013-2015	EMSI, et al	Overland surveys of areas with potential for site worker rad exposures during RI investigations which included vegetation clearing, drill pad/road construction, etc.	
	2013-2015	EPA, MDNR	Three off-site radiation surveys including the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC)	
	2020 (in progress)	EMSI, et al	Overland surveys to delineate areal extent of non-combustible cover (NCC) over Areas 1 & 2 surface RIM	
Drilling & Sampling	1981	RMC, NRC	43 auger borings in Area 1 & 2, downhole gamma logging, field analyses (61 samples) for U, Ra, and Pb, lab analyses (10 samples) for Th & U isotopes	RI Addendum (EMSI 2018)
	1995	McLaren/Hart, Geotechnology	66 drilled/hand-augered borings, downhole gamma logging, lab analyses of surface/subsurface samples for Priority Pollutants, VOCs, & radioisotopes	
	1997-2000	EMSI, CoLog, Quanterra	12 drilled/hand-augered borings from Area 1 & Ford Property, downhole logging, analyses for radioisotopes, sampling/analyses of Lot 2A2/Buffer Zone	
	2013	FEI, et al	Phase 1A – 68 GCPT soundings in Area 1, no sampling	
	2014	FEI, et al	Phase 1B – 26 GCPT soundings in Area 1, no sampling	
	2014	FEI, et al	Phase 1C – 16 roto sonic & 14 direct-push borings in Area 1, downhole gamma logging, gamma core scans, lab analyses (82 samples) for radioisotopes	
	2015	EMSI, et al	Phase 1D – 18 GCPT + 20 roto sonic borings in Area 1, downhole gamma logging, alpha & gamma core scans, lab analyses (46 samples) for radioisotopes & non-rads	
	2015	EMSI, et al	Additional characterization of Areas 1 & 2 – 27 roto sonic borings, downhole gamma logging, alpha & gamma core scans, lab analyses (64 samples) for radioisotopes & non-rads	
	2015	SSP&A, et al	Fate & Transport study – 10 roto sonic borings in Areas 1 & 2, gamma core scans, lab analyses (22	

			samples) for radioisotopes, major cations/anions, pH & redox, TOC, XRD, SEM/EDS, CEC, SBLT, & SPLP	
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TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS IN OU-1 (CONTINUED)

Type of Work	Year	Conducted By	Scope of Work	Reference Doc
Drilling & Sampling (Cont'd)	2015-2016	Cotter Corp, et al	Additional characterization of Areas 1 & 2 – 5 roto sonic borings, downhole gamma logging, alpha & gamma core scans, lab analyses (39 samples including archived core samples) for radioisotopes, TCLP, XRD, & non-rads, and independent analyses on behalf of EPA	
Surface Soil Sampling	2016-2018	EMSI, et al	Perimeter & step-out surface soil grab sampling/analyses in conjunction with 2016 NCC installation in Areas 1 & 2 and Area 2 steep slope work in 2018 & lab analyses (130+ samples) for Th-230 (quick-turn) and other radioisotopes	Final Report Installation of NCC over RIM (EMSI et al 2019)
Sediment Sampling	1995-1997	McLaren/Hart, EMSI	Assessment of chemical transport potential via sediments & lab analyses of sediment samples (collected from weirs and stormwater drainage) for radioisotopes and non-rads	RI Addendum (EMSI 2018)
	2016-2017	EMSI, et al	10 sediment samples collected from stormwater drainage along west side of St. Charles Rock Road and 3 samples collected Mar 2016 with EPA splits, all analyzed for radioisotopes	

TABLE 2 RIM INVESTIGATION BORING SUMMARY

Design Objective	Description	Number of Borings
GSMO 1	Regression Improvement	11
GSMO 2	Downhole Gamma	58
GSMO 3	Geometry	200
GSMO 4	Improve RIM Boundary - Thorium and Radium	98
GSMO 5	Improve RIM Boundary – Thorium-driven	44
GSMO 6	Activity Calculations	14
GSMO 7	Kriging Model Improvement	7
GSMO 7 (Secondary)	Improve CDF and Regression	133
Design Investigation Objectives	Extent/Delineation of RIM along Area 1 and 2 Perimeter	26
Total Borings for RIM Investigation		158
Total Proposed Borings		200

Notes

1. Many borings fulfill multiple DQOs, as such the number of borings per DQO is much greater than the total boring count.
2. GSMO 3 will be fulfilled by every boring with laboratory analytical and/or field gamma scanning data collected.

TABLE 3 GEOTECHNICAL BORING SUMMARY

Design Objective	Description	Number of Borings
Design Investigation Objective	Waste Extent	31
Geotechnical Data Needs	Future Drainage Feature, and General Geotechnical	36
Geotechnical Data Needs	Waste Settlement and Evaluation	18
Design Investigation Objective	Liquid Level Evaluation (Monitoring Installation)	7
Total Borings Fulfilling Geotechnical/Design Objectives		59
Total Proposed Borings		200

Notes

1. Many borings fulfill multiple design investigation objectives; therefore the total number of borings is less than the sum of borings per objective. For example borings proposed to define waste extent installed outside of the waste mass will be used for general geotechnical sample collection.

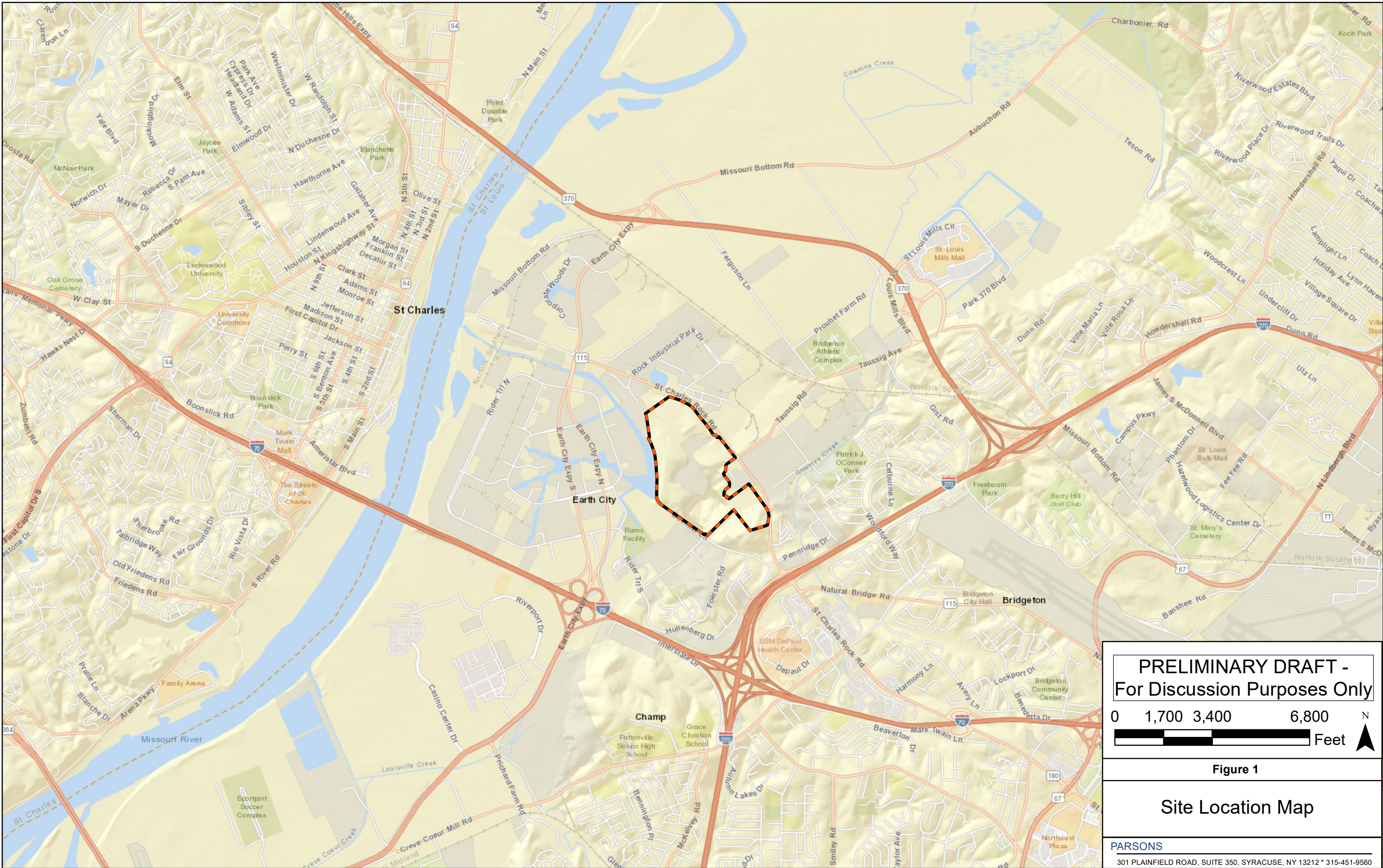


TABLE 4 PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS										
Area 1										
Well	Alias	Current Program	Hydrogeologic Zone	Pump	Last Sampled	TD (ft BTOC)	Date Installed	Boring Log	As-Built	Notes
D-85		BLF Detection / Assessm	Alluvial (Deep)	Bladder	4Q19	76.41	8/22/1984	x		Separate as-built not available. Construction information included on borehole log.
I-68	N-7	BLF Detection	Alluvial (Intermediate)	Bladder	4Q19	40.45	Oct 1983			Original screen elevations from 1997 West Lake Well Summary.
MW-111-AS		-	Alluvial (Shallow)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-1 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-111-AD		-	Alluvial (Deep)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-1 groundwater monitoring well.
PZ-111-SS		BLF Detection	t. Louis / Upper Saler	Bladder	4Q19	115.52	8/29/2017	x	x	
PZ-113-AD	1228	BLF Detection	Alluvial (Deep)	Bladder	4Q19	109.95	5/3/1995	x	x	
PZ-113-AS		BLF Detection	Alluvial (Shallow)	Bladder	4Q19	39.22	4/11/1995	x	x	
PZ-113-SS		BLF Detection	t. Louis / Upper Saler	Bladder	4Q19	160.28	5/20/1995	x	x	
PZ-114-AS		BLF Detection / Assessm	Alluvial (Shallow)	Bladder	2Q19	31.54	4/20/1995	x	x	Identified off-site impacts from Virbac Animal Health.
PZ-115-SS		BLF Detection	t. Louis / Upper Saler	Bladder	4Q19	86.51	5/21/1995	x	x	
PZ-207-AS	1240	Detection / Assessm	Alluvial (Shallow)	Bladder	4Q19	39.43	4/9/1995	x	x	Drilled through waste.
S-84		BLF Detection / Assessm	Alluvial (Shallow)	Bladder	4Q19	32.71	8/24/1984	x		Separate as-built not available. Construction information included on borehole log.
Area 2										
Well	Alias	Current Program	Hydrogeologic Zone	Pump	Last Sampled	TD (ft BTOC)	Date Installed	Boring Log	As-Built	Notes
D-6	WL-206	None	Alluvial (Deep)	Waterra	4Q13	108.28	8/17/1995	x	x	
D-83		None	Alluvial (Deep)	Waterra	4Q13	98.41	8/20/1984	x		Inside Area 2 fenceline. Separate as-built not available. Construction information included on borehole log.
D-93		None	Alluvial (Deep)	Waterra	4Q13	114.60	4/18/1985	x		Inside Area 2 fenceline. Separate as-built not available. Construction information included on borehole log.
I-9	WL-229	None	Alluvial (Intermediate)	Waterra	4Q13	57.09	9/18/1995	x	x	Inside Area 2 fenceline.
I-62	N-3	None	Alluvial (Intermediate)	Waterra	4Q13	44.95	Oct 1983			Inside Area 2 fenceline. Original screen elevations from 1997 West Lake Summary.
I-65	N-4	None	Alluvial (Intermediate)	Waterra	4Q13	38.90	Oct 1983			Original screen elevations from 1997 West Lake Well Summary.
I-66	N-5	None	Alluvial (Intermediate)	Waterra	4Q13	41.29	Oct 1983			Original screen elevations from 1997 West Lake Well Summary.
MW-400-AS		-	Alluvial (Shallow)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-400-AI		-	Alluvial (Intermediate)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-400-AD		-	Alluvial (Deep)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-400-SS		-	t. Louis / Upper Saler	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-401-AS		-	Alluvial (Shallow)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-401-AI		-	Alluvial (Intermediate)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-401-AD		-	Alluvial (Deep)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-401-SS		-	t. Louis / Upper Saler	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-402-AS		-	Alluvial (Shallow)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-402-AI		-	Alluvial (Intermediate)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-402-AD		-	Alluvial (Deep)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-402-SS		-	t. Louis / Upper Saler	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-403-AS		-	Alluvial (Shallow)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-403-AI		-	Alluvial (Intermediate)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-403-AD		-	Alluvial (Deep)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-404-SS		-	t. Louis / Upper Saler	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-406-AS		-	Alluvial (Shallow)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-406-AI		-	Alluvial (Intermediate)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
MW-406-AD		-	Alluvial (Deep)	-	-	-	-			Proposed OU-3 groundwater monitoring well.
S-8	WL-228	None	Alluvial (Shallow)	Waterra	4Q13	31.20	9/15/1995	x	x	Off-site well. Will require access negotiation.
S-82		None	Alluvial (Shallow)	Waterra	4Q13	25.32	8/27/1984	x		Inside Area 2 fenceline. Separate as-built not available. Construction information included on borehole log.

Notes
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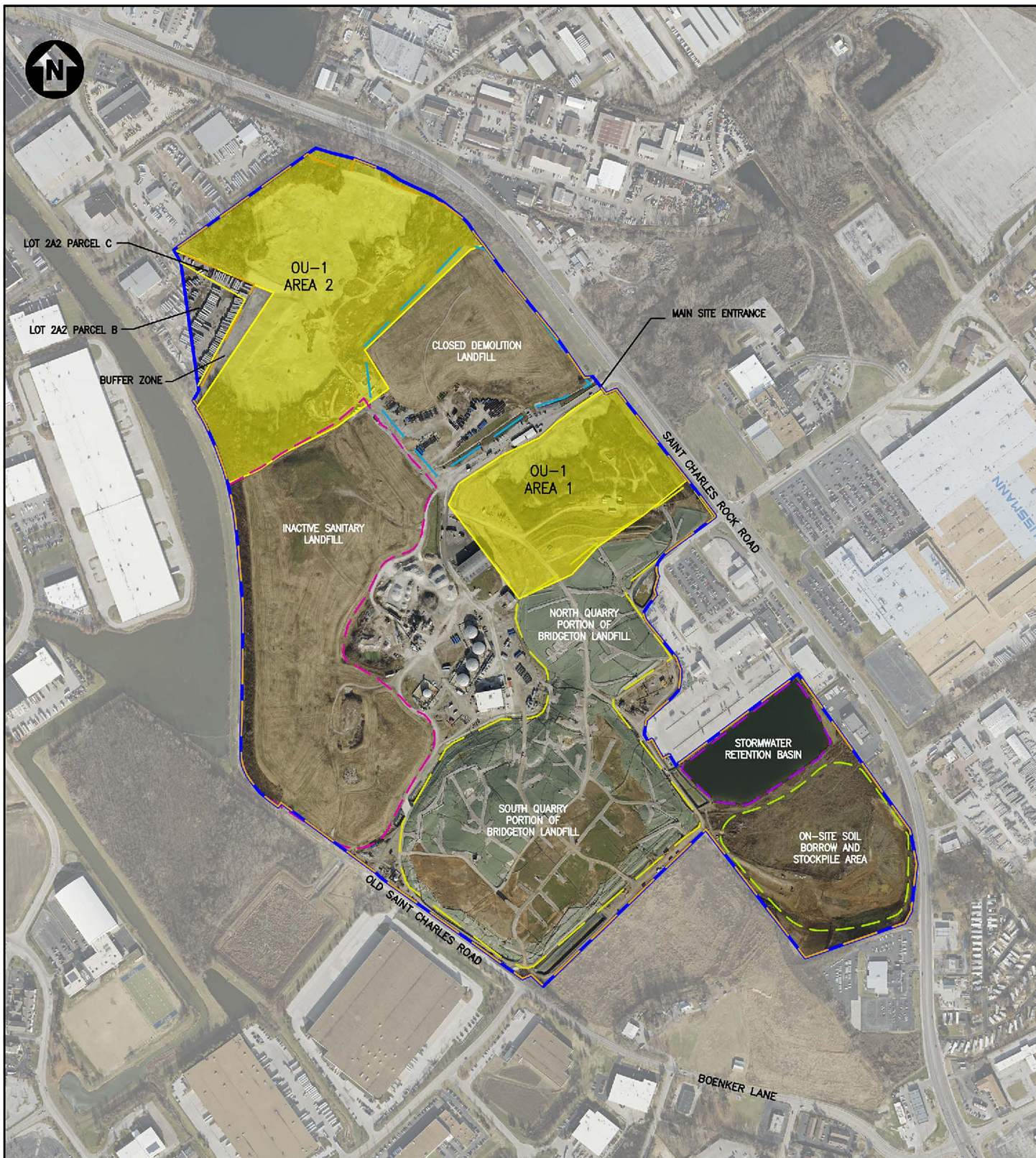
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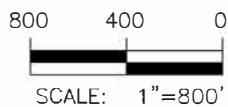
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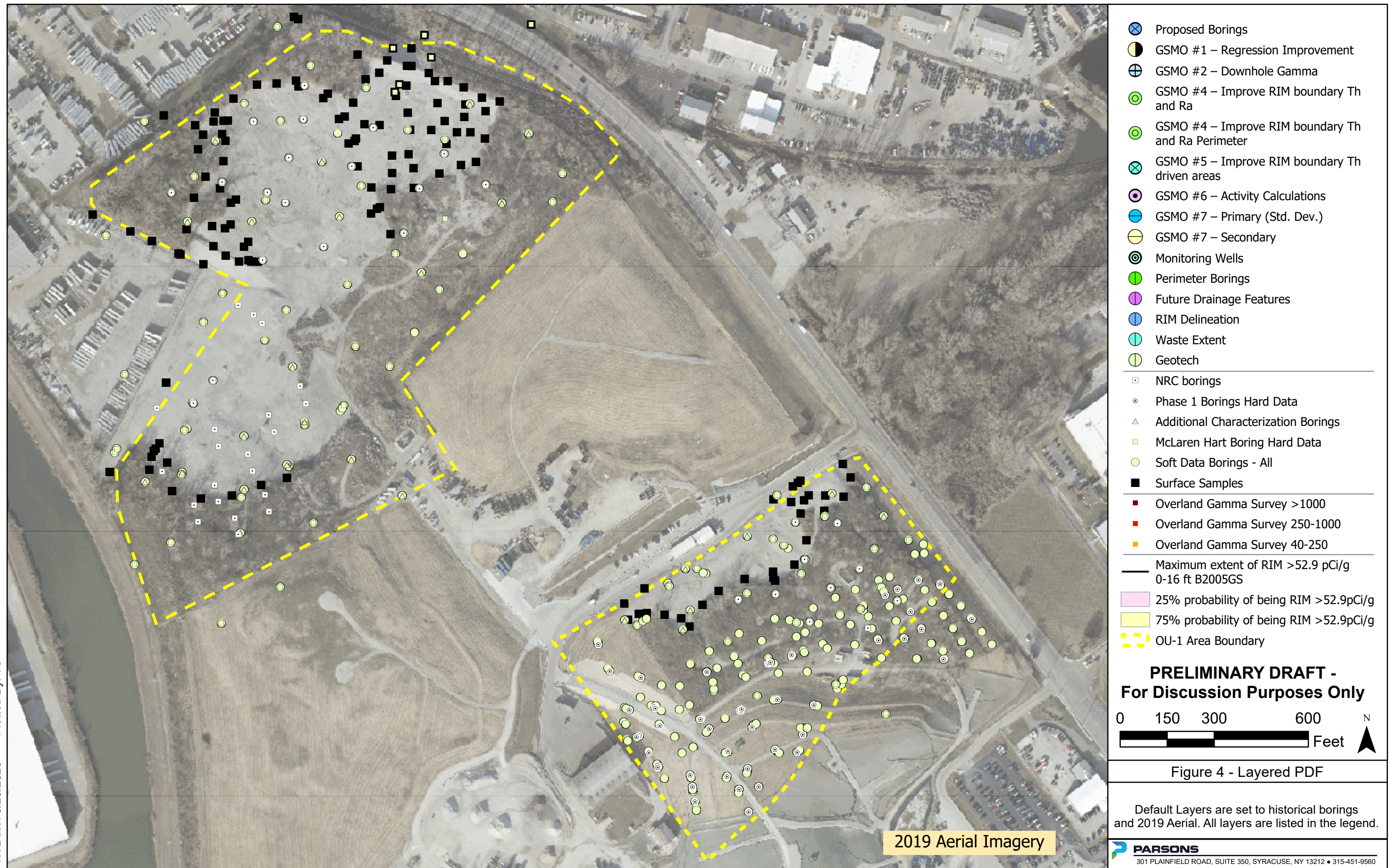
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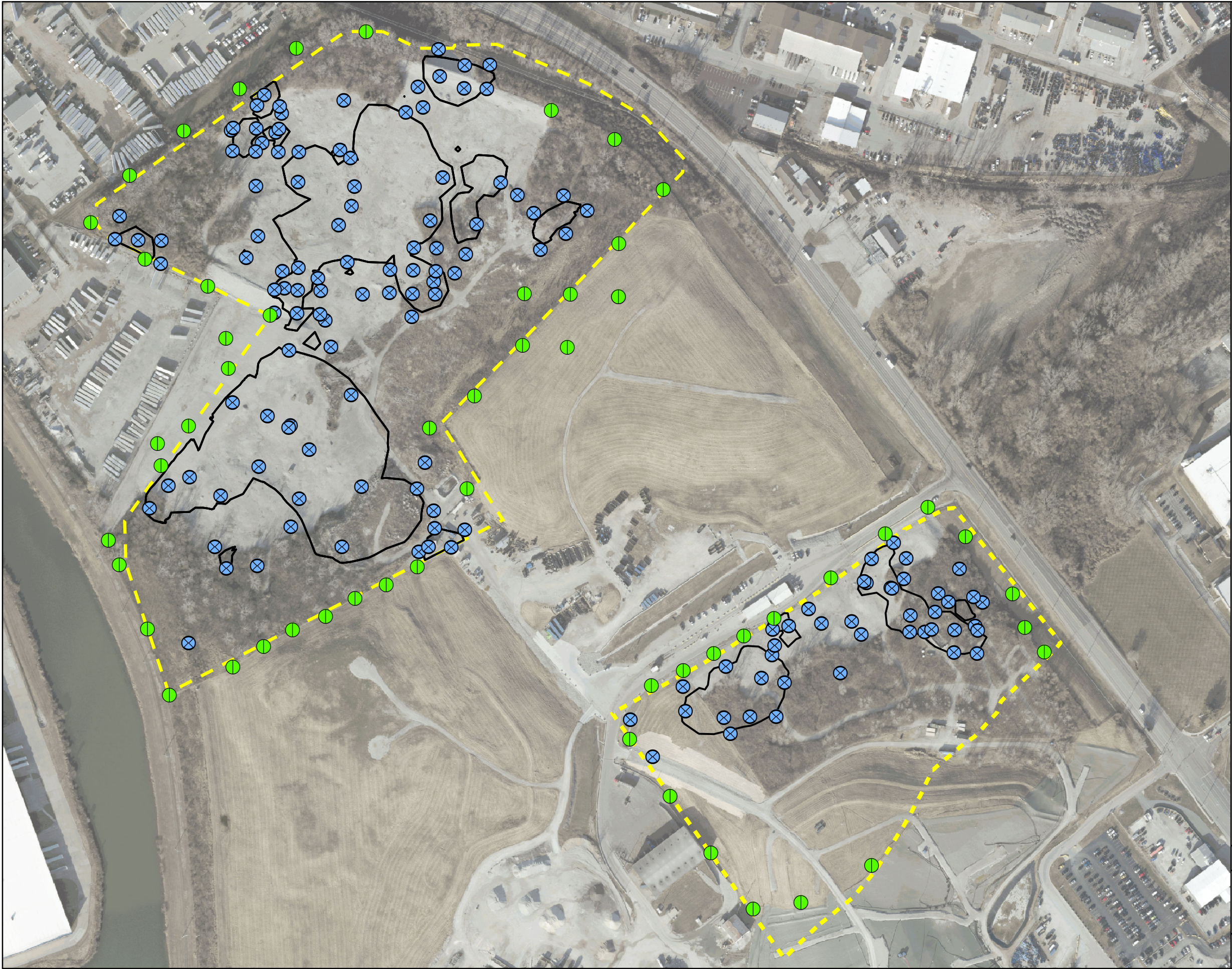
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- Proposed Perimeter Borings
- ⊗ Proposed Borings
- Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
- ⋈ OU-1 Area Boundary

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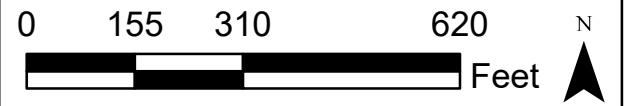
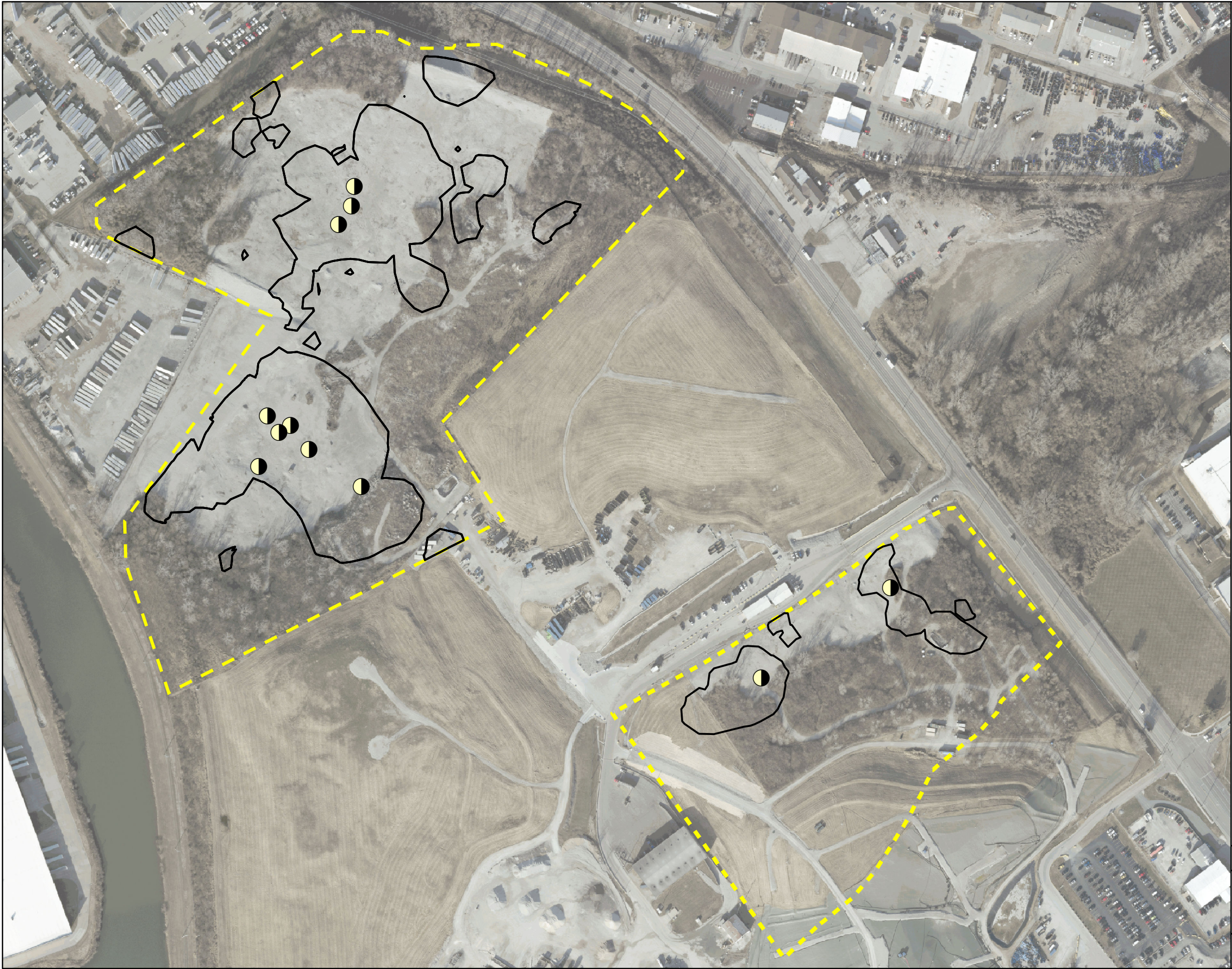


Figure 5

Proposed Area 1 and Area 2 Borings

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● GSMO #1 – Regression Improvement

— Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS

⬡ OU-1 Area

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Figure 5A

**Proposed Area 1 and Area 2 Borings
GSMO #1**

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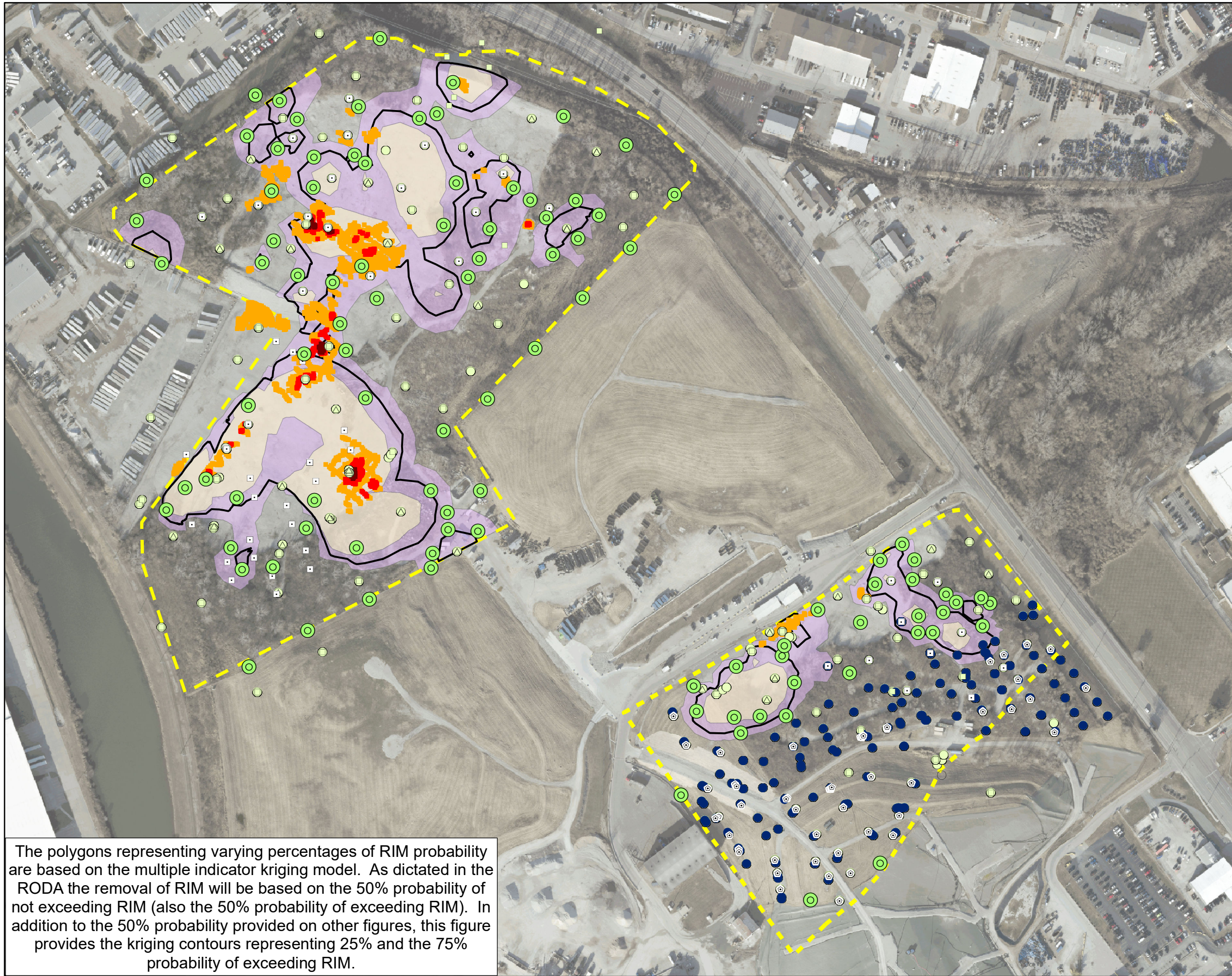


- ⊕ GSMO #2 - Downhole Gamma
- Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
- ⌞ OU-1 Area Boundary

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The polygons representing varying percentages of RIM probability are based on the multiple indicator kriging model. As dictated in the RODA the removal of RIM will be based on the 50% probability of not exceeding RIM (also the 50% probability of exceeding RIM). In addition to the 50% probability provided on other figures, this figure provides the kriging contours representing 25% and the 75% probability of exceeding RIM.

- GEOSTAT DQO #4 – Improve RIM boundary Th and Ra
- Overland Gamma Survey over1000
- Overland Gamma Survey 250-1000
- Overland Gamma Survey 40-250
- PVC NRC Borings
- Phase 1 Borings Hard Data
- Additional Characterization Borings
- McLaren Hart Boring Hard Data
- GCPT Borings
- Soft Data Borings - All
- Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
- OU-1 Area Boundary
- 75% probability of being RIM >52.9 pCi/g
- 25% probability of being RIM >52.9 pCi/g

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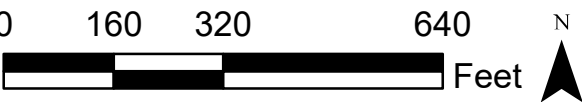
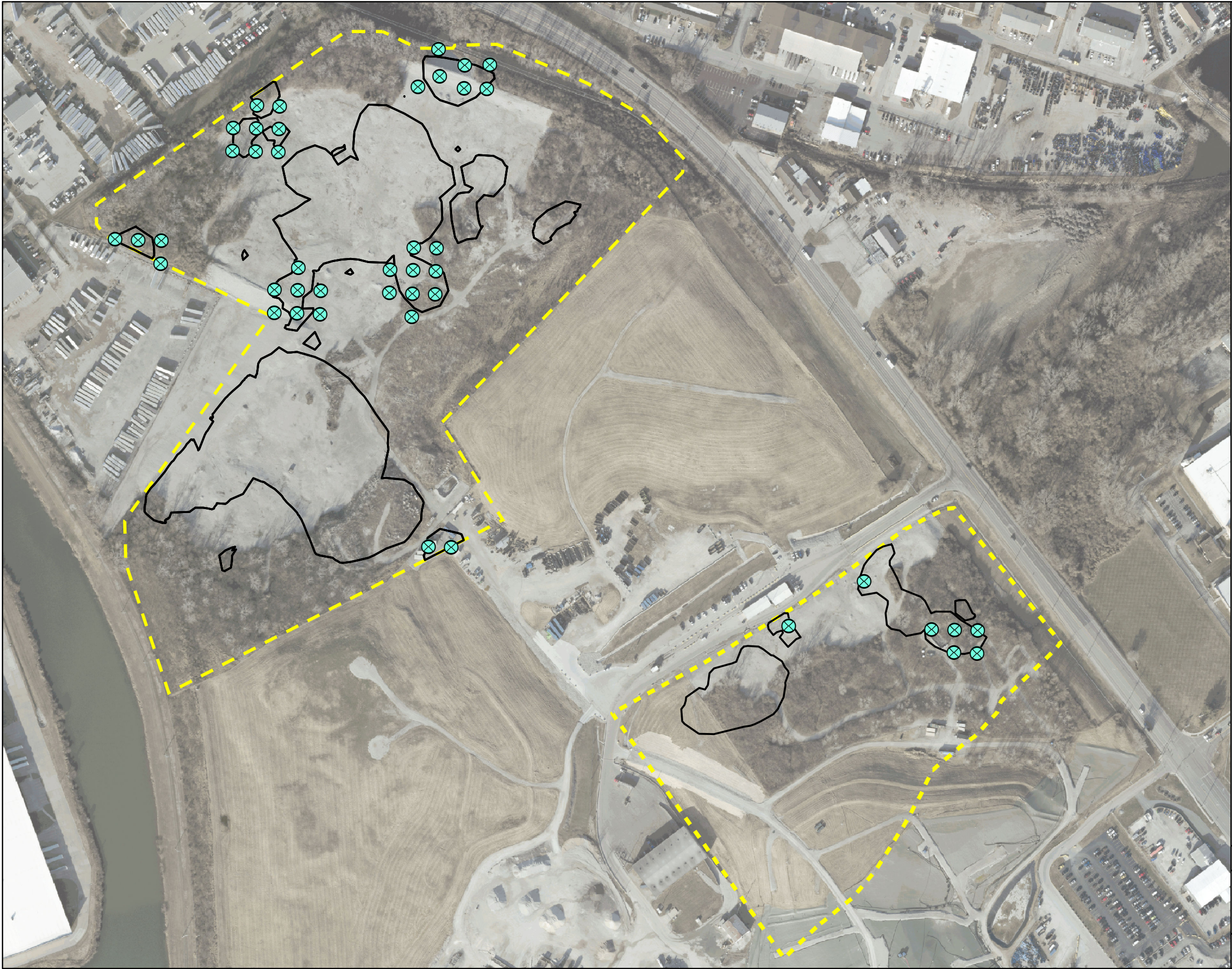





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Proposed Area 1 and Area 2 Borings
(Geostat DQO #4)


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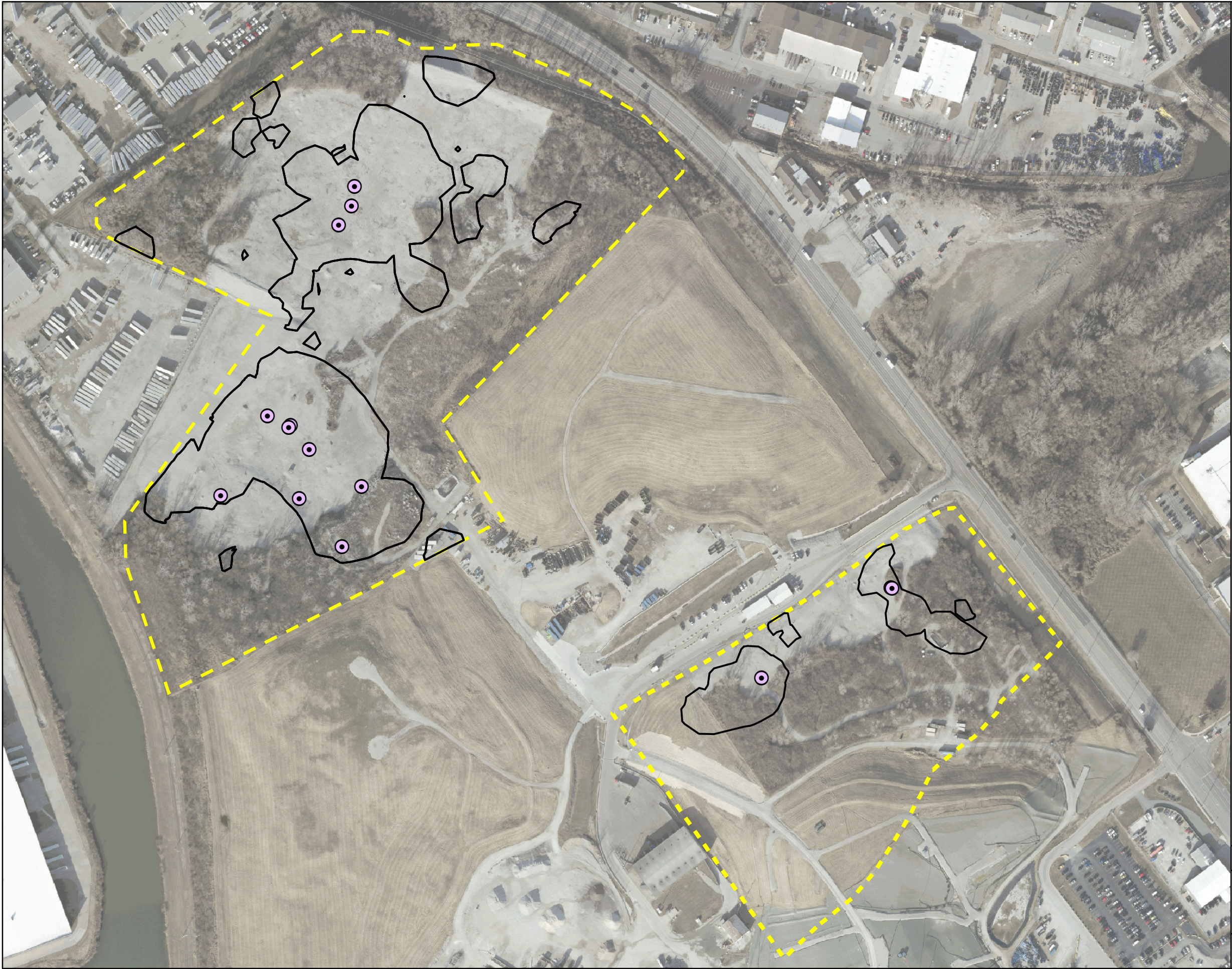





-  GSMO #5 - Improve RIM boundary Th driven areas
-  Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
-  OU-1 Area Boundary

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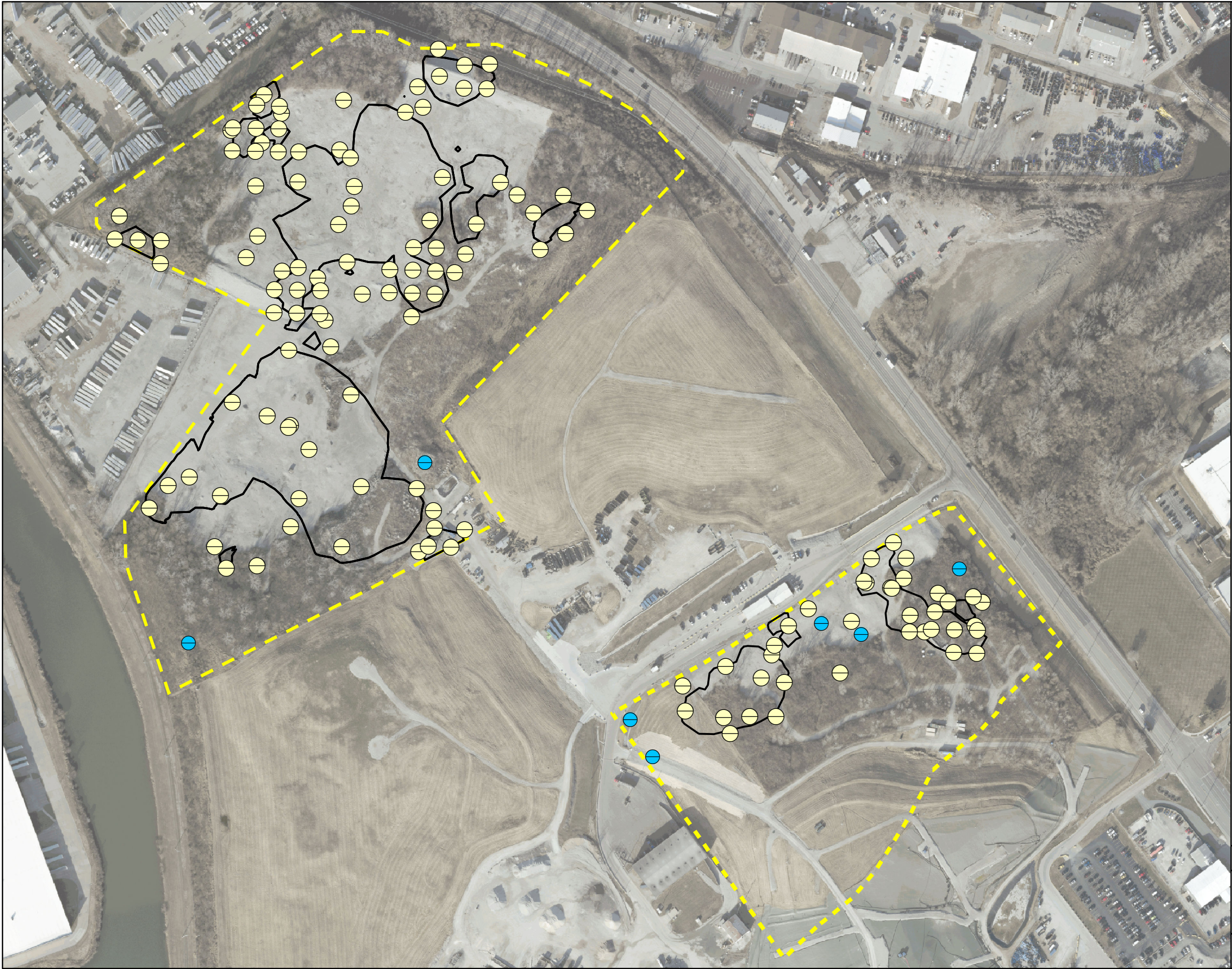






-  GSMO #6 – Activity Calculations
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
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-  GSMO #7 – Primary (Std. Dev.)
-  GSMO #7 - Secondary
-  Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
-  OU-1 Area Boundary

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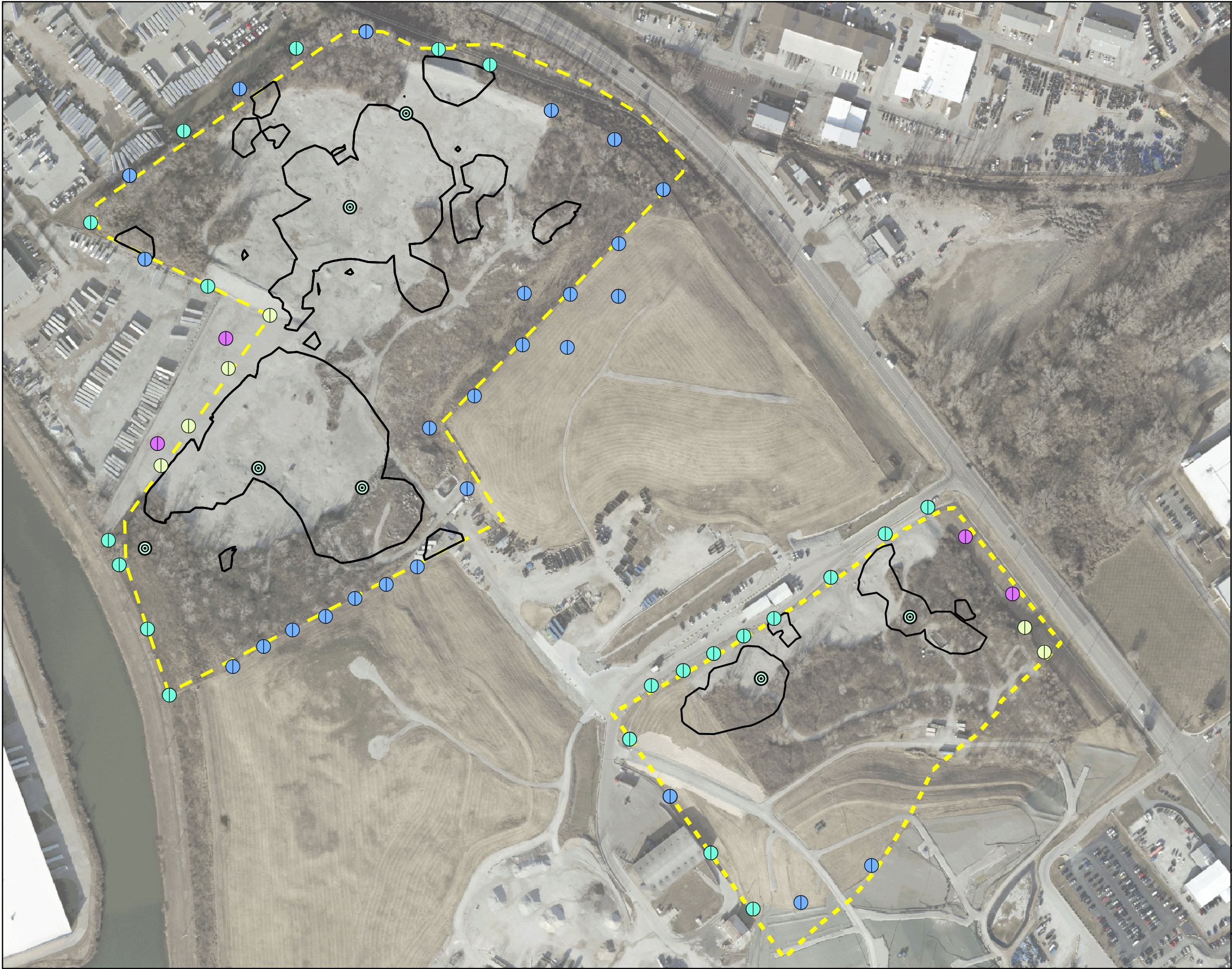
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Figure 5F

**Proposed Area 1 and Area 2 Borings
GSMO #7**

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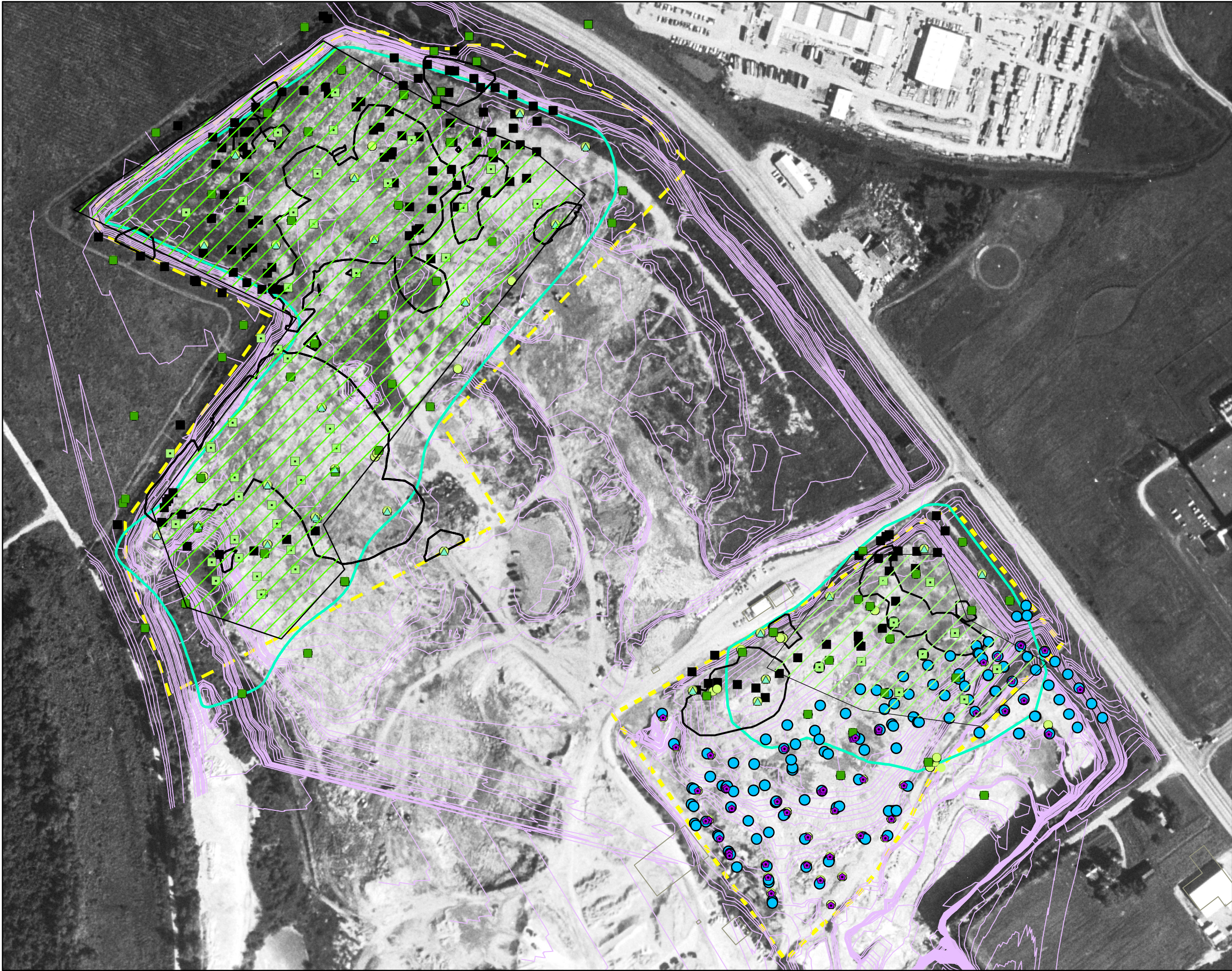


- Proposed Monitoring Well (Liquid Levels)
- Future Drainage Feature Geotech
- RIM Delineation
- Waste Extent
- General Geotech
- Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
- OU-1 Area Boundary

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- Contours
- PVC NRC Boreholes
- Phase 1 Boreholes Hard Data
- Additional Characterization Boreholes
- McLaren Hart Borehole Hard Data
- GCPT Boreholes
- Soft Data Boreholes -
- Surface Samples
- Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16ft B2005GS
- Waste Boundary
- OU-1 Boundary

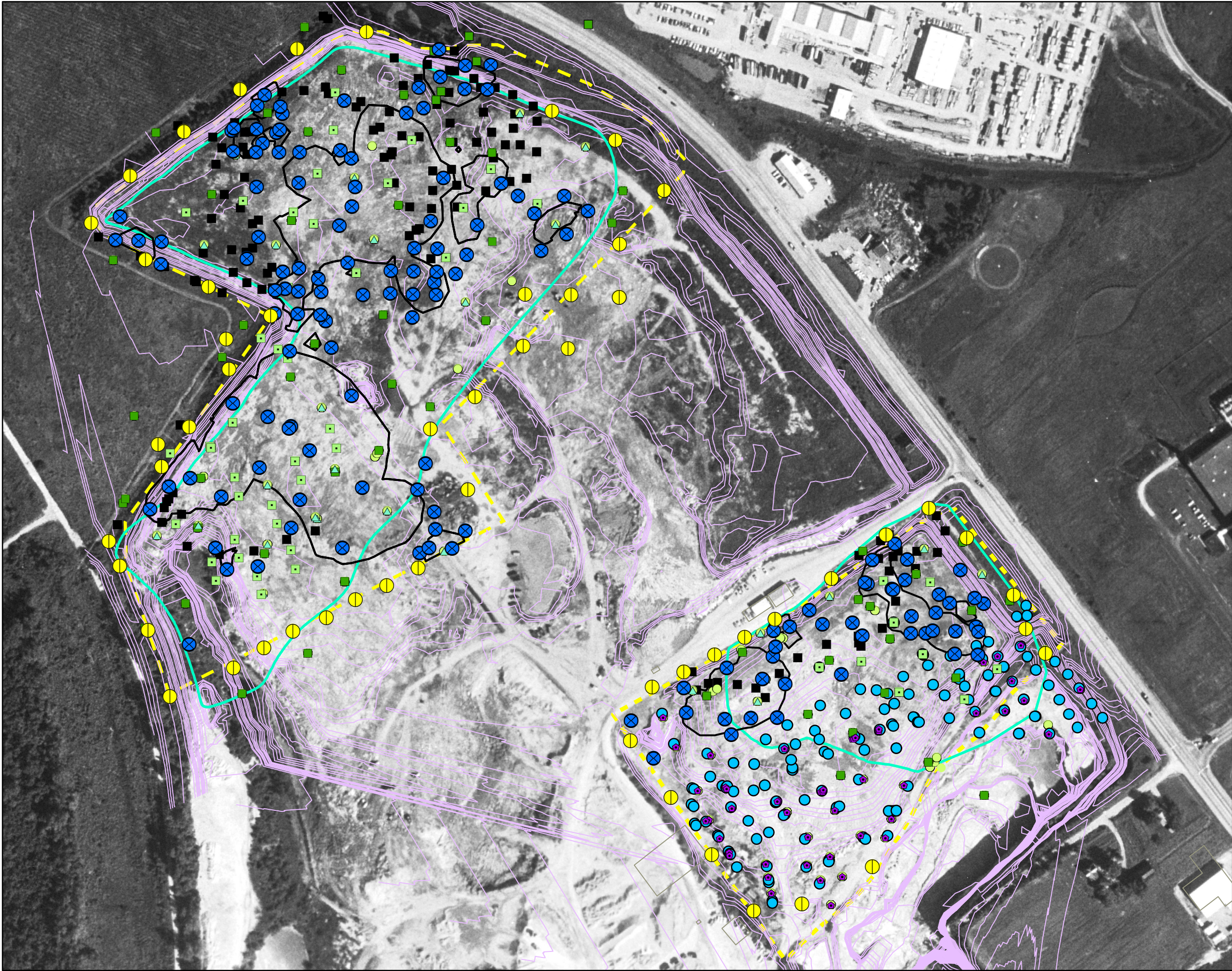
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- Contours
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- Phase 1 Borings Hard Data
- Additional Characterization Borings
- McLaren Hart Boring Hard Data
- GCPT Borings
- Soft Data Borings - All
- Surface Samples
- Maximum extent of RIM
>52.9 pCi/g 0-16ft B2005GS
- Waste Boundary
- OU-1 Boundary

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Figure 6A

**1973 Aerial and Topography
with Proposed Borings**

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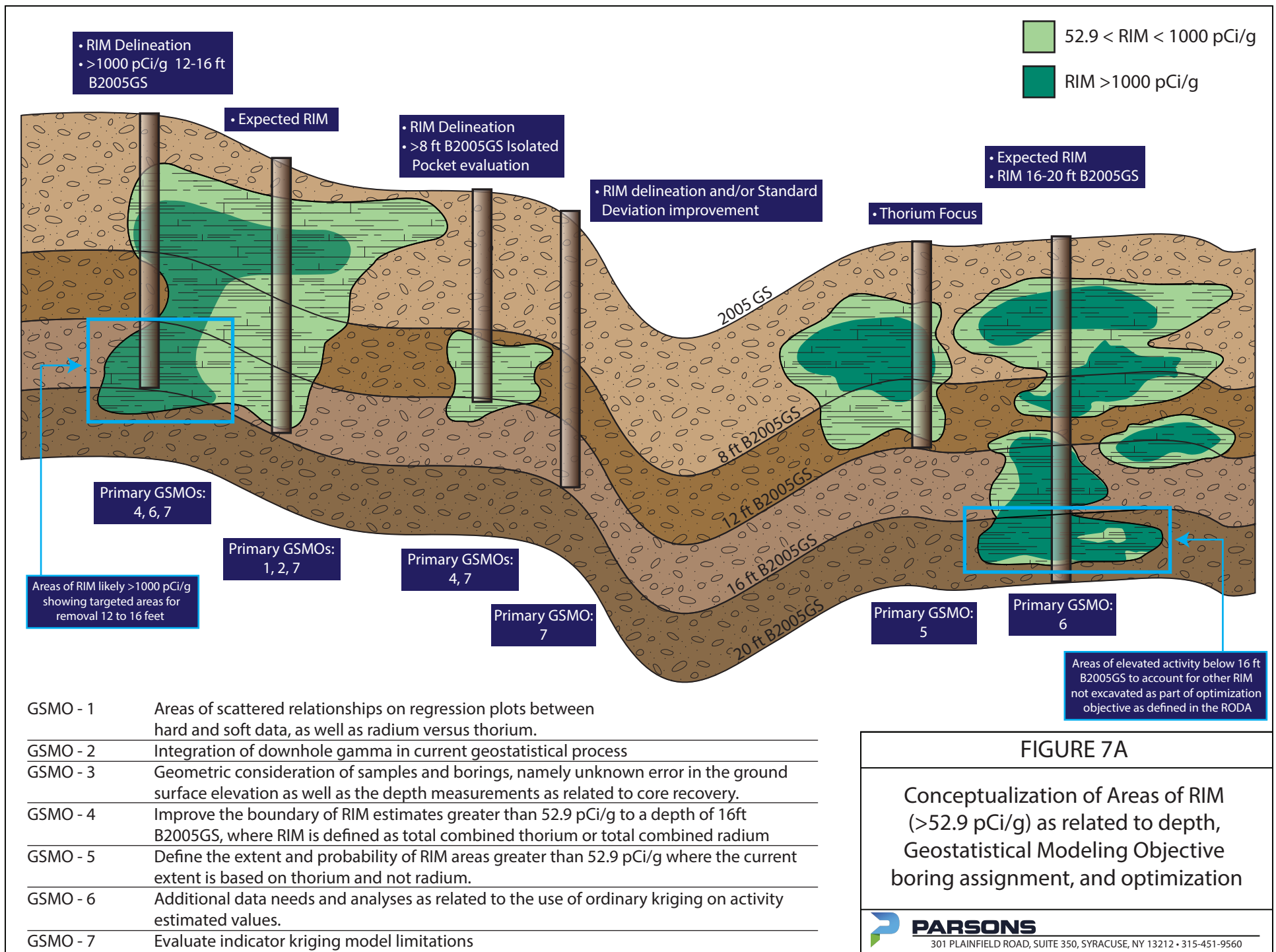
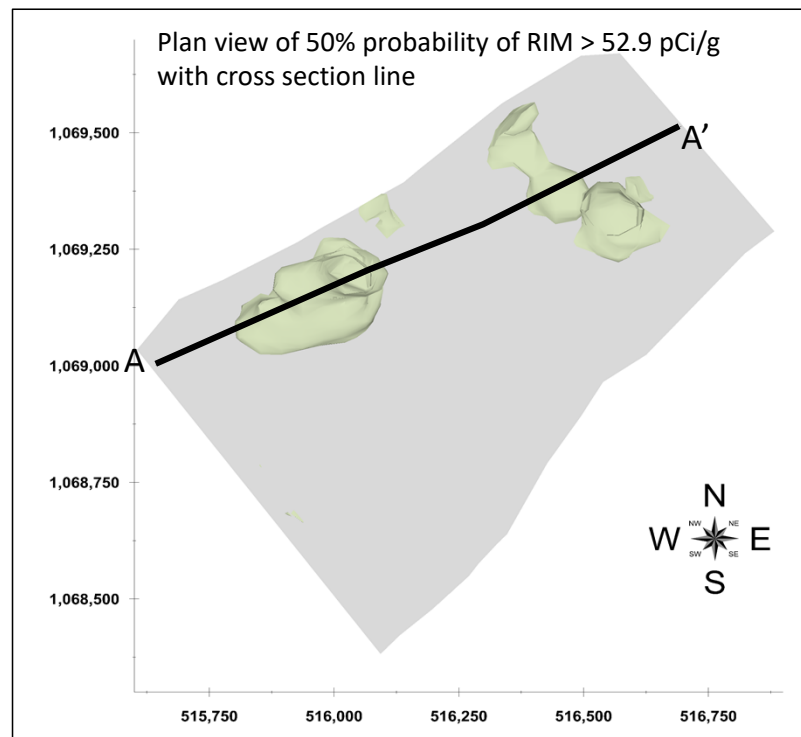
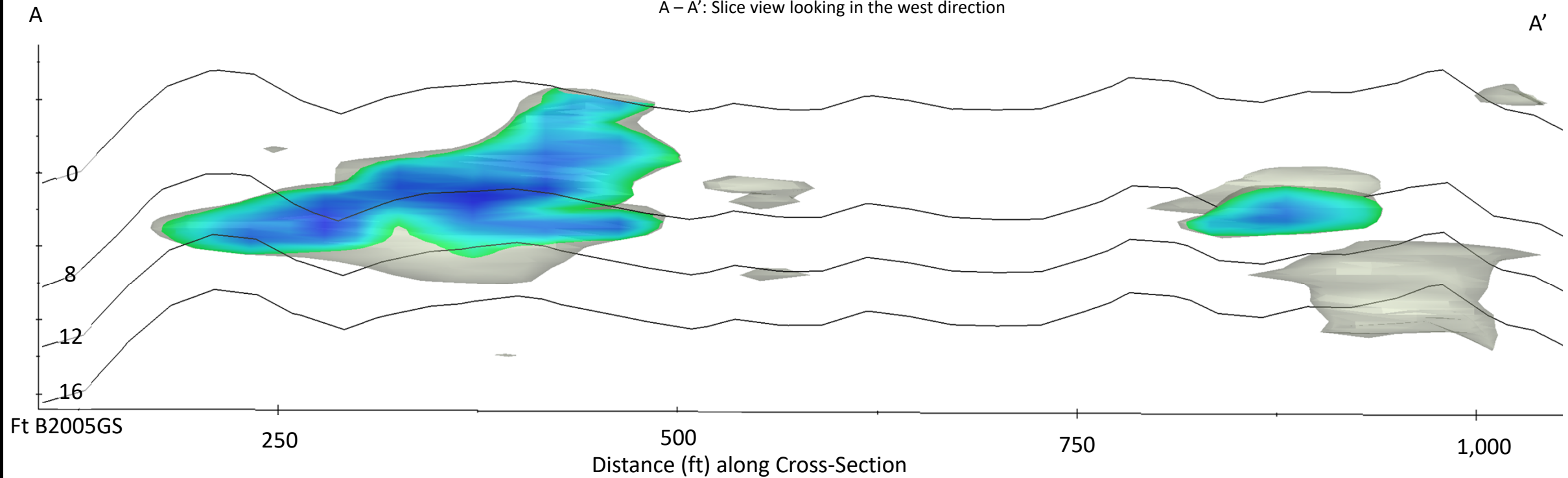


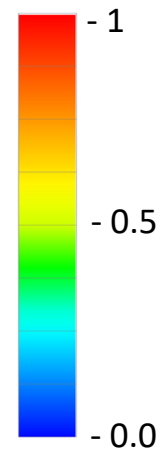
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Conceptualization of Areas of RIM (>52.9 pCi/g) as related to depth, Geostatistical Modeling Objective boring assignment, and optimization

A – A': Slice view looking in the west direction



Non-exceedance
Probability



Notes:

- 1) Color Ramp is probability of 50% - 100% probability RIM exceeding 52.9 pCi/g
- 2) Transparent light-green-gray is RIM 50% probability of exceeding 52.9 pCi/g through modeling including cross-section.
- 3) Color Ramp is along cross-section identified in the plan view map.
- 4) Vertical exaggeration is 8x.

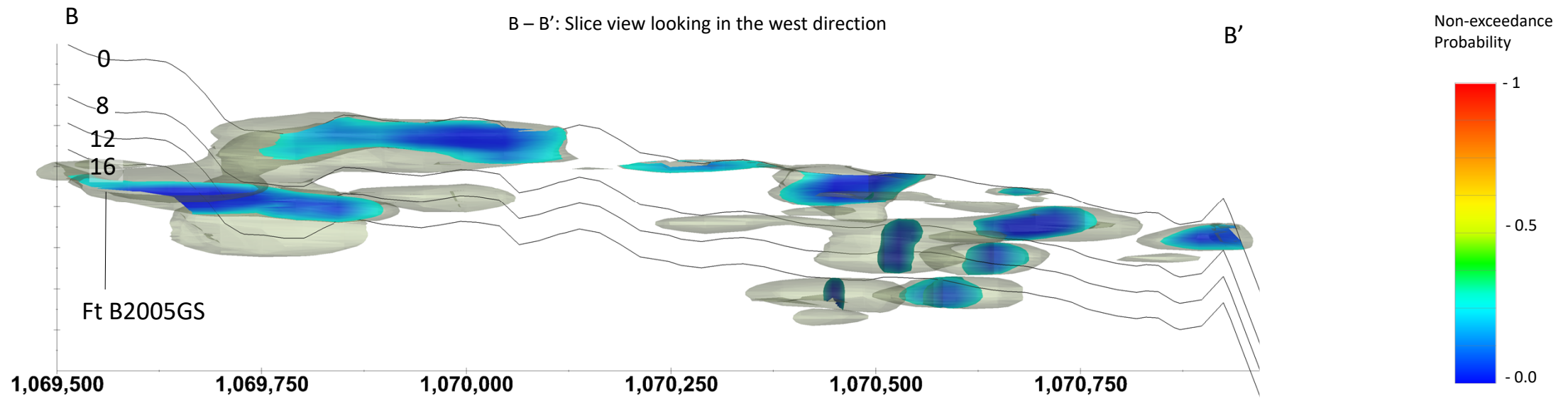
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Plan View and Cross Section of RIM
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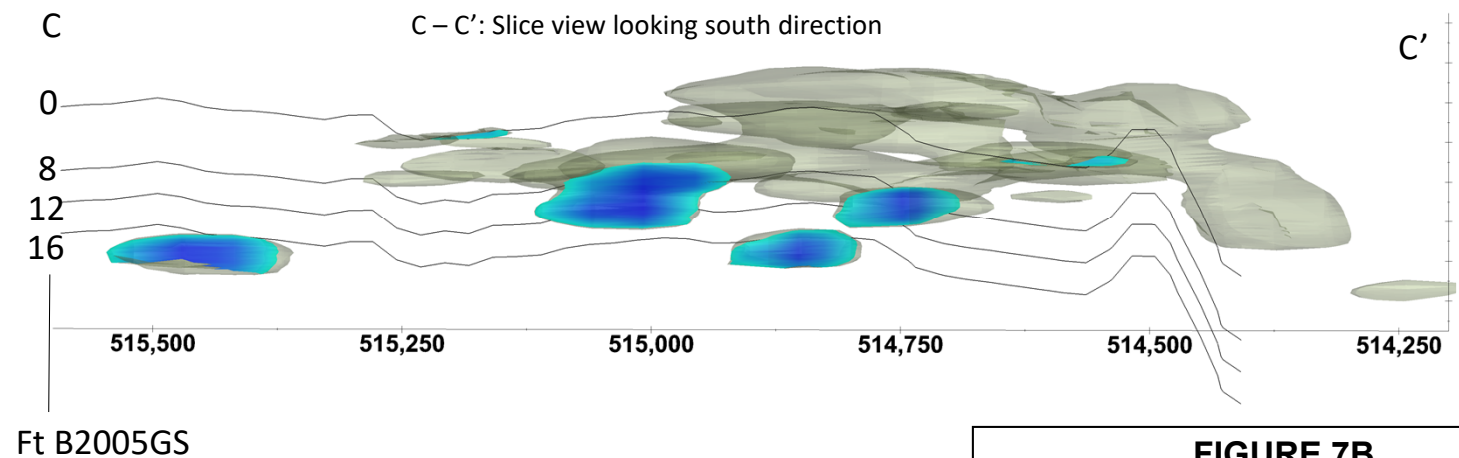
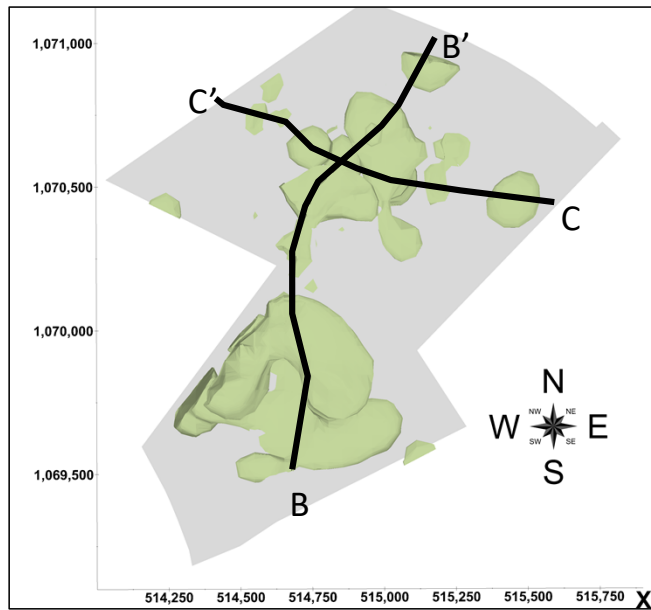
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Plan view of view of 50% probability of RIM > 52.9pCi/g



Notes:

- 1) Color Ramp is probability of 50% - 100% RIM probability exceeding 52.9 pCi/g
- 2) Transparent light-green-gray is RIM 50% probability of exceeding 52.9 pCi/g through modeling including cross-section.
- 3) Color Ramp is along cross-section identified in the plan view map. B-B' shows slight oblique view of C-C' in order to better identify location/depth aspects of RIM. In C-C' only that section is show for simplicity.
- 4) Vertical exaggeration is 8x.

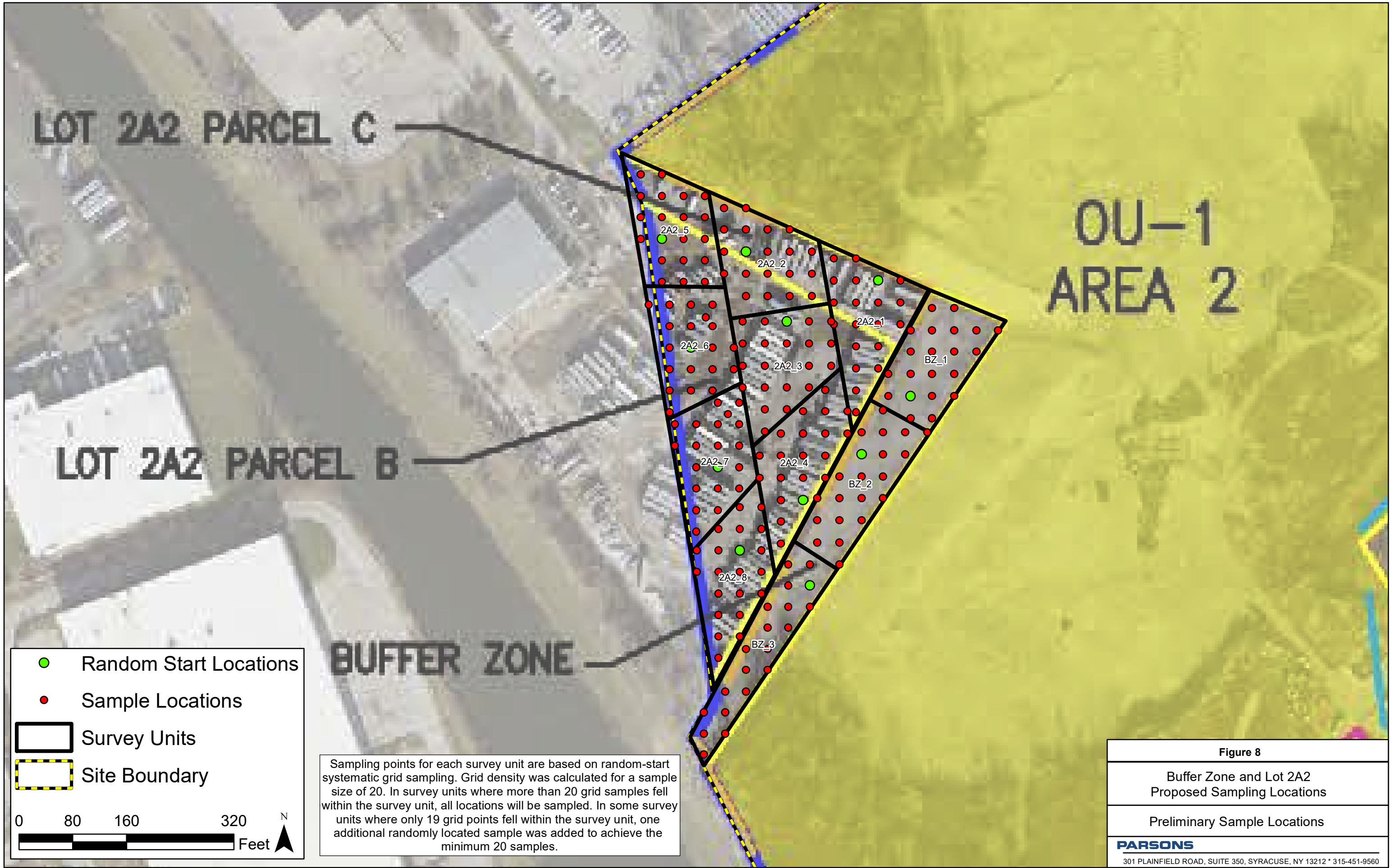
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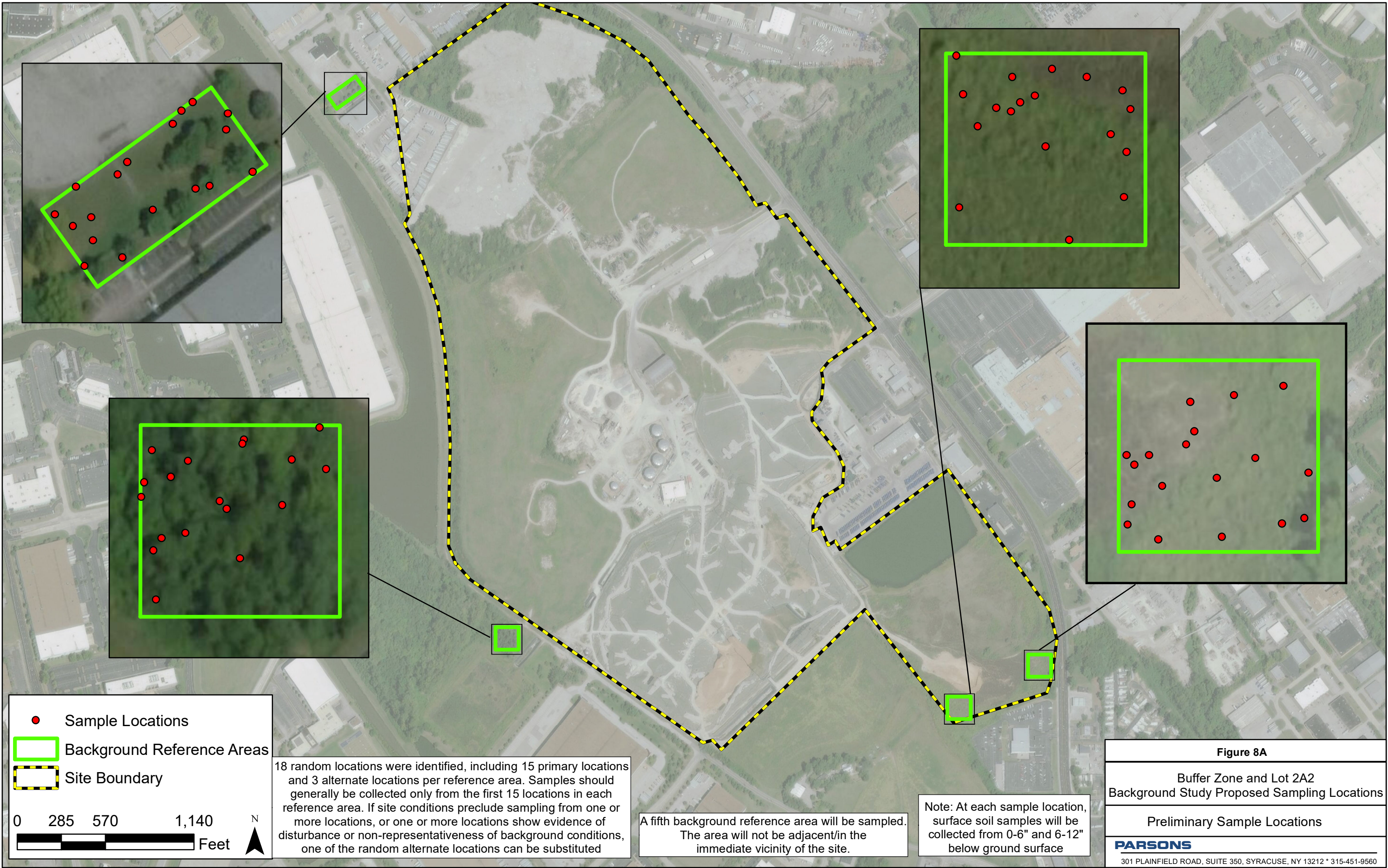
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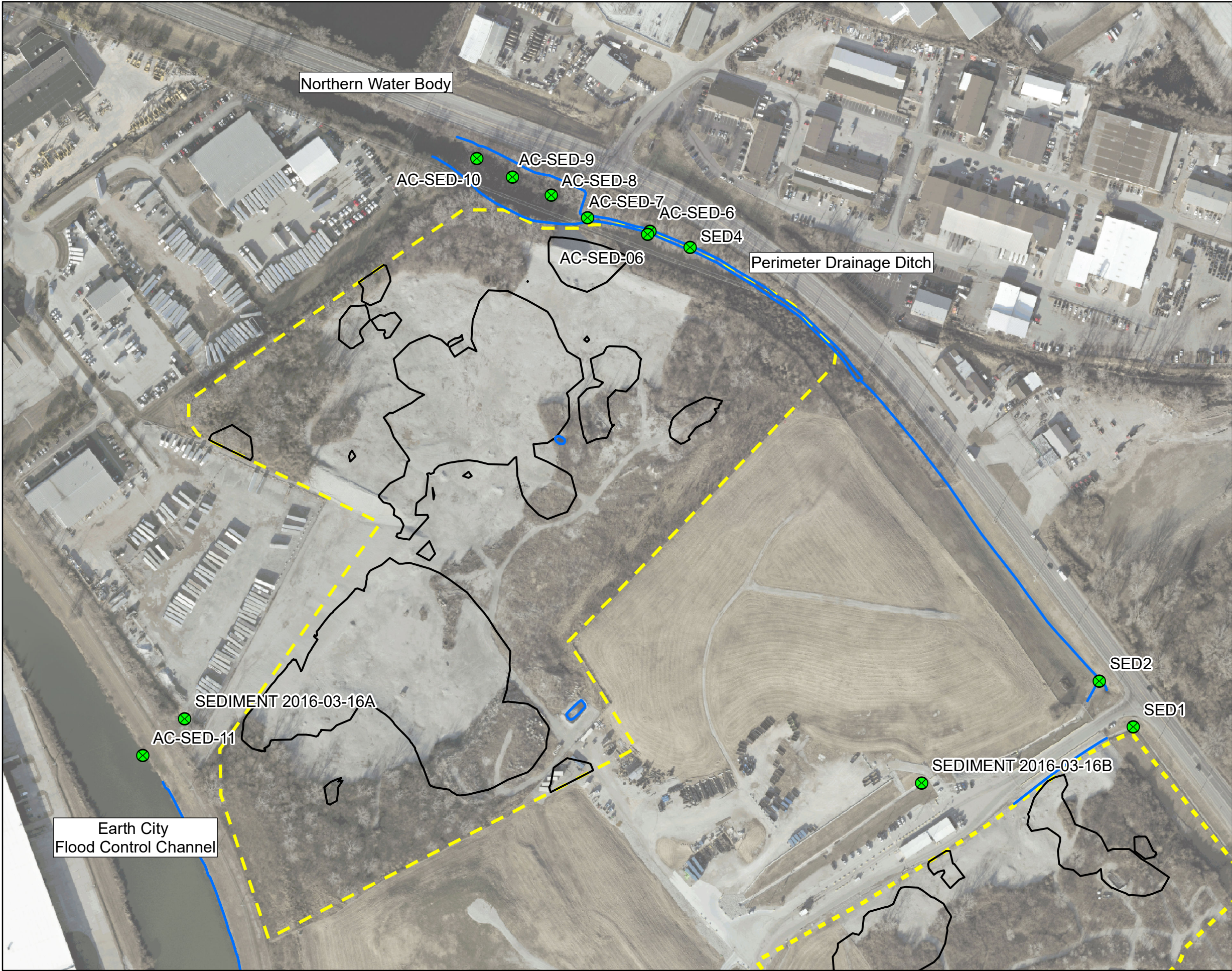
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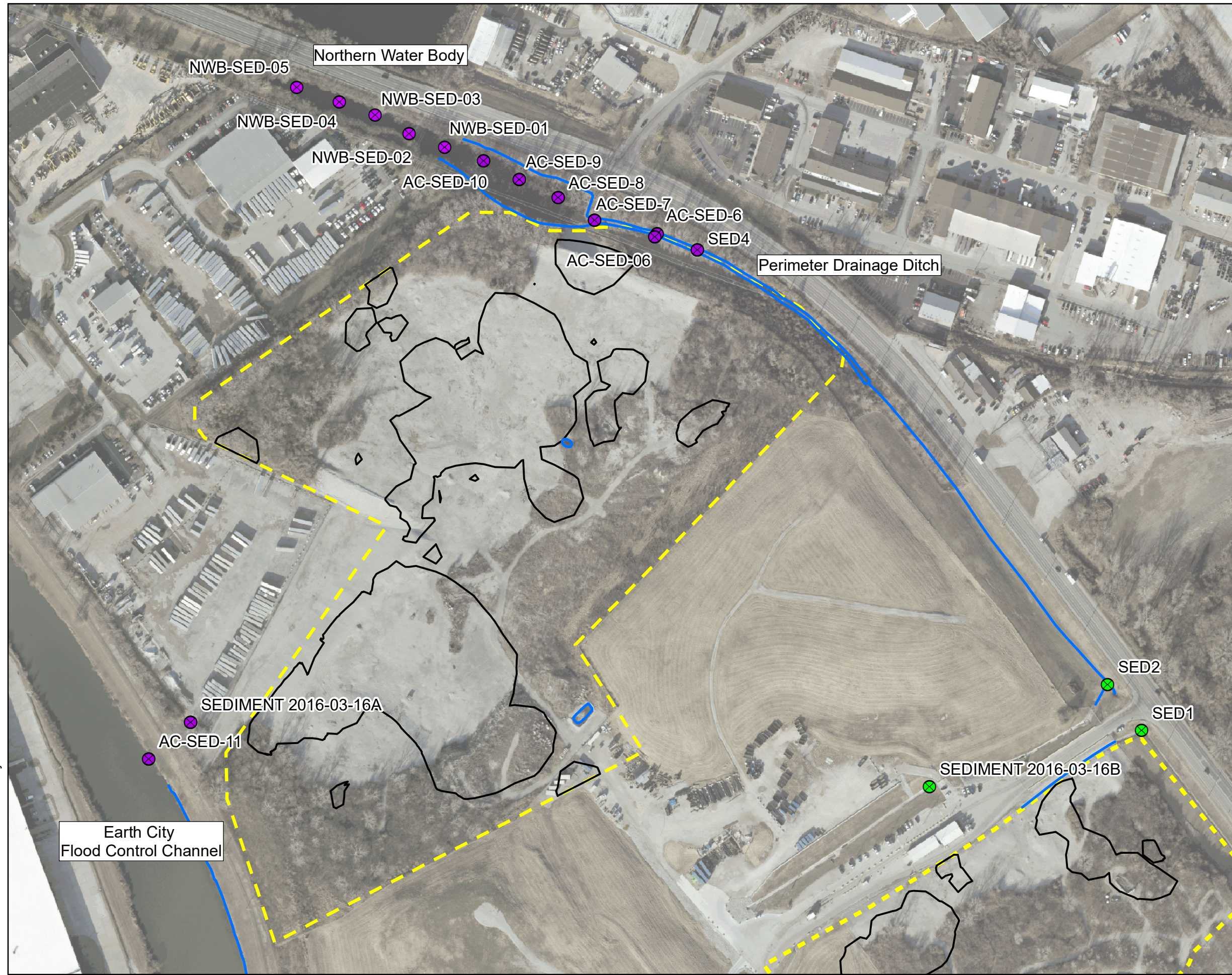


- Ditch
- Historical Sediment Samples
- Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
- - - OU-1 Area Boundary

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- Ditch
- Historical Sediment Samples
- Proposed Sediment Samples
- Maximum extent of RIM >52.9 pCi/g 0-16 ft B2005GS
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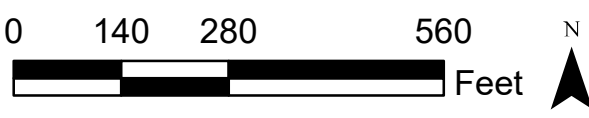
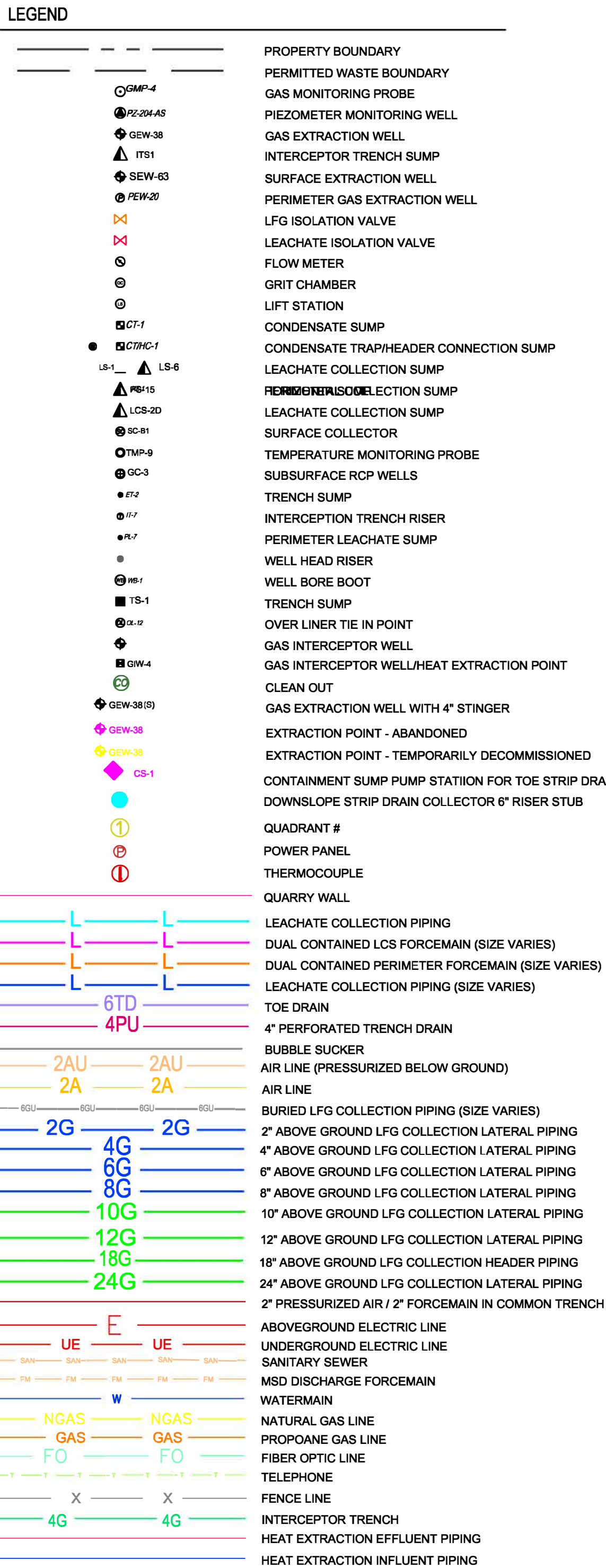


Figure 9A

Historical and Proposed
Sediment Sample Locations



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OR
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OU-1 RESPONDENTS

FIGURE 11

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LEGEND	
	PROPERTY BOUNDARY
	PERMITTED WASTE BOUNDARY
	GAS MONITORING PROBE
	PIEZOMETER MONITORING WELL
	GAS EXTRACTION WELL
	INTERCEPTOR TRENCH SUMP
	SURFACE EXTRACTION WELL
	PERIMETER GAS EXTRACTION WELL
	LFG ISOLATION VALVE
	LEACHATE ISOLATION VALVE
	FLOW METER
	GRIT CHAMBER
	LIFT STATION
	CONDENSATE SUMP
	CONDENSATE TRAP/HEADER CONNECTION SUMP
	LEACHATE COLLECTION SUMP
	LCS COLLECTION SUMP
	SURFACE COLLECTOR
	TEMPERATURE MONITORING PROBE
	SUBSURFACE RCP WELLS
	TRENCH SUMP
	INTERCEPTION TRENCH RISER
	PERIMETER LEACHATE SUMP
	WELL HEAD RISER
	WELL BORE BOOT
	TRENCH SUMP
	OVER LINER TIE IN POINT
	GAS INTERCEPTOR WELL
	GAS INTERCEPTOR WELL/HEAT EXTRACTION POINT
	CLEAN OUT
	GAS EXTRACTION WELL WITH 4" STINGER
	EXTRACTION POINT - ABANDONED
	EXTRACTION POINT - TEMPORARILY DECOMMISSIONED
	CONTAINMENT SUMP PUMP STATION FOR TOE STRIP DRAIN
	DOWNSLOPE STRIP DRAIN COLLECTOR 6" RISER STUB
	QUADRANT #
	POWER PANEL
	THERMOCOUPLE
	QUARRY WALL
	LEACHATE COLLECTION PIPING
	DUAL CONTAINED LCS FORCEMAIN (SIZE VARIES)
	DUAL CONTAINED PERIMETER FORCEMAIN (SIZE VARIES)
	LEACHATE COLLECTION PIPING (SIZE VARIES)
	TOE DRAIN
	4" PERFORATED TRENCH DRAIN
	BUBBLE SUCKER
	AIR LINE (PRESSURIZED BELOW GROUND)
	AIR LINE
	BURIED LFG COLLECTION PIPING (SIZE VARIES)
	2" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	4" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	6" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	8" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	10" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	12" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	18" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	24" ABOVE GROUND LFG COLLECTION LATERAL PIPING
	2" PRESSURIZED AIR / 2" FORCEMAIN IN COMMON TRENCH
	ABOVEGROUND ELECTRIC LINE
	UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINE
	SANITARY SEWER
	MSD DISCHARGE FORCEMAIN
	WATERMAIN
	NATURAL GAS LINE
	PROPOANE GAS LINE
	FIBER OPTIC LINE
	TELEPHONE
	FENCE LINE
	INTERCEPTOR TRENCH
	HEAT EXTRACTION EFFLUENT PIPING
	HEAT EXTRACTION INFLUENT PIPING



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APPENDIX A FIELD SAMPLING PLAN

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APPENDIX D PROJECT SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PLAN (INCLUDING RADIATION SAFETY PLAN)

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	Definition	ACRONYM	Definition
B2005GS	Below 2005 Ground Surface	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Agency
CDF	Cumulative Distribution Function	OK	Ordinary Kriging
cpm	counts per minute	pCi/g	picoCurie/gram
DI	Design Investigation	PEP	Preliminary Excavation Plan
DIWP	Design Investigation Work Plan	PSQ	Principle Study Question
DQO	Data Quality Objectives	QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
EVS	Earth Volumetric Software	RD	Remedial Design
FFS	Final Feasibility Study	RIM	Radiologically Impacted Material
GCPT	Gamma Cone-Penetration Testing	RODA	Record of Decision Amendment
GSMO	Geostatistical Model Objective	SSP&A	S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc.
IK	Indicator Kriging	USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
m ²	square meters		
MDNR	Missouri Department of Natural Resources		
MIK	Indicator Kriging at Multiple Thresholds		
MVS	Mining Visualization System		

INTRODUCTION

The geostatistical analysis components, in support and development of the West Lake OU-1 Remedial Design (RD), include a system of modeling analyses. Data needs and modeling improvements are identified in this Appendix with the goal of converging on a representative model that meets the expected precision for decision-making during RD. The model is tested and enhanced throughout this process with the objective of minimizing limitations and improving confidence in the approach. These improvements have included, and will continue to include, in-depth review of the data pre-processing steps as well as the interpolation algorithms. Beyond the current reviews and analyses focused on model improvements, a significant additional data collection effort for spatial and depth refinement is scoped in the Design Investigation Work Plan (DIWP), which is designed to improve the model for RD.

The intent of this Appendix E to the DIWP is to provide additional detail on the logic and progression of model development since the Preliminary Excavation Plan (PEP) (Parsons 2020), and address agency comments from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The components of the geostatistical process in this Appendix are:

- Expanded details on model development and model improvement since the PEP, such as sensitivity testing, variogram adjustments, and other components.
- Addressing further model improvement opportunities discussed in the Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) model developed by S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc. (SSP&A), as the model is transitioned from FFS to RD.
- Analysis of historical boring locations and kriging standard deviations as related to radiologically impacted material (RIM) extent, to support the location of additional borings.
- Improvements of the remedy optimization process as related to total relative activity estimations.
- Identify design investigation (DI) model-specific data collection needs.

Plans for future sensitivity testing and general model refinement for inclusion in the Revised Excavation Plan and 90% design documents are discussed below. This Appendix has been written partly in response to specific requests from the USEPA in the February 13, 2020 comment letter, as well as discussion points conveyed during meetings on February 19 and 20, 2020.

This Appendix was developed to align with the DIWP Geostatistical Model Objective (GSMOs), which were developed based on anticipated updates to the model for RD once the additional data are collected, as well as comments from USEPA and MDNR. The GSMOs were developed using a process similar to the Data Quality Objective (DQO) methodology; however, as the GSMOs involve qualitative and semi-quantitative data methodology, they are not considered DQOs. This concept of using a variety of data to make decisions with multiple lines of evidence approach is documented in USEPA guidance. For example the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research within the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provides guidance and direction for inclusion of USEPA Triad approaches to radiological sites (NRC 2012). NRC (2012) discusses difficulty of subsurface sites and suggests: “we must move away from methods that result in simple precise statements (e.g., standard hypothesis testing) that operate under narrowly defined assumptions (often violated within a spatial context). We must move toward more sophisticated analyses that yield meaningful outcomes and improve the decision quality.” Furthermore, “in a perfect world, ‘decision quality’ would be equivalent to ‘decision correctness’. However, decision correctness is often unknown (usually even unknowable) at the time a decision must be made. In many cases, correctness may never be known, due to the situational complexity and conditions that evolve over time. The term ‘decision quality’ therefore means that decisions are defensible against reasonable scientific or legal challenges (Crumbling 2002) given the best available information and knowledge afforded by financial and professional resources at the time.”

While this Appendix supports the GSMOs, it is organized more generally in terms of modeling processes, updated model details, future activities, and anticipated improvements. The remainder of this Appendix will address the following topics:

- Geostatistical Pre-Processing and Regression Analyses
- Indicator Kriging at Multiple Thresholds (MIK) – RIM Boundary Model Enhancements
- Activity Concentration Estimates
- General RIM Uncertainty
- Excavation Optimization
- Spatial and Depth Uncertainty of Current Data

Figures are provided to support the discussion points addressing model areas of potential improvements, with elaboration on the suggested concepts from SSP&A in the current context of the project RD. Discussion is provided regarding how these concepts will be addressed.

1.0 GEOSTATISTICAL PRE-PROCESSING AND REGRESSION ANALYSES

Previously, SSP&A examined the correlation between soft data and hard data. Soft data are gamma-response measurements collected in the field, whereas hard data are the laboratory analytical data for combined radium and combined thorium activity concentrations. SSP&A observed a relationship between gamma and radium, which is expected given that radium is a gamma emitter. While thorium is not a gamma emitter, the data also supported a positive correlation between gamma and thorium because there is an observable correlation at the site between radium and thorium despite not being in secular equilibrium as they would be in a natural deposit. The following sections review the methodology and detail the analysis and improvement of the soft data versus hard data regressions. A technical memorandum (Attachment E-1) attached to this Appendix provides responses specifically addressing limitations and areas of model improvement identified in *Estimated Three-Dimensional Extent of Radiologically Impacted Material, West Lake Landfill Operable Unit 1, Bridgeton, Missouri* (SSP&A 2017).

1.1 Pre-Processing Methodology

Linear regressions were developed for gamma response, radium activity concentrations, and thorium activity concentrations for the purpose of estimating a cumulative distribution function (CDF) based on the relationship between the soft and hard data. The types of soft data collection methods employed were gamma cone-penetration testing (GCPT), downhole gamma, core-scanned gamma, and downhole gamma values digitized from the original McLaren Hart borings (digitized gamma). Since coincident hard and soft data were needed to establish the relationship, only downhole and core-scanned gamma (not GCPT) were used to establish the regressions.

The regressions were developed following gamma data set normalization. The normalization process involved estimating a background gamma count for each boring, subtracting the background, and then dividing by the highest gamma count measurement for each soft data type. Once the gamma data were normalized, they were plotted against the combined radium and combined thorium on logarithmic axes, and the regressions were subsequently developed on the logarithm of the hard sample data and normalized gamma value. The development of the linear regressions is discussed in detail in Appendix D of the *Estimated Three-Dimensional*

Extent of Radiologically Impacted Material, West Lake Landfill Operable Unit 1, Bridgeton, Missouri (SSP&A 2017).

SSP&A (2017) described the established relationships between radium, thorium, and gamma:

In relative terms, the correspondence appears very good for combined Ra versus normalized core gamma, good for combined Ra and combined Th versus normalized downhole gamma, and fair for combined Th versus normalized core gamma. The least satisfactory region of correspondence is for intermediate concentrations of combined Th versus normalized core gamma: however, in this region, the fitted line tends to under-estimate rather than over-estimate concentrations of combined Th (i.e., biased low rather than biased high).

The following aspects of the relationship between combined radium, combined thorium, normalized core and downhole gamma are noteworthy as being observable from the regression plots or from knowledge regarding the collection of the data in the field:

1. Spatial uncertainty. While the relationships with downhole gamma were described as “fair” to “very good” by SSP&A, there is a subjective component to the depth assignment for both the hard data sample and the corresponding gamma count value. For example, sometimes poor recovery occurs during the extraction of core from the borehole, which leads to uncertainty regarding the exact depth (elevation) of a sample retrieved for laboratory analysis, and how this depth corresponds with the downhole gamma response profile. This is discussed further in Section 6 of this Appendix.
2. Increased data representation/data relationship improvement. In the mid-range portion of the regressions, there are data gaps and need for confirmation to better quantify the relationship between data types (hard versus soft data, radium versus thorium), and allow for the identification of outliers. Further discussion by data type, analyte, and specific areas of improvement are discussed in Section 3 of the DIWP text. This is also discussed further in Sections 1.2.1 through 1.2.3 of this Appendix.
3. Poorer correlation at lower activity concentrations. The relationship between both types of soft data and the hard data is better defined at higher concentrations. At lower concentrations, particularly near the lower threshold of 7.9 picocuries per gram (pCi/g), there is a large amount of scatter in the data distribution and no clear relationship. This may represent the influence of background concentrations or instrument measurement error, discussed further in Section 1.2.4.

1.2 Areas Targeted for Improvement in Regression Analysis

The following subsections detail the areas of improvements in current regression plots, and the data collection objectives that will be employed during the DI to address identified areas of weakness in the regressions.

1.2.1 Correlation Between Radium and Thorium

In Figure 2-1 (SSP&A 2017), there is a positive correlation between combined radium and combined thorium. This relationship has been vital to the previous investigation for determining extent of RIM. As stated in Section 1.1, several factors influence this relationship, including but not limited to the background radiation levels, measurement error, and the role of non-detects. Improving the confidence in the derived correlation will decrease uncertainty in the estimation of RIM extent. The following approaches will be applied during the DI field data collection to further evaluate the relationship between combined radium and combined thorium:

- All borings related to model improvement will be used to collect both hard and soft data. The increased co-located hard and soft data sampling locations will add data to the regressions which may improve the confidence in the derived correlation.

- Existing hard data has high data density at concentrations below 7.9 pCi/g, but between 7.9 and 10,000 pCi/g there is insufficient data density because laboratory analytical samples were typically sampled from the highest core gamma scan intervals in previous investigations. These ranges will be targeted for sample collection in the field using related gamma counts to improve quantified relationships of radium and thorium.

Following the DI, newly collected hard data will undergo processing related to measurement error and data censoring, and the correlations between combined radium and combined thorium will be updated.

1.2.2 Correlation Between Radium and Gamma

There is an established relationship between combined radium and both core-scanned and downhole gamma that is supported by the underlying physics, as radium is a gamma emitter. The relationship between combined radium and core-scanned and downhole gamma was established in SSP&A (2017); however, there are areas of the regression that require increased data density. Additional data collection, especially of core data in the mid-range of gamma counts, will support re-evaluation of the regressions between gamma and radium.

The radium versus core-scanned gamma and downhole gamma regressions will be revisited and re-analyzed with the inclusion of the data collected during the DI.

1.2.3 Correlation Between Thorium and Gamma

While site-specific data suggest that there is a positive correlation between combined thorium and gamma, there is uncertainty regarding this relationship because the RIM material was anthropogenically processed (uranium tailings leaching), which disrupted the secular equilibrium between Th-230 and Ra-226. Nonetheless, both isotopes are expected to be present and co-located, and therefore thorium occurrences are expected to have an indirect correlation with the gamma signature. This is reflected in the observed relationship between thorium and gamma explained by the observed correlation between thorium and radium, a gamma emitter, although the correlation is shifted and has substantially more variability compared to a natural deposit.

Currently, mid-range areas of the regressions could be improved with additional data. By targeting specific ranges, and collecting more data, the desired outcome is an improved regression between the analytes and soft data. Therefore, additional data will be gathered in the DI to refine this relationship to allow for more confident prediction of areas of RIM within the landfill. In order to further evaluate the relationship between thorium, radium and gamma, the following approaches will be applied during the DI field work:

- Borings will be used for the collection of hard data (combined thorium and combined radium) and soft data (core-scanned gamma and downhole gamma). This will add coincident hard and soft data to the existing data set used in the regressions, as well as confirm the existence of thorium that is derived from the relationship of gamma to combined thorium.
- Areas where indicator kriging (IK) has identified RIM extent driven by thorium (without radium) will be thoroughly investigated with evenly spaced borings throughout the pockets of RIM. The goal of these borings is to confirm the absence/presence of thorium through hard data. High frequency hard data in these areas will allow reduced reliance on soft data.
- Areas in the mid-range of the regression, where data gaps or insufficient line fit is observed, will be targeted during the DI data collection process. Specific areas targeted for increased data collection include thorium-specific data collection in the gamma count target range of 30,000 to 300,000 counts per minute (cpm), and radium-specific data collection in the gamma count target range of 40,000 to 500,000 cpm (Figure E-1).

The thorium versus core-scanned gamma and downhole gamma regressions will be revisited and re-analyzed with the inclusion of the data collected during the DI.

1.2.4 Background Radiation Analysis

In reviewing regression relationships between the data sets in Sections 1.2.1 through 1.2.3, data clustering is observed near the lower threshold of 7.9 pCi/g. Close to, and below this threshold, greater scatter in the relationship is evident, and no relationship can be identified. At least one factor in this relationship scatter is the influence of background radiation, including (a) the value for background assumed at each boring, and (b) the assumption that the background value is constant for the full depth of each boring (core).

To assess the influence of background radiation on soft and hard data, there will be a background radium and thorium investigation. This investigation will involve sampling five regions around but not within Areas 1 and 2, with 15 distinct sample locations at each region. At each sample location soil will be collected from two depth intervals, 0 to 6 inches and 6 to 12 inches. Each soil sample will be analyzed for thorium and radium concentrations, as well as scanned for gamma counts. The collection of thorium and radium concentrations, combined with the gamma counts from these non-RIM locations adjacent to Areas 1 and 2, will provide a site-specific background radiation level. These site-specific background radiation levels will be used to evaluate if low-end values on the SSP&A (2017) regressions should be eliminated due to non-RIM gamma influence.

The values used during past borehole-specific normalization efforts will be compared to the site-specific background gamma to evaluate if historic data should be corrected for background levels. In addition, an assessment will be made of correction factors to background levels for each soft data type.

2.0 INDICATOR KRIGING AT MULTIPLE THRESHOLDS (MIK) – RIM BOUNDARY MODEL ENHANCEMENT

2.1 Prior Analyses

SSP&A (2017) performed distinct variogram analysis on the data sets by area (Areas 1 and 2 separately) and by analyte (radium and thorium). A variogram is a function that quantifies the spatial correlation of a measured quantity with separation distance. When employing kriging, weights are assigned when interpolating an unknown location based on the relationship put forth by the variogram. Ideally the empirical variogram demonstrates a strong correlation (i.e., small variance) between data points at small separation distances with gradually increasing variance at greater separation distance.

As part of the uncertainty analysis, SSP&A examined different variograms and their subsequent effects on the indicator kriging model (SSP&A 2017). Variogram modeling involves fitting a theoretical variogram to an empirical variogram. This process results in determining three main kriging parameters (Figure E-2):

- The effective range, or the maximum separation distance at which sample data correlates.
- The sill, or the total variance where the variogram plateaus. This is the variance equivalent of the range.
- The nugget, or the y-intercept of the variogram, representing the short-range variance.

While the values of the range and the nugget affect the kriging interpolation, the value of the sill has no effect on estimation, the relative spatial distribution of the kriging variance, or the kriging standard deviation. The value of the sill does, however, affect the absolute values of the kriging variance and standard deviation. This is discussed in detail by SSP&A, as they primarily focused on range length determination and did not intend to use the absolute values of kriging variance. Kriging standard deviation can be used qualitatively to identify areas of “high” standard deviation relative to areas of “low” standard deviation, which can be particularly useful when identifying regions to target for data gap sampling. When using the kriging standard deviation for estimation of confidence intervals, greater importance is placed on accurately estimating the sill.

SSP&A (2017) fit a spherical variogram model to the indicator data by looking at the spatial correlation horizontally and then vertically. The data were assumed to be isotropic in the horizontal direction and anisotropic when comparing horizontal to vertical correlation. This approach required the variograms to be analyzed in two dimensions for the horizontal and one dimension for the vertical. This allowed for a determination of the horizontal-vertical anisotropy.

2.2 Additional Variogram Modeling

As part of the transition from GSLIB’s IK3D to C-Tech’s Earth Volumetric Software (EVS), the established range lengths, sills, and anisotropy were initially maintained. The values remained unchanged in order to achieve confirmation that the IK3D model could be reproduced in EVS. Obtaining this confirmation was an integral part of determining that EVS is the appropriate software to use for analyzing the previous model, and dynamic enough to use moving forward into the remedy design phase. However, once this IK3D model replication process was confirmed, the variograms were revised by Parsons for two reasons:

- In EVS, the variogram is calculated as a best-fit function using the spatial distribution and number of data points in three dimensions, rather than developed separately for the horizontal and vertical directions. SSP&A (2017) developed the vertical range based on all soft data types, including alpha response, which was not used in the final indicator model. However, because EVS variogram methodology is different, only the data set that is included in the indicator kriging estimation of RIM was used for establishing range-length and sill.
- The sill was updated for the DIWP to better quantify standard deviation and confidence intervals. The sills differ between the IK3D and EVS models due to the differing variogram methodologies, in particular the method in which anisotropy is included in EVS. Additional consideration was placed on accurately fitting the spherical model to the data. Once more data are collected, additional variogram analysis will be performed and the parameters will be updated based upon the new data collected.
- The nugget value was set to zero (default value for EVS) which assumes the short-range variance is equal to zero at the sample location. The nugget is discussed further in Section 2.2.1.

The resulting variograms from sensitivity testing are presented in Figure E-2 for both Areas 1 and 2, and the radium and thorium indicator data sets. The revised variogram parameters are presented in Table E-1.

TABLE E-1 INDICATOR KRIGING – UPDATED VARIOGRAM PARAMETERS

	Area 1	Area 2
Range	235	400
Radium Sill	0.0072	0.03
Thorium Sill	0.01	0.036
Nugget	0	0

Collection of additional data during the DI should improve the confidence in the range and sill values due to the higher future data density.

2.2.1 Ongoing Variogram Improvements

The nugget is representative of a short-range variance. The underlying kriging theory assumes that the variance of co-located samples, where the separation distance is small, is zero or close to zero. High nugget values, which are greater than 50% of the total variance or sill, are typically difficult to assess and can be attributed to multiple factors, including sampling error (Dominy 2010). Nugget values that are less than 50% of the sill could be evaluated to assess if these are related to sampling error or if they are representative of the site conditions. The data are highly variable even at small separation distances across the site; therefore, a non-zero nugget may be appropriate.

Before including a nugget in the variogram model, a thorough investigation of the data is required in order to evaluate the source of the nugget effect. For simplicity and consistency, at this phase of the project the nugget is assumed to be zero (consistent to SSP&A). However, the DIWP includes GSMOs that are specifically related to further exploring the use of a non-zero nugget. Co-located borings have been proposed to further quantify the short-range variance at the site and to better understand the sampling error. The evaluation, and determination as to whether a non-zero nugget value is appropriate, will be conducted following the incorporation of DI data into the model.

At all borings advanced in and adjacent to Areas 1 and 2, samples for hard data as well as soft data will be collected in support of the geostatistical model. Following the DI, each step in the indicator assignment process will be reviewed and revised, as needed. The current variograms will undergo evaluation and further variogram modeling may be necessary to identify the updated range length, sill, and nugget that reflect the post-DI data set.

2.2.2 Sensitivity Testing

Sensitivity testing employs the manipulation of model inputs to observe the effect that parameters have on the model output. Sensitivity testing is performed iteratively to compare how parameter changes affect kriging estimations. Through sensitivity testing, parameters can be refined based on the model purpose, spatial array of data, accurate representation of existing data, and feasible approximation of modeled analytes (RIM extent and activity concentration). Sensitivity testing is an ongoing process in model development, and parameter values will continue to be reviewed for their effect on the model results as more data are incorporated into the model. The activities described below review past, current, and future sensitivity testing. Most sensitivity testing is based on a relative comparison, so that efforts can focus on parameters that have more influence on the outcome (i.e., those that the model is more sensitive to).

2.2.2.1 Previous Sensitivity Testing (SSP&A 2017)

Sensitivity testing of certain parameters is presented in Appendix I of the SSP&A Geostatistical Report (2017). Parameters that typically have the greatest impact on RIM extent and volumes were focused on during the sensitivity testing. These included the CDFs and the variograms. As presented in Figure I-3 from Appendix I of the SSP&A Geostatistical Report (2017), similar RIM volumes were calculated regardless of variogram or CDF method used. This could indicate that, in general, small differences may occur when using alternate methods, but in general the same volume of RIM is modeled.

As part of the transition from IK3D to EVS, additional sensitivity was performed and is reported in the Appendix A of the PEP (Parsons 2020). This sensitivity testing included the grid size in IK3D model, and the range. Changes in volume were used to quantify the effect of the parameter change on the model output. During the grid size evaluation, it was judged that 225 square-meter grid cells would be appropriate for this stage of the investigation (Figure E-3). This was based on multiple factors, including excavation cell size and the RIM volume and extent differences (Parsons 2020).

2.2.2.2 Current Sensitivity Testing

Sensitivity testing has been recently employed to review some of the parameters carried over from IK3D to EVS to evaluate their applicability in the excavation design phase of the model. Recent sensitivity testing activities have focused on range length and grid size for Areas 1 and 2, as described below.

Range

As part of the transition from IK3D to EVS, the range length and the sill were slightly altered. This is due to the differing variogram methods as related to horizontal and vertical variance. The distances between pairs at which the variogram is calculated are called “lags”. SSP&A developed two separate variograms during their variogram analysis to address the vertical anisotropy:

- A horizontal variogram that only considered lag distances and variances in the horizontal direction.
- A vertical variogram that only considering lag distances and variances in the vertical direction.

This resulted in an anisotropic “correlation” distance between the horizontal and vertical direction. This is conventional practice for using IK3D for kriging, developing the range lengths in the X, Y, and Z directions and then defining the variogram using the three range lengths. Furthermore, the anisotropic nature of the variograms agrees with the site conceptual model and disposal methods at the landfill.

EVS creates a variogram in three dimensions, thus lag distances are calculated using the X, Y, and Z distances. Within the lag distance equation, anisotropy is accounted for directly, and is therefore an input parameter in the software. In other words, while IK3D address anisotropy with two separate variograms, one for horizontal and one for vertical, EVS has an assigned anisotropy value which is a component of the variogram equation(s). For three-dimensional lag distance equations and example calculations, see Appendix D-2 of the Geostatistical Report (SSP&A 2017).

At this stage in the investigation, modification to the anisotropy value is not warranted, as it was based on the individual variogram analysis performed by SSP&A. Additionally, altering the anisotropy affects the EVS variogram, potentially resulting in a different range length and sill. As discussed elsewhere in this document, anisotropy will be examined after the collection of new data during the revised variogram analysis.

Due to the slightly different range lengths between the IK3D model and the EVS model, the range-length sensitivity was analyzed by comparing RIM volumes between 0 and 16 feet below 2005 ground surface (B2005GS) using IK3D (Parsons 2020). Results from the PEP indicated the volumes were comparable when the range was above 100 feet. This is logical, since the range of 100 likely results in nearby samples being weighed less in the kriging calculation, and thereby not correlating potentially related samples. Although the volumes were similar, the geostatistical team recognizes that the spatial distribution needs to be compared in future model testing, particularly when new data are available.

While there is some subjectivity in this “model fitting” process, there are certain areas based on the data where the range length is not reasonable. As can be seen in Figure E-2, for each area and each analyte, there is very low variance below a lag distance of 100, indicating good correlation, as well as increasing variance with distance. Near the range / sill intersection, the data plateau. This is where the data variance is at its maximum because at this distance, the data are no longer correlated. Assigning a range length beyond this point allows for

data beyond the correlation limit distance to be given a greater weight in the kriging calculation. Assigning a range length that is less than 100 results in nearby data points being assigned a lower weight in the kriging calculation, despite the variogram indicating there is good correlation at those distances. In general, the range, sill, and anisotropy should be selected by the practitioner through appropriately fitting the model variogram to the empirical variogram. When sensitivity testing, considering parameter values that are outside reasonable bounds as portrayed by the empirical data contradicts the kriging theory and creates erroneous results.

Grid Size

Grid size sensitivity testing, presented in the PEP (Parsons 2020), was performed using IK3D prior to transitioning to EVS. Since the transition to EVS (based on USEPA and MDNR comments), it was judged that the grid size should be re-evaluated in EVS to assess the effects on volume and extent. In order to calculate volume of RIM in IK3D, the data were post-processed, and each cell containing RIM was summed and multiplied by the constant cell volume in order to get a total volume of RIM, following the method described by SSP&A (2017). In EVS, which is a type of visual programming or data flow programming, the “Volumetric” module is used for volume calculations (in EVS “modules” are specific tools designed for particular purposes in the visual coding process); C-Tech describes their methods including volume and mass of the analyte in the following steps (C-Tech 2019):

- Each cell within the selected geologic units is analyzed.
- The mass of analyte within the cell is integrated based on concentrations at all nodes and computed cell division points.
- The volumes and masses of all cells are summed.
- Centers of mass and eigenvectors are computed.
- For soil calculations, the mass of the analyte is directly computed from the computed mass of soil. This is affected by the soil density parameter.
- The volume of analyte, or chemical volume, is computed from the Chemical Mass using the “Chem Density” parameter.

Using this process, the volume of material with a 50% likelihood of being greater than 52.9 pCi/g was calculated within four different model runs with different horizontal cell sizes: 25, 100, 225 (current and PEP size), and 400 square meters (m²). Grid cell analysis was performed in Area 2 as an example of the sensitivity. Figure E-3 provides the 225 m² grid for Areas 1 and 2 as a reference. Figure E-4 shows the resulting maximum lateral extent of RIM from 0 to 16 feet B2005GS for the aforementioned grid sizes in Area 2. In general, the different grid sizes result in similar RIM extents and volumes. The largest change was observed at the largest grid size of 20-by-20 meters, resulting in a RIM volume of 68,900 cubic yards, roughly 10% lower than the RIM volume for 5-by-5 meters.

It should be noted that this concept of grid size affecting results has been discussed by others. C-Tech Corporation, the developers of EVS and their outdated Mining Visualization System (MVS) software, recognized that in previous versions of MVS the estimates of volume and mass increased with grid density. In fact, as part of the development of EVS, efforts were made to reduce this relationship of volume and cell density. The current version of EVS, which is the software for the current model, showed very little to no change in mass when grid density varied. A discussion and demonstration of the sensitivity is located on C-Tech’s website: <https://www.ctech.com/volumetrics-study-studio-vs-mvs/>. This demonstration supports the concept of why the cell size in EVS is likely less sensitive than other parameters and/or other unknowns of the project (such as inhomogeneity of the landfill).

2.2.2.3 Proposed Sensitivity Testing Post Additional Data Collection

As previously mentioned, sensitivity analysis is an ongoing process and the USEPA has suggested that further sensitivity analysis should be conducted. This is in part because previous sensitivity analyses have focused on

large incremental changes. Analyses involving more discretization over a narrower range of values could improve the effects of range length on the volume and extent. As more data are incorporated into the model, the kriging parameters will require review and possible revision. Upon the incorporation of DI data, the range, sill, search radius, and grid size will be re-evaluated to assess if the pre-DI values remain applicable to the updated data set.

Previously, SSP&A performed sensitivity testing on the CDF examining how the CDF affects the RIM volumes. The final CDFs were subjected to manual manipulation during a series of kriging exercises “to evaluate the sensitivity of the results – in terms of the estimated presence or absence of RIM at known boring locations.” (SSP&A 2017). The manual adjustment of the CDFs involved subjectivity and therefore a source of uncertainty in the model. Following the DI data collection, the CDFs will be updated with the DI data incorporated. Several CDF methods will be explored (including but not limited to those previously analyzed by SSP&A) and additional CDF sensitivity testing will be performed. The manual adjustment of the CDFs will be avoided, to the extent practical, in lieu of statistical algorithms. However, if it is determined that the CDF is creating potentially erroneous results, and it is concluded that the CDF should be manually adjusted with professional judgement, the CDF will undergo modifications with the transparency and only upon client and agency concurrence.

3.0 ACTIVITY CONCENTRATION ESTIMATES

Ordinary kriging (OK) of estimated activity concentrations was used as a basis for obtaining an estimate of both total activity in a defined volume of RIM extent and supporting the optimization component of the RD. The following discussion provides a summary of the initial development, and ongoing variogram analyses.

3.1 Initial Development

There are several steps that are considered and explained in the development of this model beyond what was provided in the PEP. These include data processing, transformation of soft data to activities, and combining thorium / radium data during kriging.

Normalized gamma data were transformed using the equations outlined in the PEP (Parsons 2020). In the initial phase of the activity modeling, hard radium and thorium data, and transformed soft data were combined and the resulting data set was kriged. In the presence of duplicate samples, the lesser value was selected. This was initially done as a method for unbiasing some of the previous high-biasing steps. Previous investigations biased hard data sample collection based on the highest field screening values observed, therefore biasing the data to a higher-activity sample set.

In EVS, during the development of the MIK model for which RIM extent is determined, a decision point was encountered in how to manage duplicate sample results (e.g., field duplicates) where results were not equivalent. The handling of duplicate samples inherently incorporates bias in the dataset whether: 1) both samples are retained (EVS will average the two values); 2) the lower value is retained (indicating the sample is more likely to exceed 52.9 pCi/g); or 3) the higher value is retained (indicating the sample is less likely to exceed 52.9 pCi/g). The duplicate samples were resolved by taking the conservative approach and choosing the sample more likely to exceed 52.9 pCi/g (for both the IK3D and EVS model). Future modeling (both MIK and OK) will consider either using the average values or choosing the higher value for duplicates based on comments from the USEPA and MDNR suggesting a more conservative method for data selection should be used. In either case methodology will be consistent between the MIK and the OK approaches regarding the treatment of duplicates (see below).

The equations (Equations C-3 and C-4 from the Geostatistical Report [SSP&A 2017]) used for transforming the soft data to activities as outlined in the PEP (Parsons 2020) were developed by SSP&A and selected for use since the additional error matrix analysis performed for these regression equations may more closely represent the true correlation. An alternate method would be to use the same regressions, or base case, used for transforming the soft data into indicators (Equations D-1-1 and D-1-2 from the Geostatistical Report [SSP&A 2017]). Both methods are viable. However, as noted in the Geostatistical Report (SSP&A 2017), the base-case regressions tend to under-predict high activities and over-predict low activities. For the purposes of preliminary activity estimates, kriging with values from the error matrix regressions is believed to more accurately predict activity concentration. Since the soft data are used to predict the absolute activity values the preferred approach was to use a more “cross-validated” regression. The regressions and CDFs will be revised upon further data collection, and, subsequently, the final regressions used for the activity model will also be revised.

Initially, for the activity model, the activities were combined prior to kriging. This was done for computational expediency as the concept of kriging activity concentration (not using MIK for total activities calculations) was developed. To evaluate the impacts on combining radium and thorium prior to kriging versus kriging the analytes separately and combining the kriged results, a preliminary separate model was developed for comparison using Area 2 data only. Based on the modeling workflow presented in the PEP (Parsons 2020), the activity concentrations were subset within the RIM plume and the total activity was calculated. No differences in OK variogram parameters were made between the two methodologies, and the autofit function was utilized in both models. The difference in total activity values from 0 to 16 feet B2005GS between the two methods (combining analytes and kriging versus kriging analytes separately and then combining) was 1.4%. After new data are obtained and incorporated into the model, the following method will be used to develop activity models:

- Krige each analyte separately, and then combine the kriged data sets for the total activity.
- Where there are duplicate soft data values, the duplicates will be evaluated for false positives and potential data collection issues. Based on the review, duplicates will either be averaged or the larger value will be selected.
- Where there is a hard data point coincident with a soft data, hard data will take precedence.

3.2 Ongoing Variogram Analysis

Initially, within development of the activity concentration model, the “autofit” function was used to develop the range and sill, which is not considered a formal variogram analysis. The resulting autofit variograms are presented in Figure E-5. As can be seen from the variograms, the resulting ranges from autofit are significantly higher than the MIK model, since the autofit function is incorporating values at longer distances where the variance decreases. For this reason, the sill is within a large scatter of data resulting from the highly variable nature of the measured activity concentrations (ranging from less than 100 to greater than 1,000,000 pCi/g).

Knowing that the autofit may under or overpredict RIM, an initial variogram analysis was completed after the PEP as part of this DIWP. These variograms are shown in Figure E-6. Here, a more reasonable fit is derived, as the sill is more related to where the variance is high, and the range is generally related to where the distance where the variance begins to “flatten” on the graph. That said, the variograms in Figure E-6 also show a significant amount of scatter and do not represent a “good” fit. Furthermore, even though there is a smaller range, the variance is large, and the data are scattered and irregular. This is a common occurrence in environmental data sets, such as for pH or hydraulic conductivity, in which the analyte varies many orders of magnitude over small distances. Also, this is an observed condition of the site in terms of large changes in concentration over short distances, which is manifested in the variograms.

High variance does not necessarily mean that there is a low spatial correlation, rather it reflects the variogram being dependent upon the data being distributed normally. Often when concentration data change orders of magnitude in short distances the data distribution can be considered log-normal. Given this data distribution, it is recommended that a log-transform be explored prior to kriging, then kriging the data set, and then back-transforming the data to get estimates of activity. This common transformation method for environmental data can be compared with untransformed data in terms of the activity calculation and optimization.

As part of the ongoing variogram analyses and activity calculation development, a log-transformed alternative variogram was developed for Area 1 and Area 2 and is provided as Figure E-7. When comparing Figures E-6 and E-7, it can be readily observed how markedly improved the empirical variograms are; with use of the log transformations both the variance and the scatter of the data are greatly reduced. This method for kriging the activity will also be considered during future activity model analyses.

3.3 Future Variogram Analysis

With the collection of new data, the activity models for each area will be updated. The following changes and additional analyses are expected to occur:

- Updated regressions and increased hard data collection
- Variogram analysis:
 - Maintaining non-transform variograms, while understanding that variograms will have more scatter and likely a poorer fit between the empirical data and the model
 - Log transform
- Comparison of RIM extent derived from the OK model used for the activity calculations as compared to the MIK model used for the RIM extent.

3.3.1 Updated Regressions and Increased Hard Data Collection

As outlined in the DIWP, there will be additional hard and soft data collected in order to fill in data gaps, which will be incorporated into the regressions. Then the regressions will be thoroughly analyzed in order to improve the correlation to the extent practical. This process of updating the regressions directly affects the transformation of soft data into activity concentration.

Additionally, it is proposed to collect more hard data at a higher depth resolution than has been done in the past. As outlined in the PEP, the number of borings with hard data is being increased by more than a factor of 2, and proposed DIWP hard sample collection will increase the hard data by a factor of greater than 3. This increased hard data density will allow for improvements to the activity model by providing additional activity concentrations for cross-validation of both the IK and OK models and allowing for a hard-data-only OK model to be considered.

3.3.2 Variogram Analyses

As discussed above, future variogram analyses will compare the use and appropriateness of linear versus log-kriging as a means for estimating activity concentrations.

3.3.3 Activity Model RIM Extent as Compared to IK Model

The current activity modeling process involves kriging the activities and then bounding them by the RIM extent, defined as 50% probability of exceeding RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g, as evaluated by the MIK model. This was

a method proposed as the most feasible option in estimating activity concentrations spatially and at different depth intervals, in order to meet the Record of Decision Amendment (RODA) objective of “optimization.” The activity model outside of the currently defined RIM boundary has not yet been considered.

The additional analyses for variogram modeling mentioned above, part of determining a correct method for the RD will include evaluation of the activity concentration estimates and the model similarities / difference the MIK RIM extent compared to the activity concentration (ordinary) kriging model RIM extent (as requested by USEPA and MDNR).

4.0 GENERAL RIM UNCERTAINTY

The limit of RIM boundary developed during the PEP was defined as a 50% probability of exceeding 52.9 pCi/g activity (Parsons 2020). The boundaries were developed using geostatistical methods (IK) utilizing hard and soft data collected during previous investigations. The spatial distribution of data, as it relates to RIM boundaries used in the geostatistical model, was examined to select areas where limited, spatially discontinuous data are present, and where RIM extent is driven predominantly by either radium or thorium data. As part of the DIWP, seven GSMOs were written to address many of the USEPA and MDNR comments and concerns about the development and use of the geostatistical model for identifying RIM extent and concentration. Please refer to the DIWP and the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for direct information on these GSMOs and how they are designed to improve delineation of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g. Below is a general discussion on the DIWP as related to the model is provided.

Borings are proposed at the lateral extent of the RIM boundary to acquire both hard and soft data at multiple depth intervals in each boring. The advancement of borings around the RIM extent boundary will provide increased hard data density at the distal extent of the RIM boundary that currently has sparse data. The collection of additional data in this area will refine the vertical and lateral RIM extent and the associated RIM volume and total activity developed in the PEP geostatistical model.

In areas of deep RIM, 12 to 20 feet B2005GS, borings will be advanced to 20 feet B2005GS to refine the RIM extent, RIM volume, and total activity present. It is important to have an accurate understanding of deep RIM to allow for the activity accounting methods proposed in the PEP (Parsons 2020) and further expanded up on excavation optimization (Section 5), specifically:

- RIM containing activities greater than 1,000 pCi/g that may be present from 12 to 20 feet B2005GS should be targeted.
- Isolated pockets of RIM from 8 to 12 feet B2005GS will be left in place that do not prove to be efficient for excavation (i.e., extensive overburden removal required), to offset the activity left behind in the isolated pockets, the base of excavation(s) will be dug deeper in areas where RIM (with elevated activity concentrations) exists below the bottom of proposed excavation areas.

Borings are also proposed in areas with sparse data distribution within the RIM boundary. The areas identified as being under-represented in the model due to low data density include:

1. Isolated pockets of RIM, where “lobes” of the RIM extent are attributed to data with limited density/spatial distribution.
2. Locations where RIM extent is driven by a single analyte, predominantly either radium or thorium data (Section 4.1).
3. Areas of large kriging standard deviation within the extent of the model (Section 4.2).

For isolated pockets of RIM, borings are proposed for advancement to 12 feet B2005GS, with specific focus on 8 to 12 feet B2005GS, for the collection of hard and soft data for refinement of RIM extent. Collection of additional data in these areas will assist in the determination of whether RIM is present and/or more contiguous than initially modeled. By refining the RIM extent in isolated pockets, further analysis of excavation feasibility can be conducted. Excavation feasibility includes volume, extent, and total activity of RIM in the isolated pocket as compared to the quantity of non-RIM overburden that lies directly above RIM and any associated set back material, that would be required for excavation of isolated pocket of RIM.

Utilizing kriging standard deviation, and single analyte-driven RIM extent is discussed in subsections below (Sections 4.1 and 4.2, respectively).

In Appendix B of the PEP (Parsons 2020), the presence of “unverified anomalies” was discussed and further elaboration is provided here. Previously identified unverified anomalies of RIM are regions of focus for collection of additional hard and soft data to confirm or invalidate these areas of RIM. The extent of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g is based on predictions and does not provide a “verified” presence/absence of RIM. The use of the term “unverified anomalies” can be better described as minor figments of kriging predictions that have little to no hard or soft data, for which a greater than 50% probability of the presence of RIM can be ascribed. Efforts are underway to further refine the variograms and kriging parameters used for indicator and ordinary kriging to better fit available data and reduce such minor kriging figments. The refinement of model variograms and parameters is an ongoing process in model development for Areas 1 and 2. As more hard and soft data inputs are available the variograms and model input parameters will require review and possible modification to provide quantitatively descriptive spatial distribution.

4.1 Thorium and Radium Distribution Analyses

Thorium is not a gamma-emitter at lower levels and therefore translation of normalized gamma data to thorium-based activity concentrations using SSP&A's Equation C-4 may result in an unreliable estimate of thorium activity in lower ranges (these “detection limits” are in development – see Section 7 below, discussing future work). Separate interpolations were performed to investigate which analyte, radium or thorium, is the main driver of the RIM expression in Areas 1 and 2. The main driver of the RIM expression was evaluated by modeling a radium-only extent and a thorium-only extent using both hard and soft indicator data. The analyte-specific extents were compared to combined extent of RIM to identify areas where RIM is driven by one analyte. As shown in Figures E-8a and E-8b, there are specific areas of the RIM extent that are driven by detection of thorium, meanwhile the radium areas are mostly if not always coincident with the thorium. In review of thorium-driven RIM areas, most of the data are soft, or gamma, data.

To address the lack of a physical relationship between gamma response and thorium activity, additional high-resolution borings are proposed to be advanced during the DI to collect hard data for refinement of the thorium extent in thorium-driven RIM expressions. The high-resolution approach entails borings advanced to 16 feet B2005GS. Hard data will be collected from these borings at a frequency of every 1 foot along the core. Additionally, the high-resolution borings will undergo soft data collection using two methodologies: core scans and downhole gamma logging. Results of the high-resolution activity samples may be used to improve the correlation between gamma and thorium or, if necessary, provide sufficient delineation data with less need for soft data to define the thorium occurrences and extent.

4.2 Kriging Standard Deviation

When a spatial data set is kriged, the solution of the kriging system of equations also provides the variance (and thus the standard deviation) of the estimate associated with each kriged value. The kriging standard deviation for a given estimated node is the square root of the variance that is calculated during the kriging estimation. The standard deviation can be used to create a grid of confidence intervals for each estimated data point.

Standard deviation is a useful tool in assessing areas of uncertainty in the model. Areas with a higher standard deviation have a lower confidence. Typically, the standard deviation distribution can be used to assess areas of lower confidence *relative* to areas of higher confidence, for identification of new sample locations to improve model confidence. For the purposes of selecting boring locations, the relative distribution of standard deviation, in combination with RIM, was used and compared with not only existing borings (as is done with standard deviation), but also qualitatively considering where new borings should be located for delineation of RIM and/or further investigation into interior RIM margins. Figures E-9a through E-9ab demonstrate the standard deviation for radium and thorium in Areas 1 and 2, where elevation-based slices of standard deviation are shown every 2 feet. Figures for Area 1 show elevation slices from 444 to 466 feet above mean sea level (amsl), and 444 to 474 feet amsl for Area 2. Additionally, contours of probability of non-exceedance of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g are overlaid on the standard deviation at 0.2 increments from 0.1 to 0.9. The maps provided a quantitative demonstration of the variance and therefore have guided the identification of new borings, particularly the “primary” borings on GSMO #7.

5.0 EXCAVATION OPTIMIZATION

Evaluations are ongoing to optimize the excavation of RIM in Areas 1 and 2. The RODA specifies that RIM located between 8 and 12 feet B2005GS can remain in place as long as the activity left behind is offset by removal of RIM, with preference to areas of higher activity (e.g., 1,000 pCi/g) at depths of 12 to 20 feet B2005GS within Areas 1 and/or 2. In addition, the overall activity removed must equal the total activity between 0 and 16 feet B200GS. Those areas which are potentially greater than 1000 pCi/g, and associated areas for activity off-set (areas less than 1000 pCi/g but advantageously positioned for removal due to proximity to proposed excavation extents), will be tentatively identified as part of the 30% design using the methods described in the PEP (Parsons 2020) and elaborated on herein. This is a preliminary optimization because substantial new data will be obtained in the DI.

5.1 Total Activity and Impacted Soil Volume in 4-foot Sub-intervals Between 0 and 20 feet B2005GS

Developing an increased understanding of total activity at a higher resolution by depth is an initial step in excavation optimization. Building from the total activities by depth presented in the PEP (Parsons 2020), further depth discretization was performed to explore total activity and associated soil volumes in 4-foot intervals between the 2005 ground surface and 20 feet B2005GS. Examining these sub-intervals allows for better understanding of distribution of activity from 0 to 20 feet B2005GS and allows for identification of any clear pattern of total activity values. For example, high total activity in 0 to 4 feet B2005GS may indicate a bias due to surface sampling results. Presented below are refinements of the activity calculation equations from Appendix B of the PEP (Parsons 2020).

As discussed in the PEP (Parsons 2020), the RIM activity calculation can be defined as Equation 1, below. Equation 1 has been modified from the version presented in the PEP to acknowledge that the model gridding is developed in a uniform rectilinear structure, or of equal cell size throughout the gridded model space. Further consideration will be given to using or including an alternative equation to the activity balance provided here (and the PEP), one which eliminates the redundant density parameter in accordance with USEPA's comments.

The equation presented in the PEP (Parsons 2020) had a general form that included a subscript for grid cell volume, indicating that cell volumes may differ on a cell-by-cell basis, which is not the case for the current rectilinear grid. The subscript for cell volume has been removed in the simplified Equation 1 (below), because the model gridding is developed in a uniform rectilinear structure, or of equal cell size throughout the gridded model space. Grid cells in Area 1 and Area 2 models are 15-meter by 15-meter by 0.5-foot (vertical).

Equation 1, simplified from Appendix B of PEP (Parsons 2020):

$$TAct = Act_{z_1-z_2} = \sum_{i=1}^n (va_i)\rho_B$$

Where:

<i>TAct</i>	= Total activity.
<i>Act_{z₁-z₂}</i>	= Activity over the depth interval <i>z₁</i> to <i>z₂</i> .
<i>a_i</i>	= Activity concentration at grid cell <i>i</i> .
<i>v</i>	= Soil volume of grid cell (15 meters x 15 meters x 0.5 foot).
<i>n</i>	= Number of grid cells where RIM is greater than 52.9 pCi/g over depth interval <i>z₁</i> to <i>z₂</i> .
<i>ρ_B</i>	= Soil Bulk Density (weight of the dry soil/total soil volume).

Since the total activity to be removed is the equivalent of total activity between 0 and 16 feet B2005GS in areas greater than 52.9 pCi/g, Equation 1 can then be depth-limited where *z₁* = 0 and *z₂* = 16 feet B2005GS (Equation 2).

As with Equation 1, Equation 2 from the PEP (Parsons 2020) has been simplified below to remove the subscript for cell volume, as the cell sizes are constant and the use of a subscript is unnecessary.

Equation 2, as simplified from Appendix B of PEP (Parsons 2020):

$$TAct_{0-16} = \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{0-16}a_{i\ 0-16})\rho_B$$

Where:

<i>TAct₀₋₁₆</i>	= Total activity over the depth interval 0 to 16 feet B2005GS.
<i>a_{i\ 0-16}</i>	= Activity concentration at grid cell <i>i</i> over depth interval 0 to 16 feet B2005GS.
<i>v₀₋₁₆</i>	= Soil volume of grid cell (15 meters x 15 meters x 0.5 ft) over depth interval 0 to 16 feet.
<i>n</i>	= Number of grid cells where RIM is greater than 52.9 pCi/g over depth interval <i>z₁</i> to <i>z₂</i> .
<i>ρ_B</i>	= Soil Bulk Density (weight of the dry soil/total soil volume).

For the calculation of total activity, the bulk density of the material is assumed to be a constant fixed soil density value of 1.85 g/cm³. In the PEP (Parsons 2020), the relationship described between bulk density and total activity used the term “relative.” The term “relative” was intended to indicate that, during activity balancing, the same bulk density value will be applied to both the isolated pockets and the off-set excavation areas.

Because both calculations assume the same value for bulk density, the total activity calculation in the activity-balancing becomes a function of soil volume and activity concentration between soil left in place and soil used for off-set. We note that the material density will vary randomly within a small range (likely to be less than 25%), whereas cell-based activity can vary by orders of magnitude. Thus a cell's total activity is driven predominantly by the activity concentration value. Furthermore, the process of how activities are calculated becomes “relative” in that the true accuracy of the estimate is less important than the precision, since the point is to make a comparative estimate of the activities between 0 and 16 feet B2005GS and activity within the volume of RIM identified for removal by the RD, in order to meet the optimization objectives.

It is recognized that a different equation can be used, as suggested by the USEPA, where density is eliminated from these equations as discussed above. Future calculations will consider the ratio as presented in the USEPA comments on the PEP.

Employing the modified Equations 1 and 2, above, and incorporating additional depth-discretization of total activity into separate 4-foot intervals, total activity can be mathematically defined by Equation 3, below:

Equation 3, as modified from Appendix B of PEP (Parsons 2020):

$$TAct = TAct_{0-16} = A_{0-4} + A_{4-8} + A_{8-12} + A_{12-16}$$

Where:

- TAct** = Total activity.
TAct₀₋₁₆ = Total activity over the depth interval 0 to 16 feet B2005GS.
A_{z1-z2} = Activity within the interval of z1 to z2 feet B2005GS

The resulting total activity and associated soil volumes for the 4-foot intervals are presented below in Table E-2. Total activity and volume for 16-20 feet B2005GS is provided to assist in identifying the availability of possible off-set locations for total activity balancing.

**TABLE E-2 TOTAL ACTIVITY AND ASSOCIATED VOLUME IN 4-FOOT LAYERS:
0 TO 10 FEET B2005GS**

Depth Interval (feet B2005GS)	Area 1		Area 2	
	Volume (CY)	Activity (Ci)	Volume (CY)	Activity (Ci)
0-4	1,977	6.7	27,035	104.1
4-8	2,751	9.9	19,687	43.0
8-12	4,077	12.1	17,267	33.1
12-16	2,708	13.4	9,338	10.2
0-16	11,512	42.1	73,323	190.4
16-20	2,306	2.2	992	30.4

Notes: Ci – Curies
CY – Cubic Yards

In reviewing the distribution of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g presented in Table E-2, it appears Area 1 has total activity distributed throughout the 0 to 16 feet B2005GS interval, with slightly more activity present from 8 to 16 feet B2005GS, and minimal activity present at 16 to 20 feet B2005GS. Based on the total activity distribution by depth in Area 1, it appears that the activities are not overly biased by surface samples. The activity model for Area 1 can be further refined by additional data collection within, and surrounding, the RIM boundary. The DI field investigation data collection will assist in data resolution in the Area 1, which will refine the activity model.

There is less data density in Area 2, especially data at depth, which can be seen in the total activity distribution among the 4-foot intervals. A majority of the activity within 0 to 16 feet B2005GS interval is present in the 0 to 4 feet B2005GS interval. Additionally, the model identified more total activity from 16 to 20 feet B2005GS than in 12 to 16 feet B2005GS interval. While it is understood that the material in Areas 1 and 2 are heterogeneous, the variance in total activities between 4-foot intervals is likely due to lower data density at depth. This region of lower data density is an area identified for improvement to underpin the updated geostatistical model for the RD, and data collected during the DI will be incorporated in the model to increase vertical and horizontal resolution of activity concentration data, and thus total activity values.

This analysis of total activity by depth can be further discretized, as needed, to further refinement of the excavation extent in the 30% design. These discretization methods will be paramount to developing an optimized excavation extent during the 90% design following incorporation of data collected during the DI.

5.2 Activity Balancing Improvement for Design

Parsons acknowledges that the total activity calculations and discretization analysis, identification of isolated pockets of RIM between 8 and 12 feet B2005GS, identification of areas relative to the 1,000 pCi/g criteria between 12 and 20 feet B2005GS, and analysis of overburden removal relative to RIM are areas of improvement in the development of an optimized excavation plan. Evaluation of these areas is underway, and further conceptualization discussion will be provided in the 30% design document and fully developed for the final excavation plan.

As mentioned previously, the RODA specifies that isolated areas of RIM between 8 and 12 feet B2005GS that has activity concentrations greater than 52.9 pCi/g can remain in place as long as the activity left behind is off-set by removal of RIM between 12 and 20 feet B2005GS within Areas 1 and/or 2. Those areas within 8 and 12 feet that are proposed to be left in place, and associated areas for activity off-set, will be identified with the inclusion of new sample data after the DI is completed using the methods described in the PEP (Parsons 2020) and the depth discretization and activity balancing discussed in this memorandum.

A necessary aspect of the RD will include excavation efficiency; thus, the ratio of RIM (total activity and volume) to volume of overburden removal required to access RIM will be reviewed. By reviewing the ratio of RIM removal to overburden disturbance, it can be evaluated if excavation efforts are better allocated in an alternative location within Areas 1 and/or 2 with a more advantageous ratio of RIM (total activity and volume) to volume of overburden removal. The RIM (total activity and volume) versus overburden disturbance ratio for determining whether it is advantageous to excavate is in development.

Based on the optimized excavation approach that allows areas of RIM greater than 52.9 pCi/g from 8 to 12 feet B2005GS to be left in place, the Equation 4 of Appendix B of the PEP (Parsons 2020) is modified as shown below.

Equation 4, as modified from Appendix B of PEP (Parsons 2020):

$$TAct = TAct_{0-16} \\ = A_{0-8} + (A_{8-12} - A_{IP\ 8-12}) + A_{>1000@12-16} + HSA_{>1000@16-z3}$$

Where:

$A_{IP\ z_1-z_2}$ = Activity of isolated pockets of RIM (>52.9 pCi/g) over the depth interval z_1 to z_2 .

$A_{>1000@12-16}$ = Activity of RIM >1000 pCi/g between 12-16 ft B2005GS, Areas <1000 pCi/g may be removed based on excavation efficiency (i.e., near a proposed excavation extent).

$HSA_{>1000@16-z3}$ = Hot Spot Activity in the excavation required below 16 feet B2005GS, where $z3 \leq 20$ feet B2005GS, to balance A_{IP} and $A_{<1000@12-16}$ with preference given to areas >1000 pCi/g to make up the activity balance. Areas <1000 pCi/g may be removed based on excavation efficiency (i.e., near or within a proposed excavation extent).

Given Equation 4 and the remedial objective, when the activity of excavated RIM deeper than 16 feet B2005GS is greater than or equal to the RIM activity of isolated pockets and/or areas greater than 52.9 pCi/g left in place between 8 and 12 feet B2005GS, the total activity 0 to 16 feet B2005GS goal is met. Mathematically this is explained in Equation 5:

Equation 5, modified from previously unnumbered equation in Appendix B of PEP (Parsons 2020):

$$A_{IP\ 8-12} + A_{<1000@12-16} \leq HSA_{16-z3}$$

then

$$TAct(removed) \geq TAct_{0-16}$$

6 SPATIAL AND DEPTH UNCERTAINTY OF CURRENT DATA

There are unaccounted changes or inaccuracies in the current elevation data on which the model is based that add to general depth uncertainty, including the gamma collection methods and their association with laboratory samples, and the elevation standardization as it relates to landfill subsidence and additional fill deposits.

6.1 Gamma Collection Methods

An area of uncertainty in historic gamma data involves core retrieval techniques that have made the quantification of a relationship between core-scanned data and downhole data not always straight-forward, as discussed further in Section 6.2. Increasing core recovery and/or process development for handling poor recovery data will help support an improved relationship between downhole gamma and core-scanned gamma, if possible.

6.2 Elevation Standardization

Improving the spatial accuracy of the data to be collected as part of the DI has been identified as a key element in model development. The existing geostatistical model is currently based on 2005 ground surfaces, as specified in the RODA (USEPA 2018). Following the 2005 survey, fill has been emplaced over top of Areas 1 and 2, and subsidence has been observed. These two events, material addition and natural subsidence, add a level of uncertainty to sample locations that were based on measurements B2005GS.

Another source of error identified during review of historic data is uncertainty in the relationship between the length of core retrieved and how core scans relate to the below-ground depth. Error is inherent when interpreting borehole depths versus lengths of recovered core, as core expansion or loss in recovery during extraction introduces uncertainty of true below-ground-surface depths observed in the core. This uncertainty directly affects the model regressions in terms of the relationship between depth of hard data and gamma scans collected from core, and downhole gamma scans.

A multipronged approach will be undertaken to improve the elevation data for use in the geostatistical model:

- Perform a sitewide ground surface topographic survey in Areas 1 and 2 to document the current (2020) ground surface topography.
- Correct historical hard and soft data from the 2005 ground surface elevations to the 2020 surveyed elevations.
- Perform short (approximately 4-foot) core runs during DI drilling to limit the amount of expansion or loss during extraction of core from the borehole, reducing the possibility for translation error between interpreted core depths as compared to typical core runs greater than 5 feet. The use of short core runs will provide more accurate elevation relationship between downhole and core scan data. The 4-foot run lengths are also designed to match the decision-making depth intervals that are in multiples of 4 feet as identified in the RODA. This means that materials collected in each core run should fall within a decision-making interval, even if there is poor recovery.
- Develop correlations on a boring-by-boring basis between downhole responses and core-scan responses to improve the elevation resolution between data collection tools.

Following the DI, the geostatistical model will be updated to include the 2020 surveyed ground surface, elevation-corrected historical hard and soft data from the 2005 surveyed ground surface to the 2020 surveyed ground surface, and incorporation of DI data based on the 2020 surveyed ground surface. Details of the sitewide survey are discussed in Section 3 of the DIWP.

7 SUMMARY AND FUTURE WORK

This Appendix E of the DIWP provides additional details on the logic and progression of model development since the PEP (Parsons 2020), and addresses comments from the USEPA and MDNR to the PEP, which were received with the conditional approval of the document.

A significant portion of the PEP comments are addressed in the DIWP GSMOs, as the “Problem Statements” of the GSMOs were developed directly from the comments and concerns expressed by the USEPA and MDNR. Additionally, the GSMOs were developed in ways that are similar to Data Quality Objective methodology; however, as GSMOs involve qualitative methodology, they are not considered “Data Quality Objectives.” That said the GSMOs will provide information to the PSQ-1 and PSQ-2 as in the QAPP.

The USEPA and MNDR identified two analyses to be completed during the development of the DIWP. These items are in progress and no conclusive information is currently available for incorporation into Appendix E. Details on the items listed below will be documented as results are available:

- USEPA requested an estimation of the detection limit for radium-226 for all soft data as well as an estimate of the thorium “detection” limit with soft data, which is based on the radium-thorium relationship.
- Data clustering is being evaluated to decide if/how data can be thinned or evaluated for gaps. Given the significant number of borings and samples proposed in the DIWP, it is likely that thinning may be more appropriate once more data are collected. Furthermore, the standard deviation maps were used to evaluate where additional boring should be located beyond the many other borings proposed for the other GSMOs.

The future activities related to the geostatistical processes are generally described as follows:

- Execute the DIWP and associated GSMOs in order to improve the collection and processing of data.
- Provided further details related to the 30% design, Revised Excavation Plan, and RD. Areas of RIM with activity concentrations greater than 1000 pCi/g between 12 and 20 feet are being evaluated for excavation. Areas with activity concentrations less than 1000 pCi/g are being evaluated for activity balancing.

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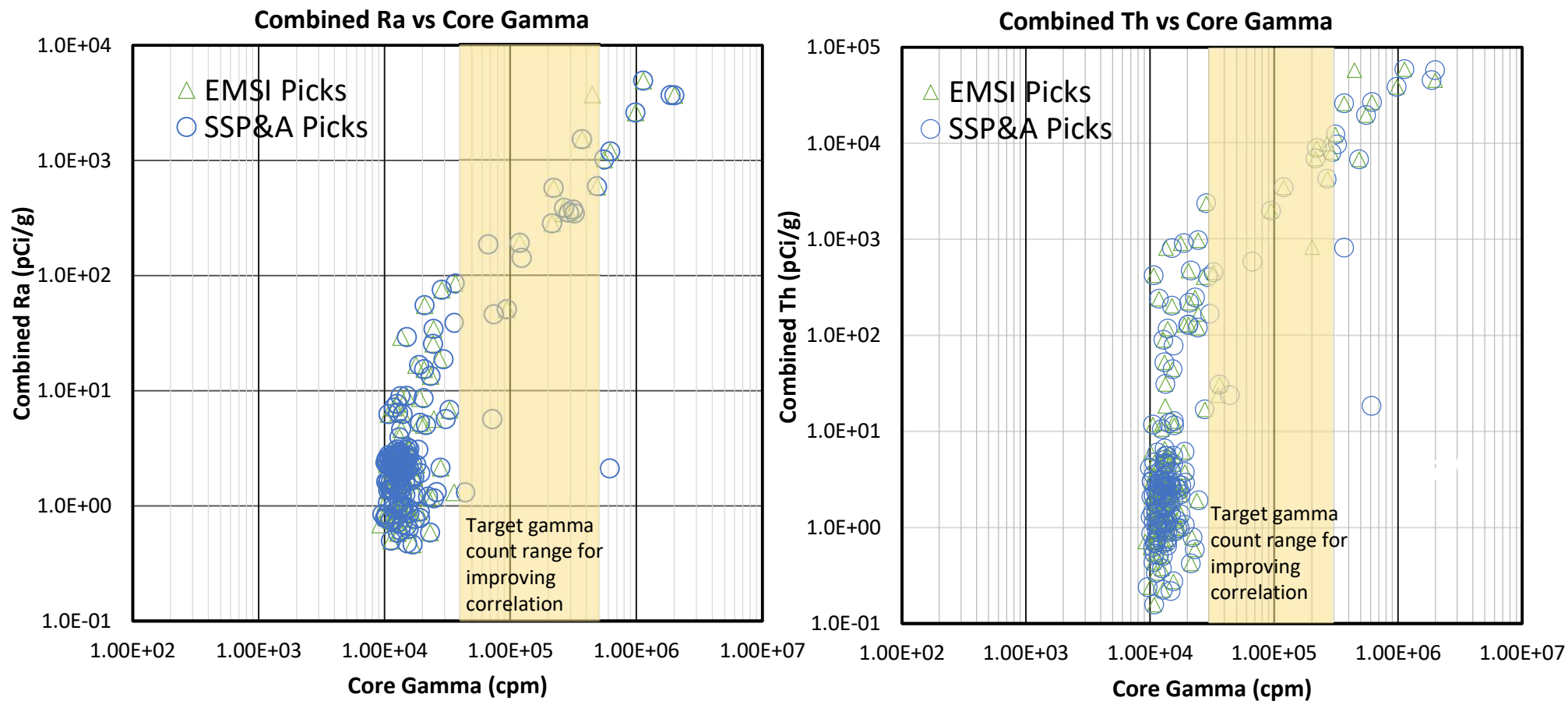


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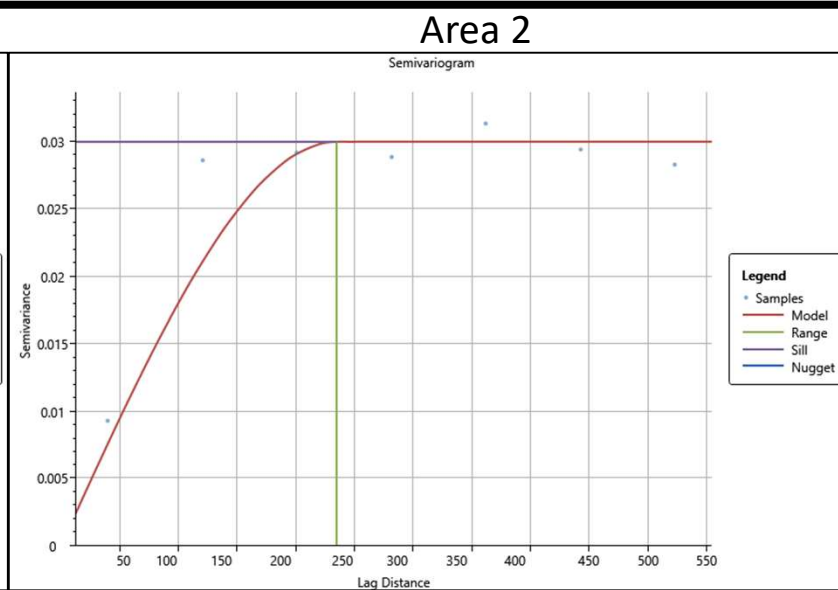
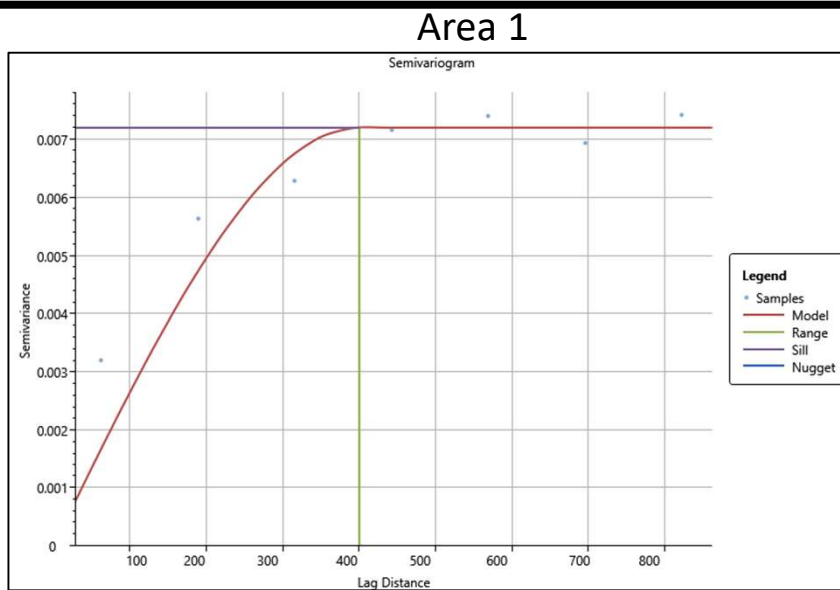
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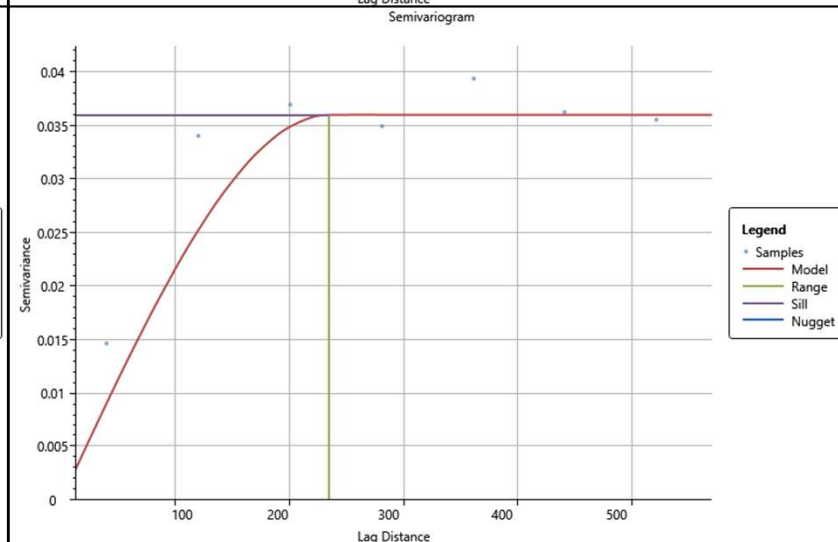
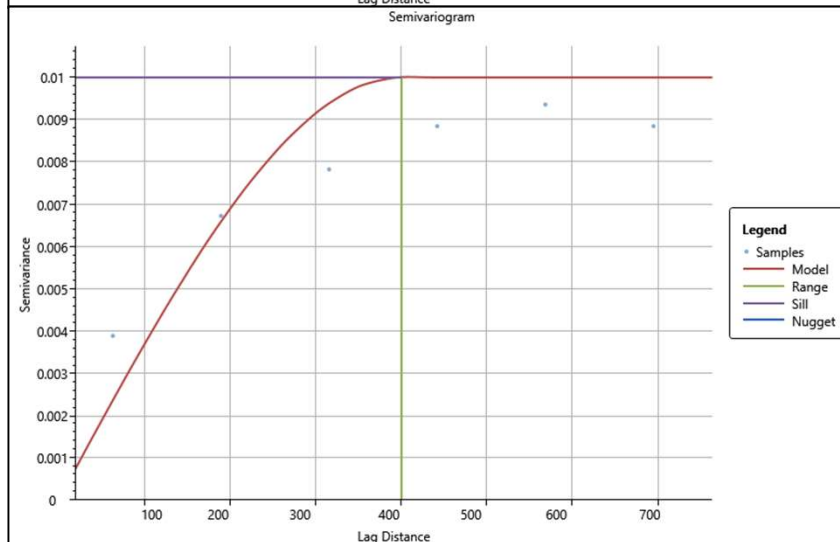


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Radium



Thorium



Note: The variogram viewing module does not allow for interactive adjusting of X-axis and Y-axis. The model appears to intersect at a non-zero nugget, however this is not the case and only an effect of zooming in in the plots

FIGURE E-2

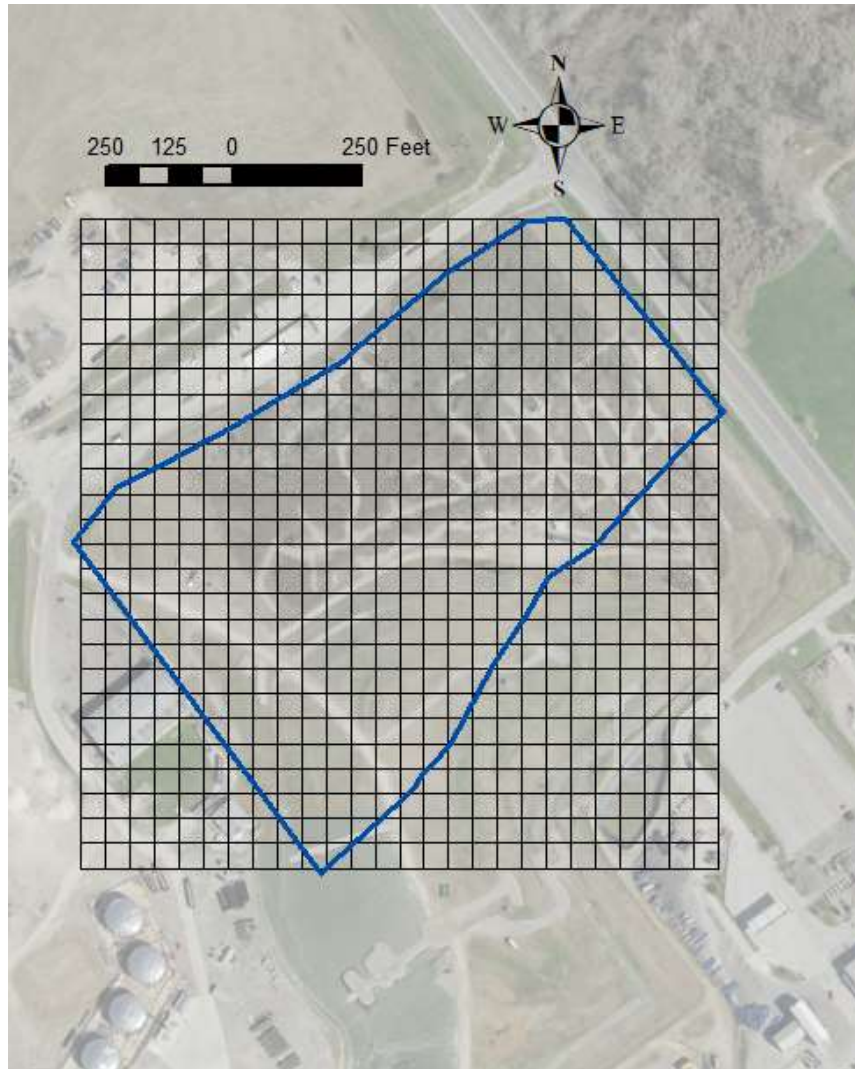
Target Gamma Count Ranges

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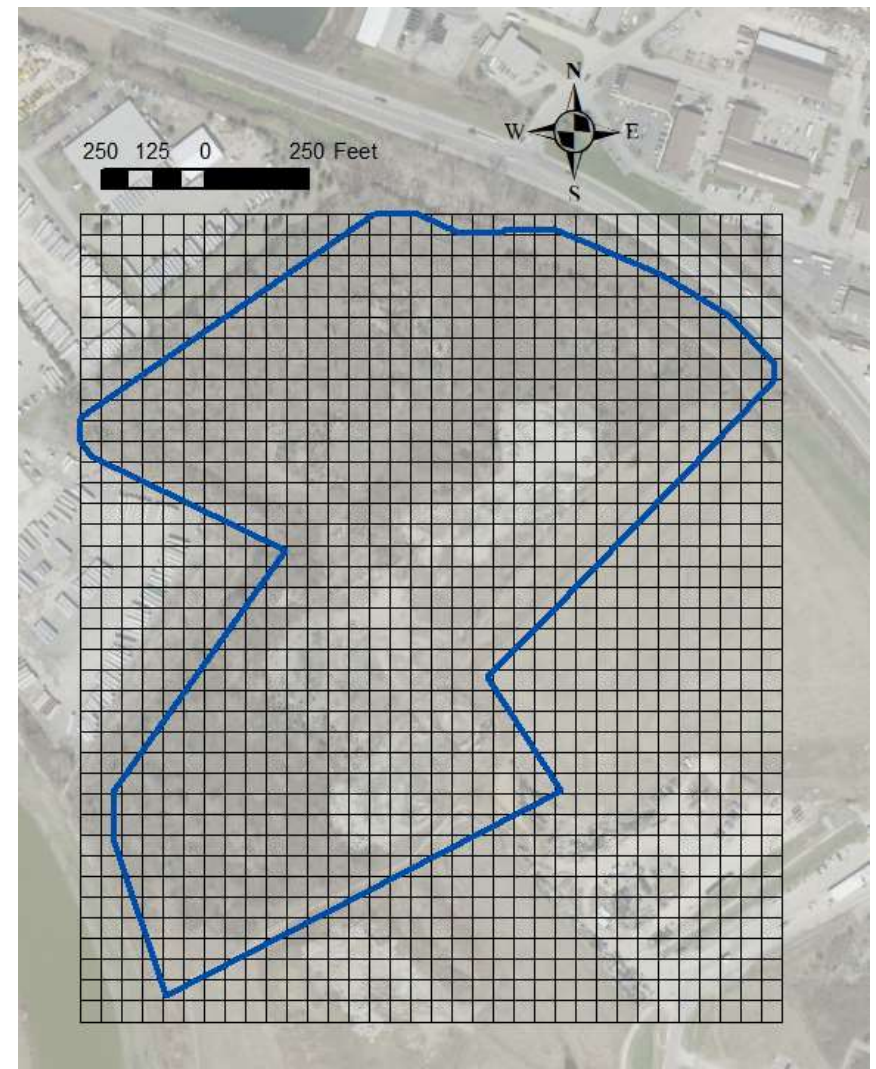


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Area 2



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-  Area Boundary
-  Kriging Grid

FIGURE E-3

225 Square Meter Kriging Grid
Areas 1 and 2

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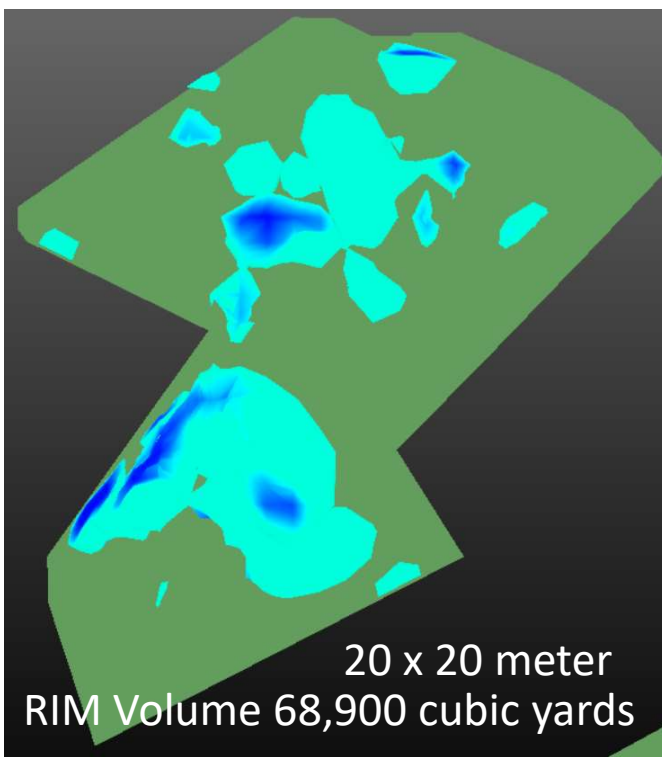
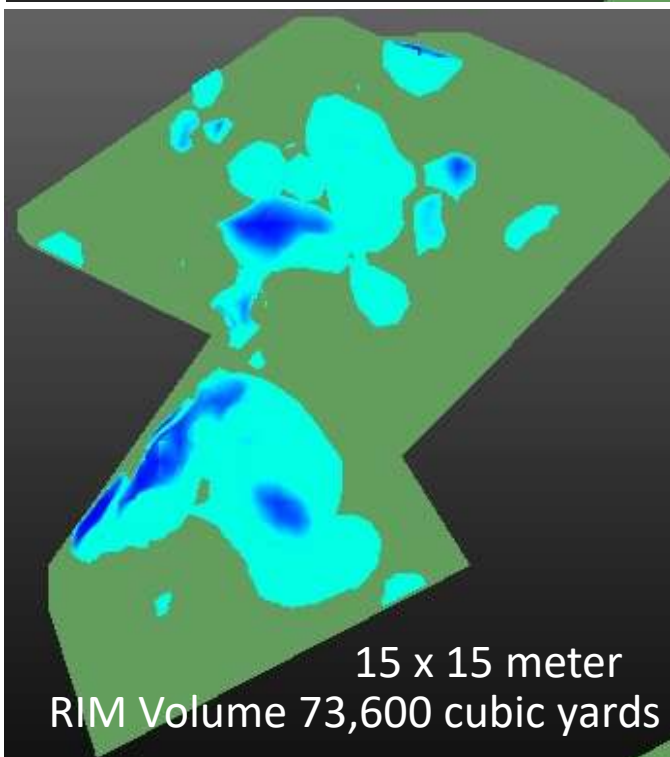
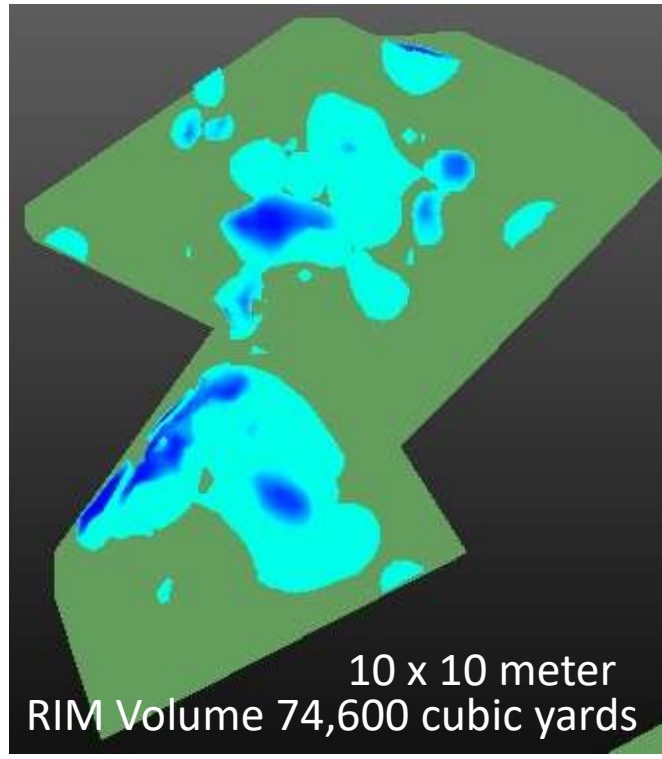
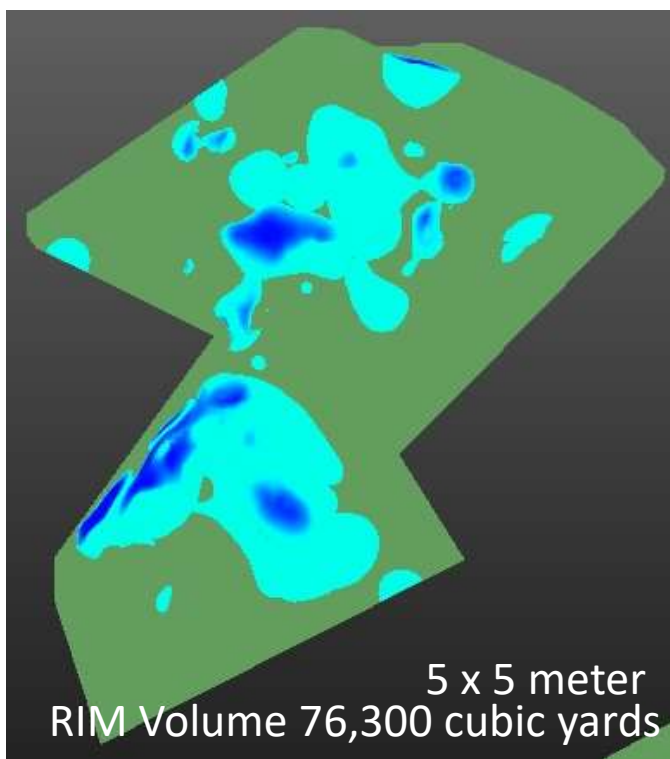


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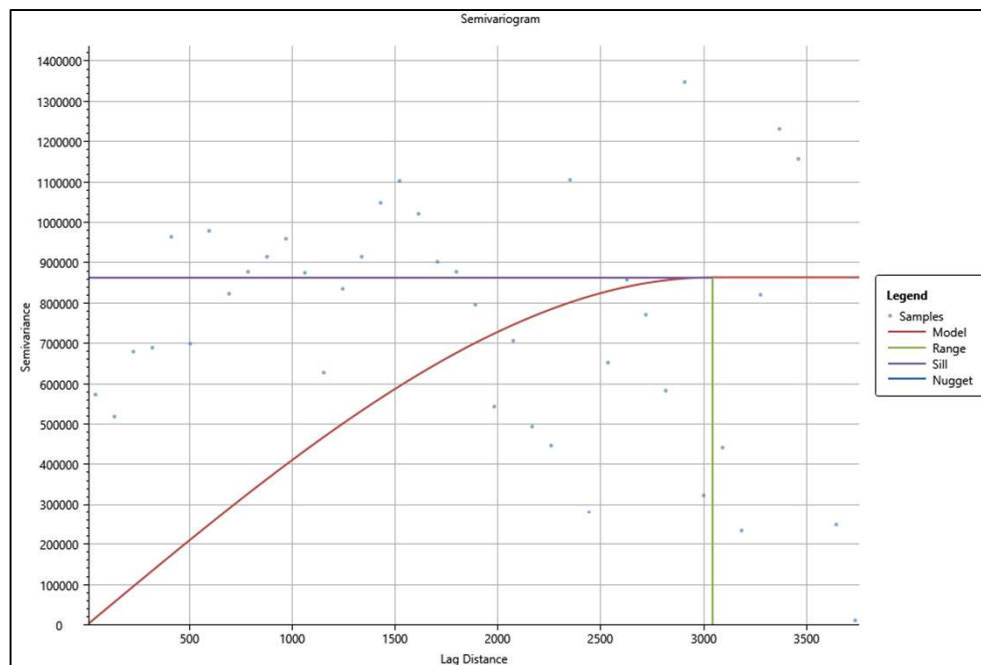
Grid Size Sensitivity
Area 2

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Area 1



Area 2

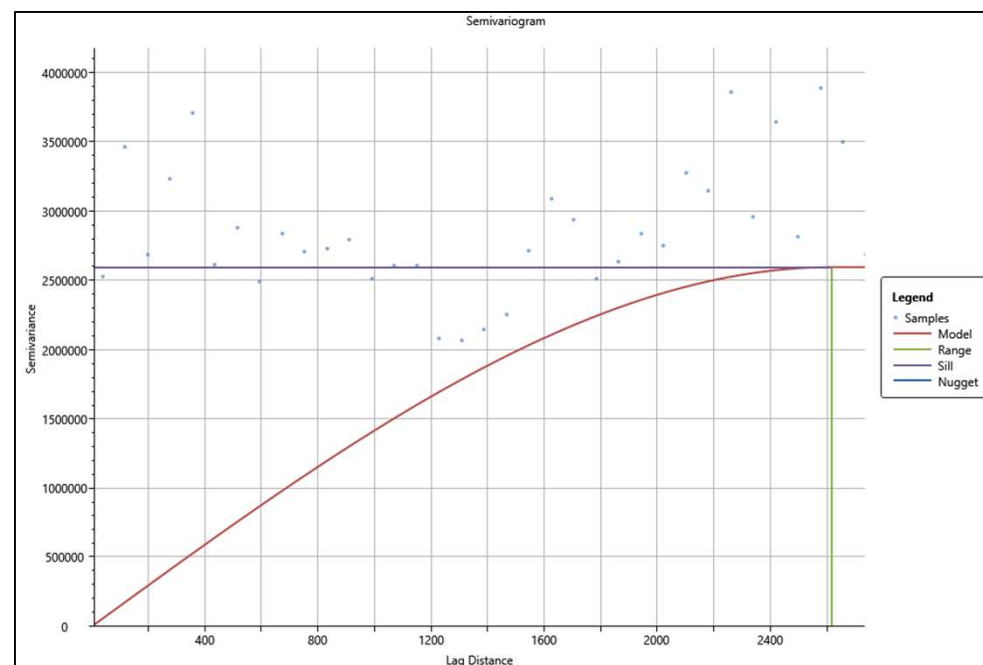


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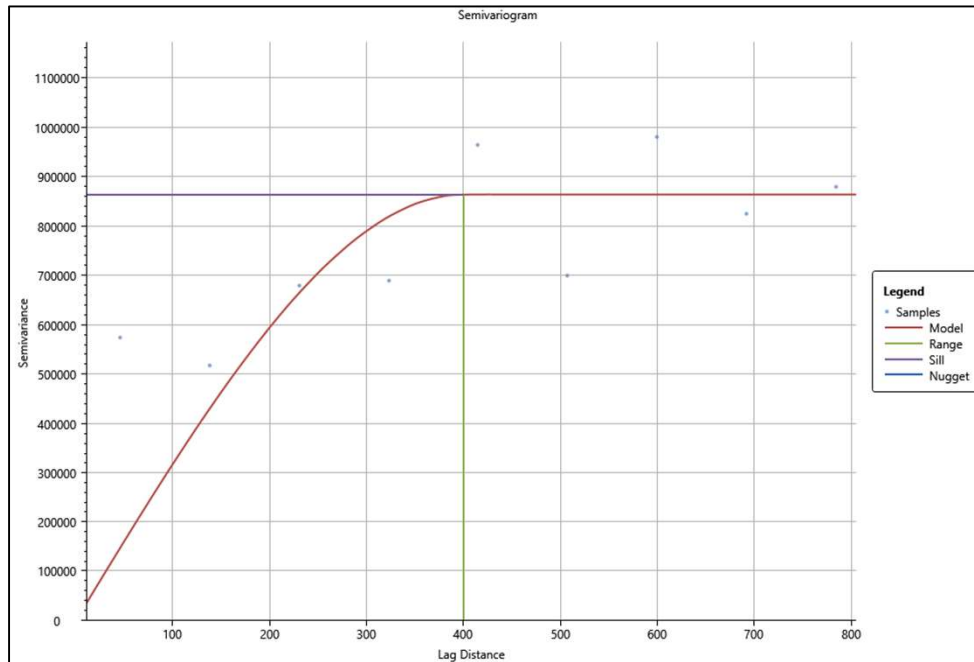
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Autofit

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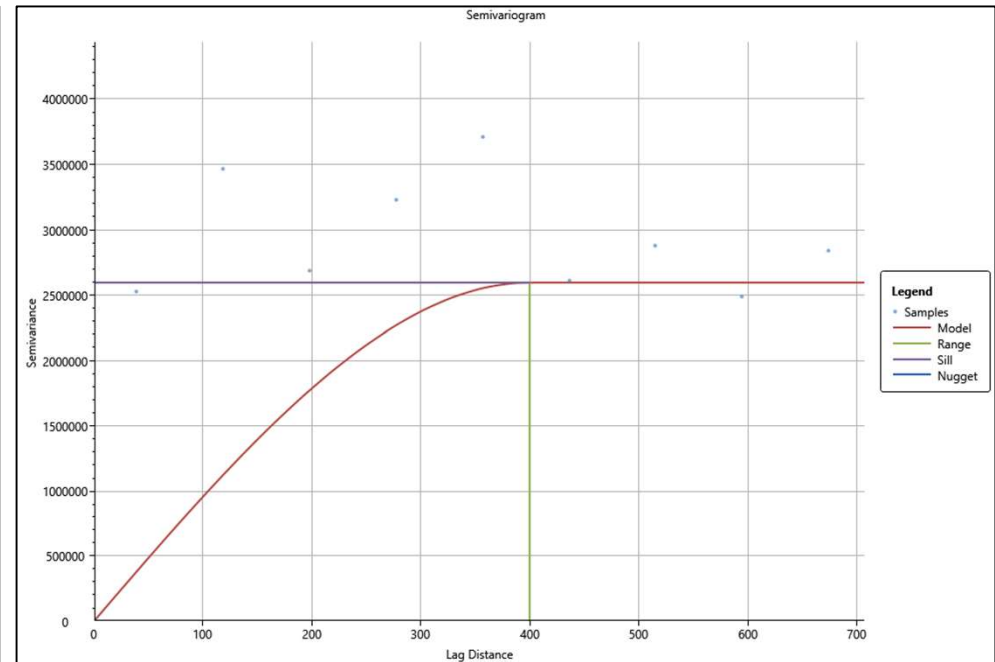


FIGURE E-6

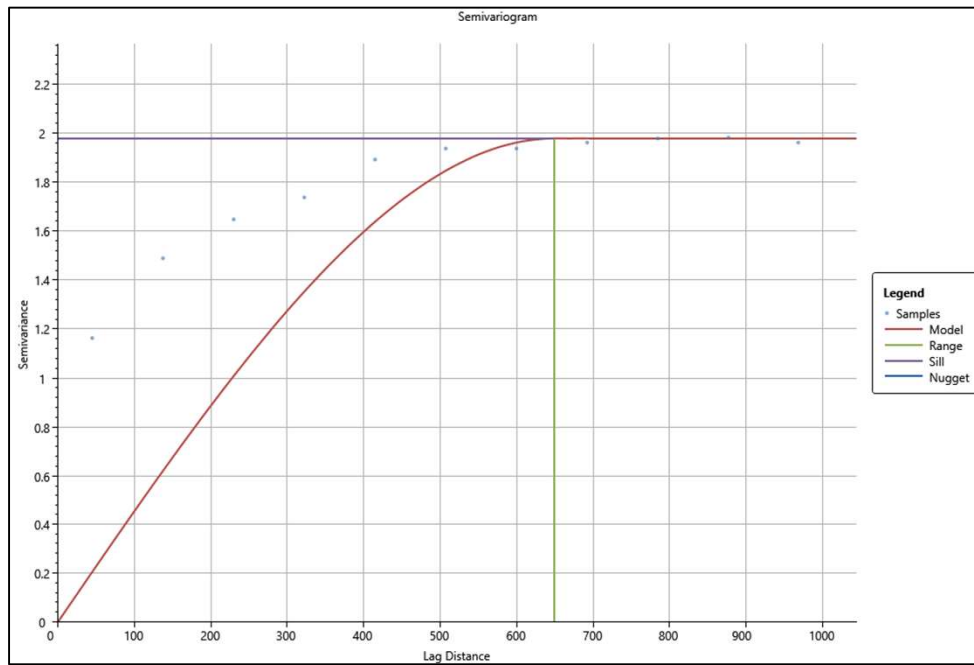
Activity Model Variograms
Alternative Range Analysis

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Area 2

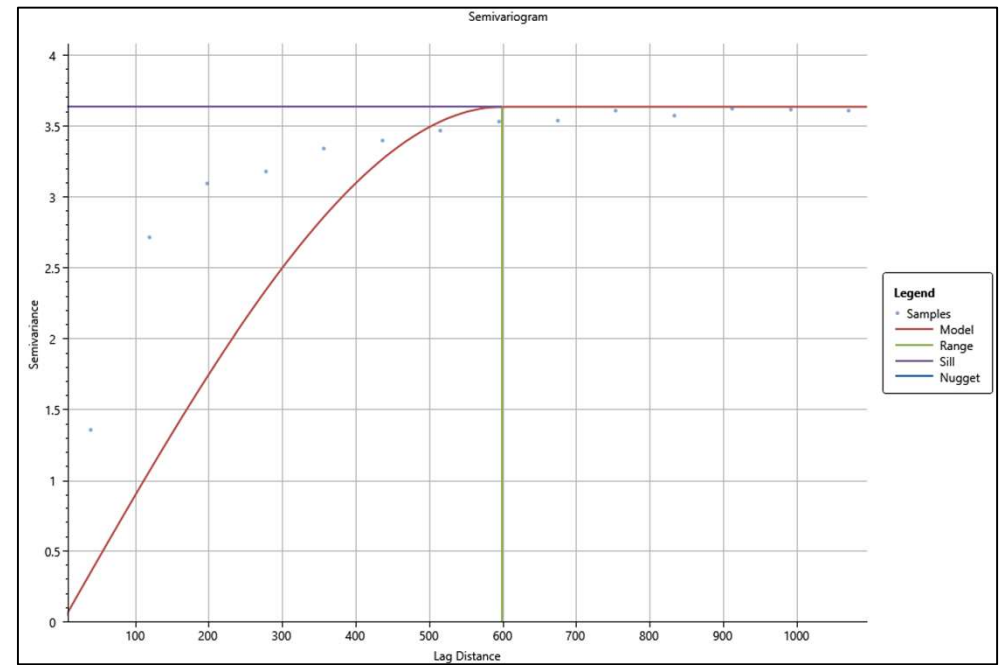


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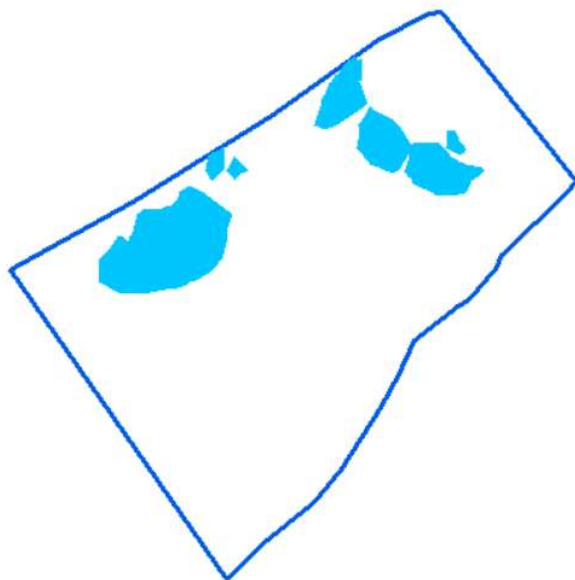
Activity Model Variograms
Example Log Transformed Variograms

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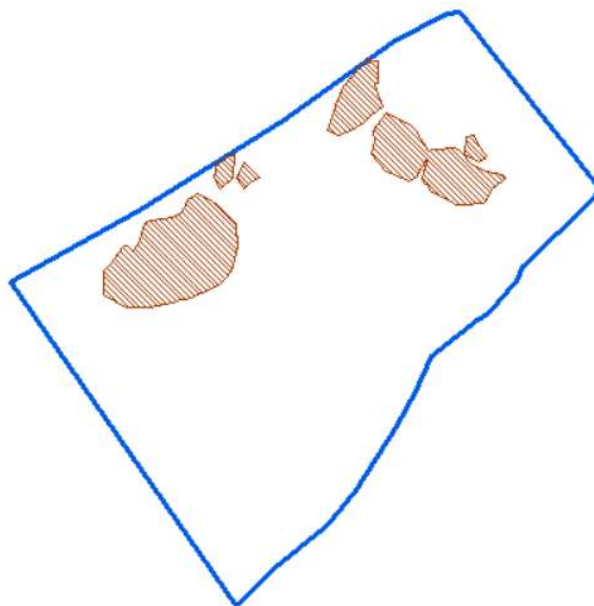


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Combined
Radium and Thorium: 11,500 cy



Thorium-driven: 10,000 cy



Radium-driven: 6,800 cy

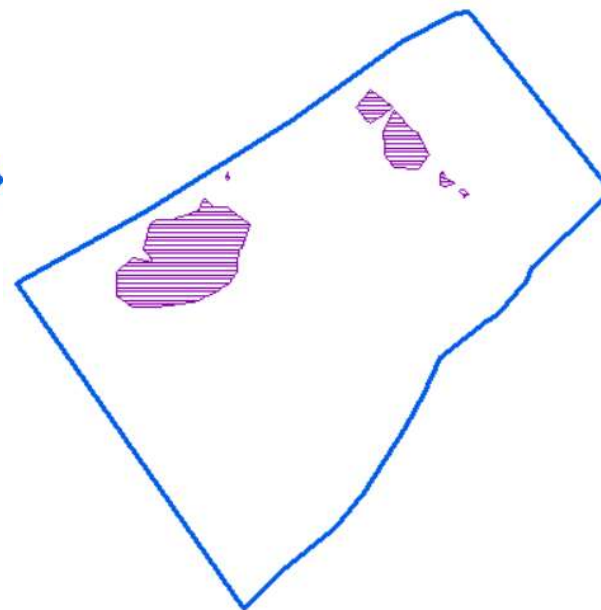


FIGURE E-8a

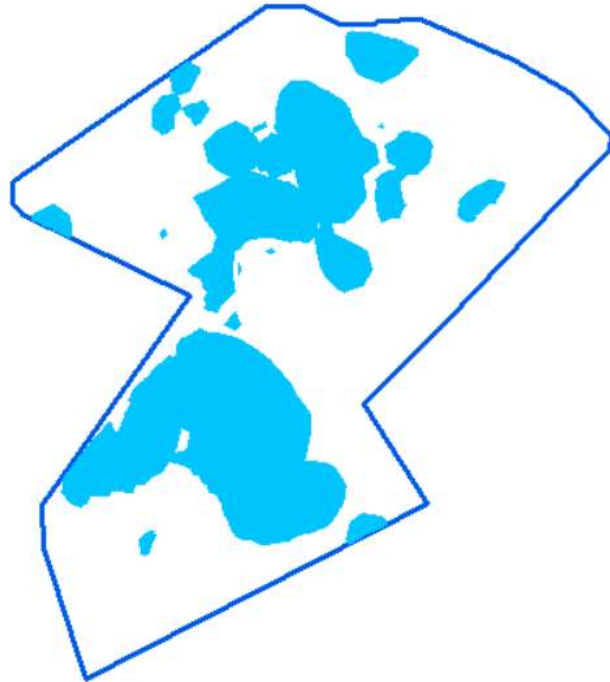
Ra and Th-Driven Locations
Area 1

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Bridgeton, Missouri

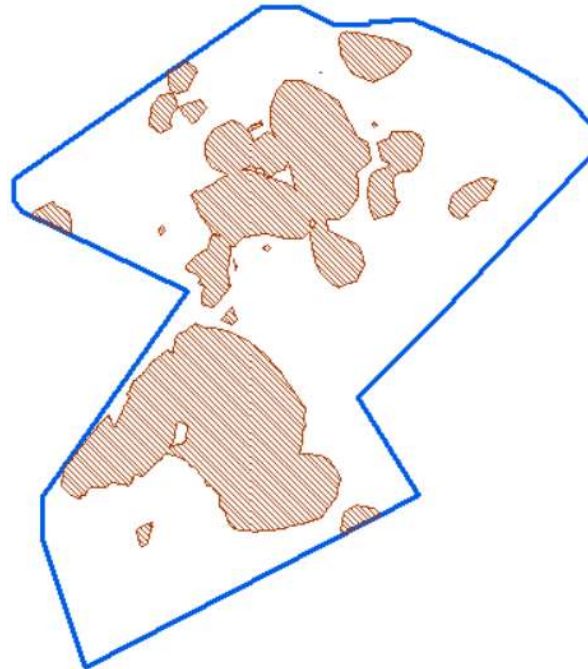


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Combined
Radium and Thorium: 73,600 cy



Thorium-driven: 71,000 cy



Radium-driven: 48,000 cy

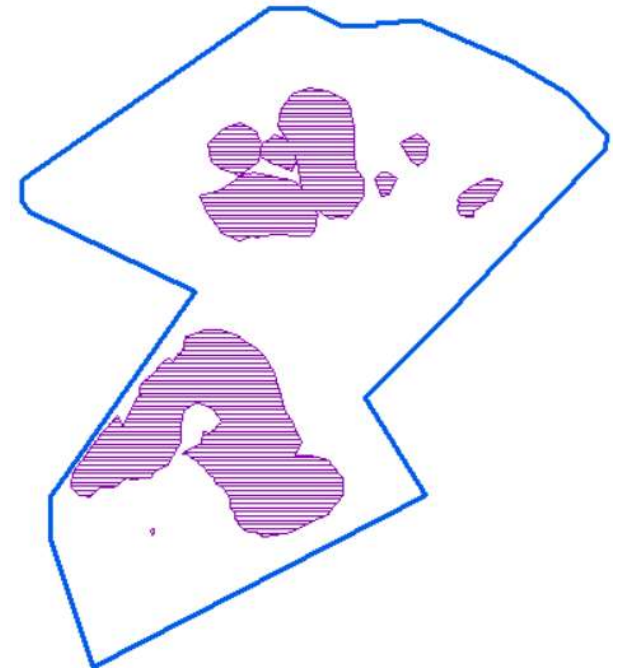


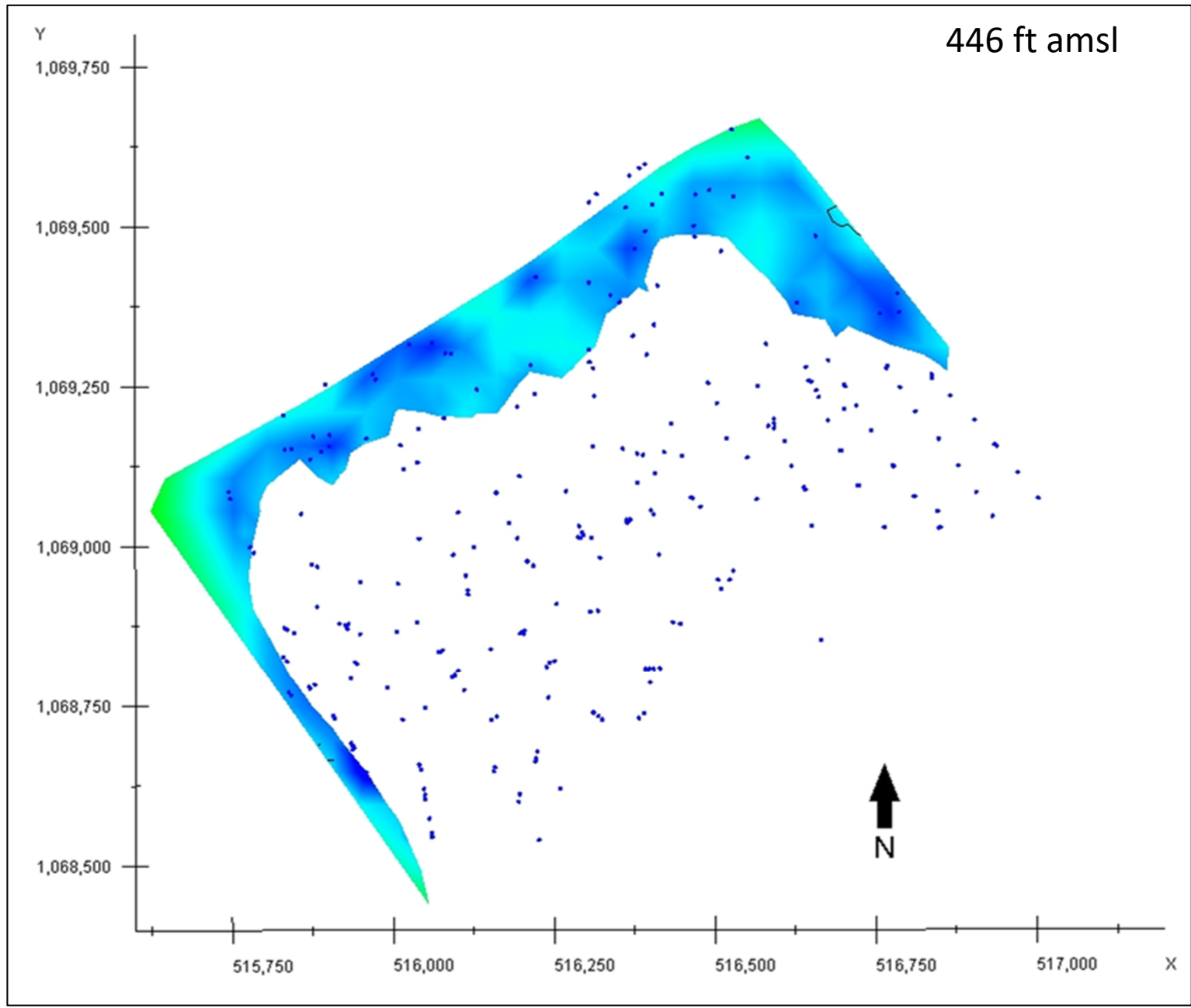
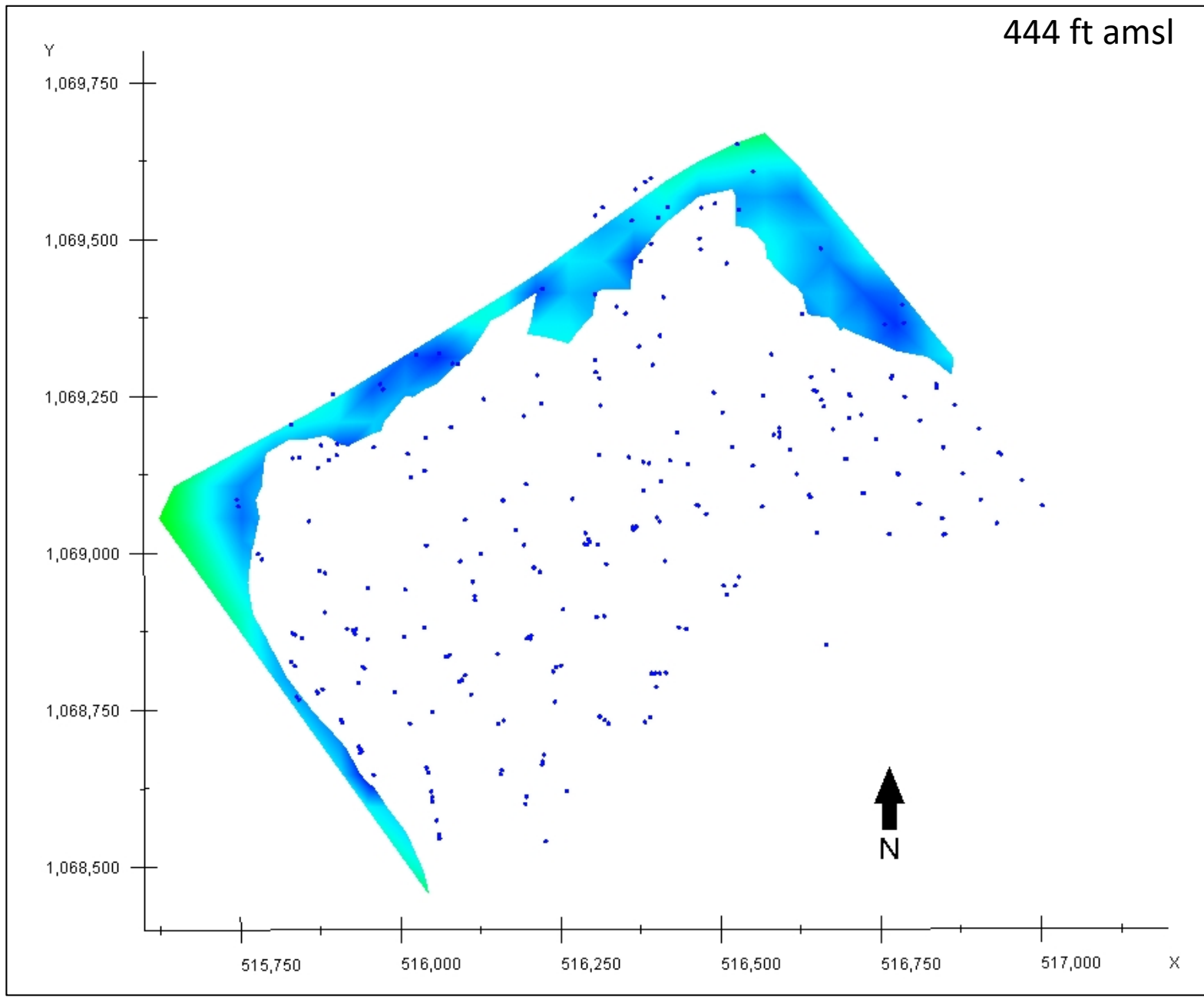
FIGURE E-8b

Ra and Th-Driven Locations
Area 2

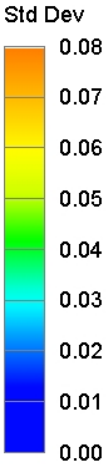
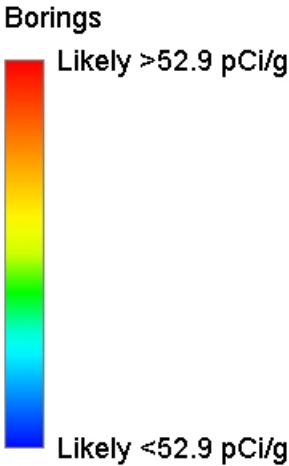
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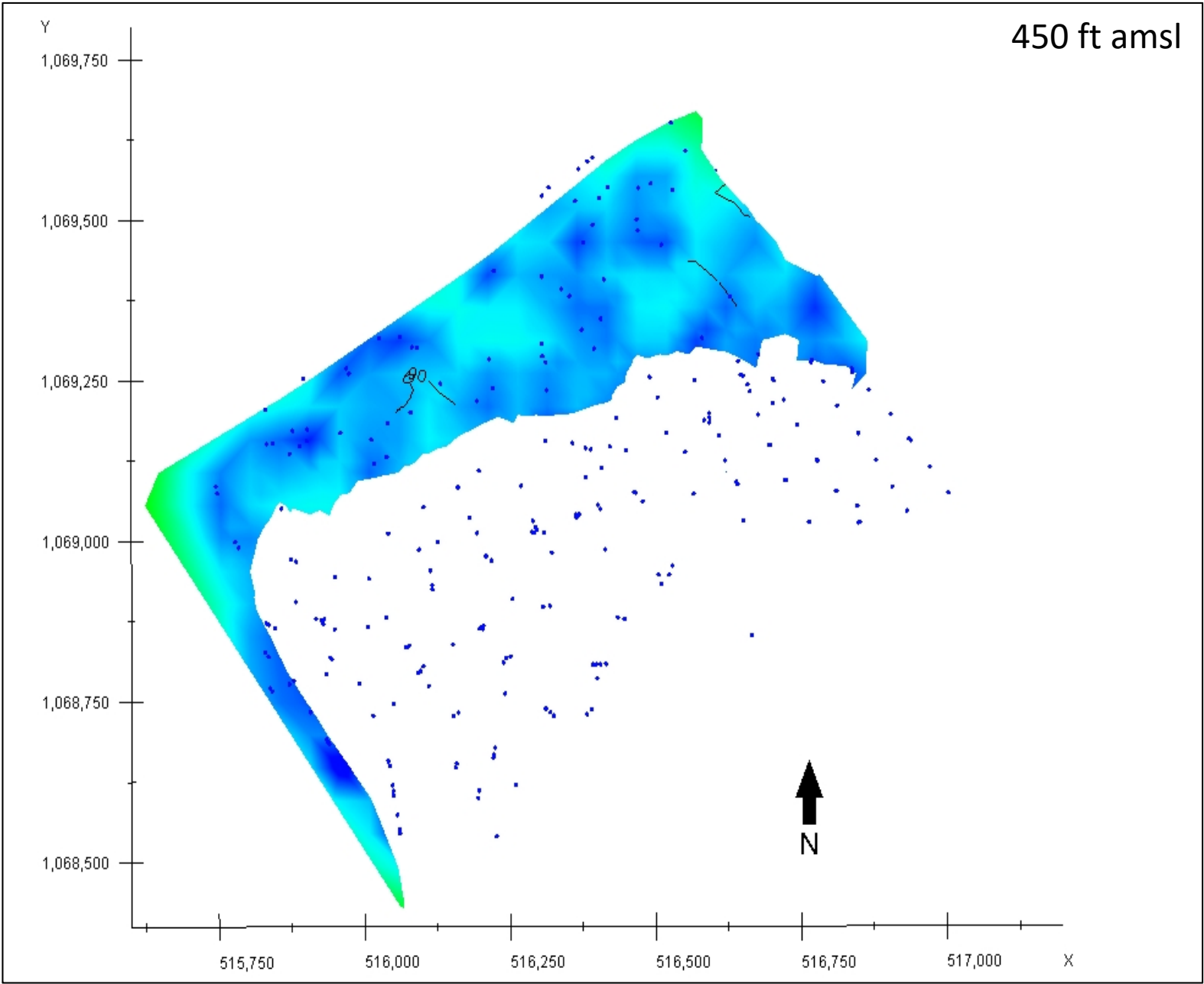
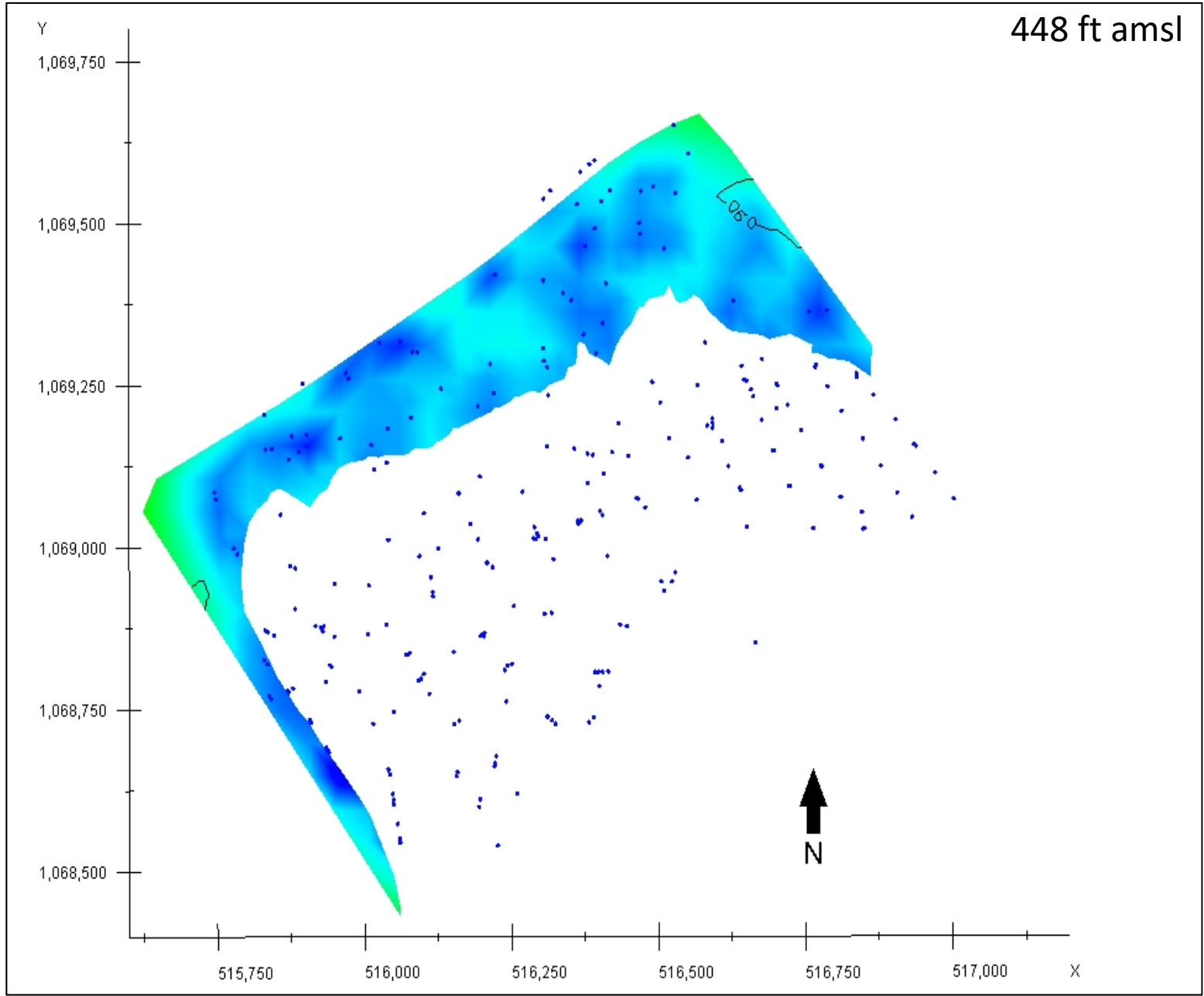
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FIGURE E-9a

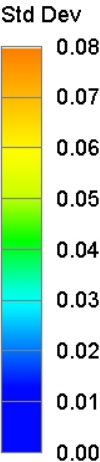
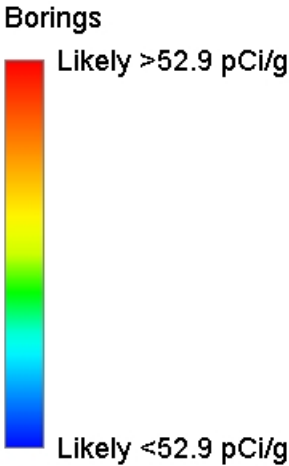
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Elevation
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FIGURE E-9b

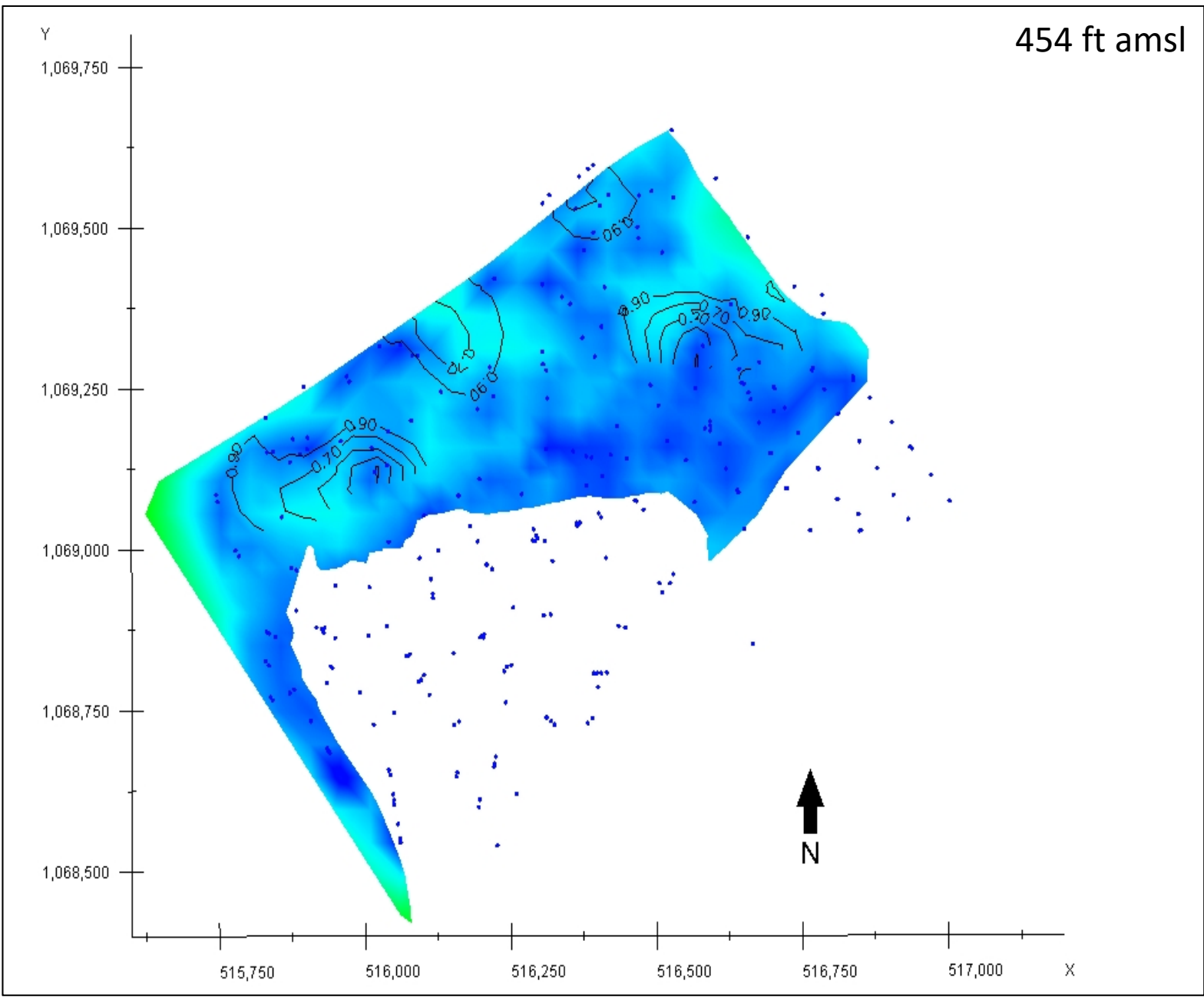
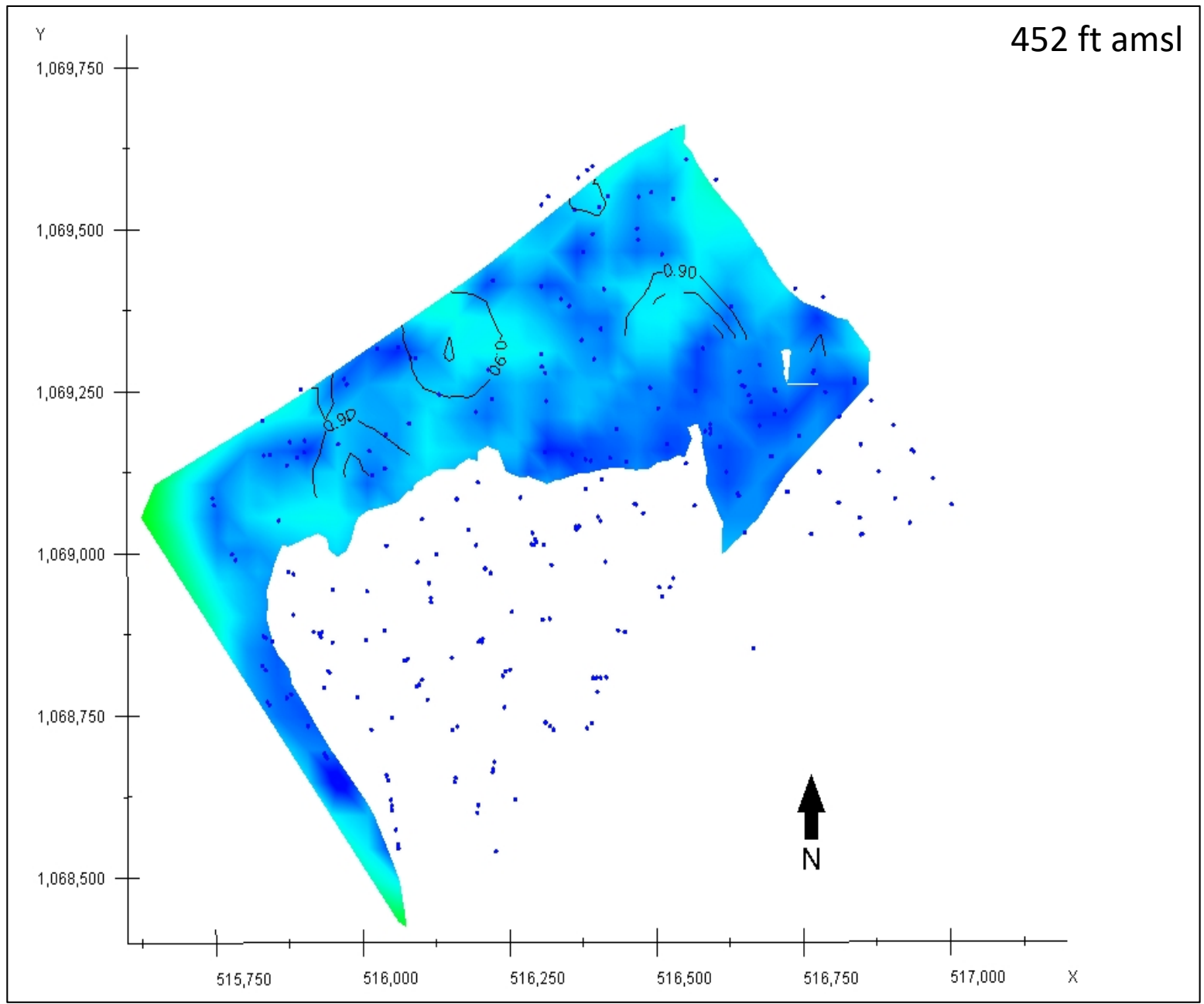
Area 1

Radium Standard Deviation by Elevation

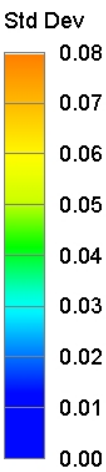
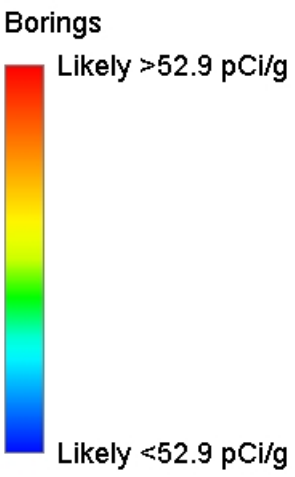
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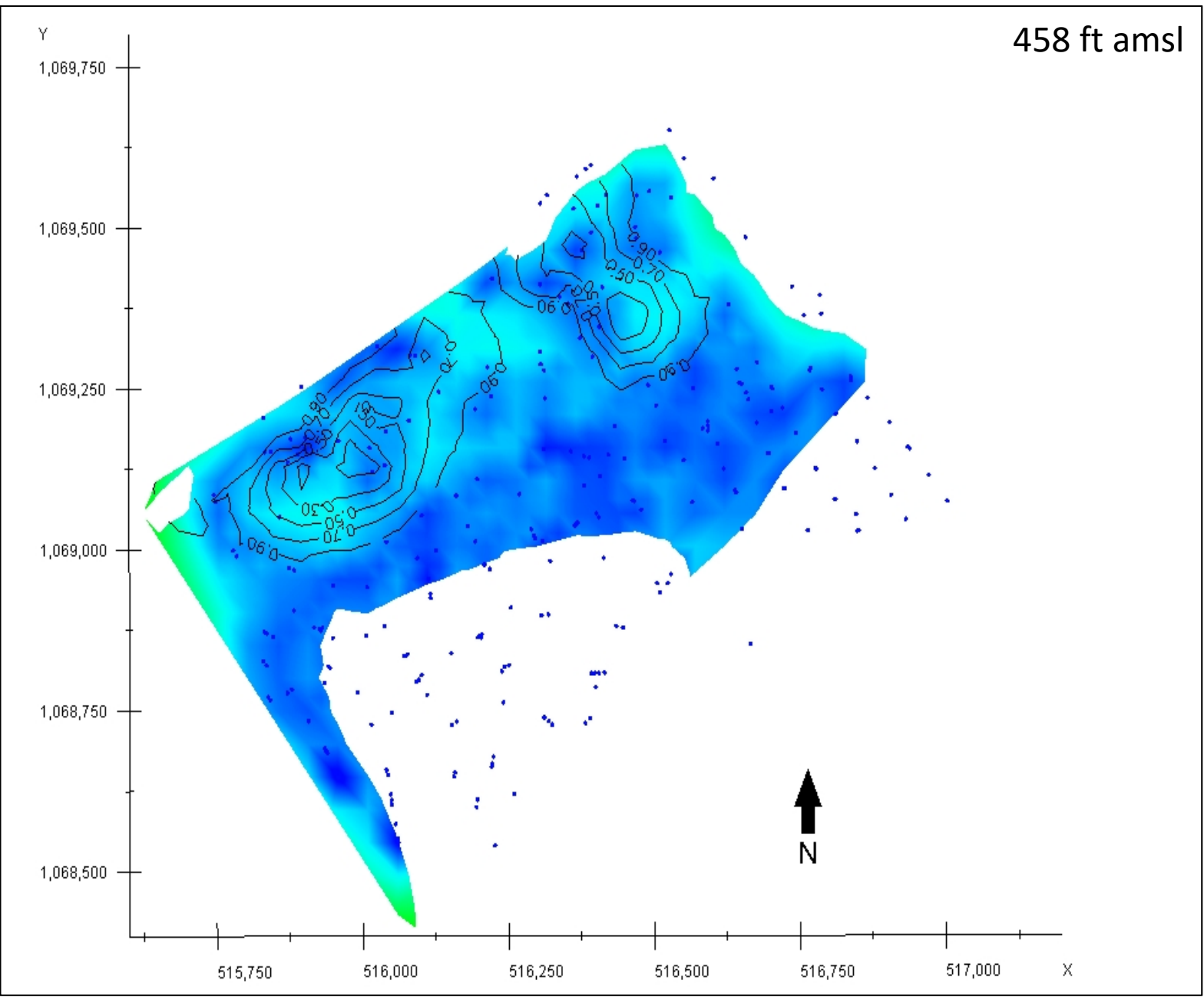
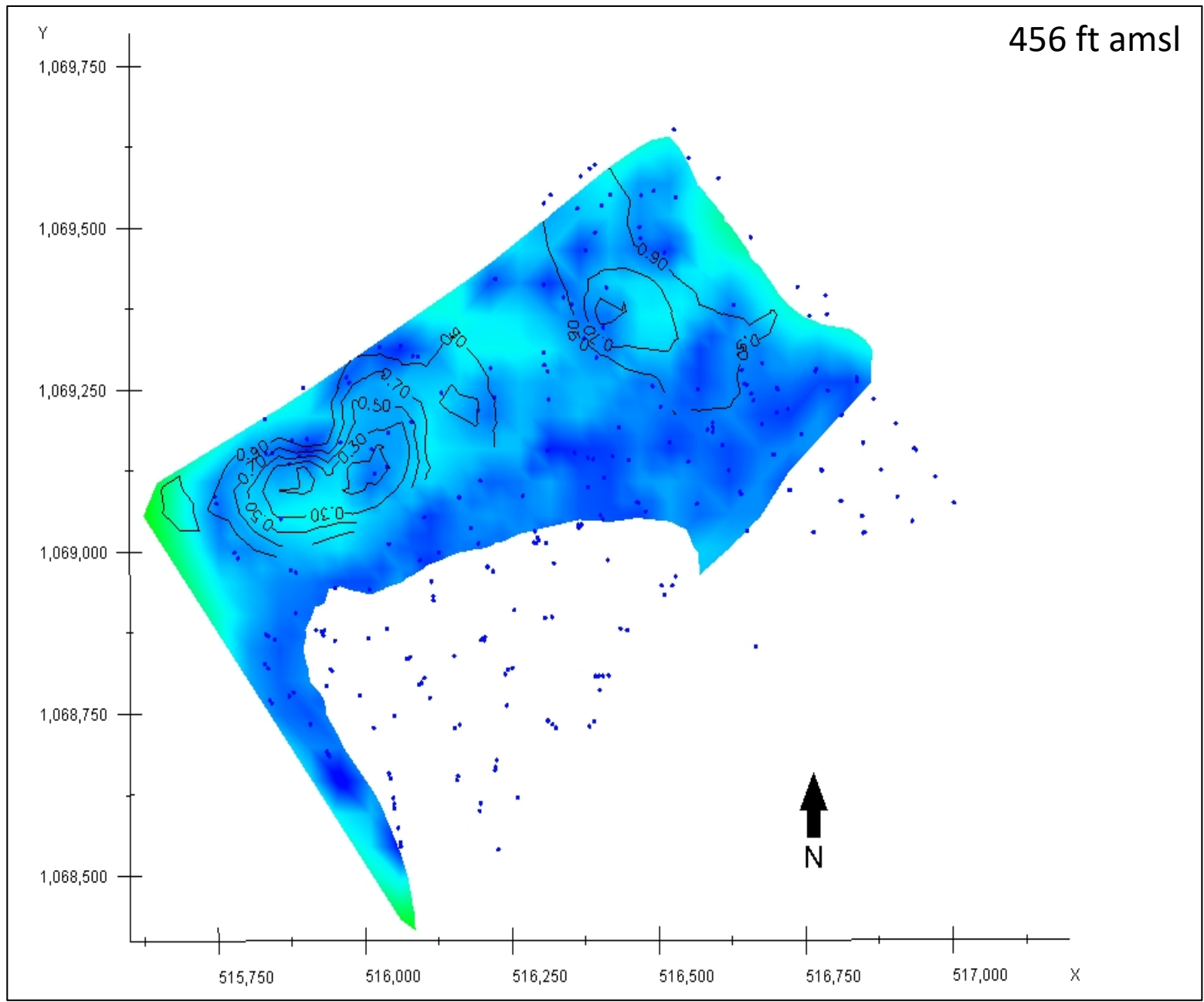
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FIGURE E-9c

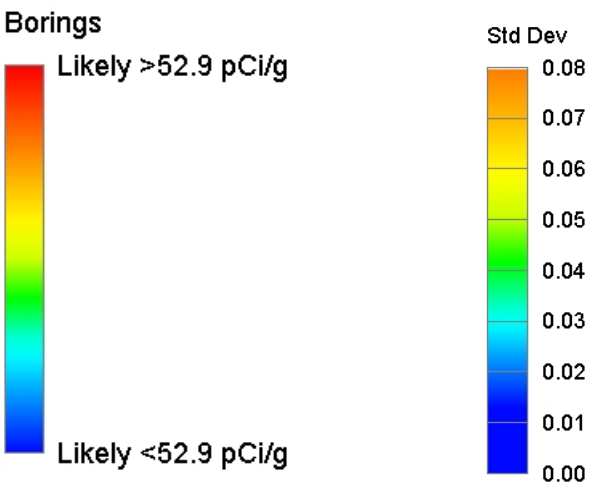
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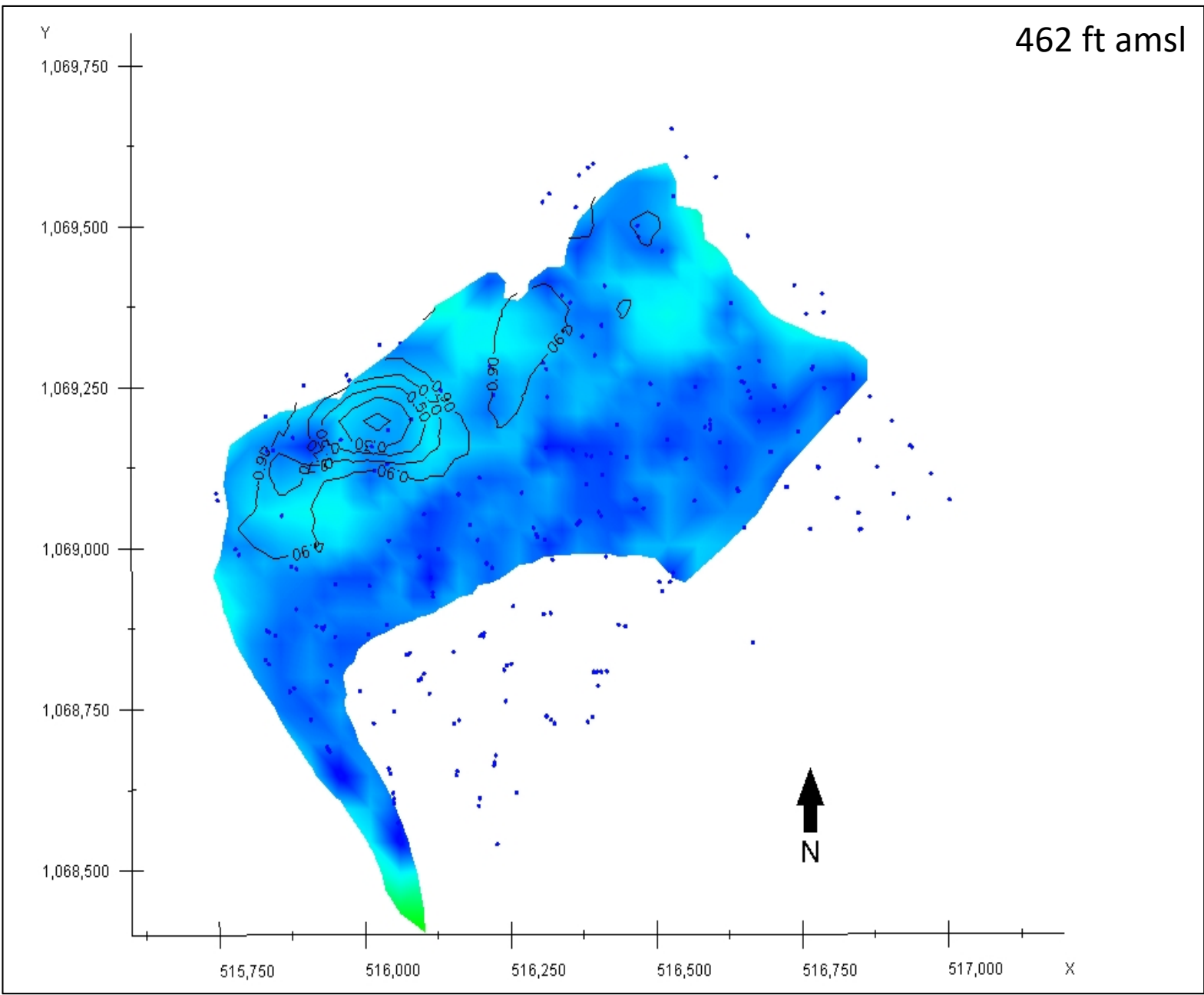
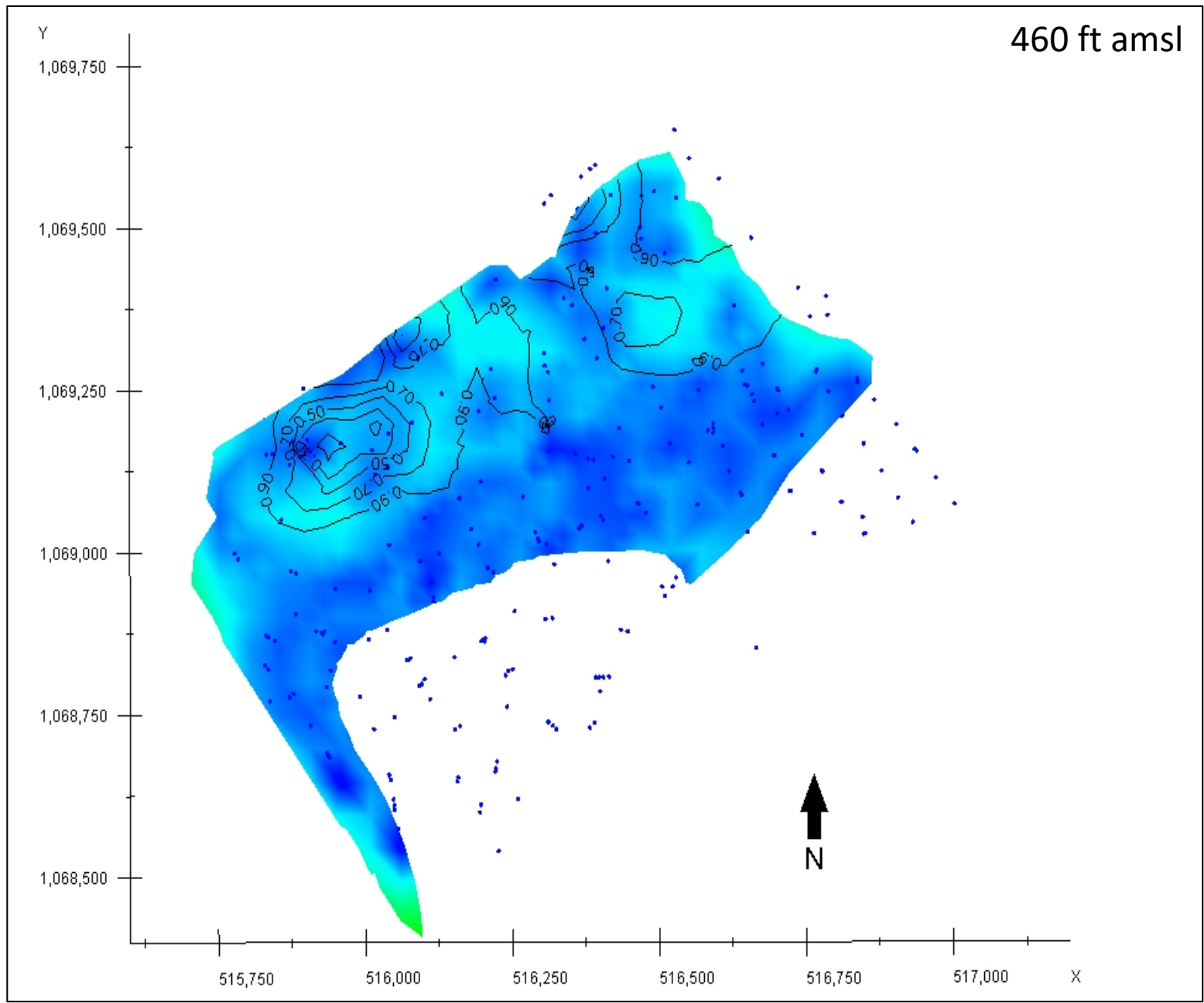
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FIGURE E-9d

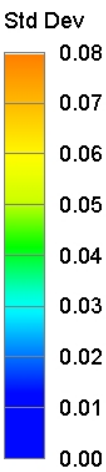
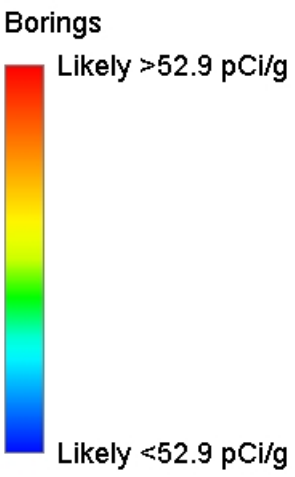
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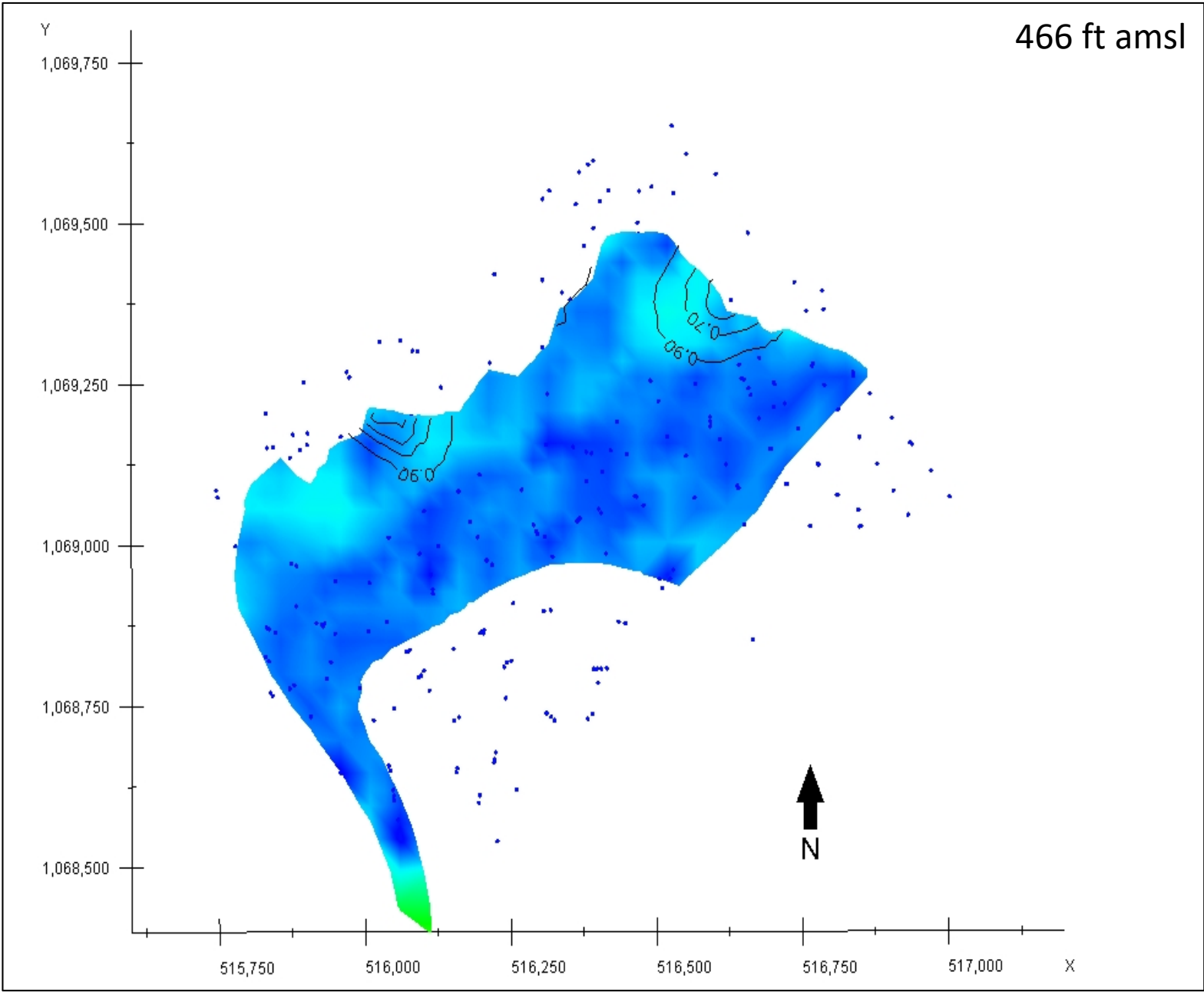
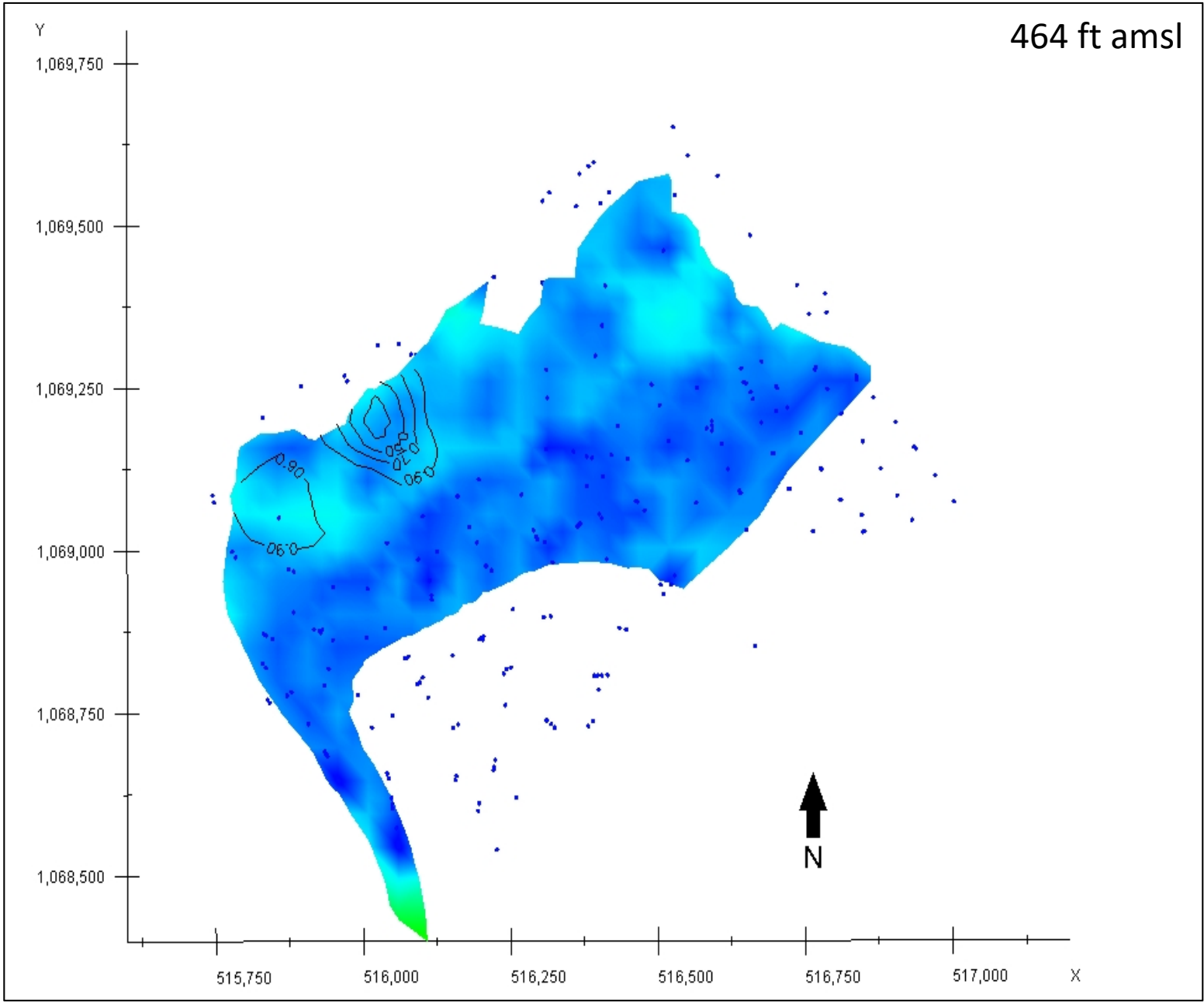
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FIGURE E-9e

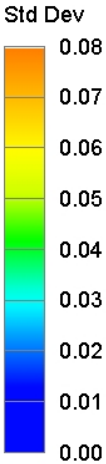
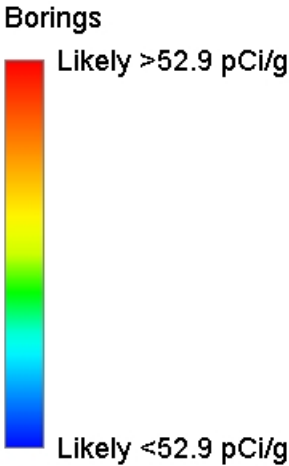
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Notes:

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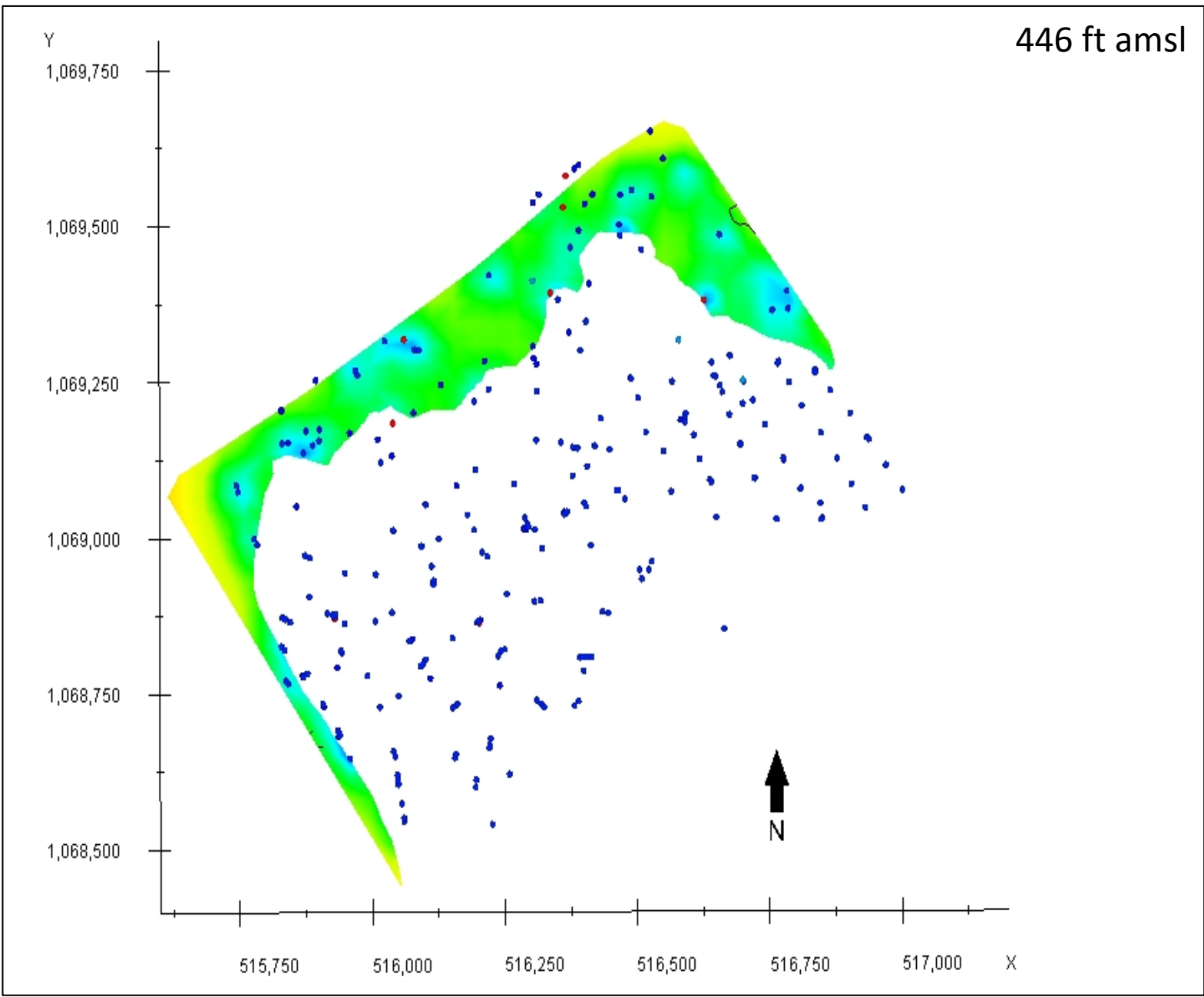
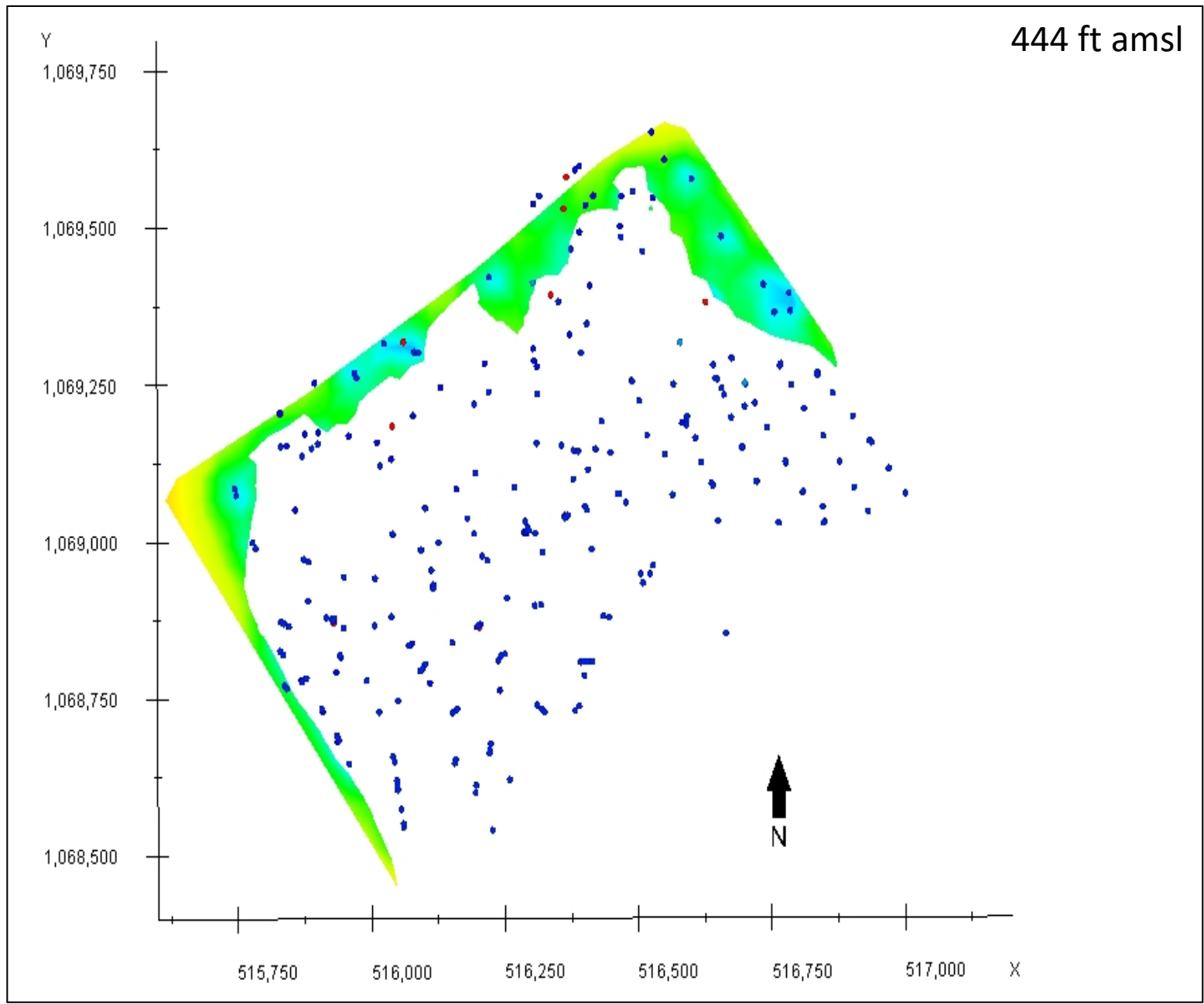
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FIGURE E-9f

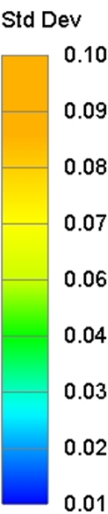
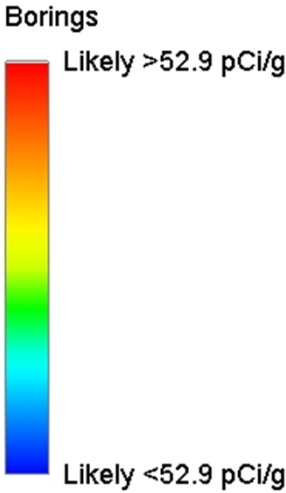
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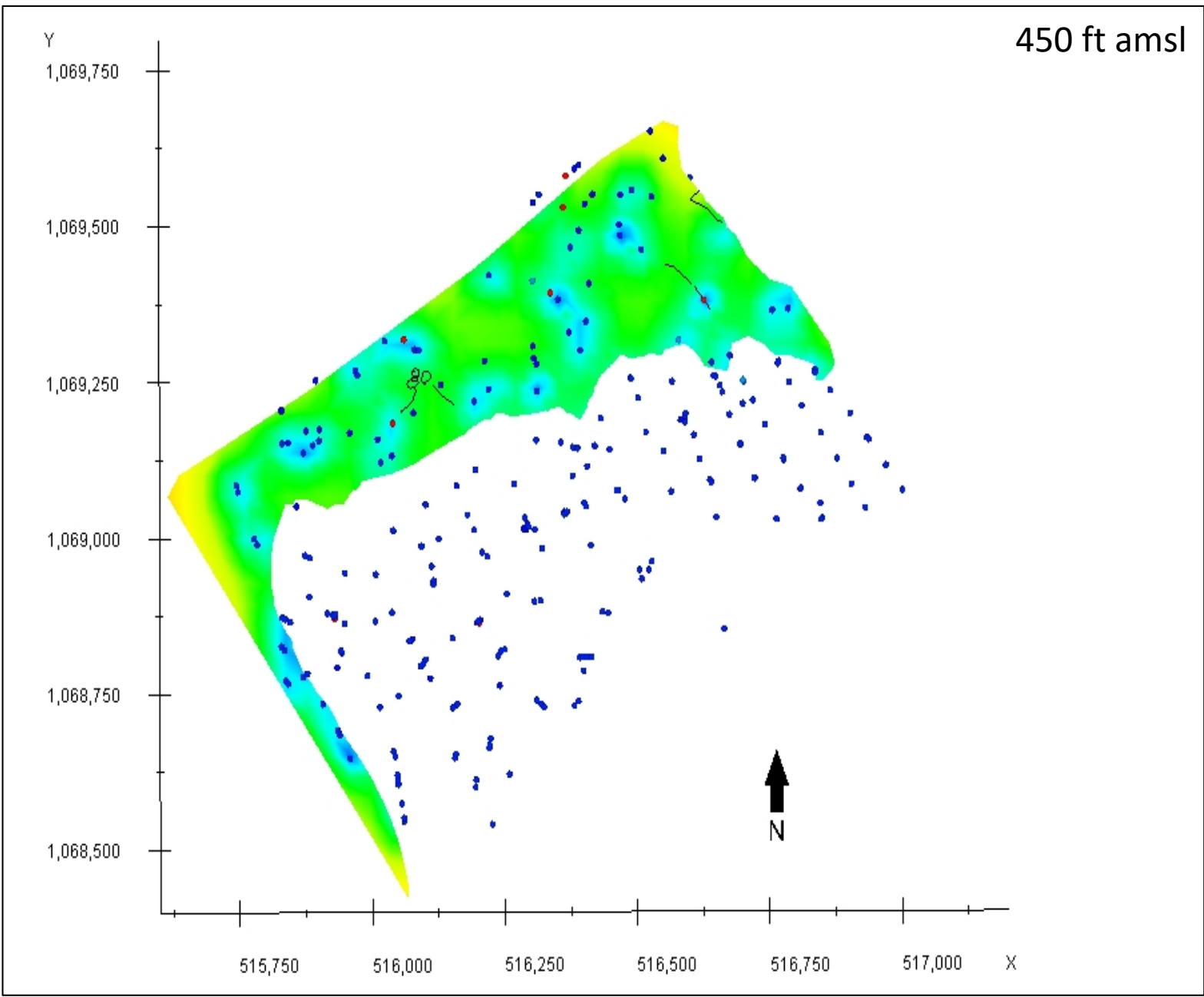
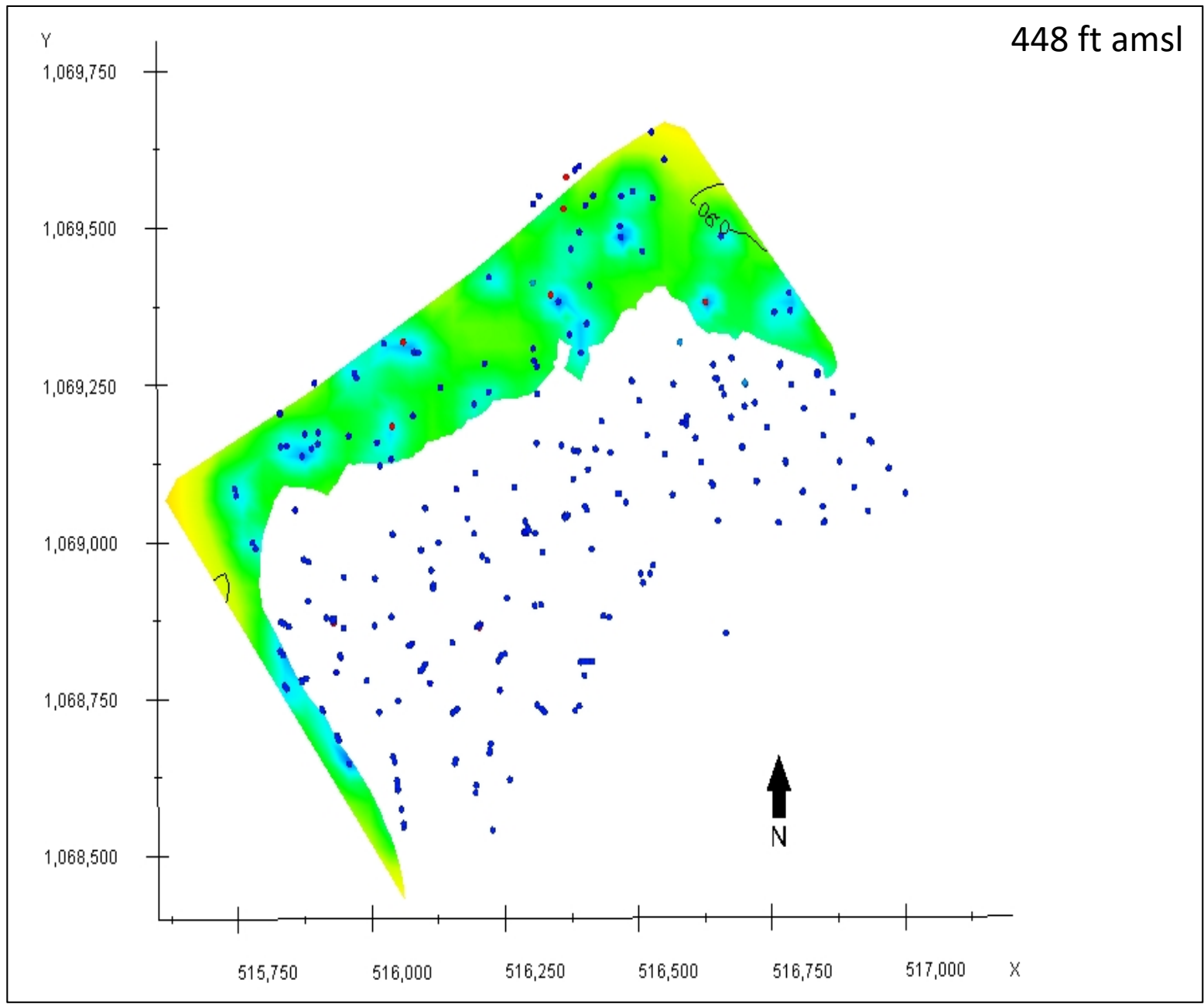
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FIGURE E-9g

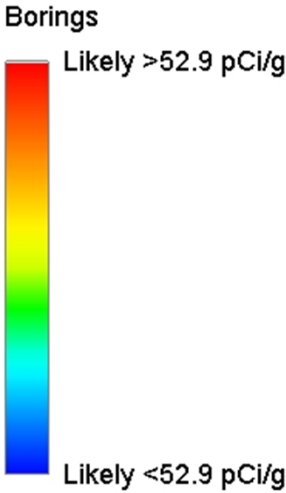
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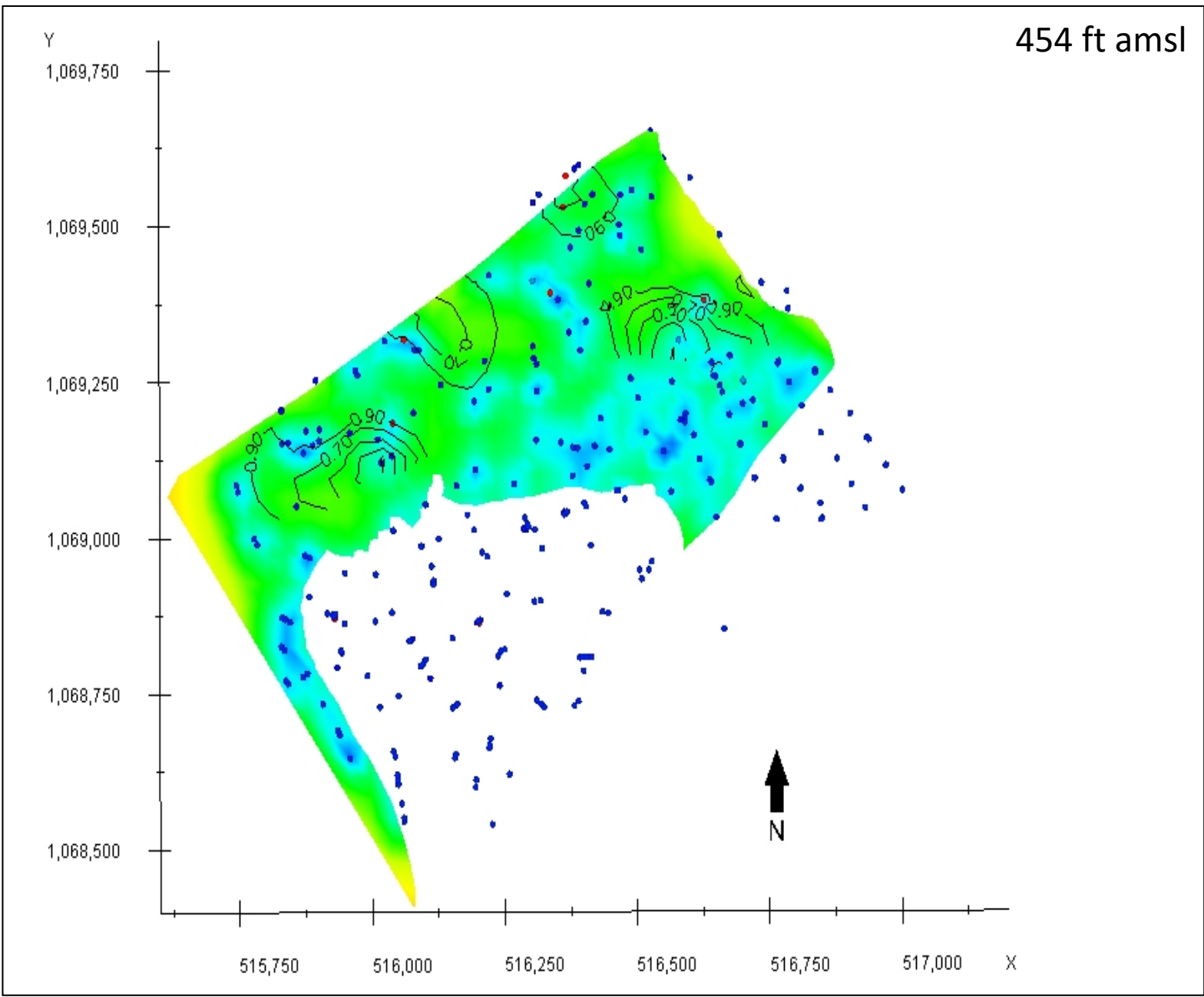
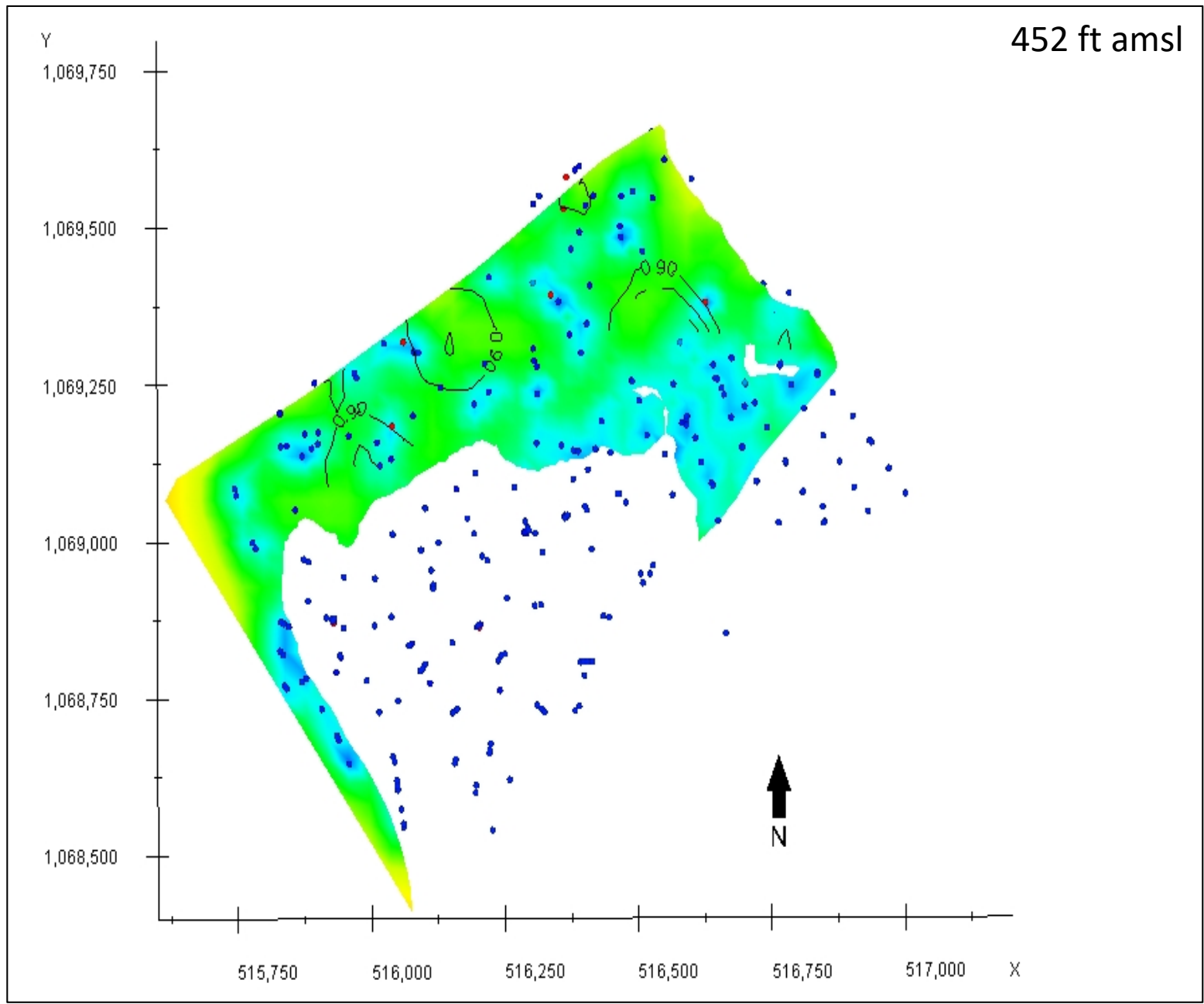
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FIGURE E-9h

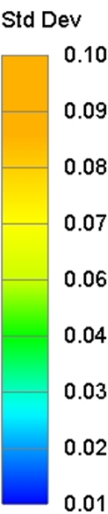
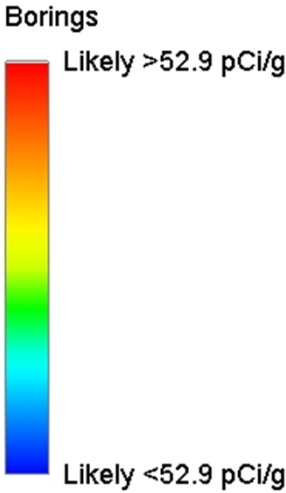
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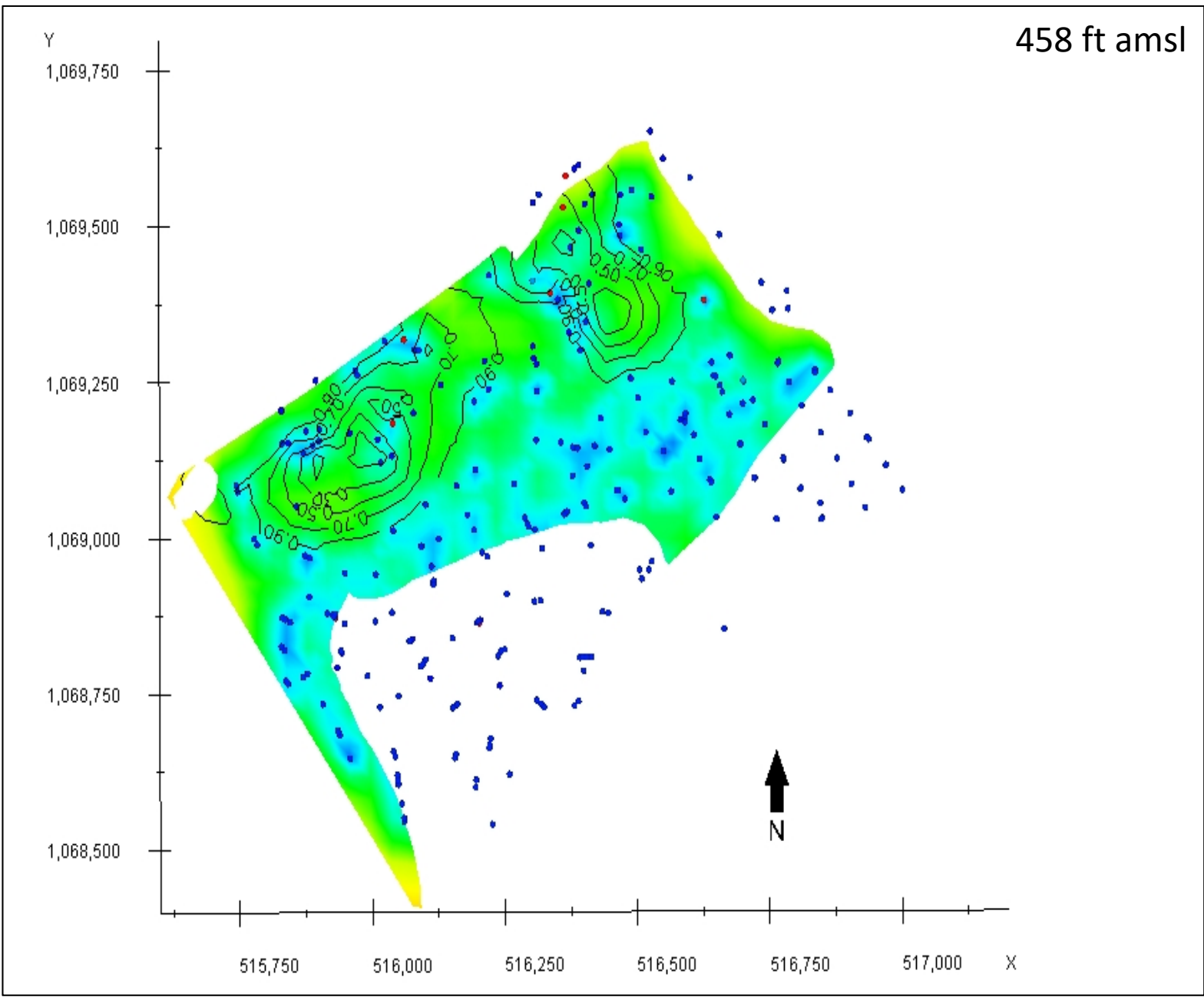
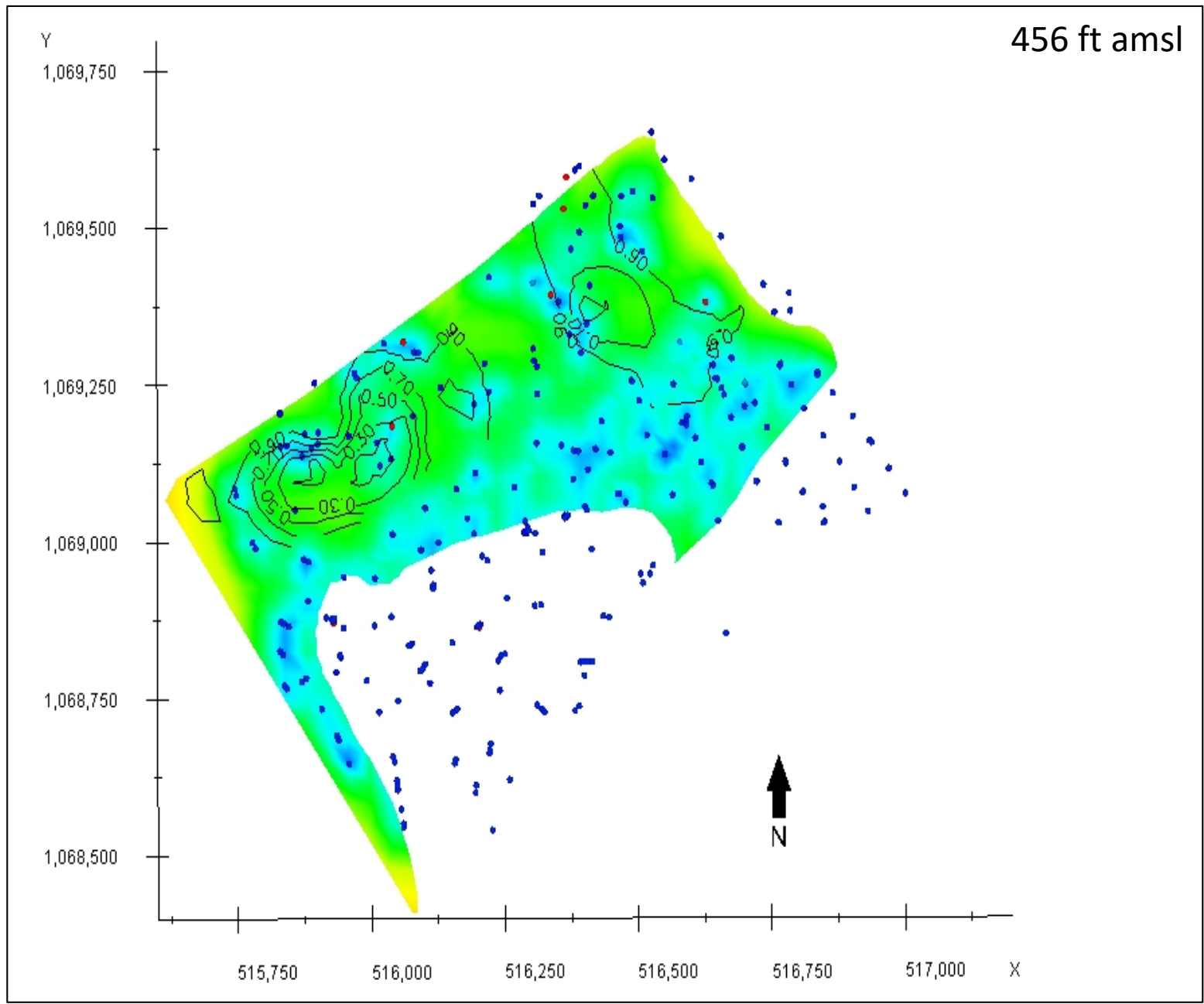
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FIGURE E-9i

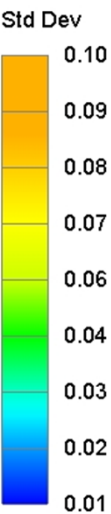
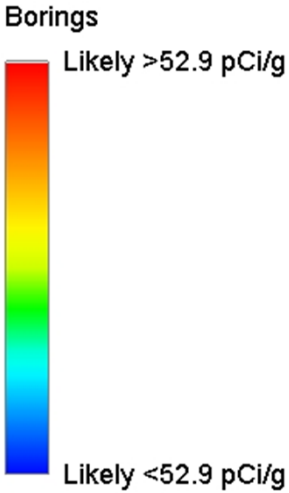
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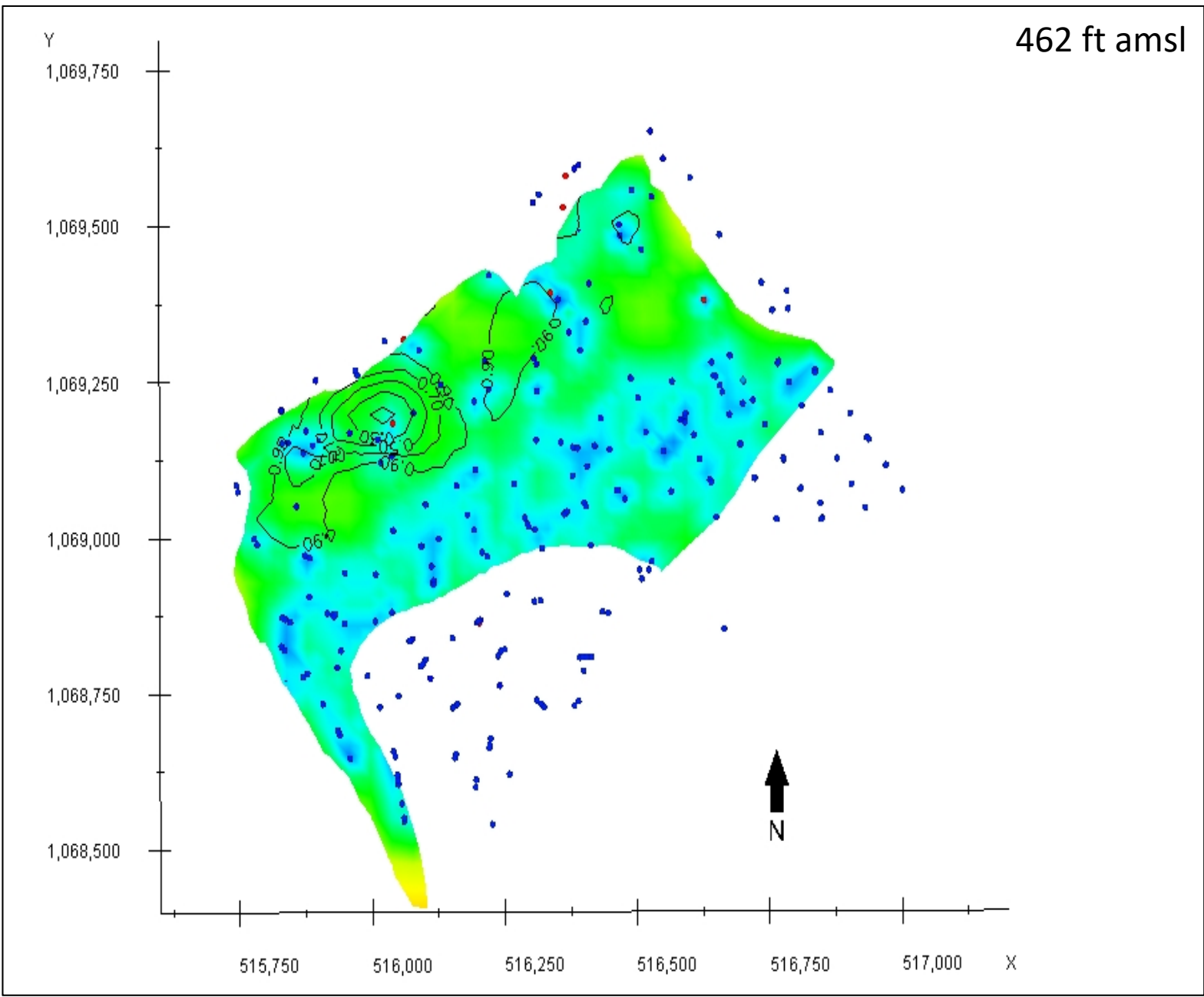
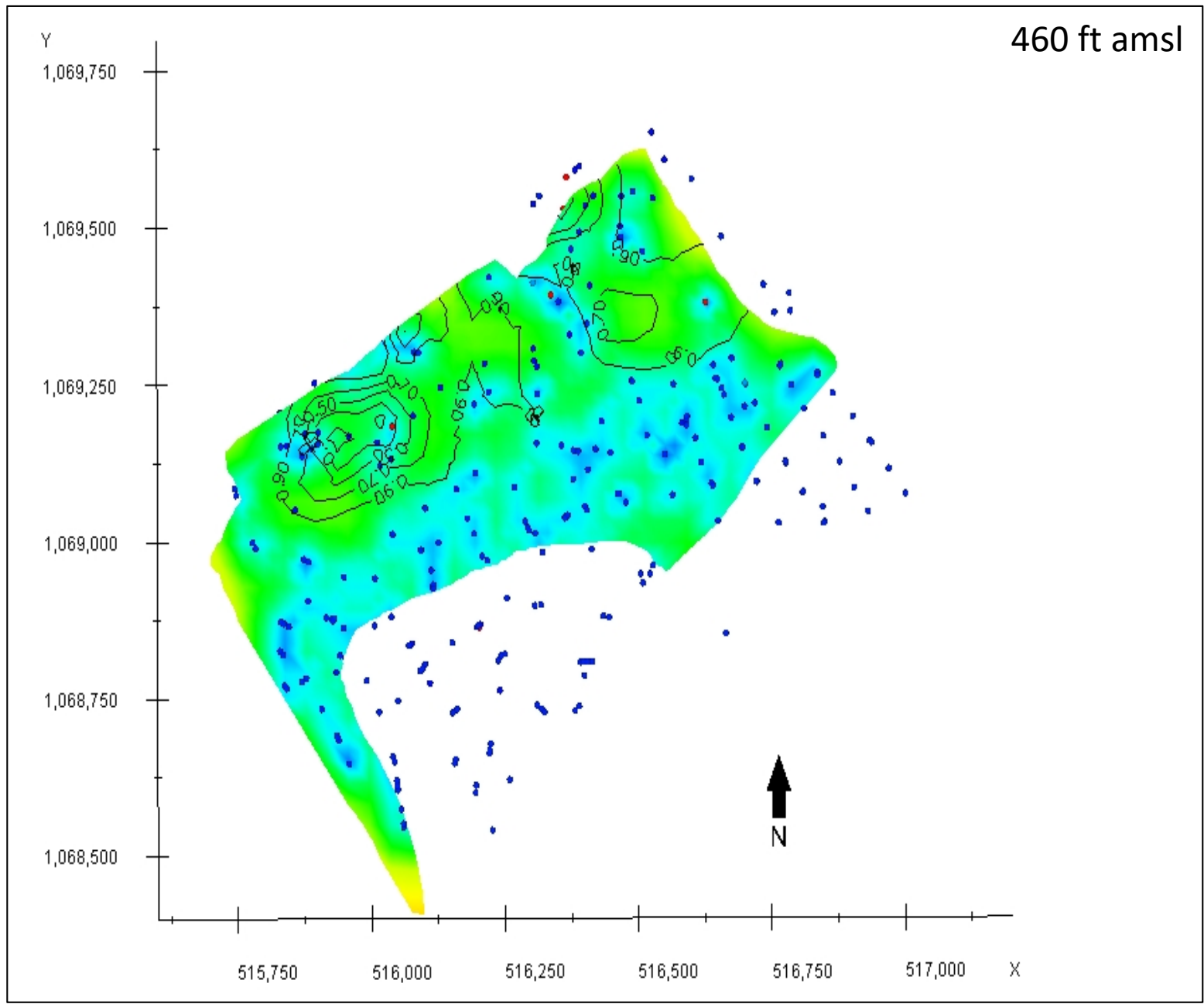
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FIGURE E-9j

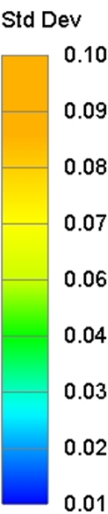
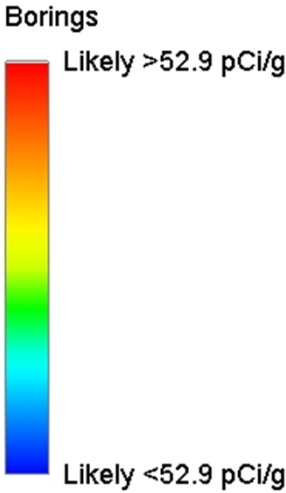
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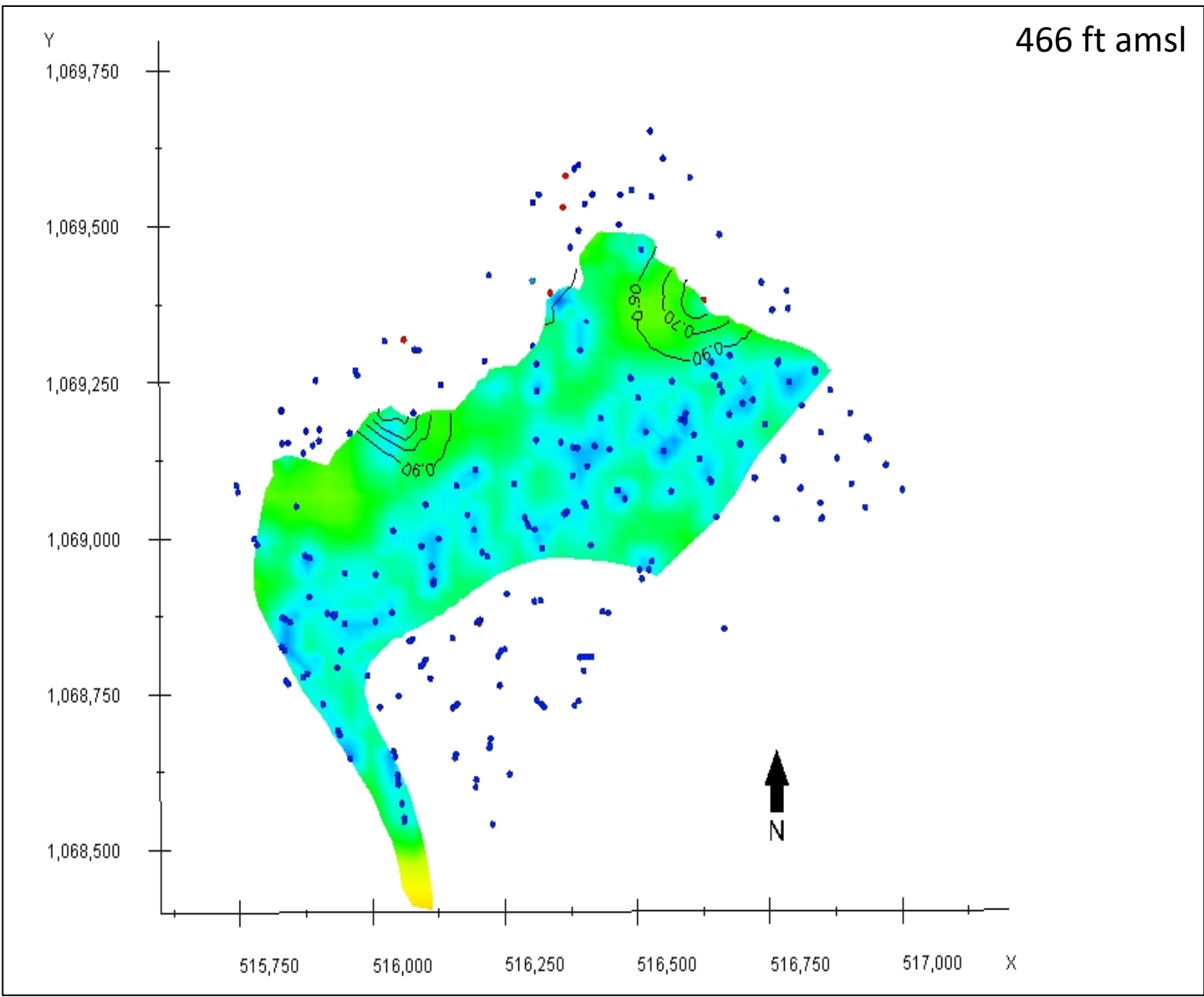
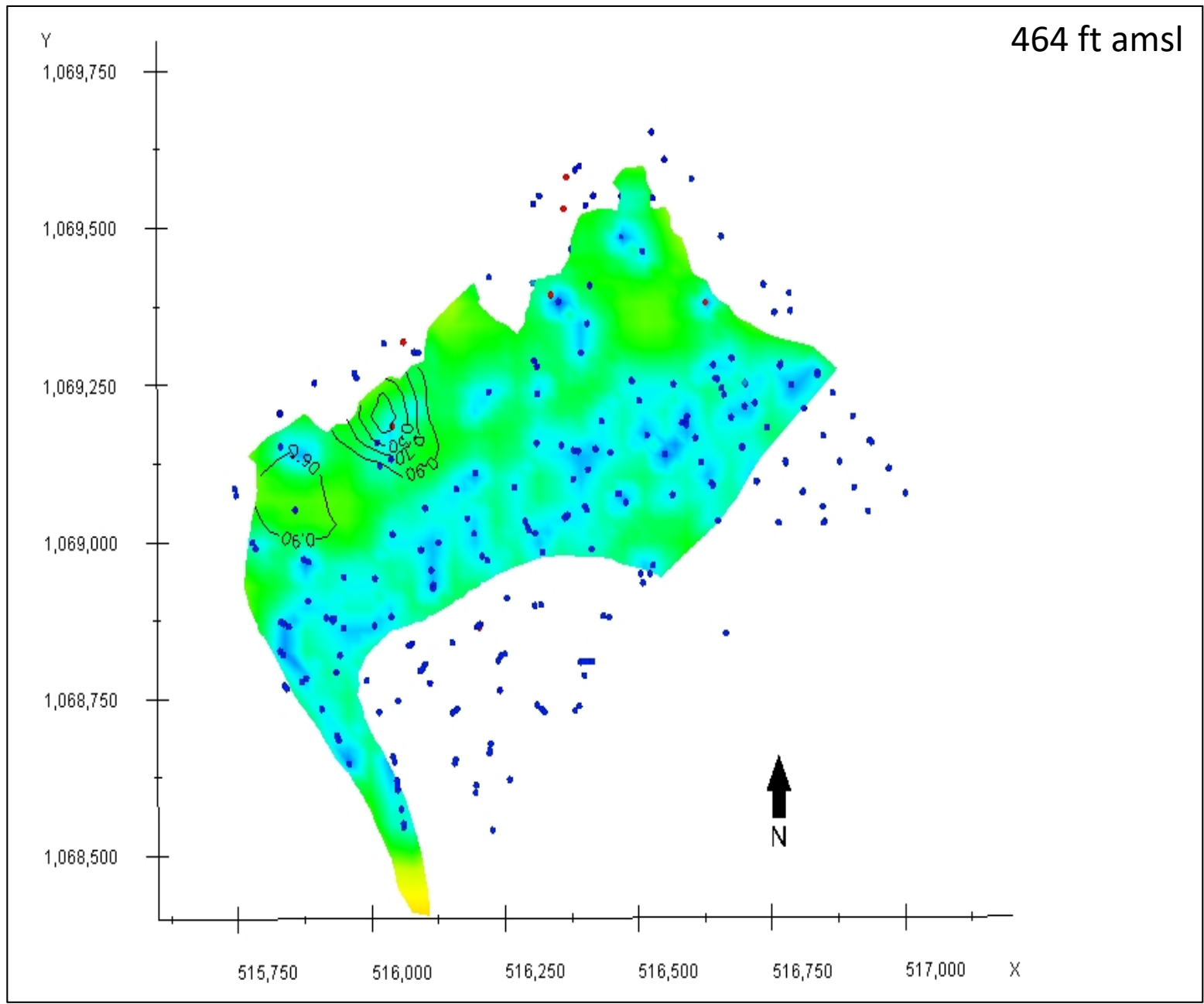
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FIGURE E-9k

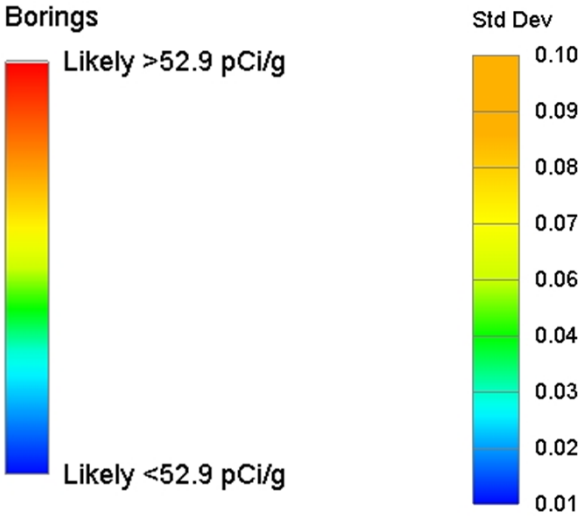
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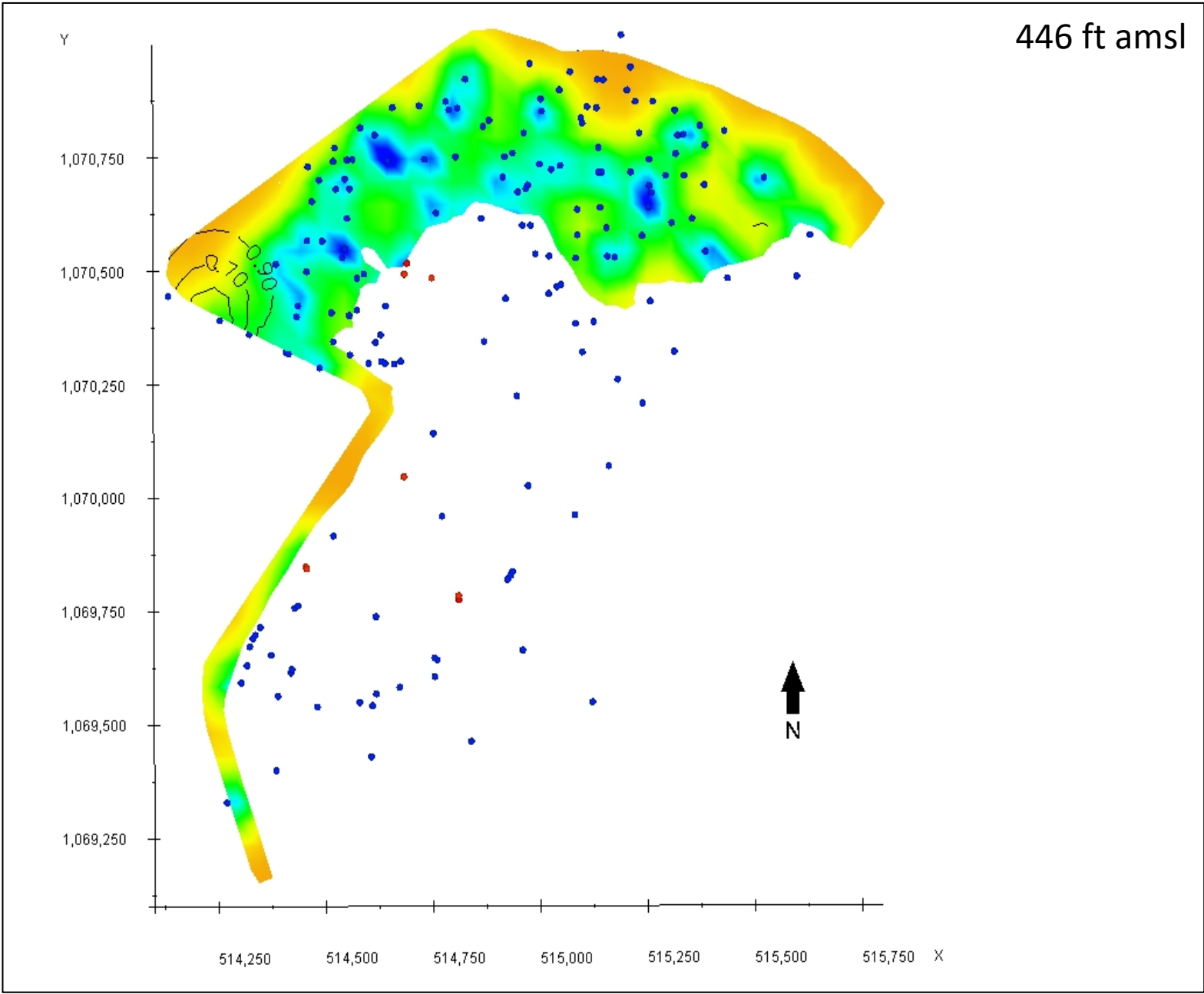
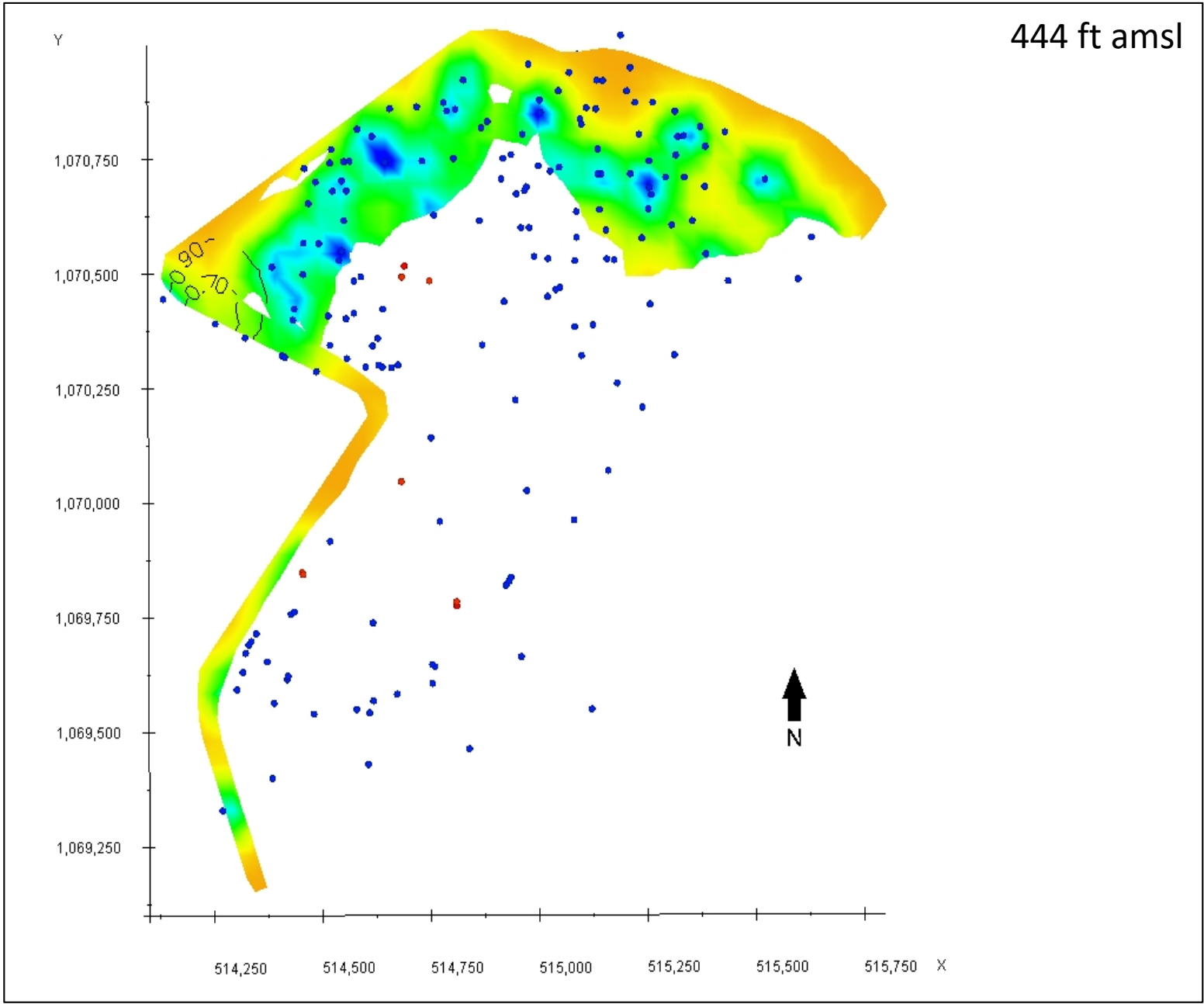
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FIGURE E-9I

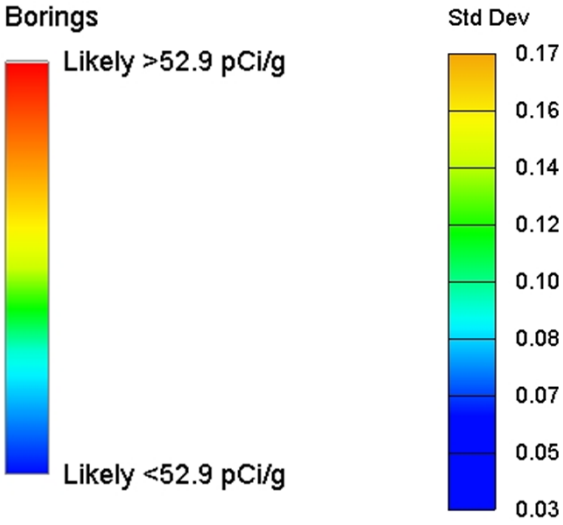
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FIGURE E-9m

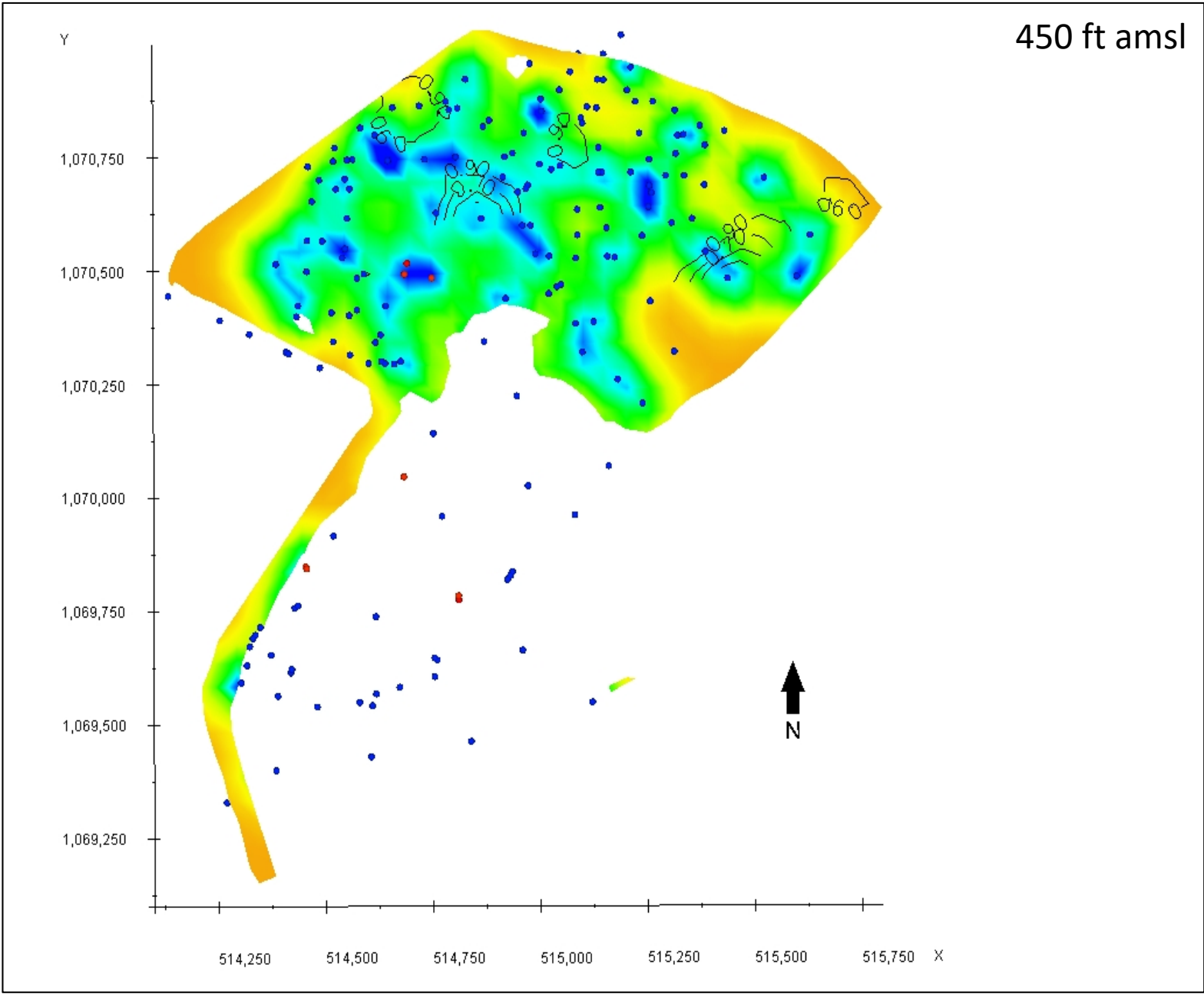
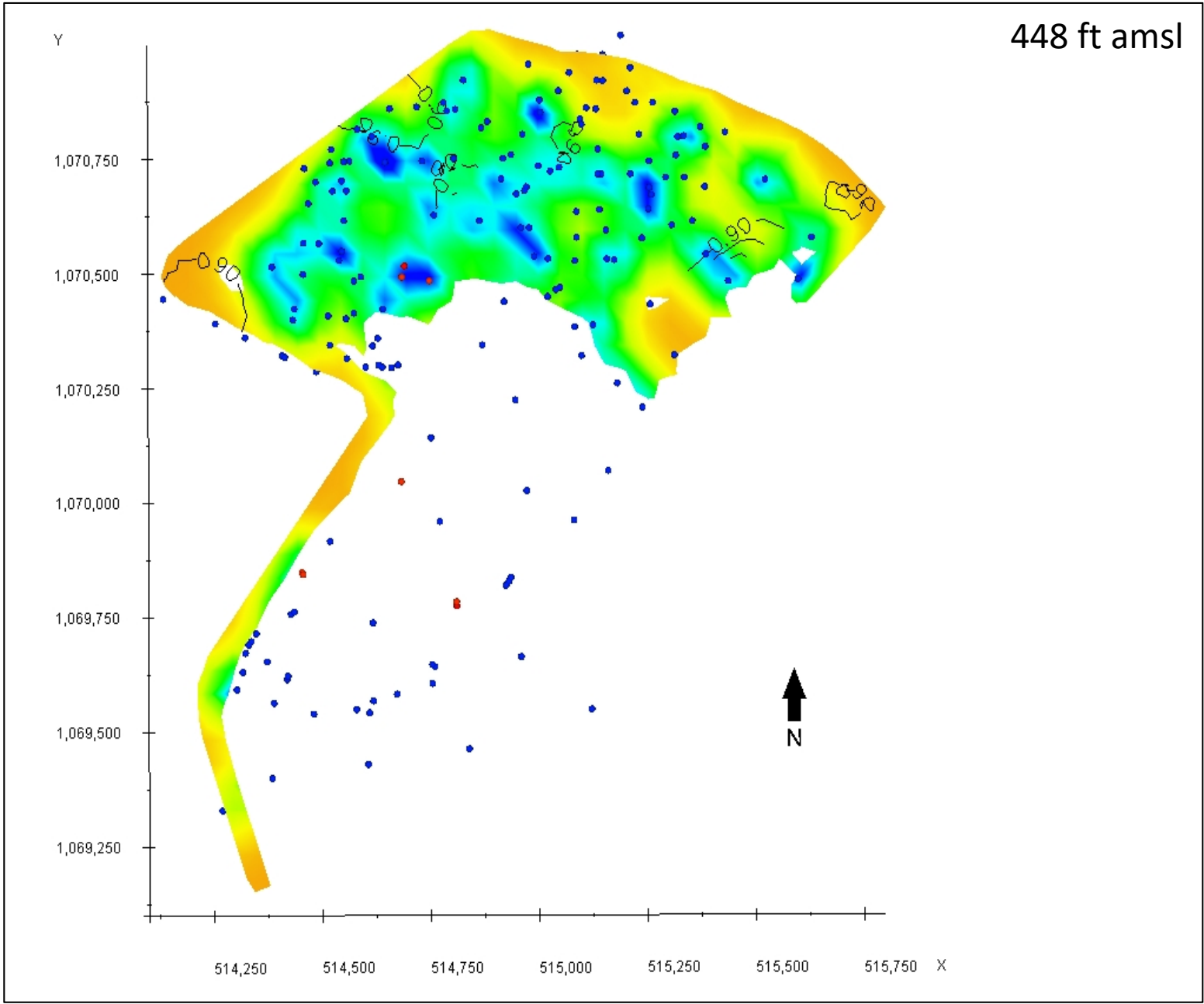
Area 2

Radium Standard Deviation by Elevation

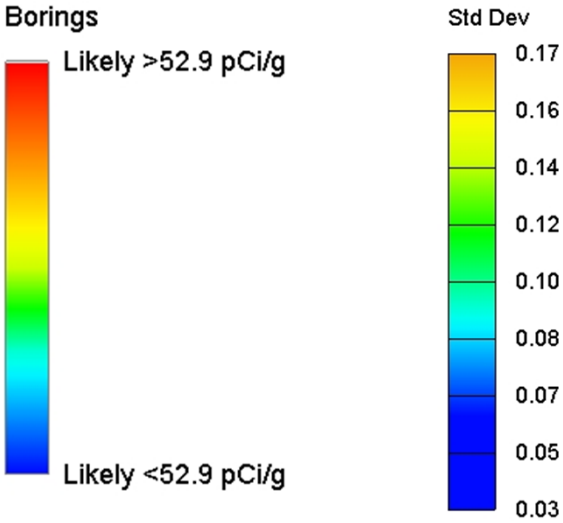
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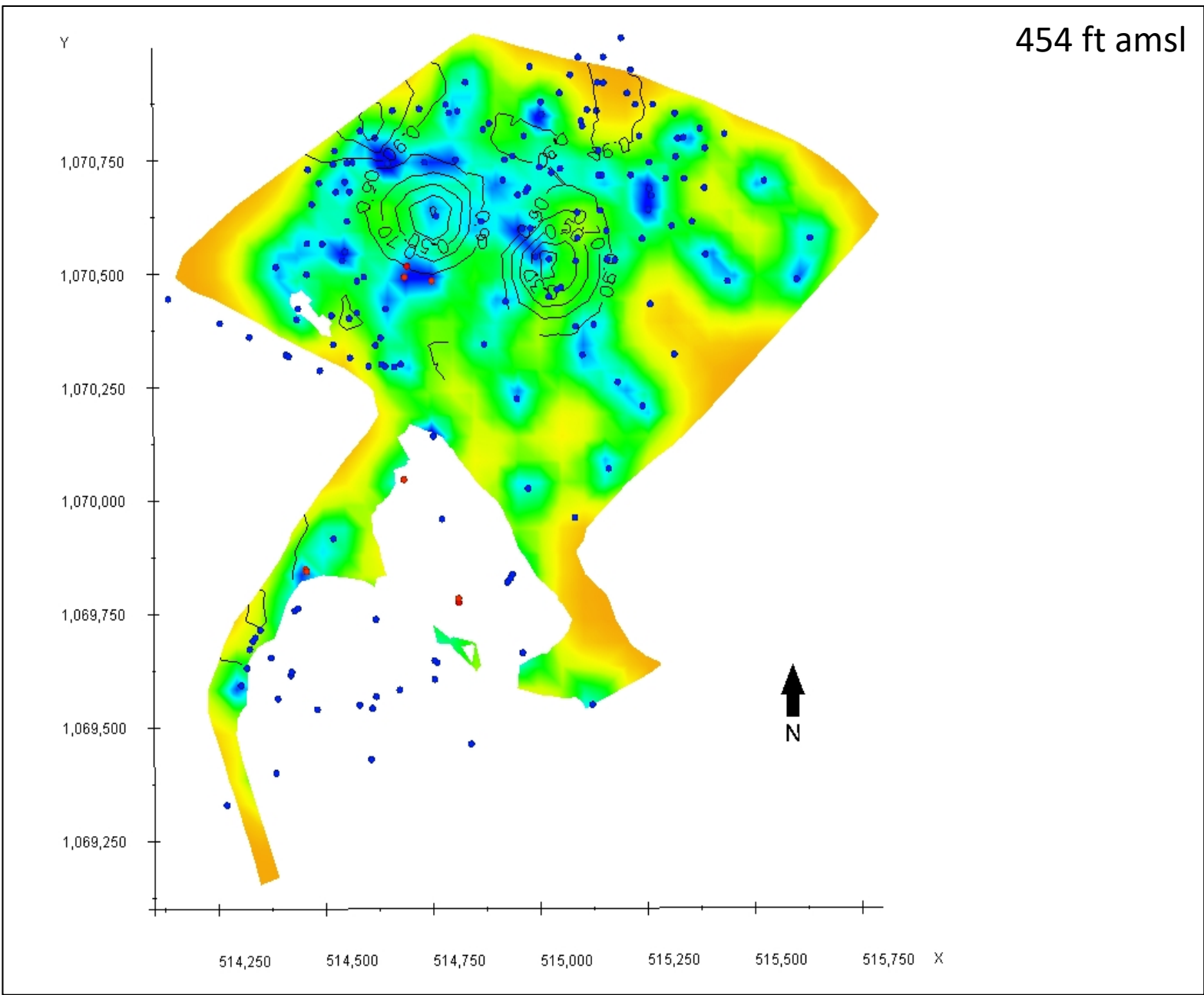
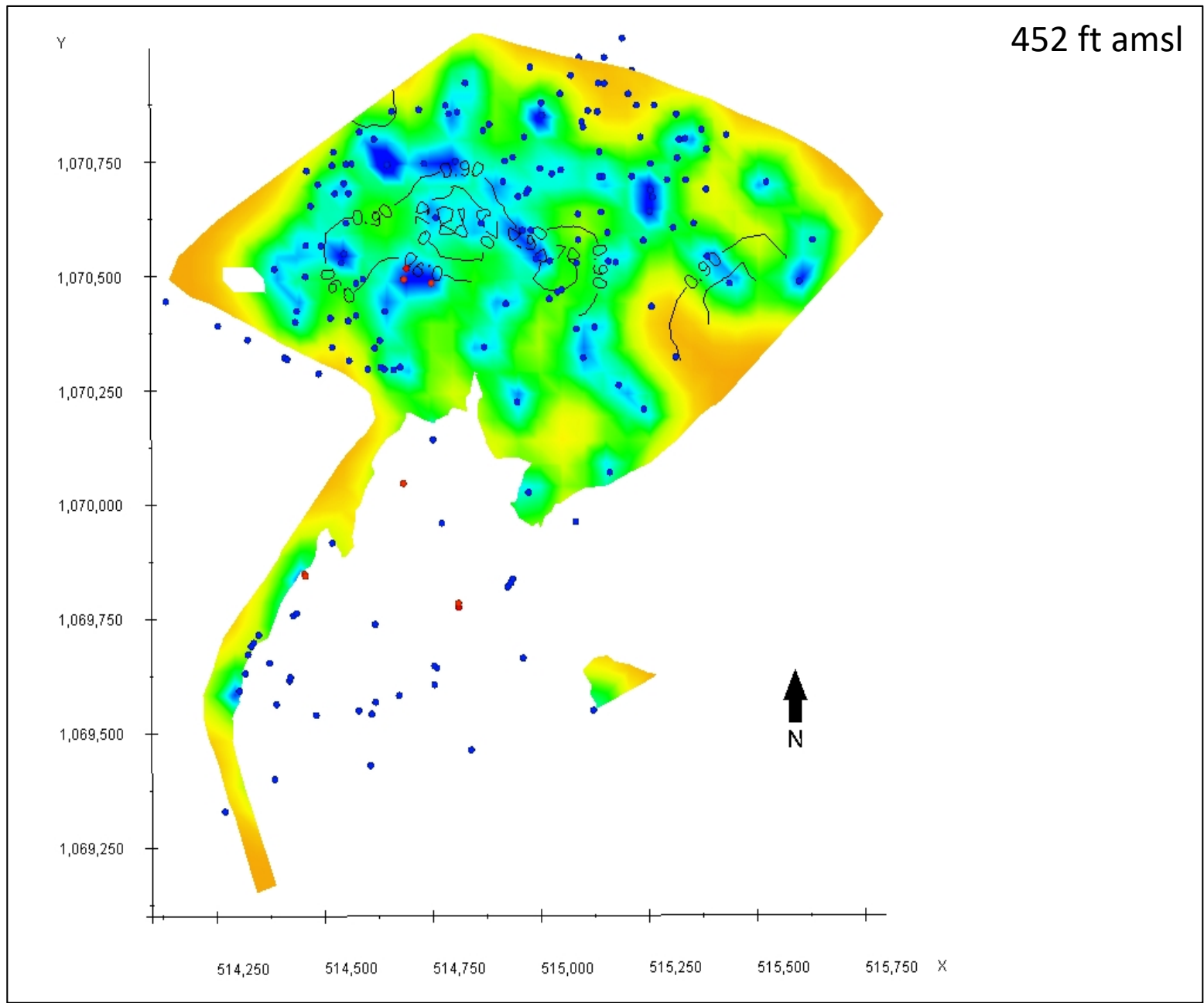
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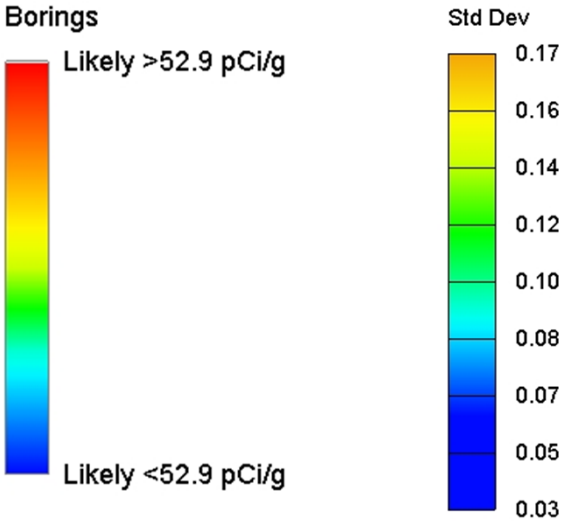
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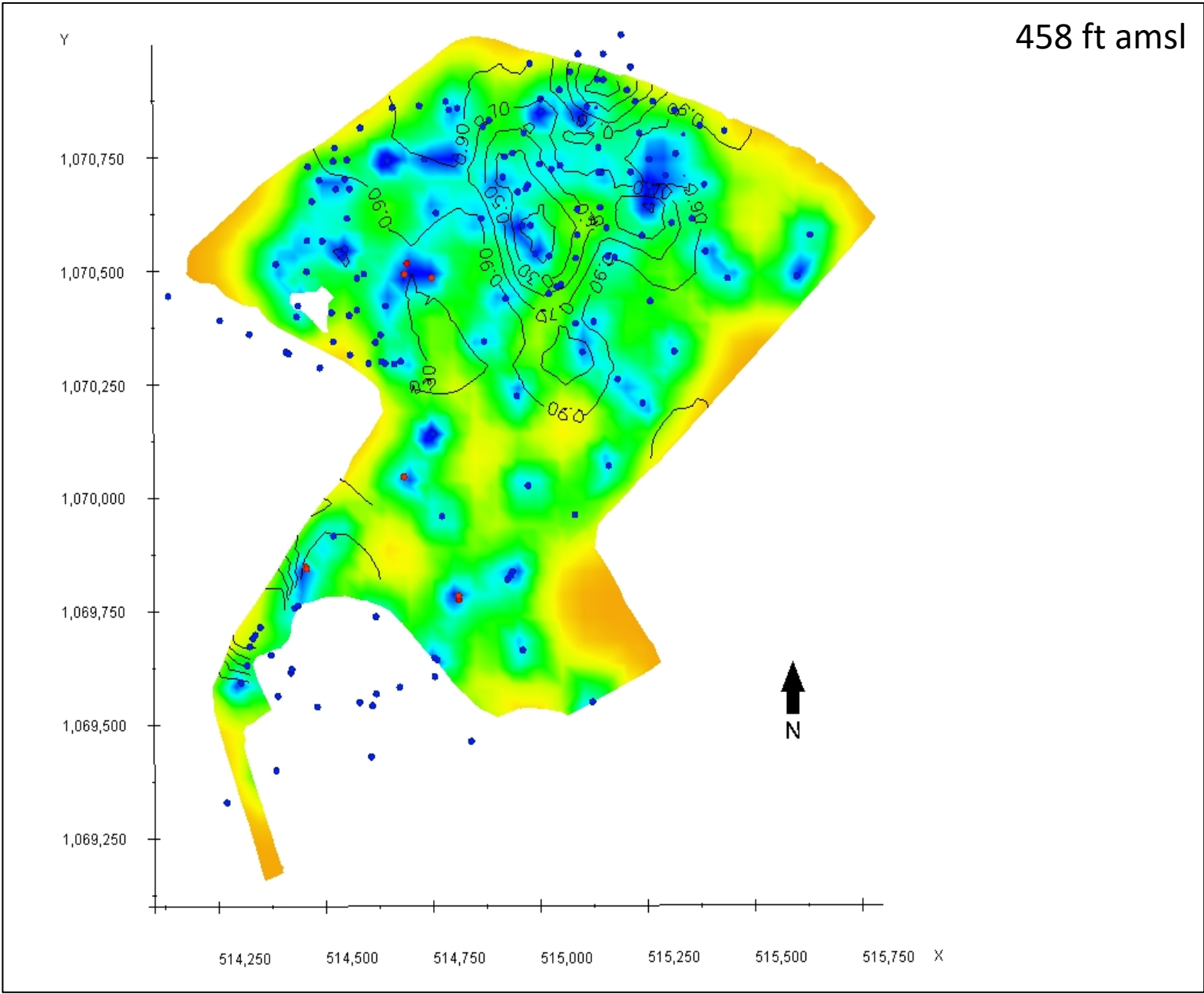
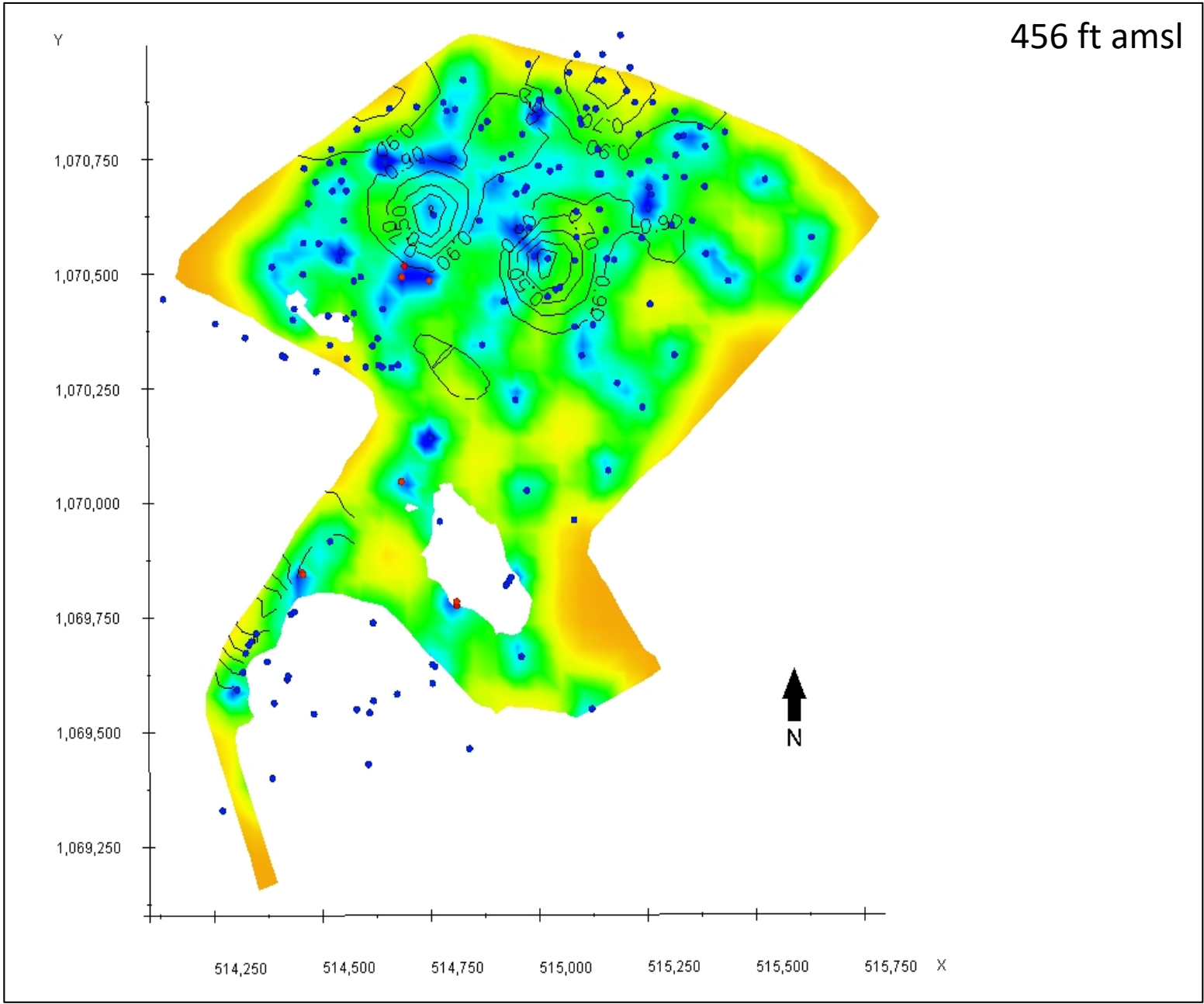
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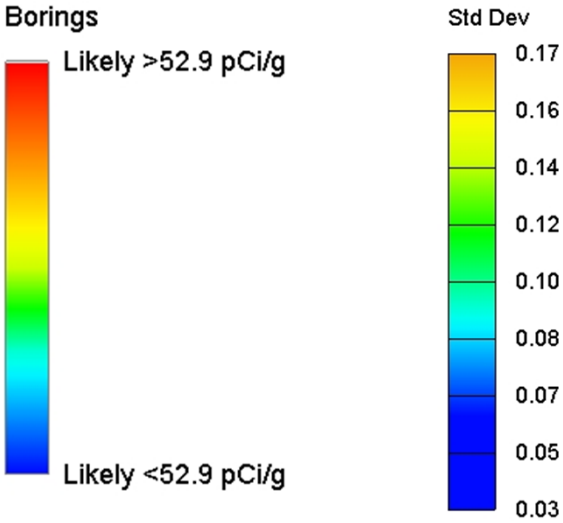
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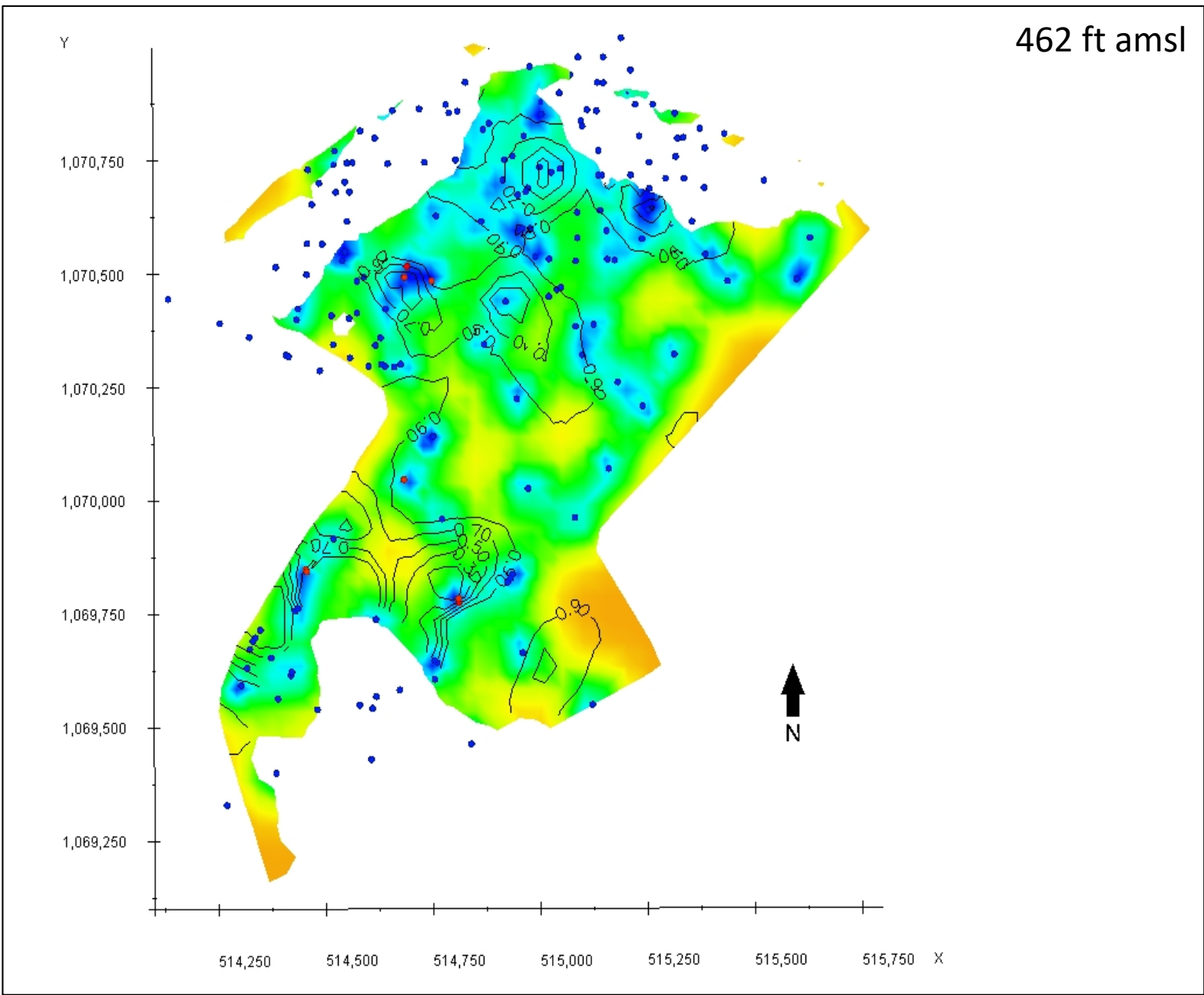
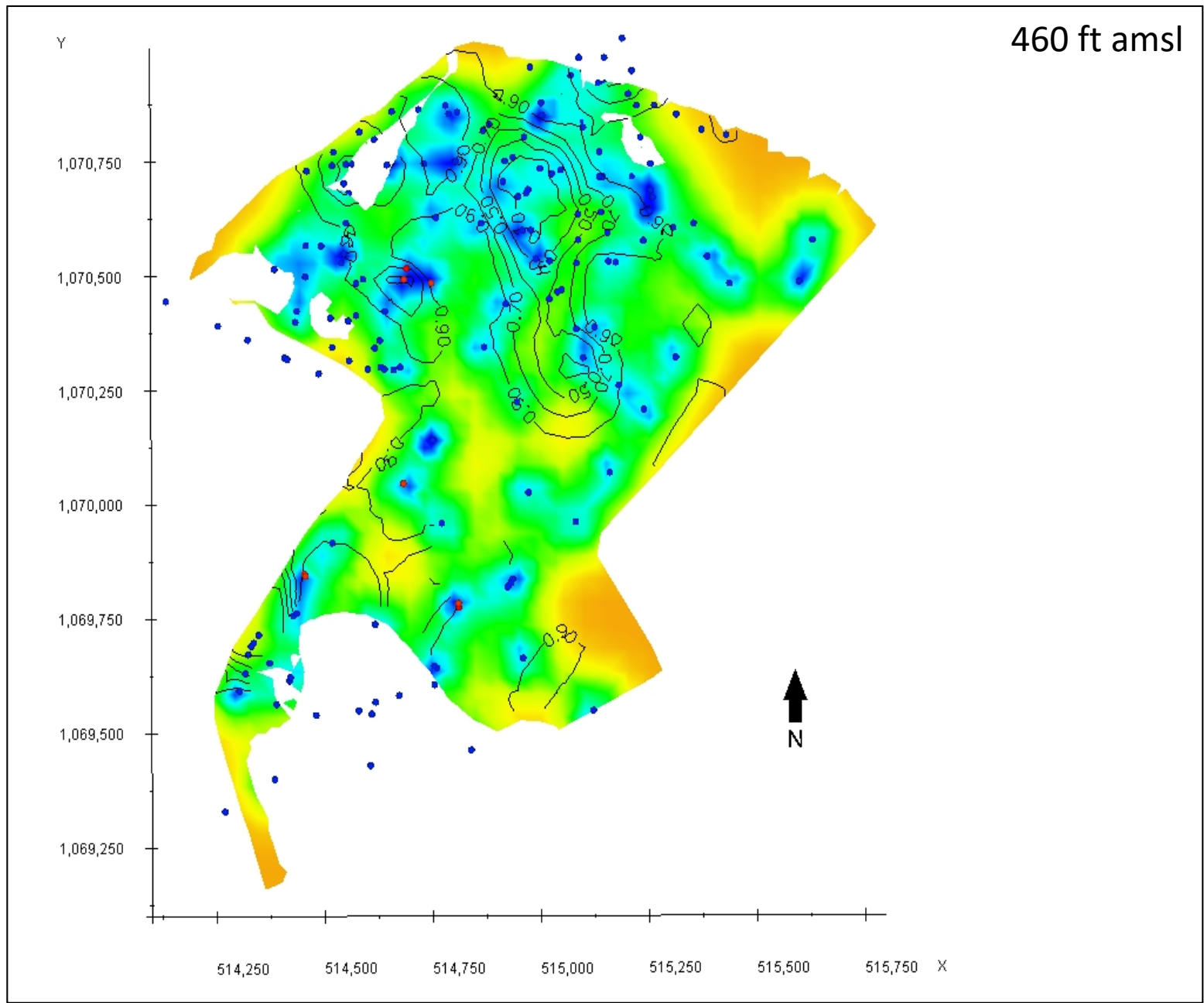
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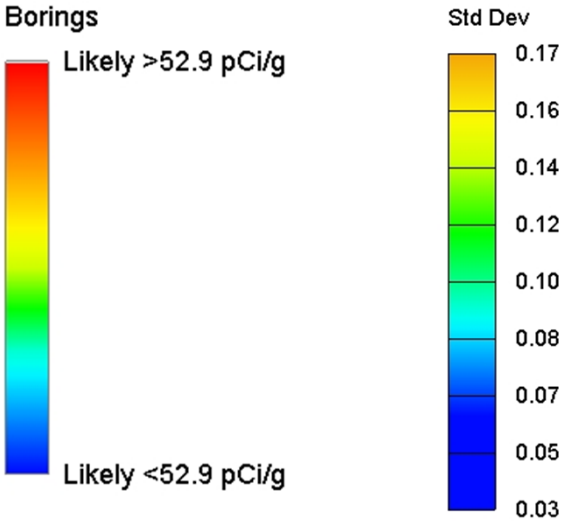
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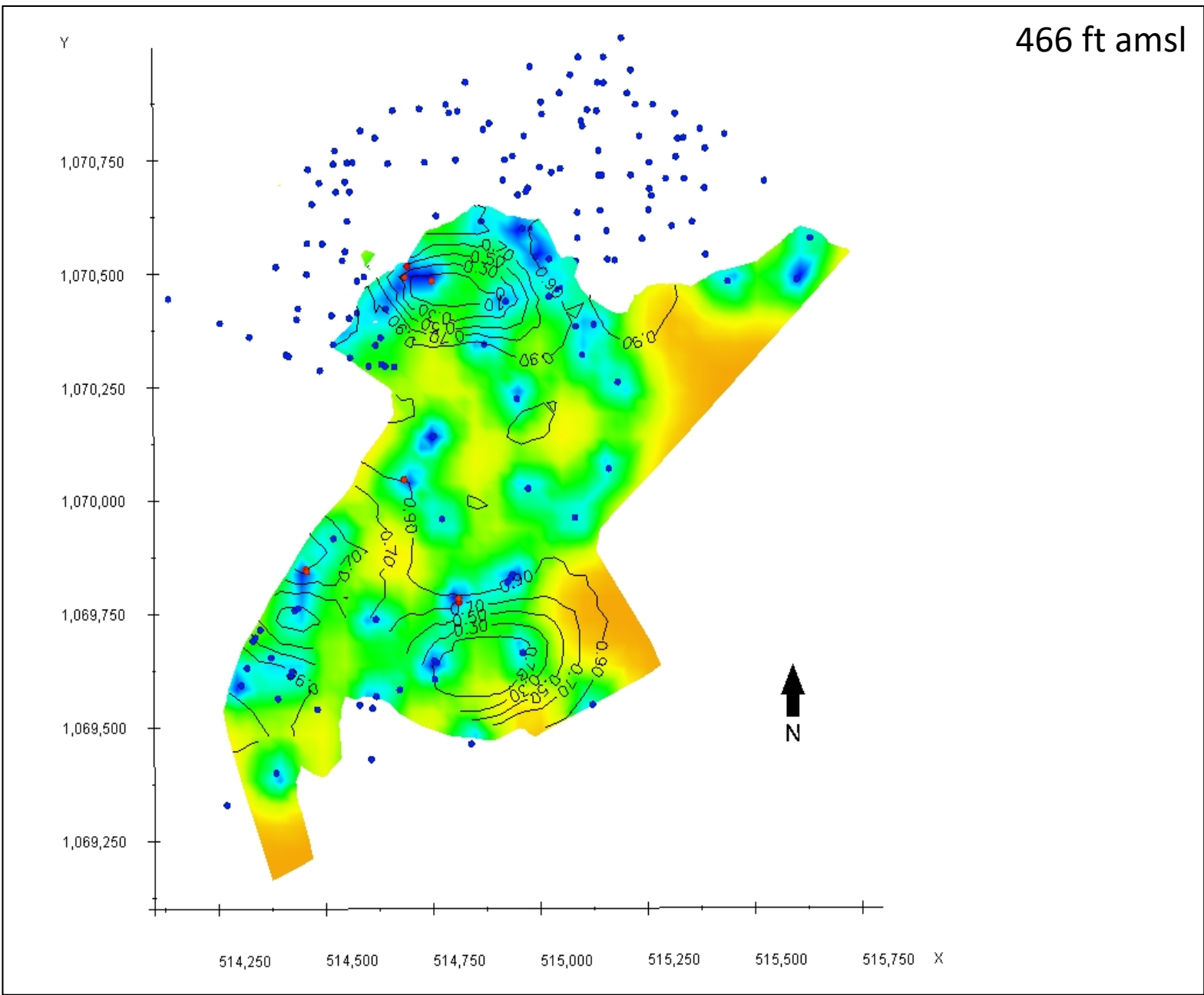
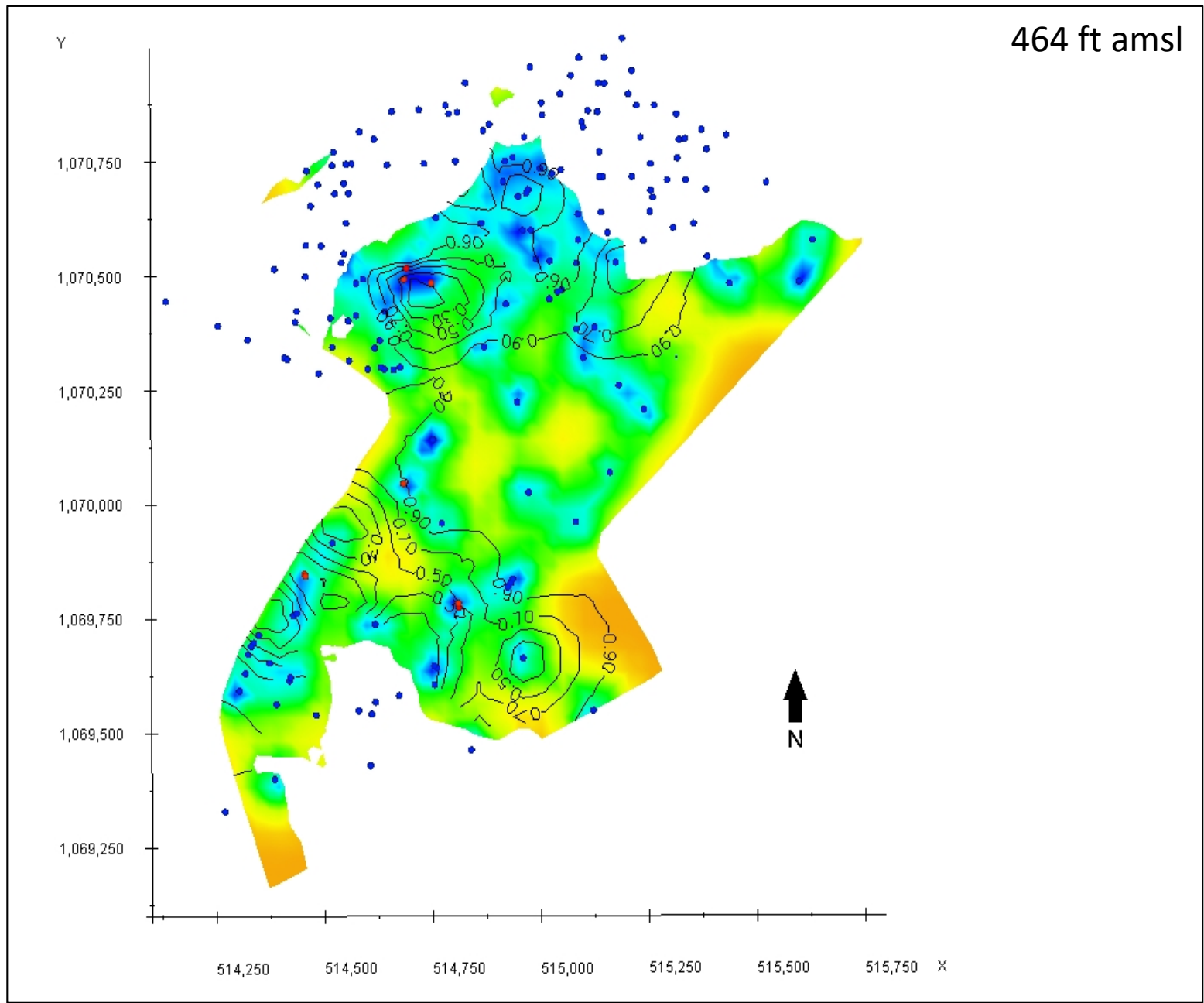
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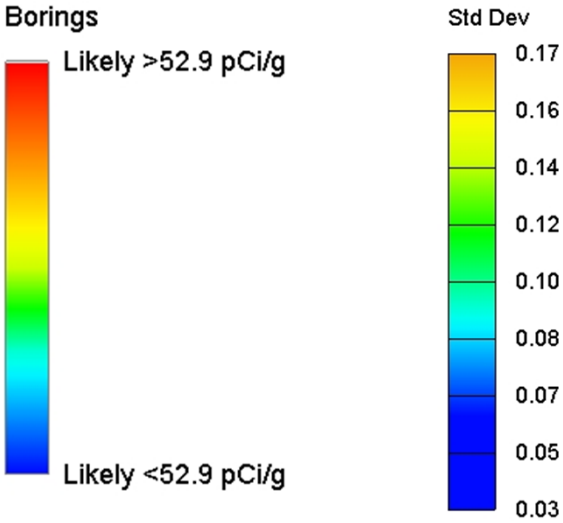
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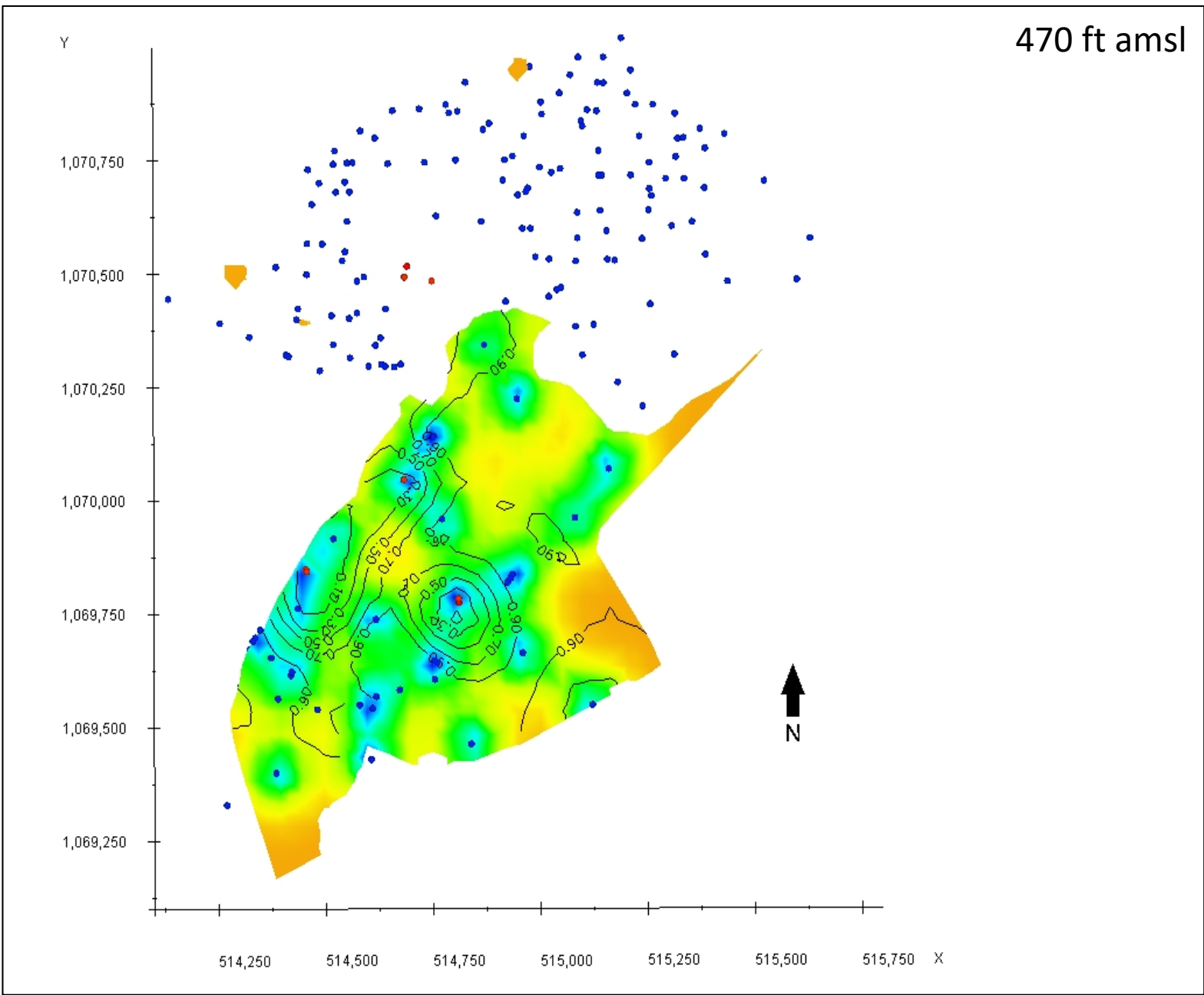
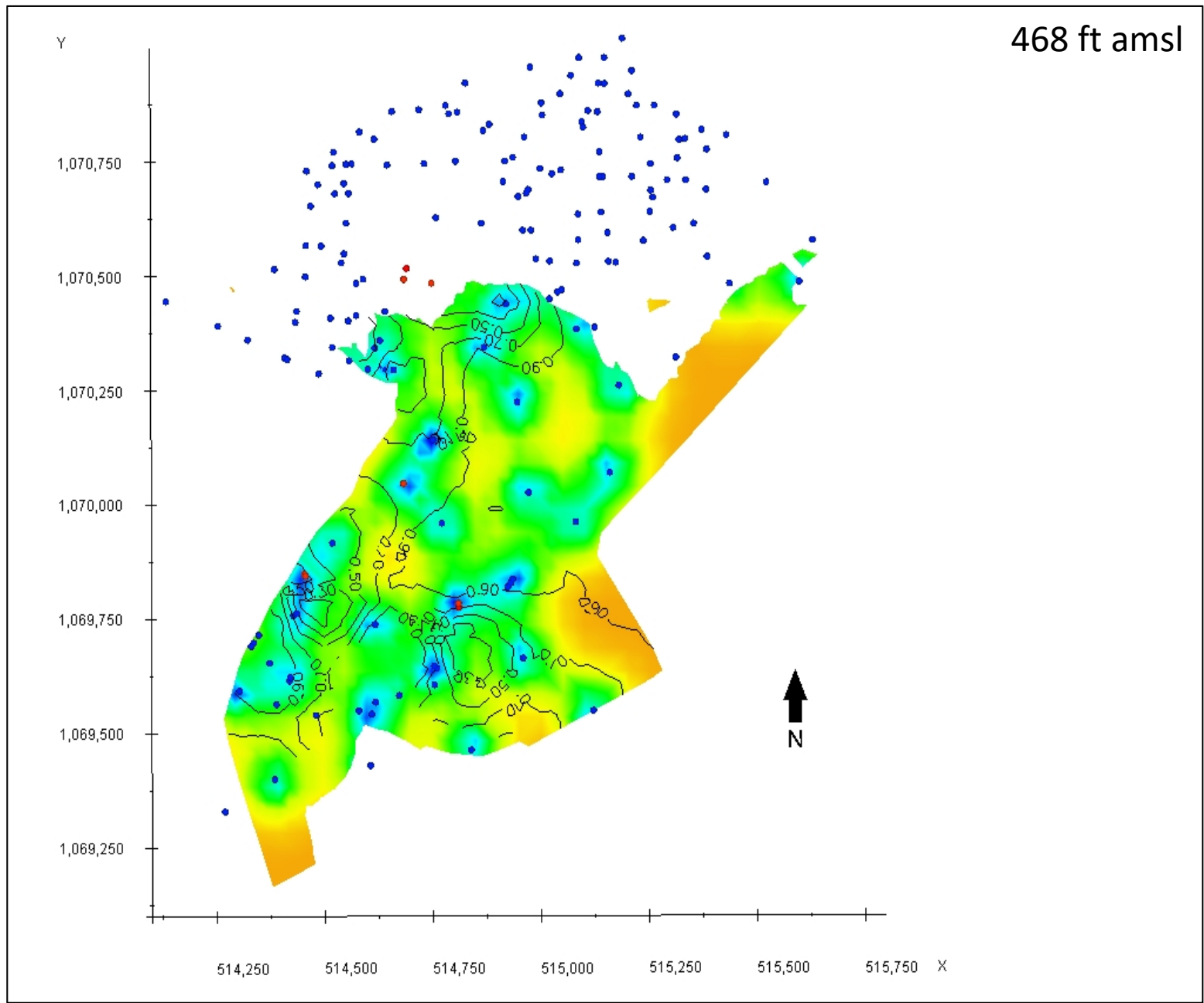
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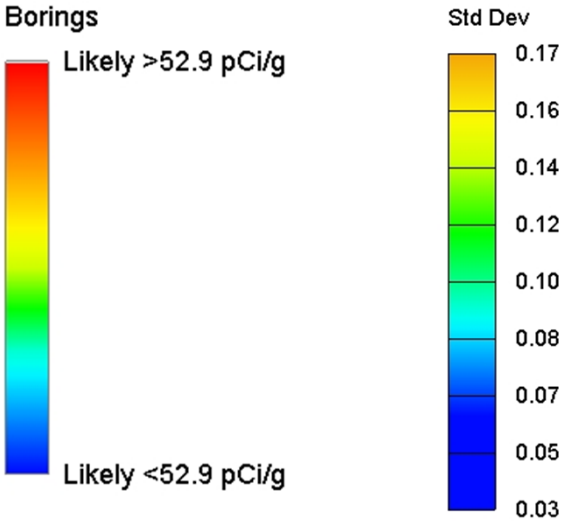
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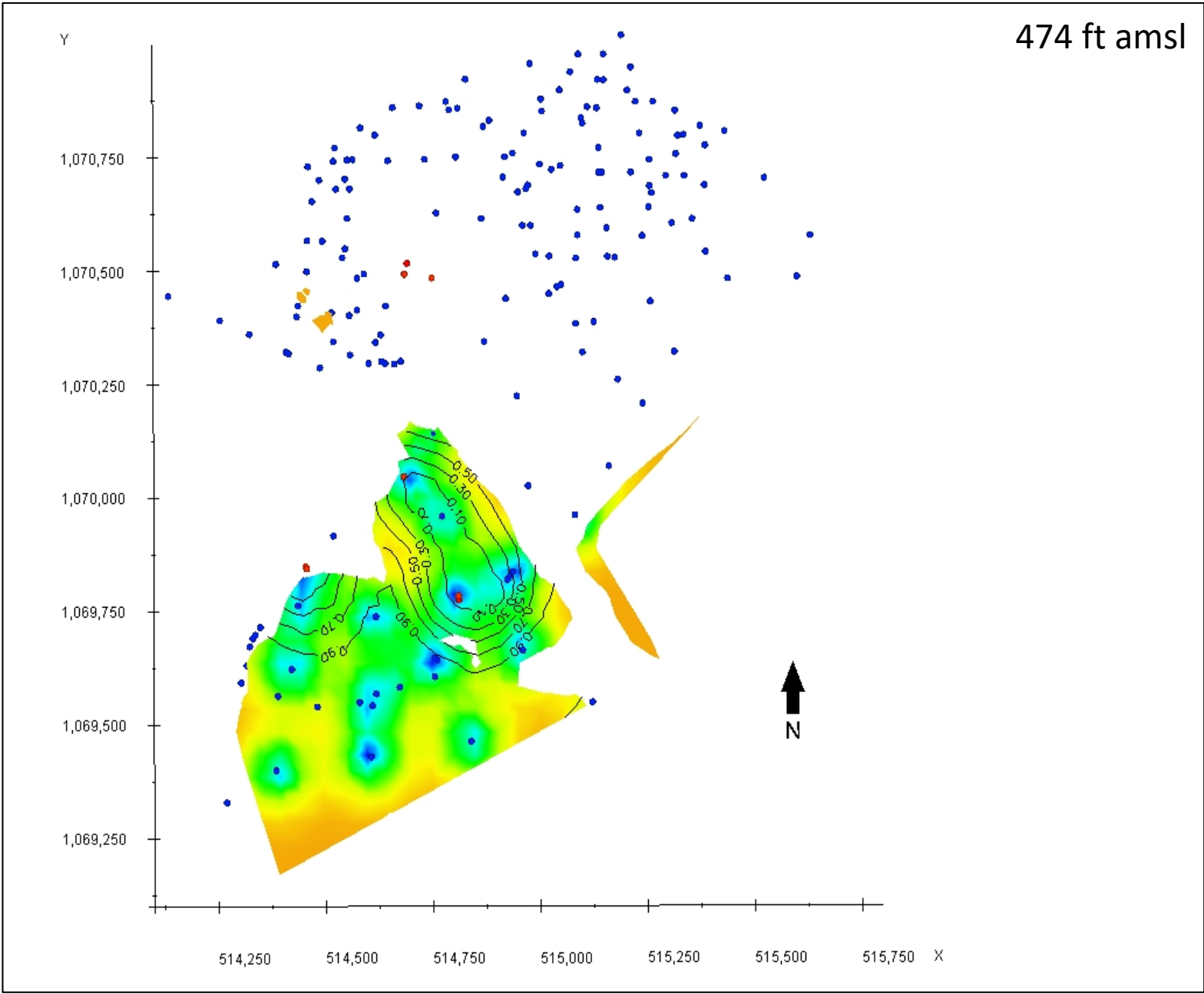
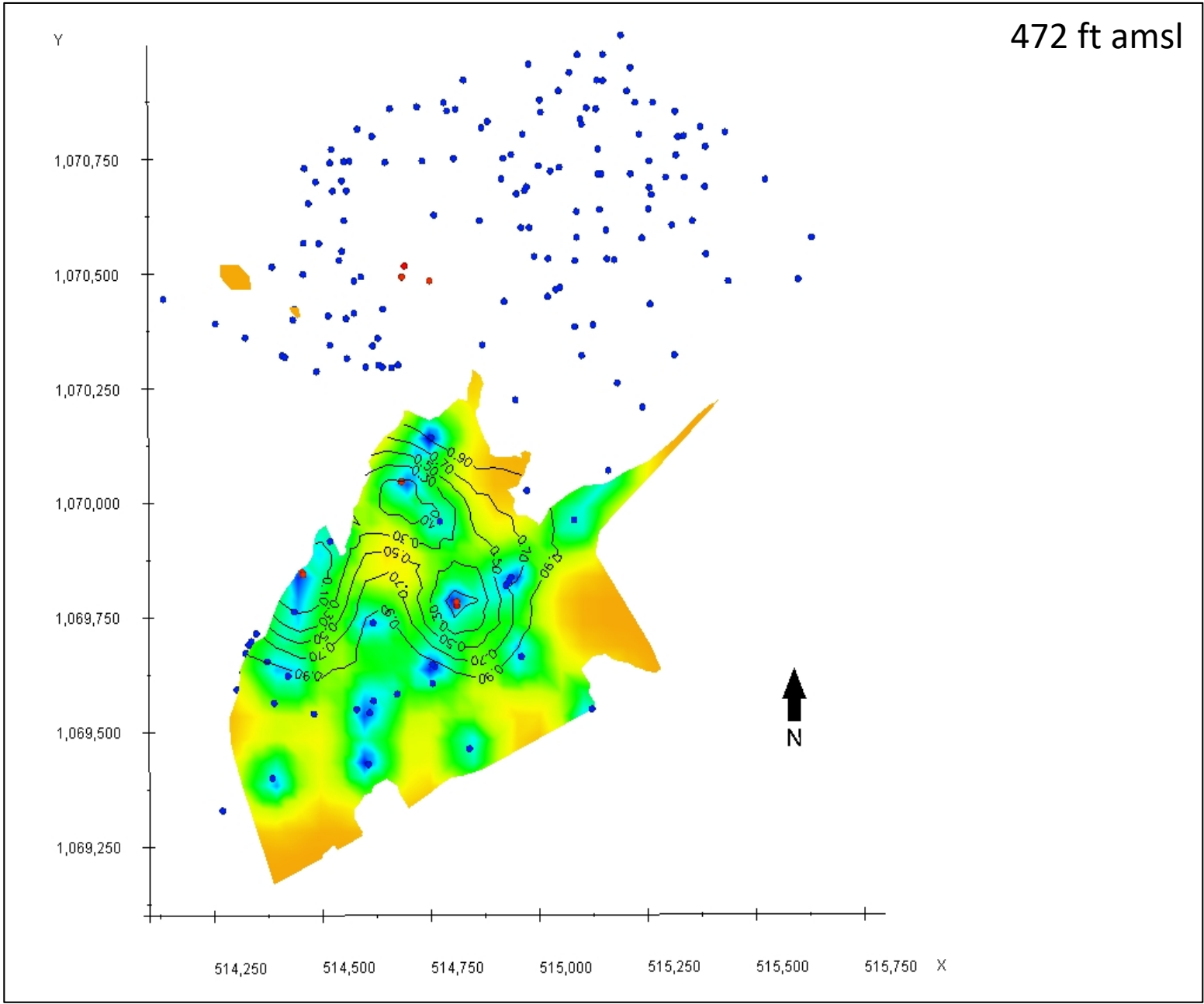
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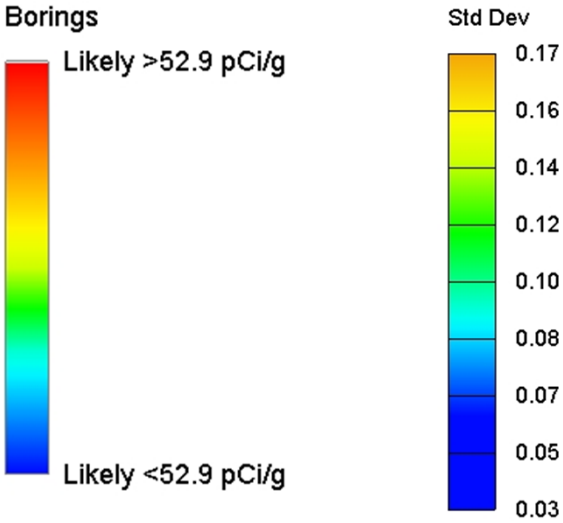
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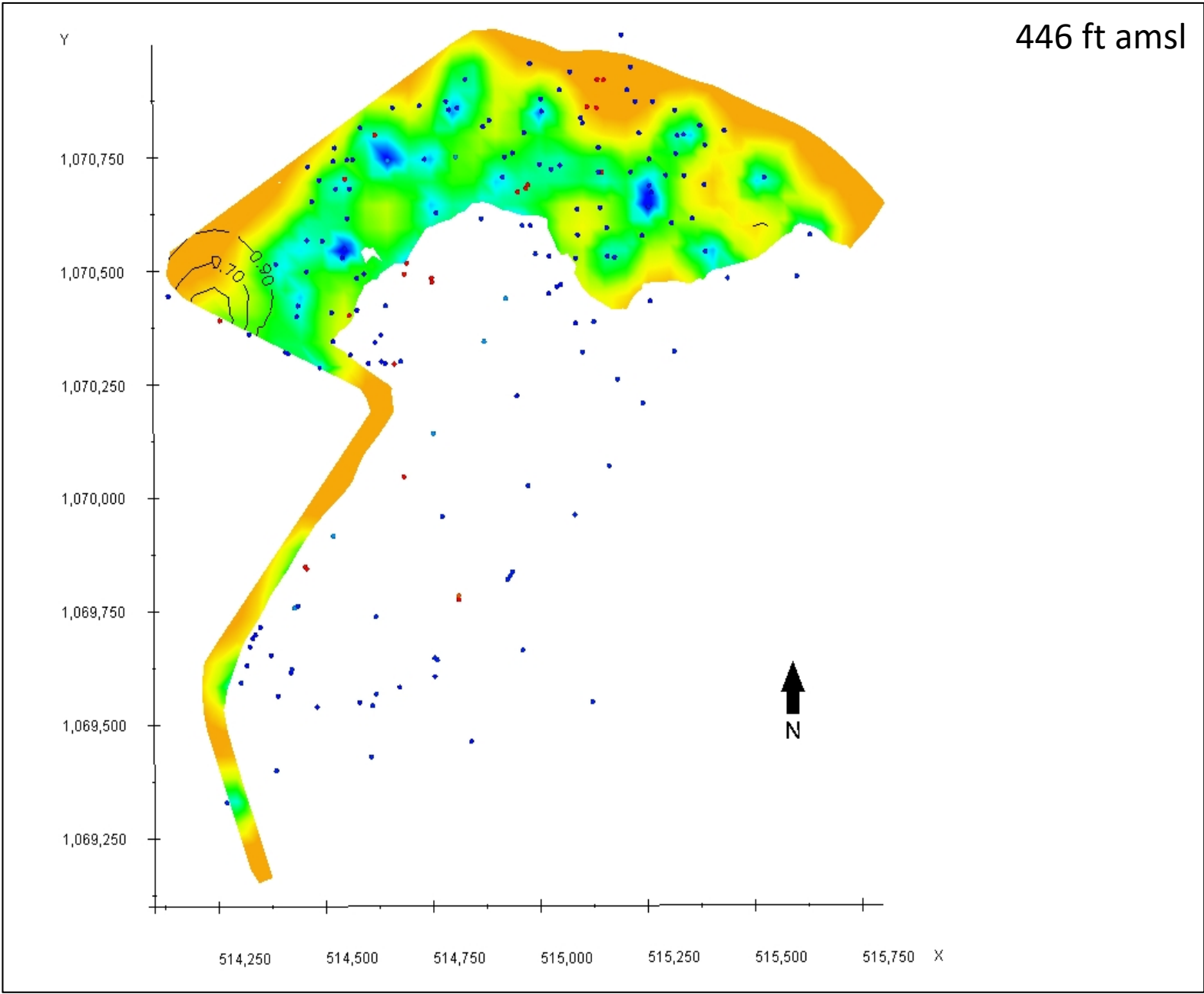
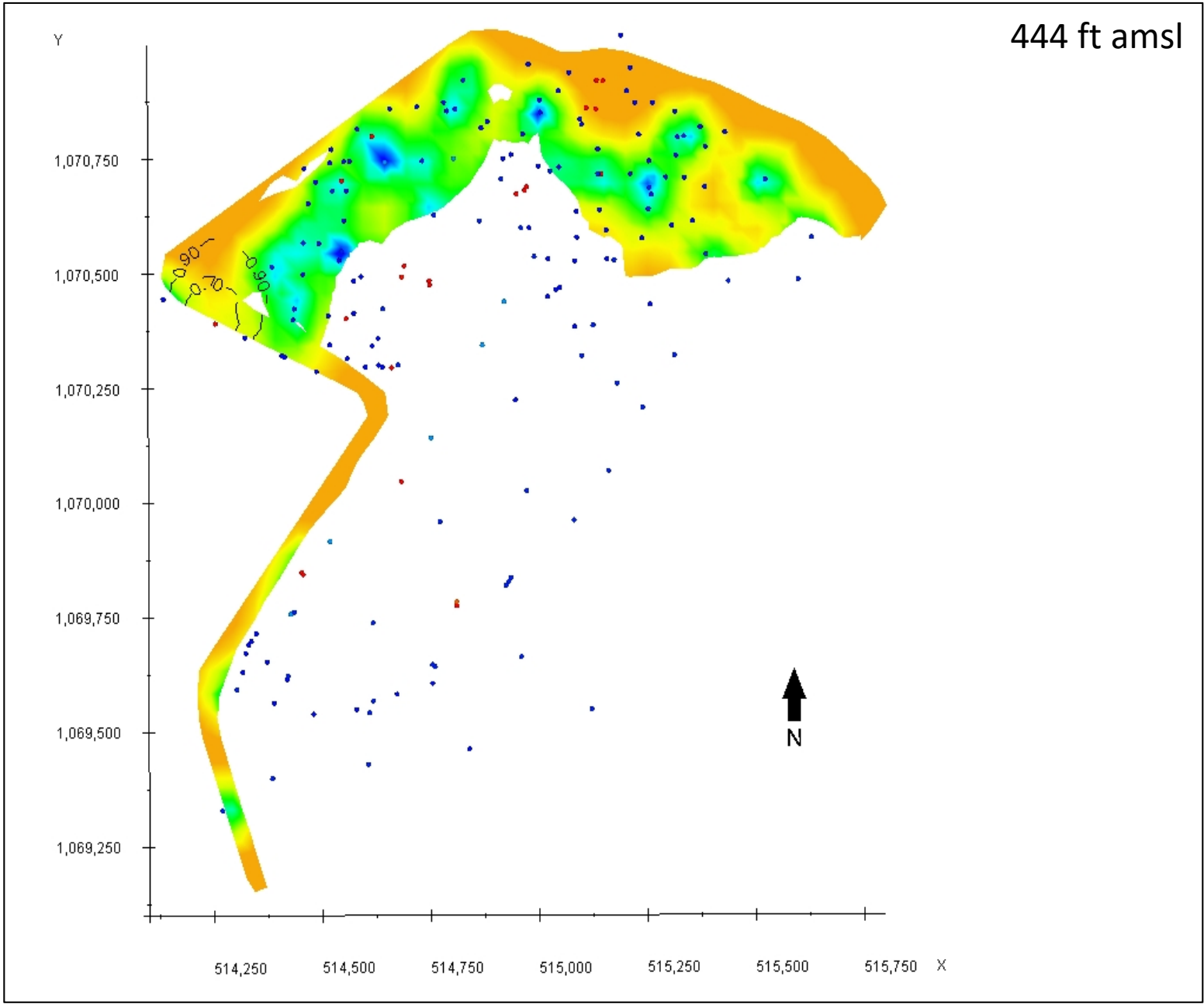
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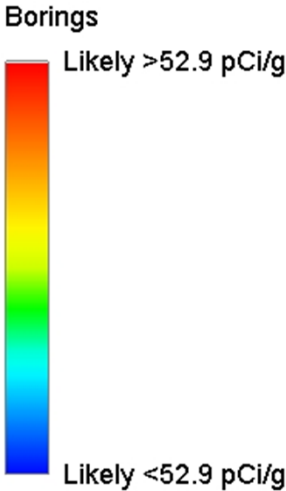
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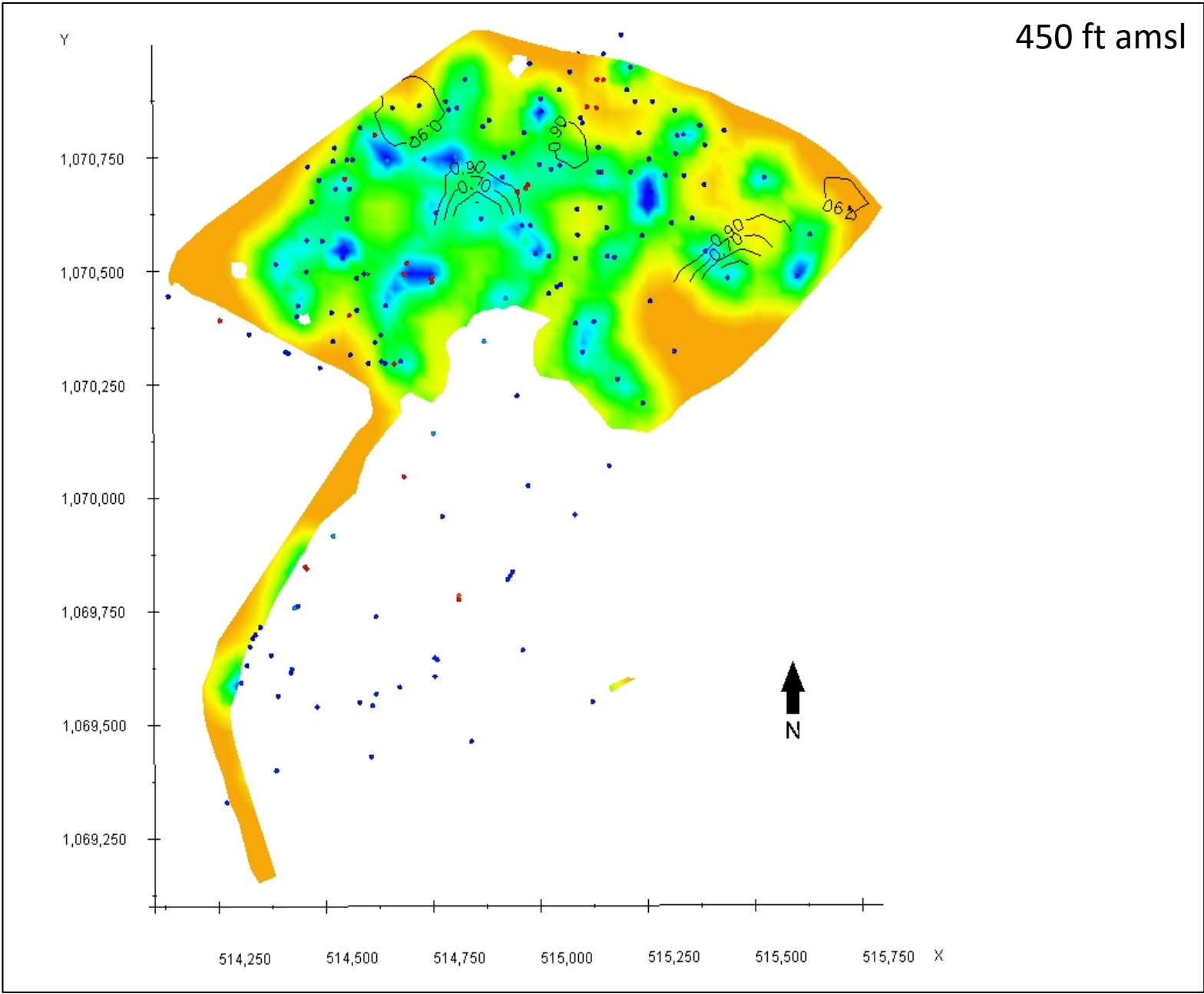
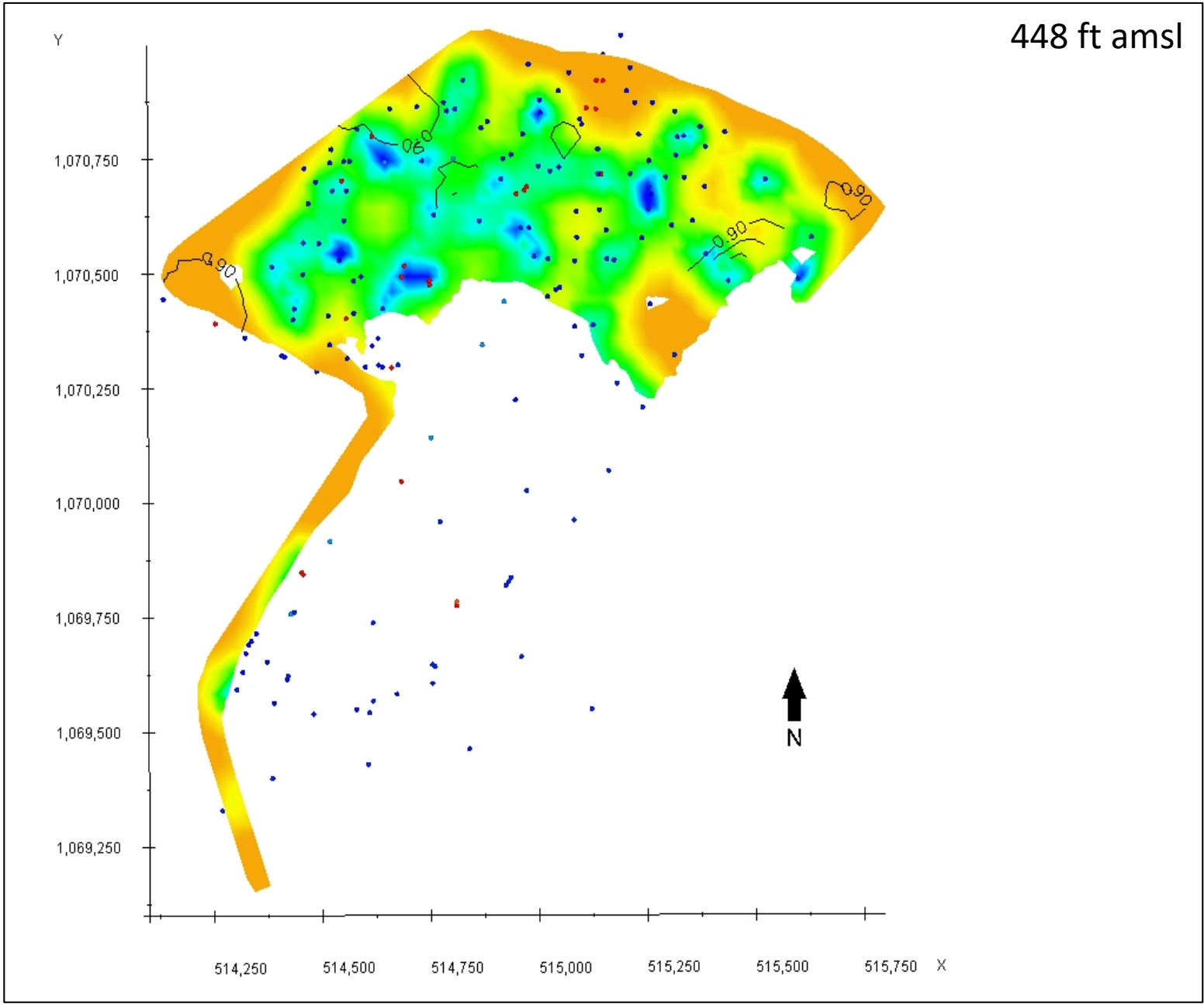
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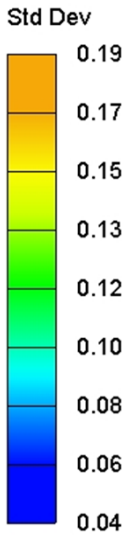
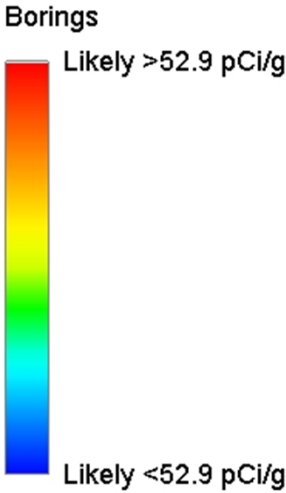
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FIGURE E-9v

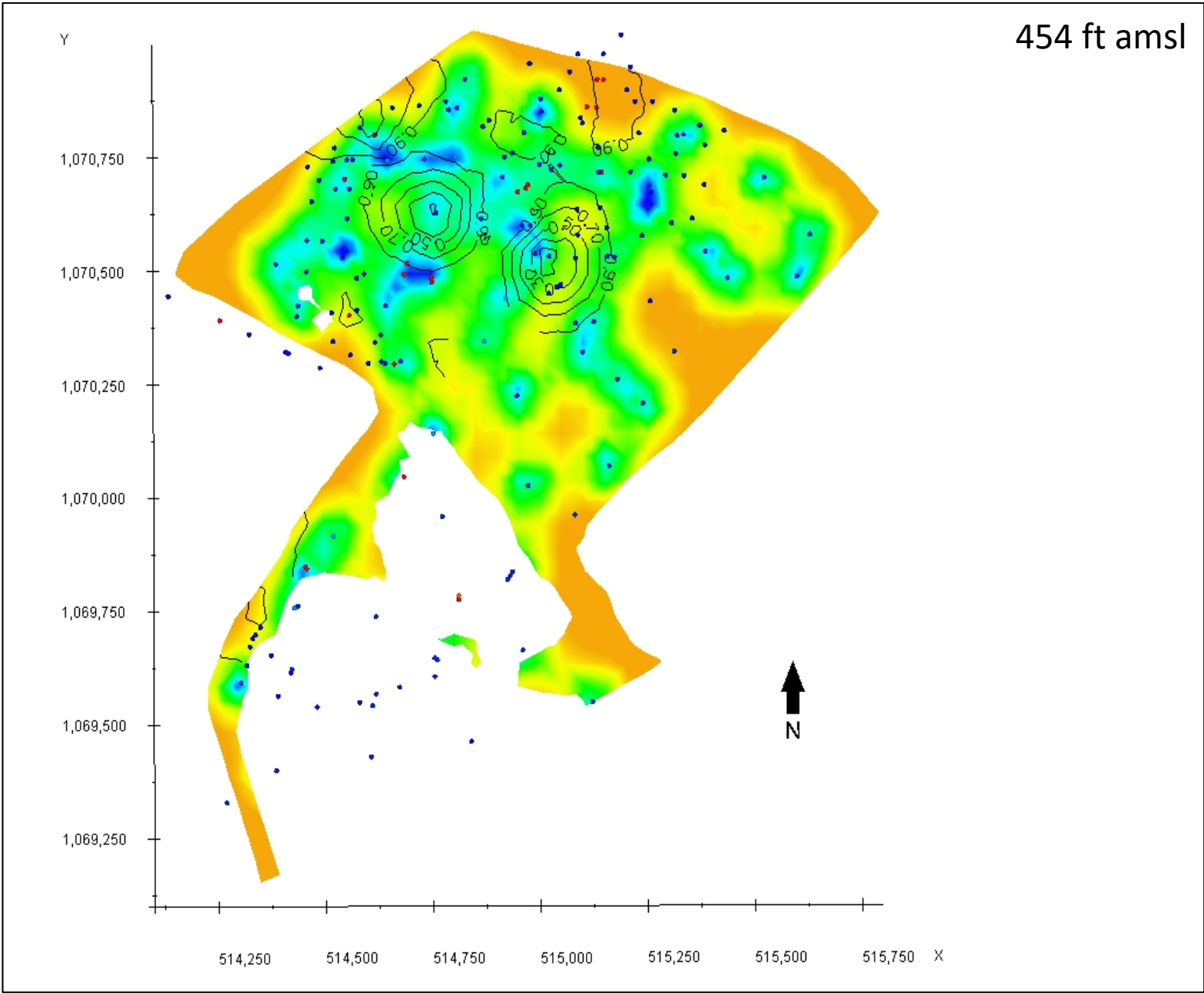
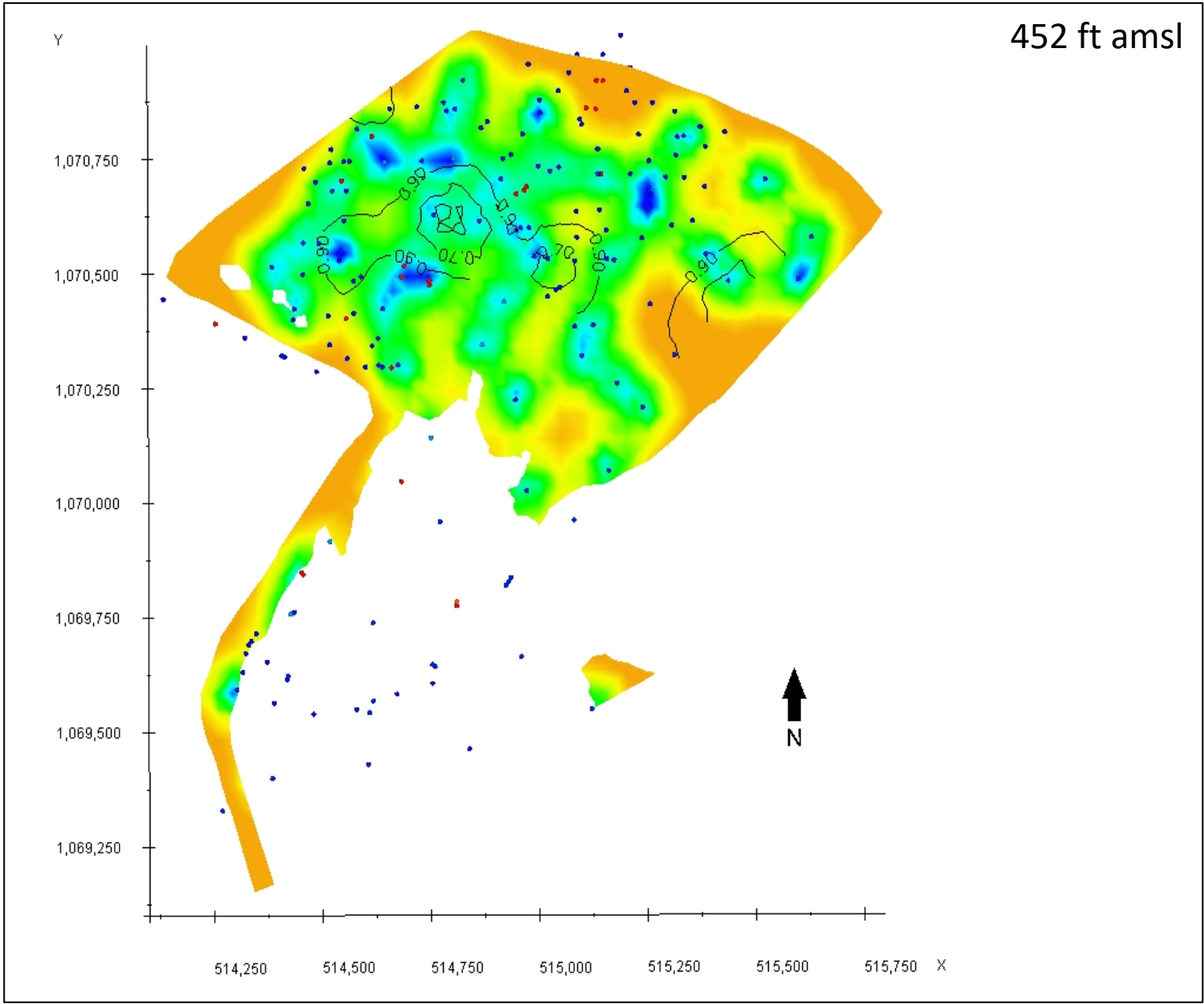
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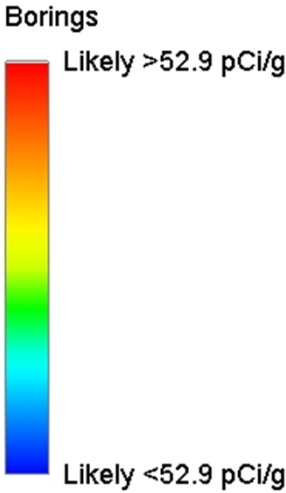
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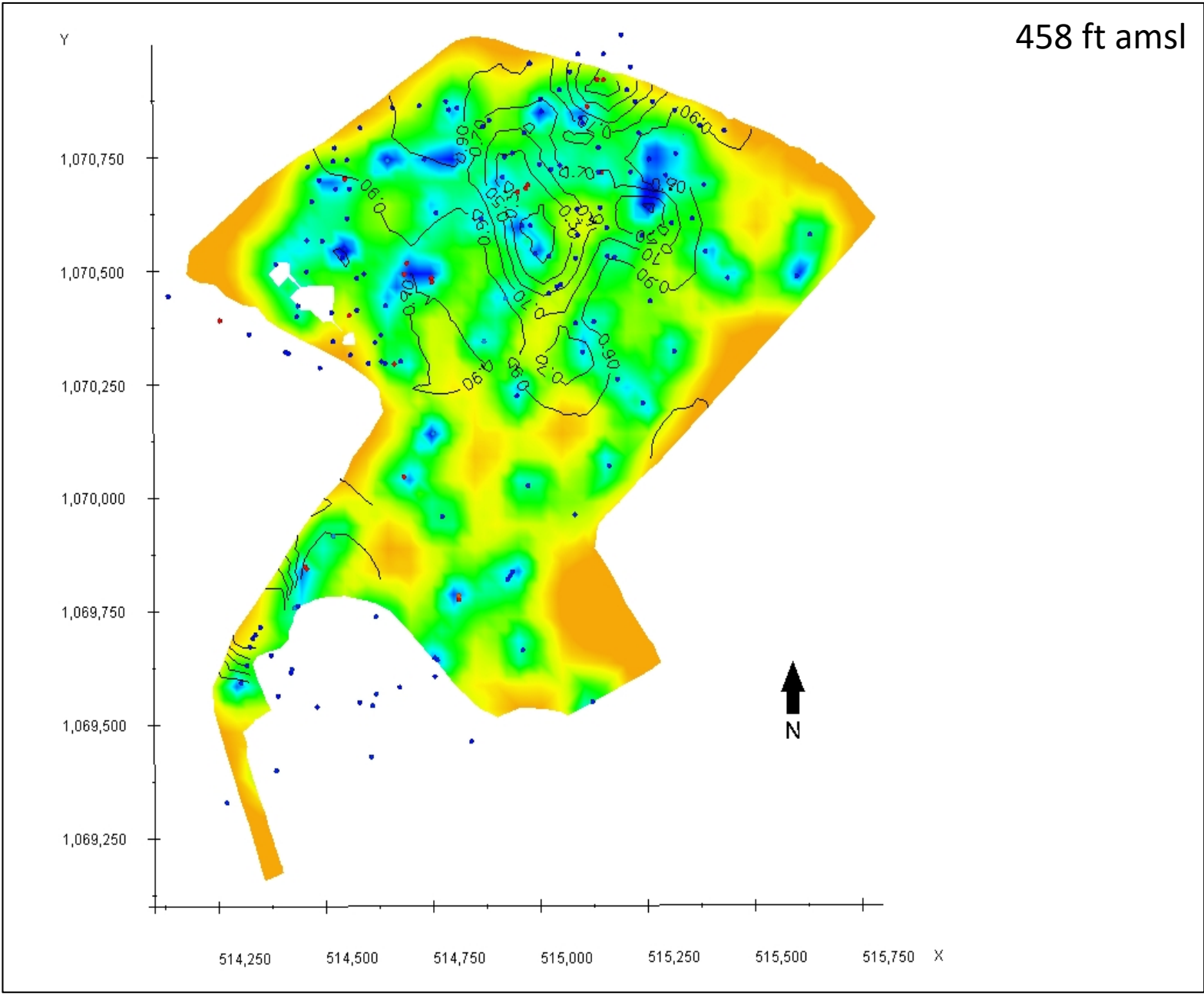
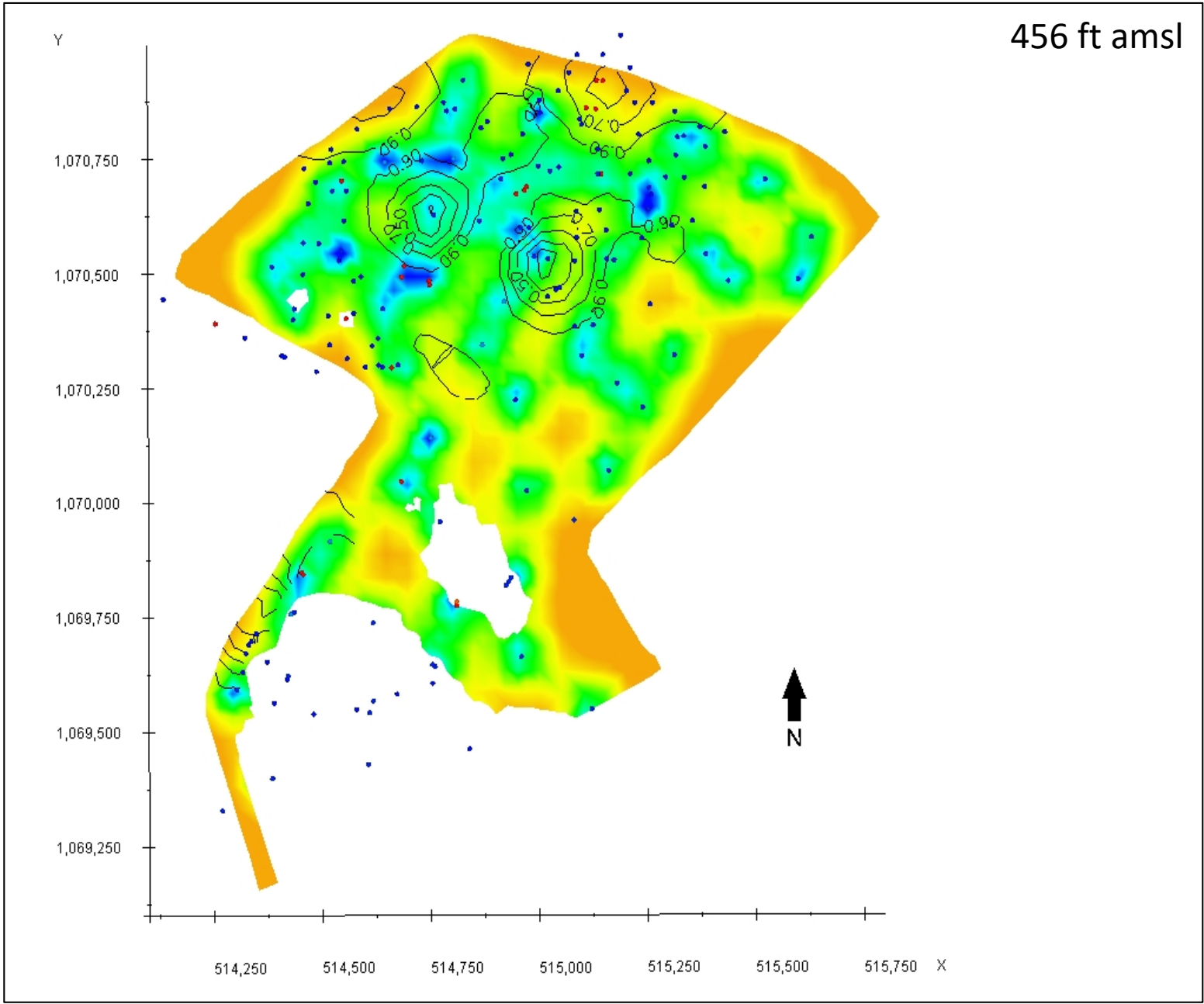
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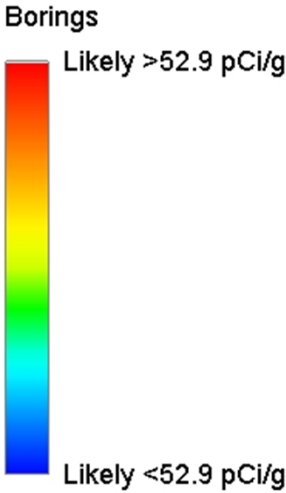
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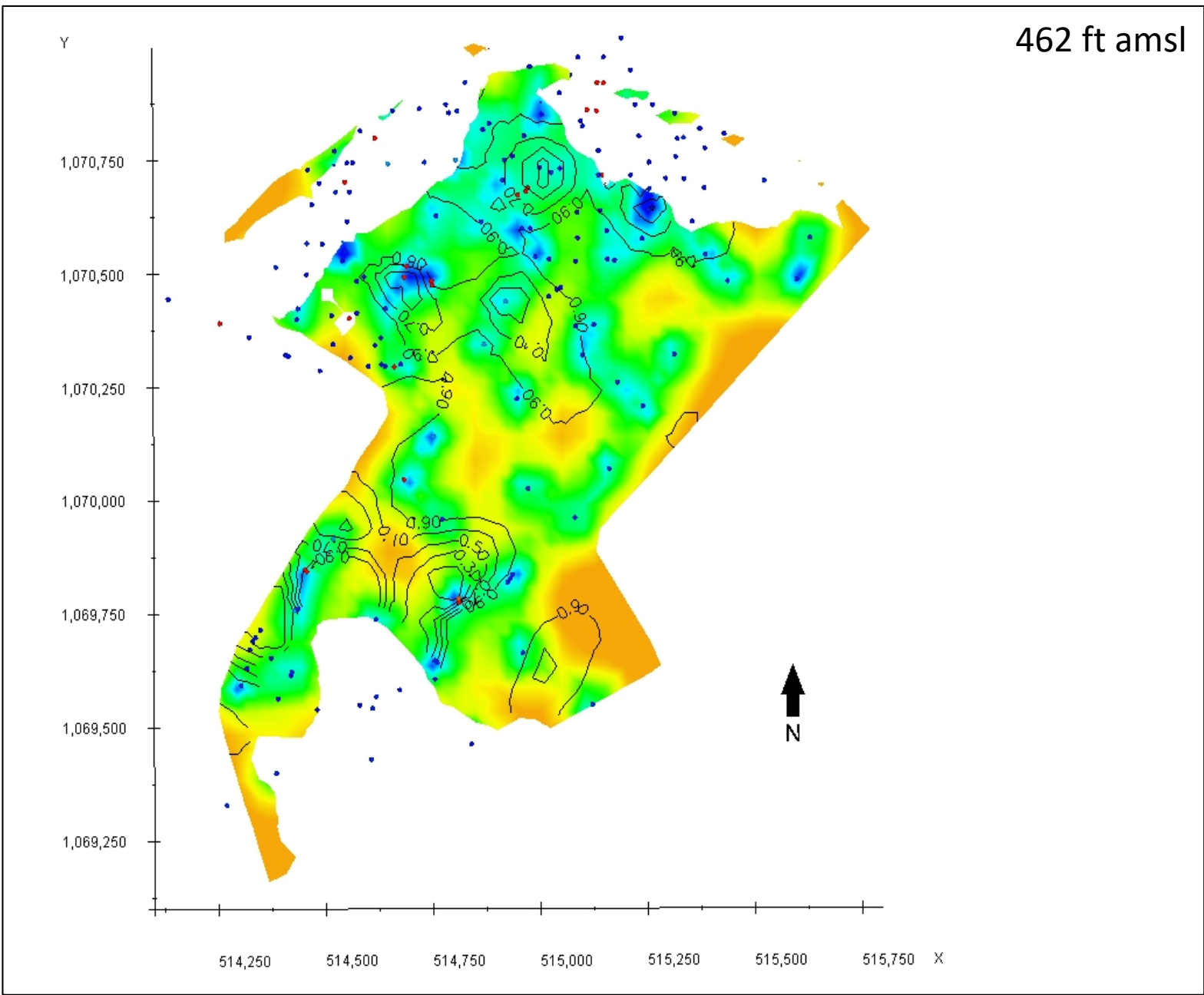
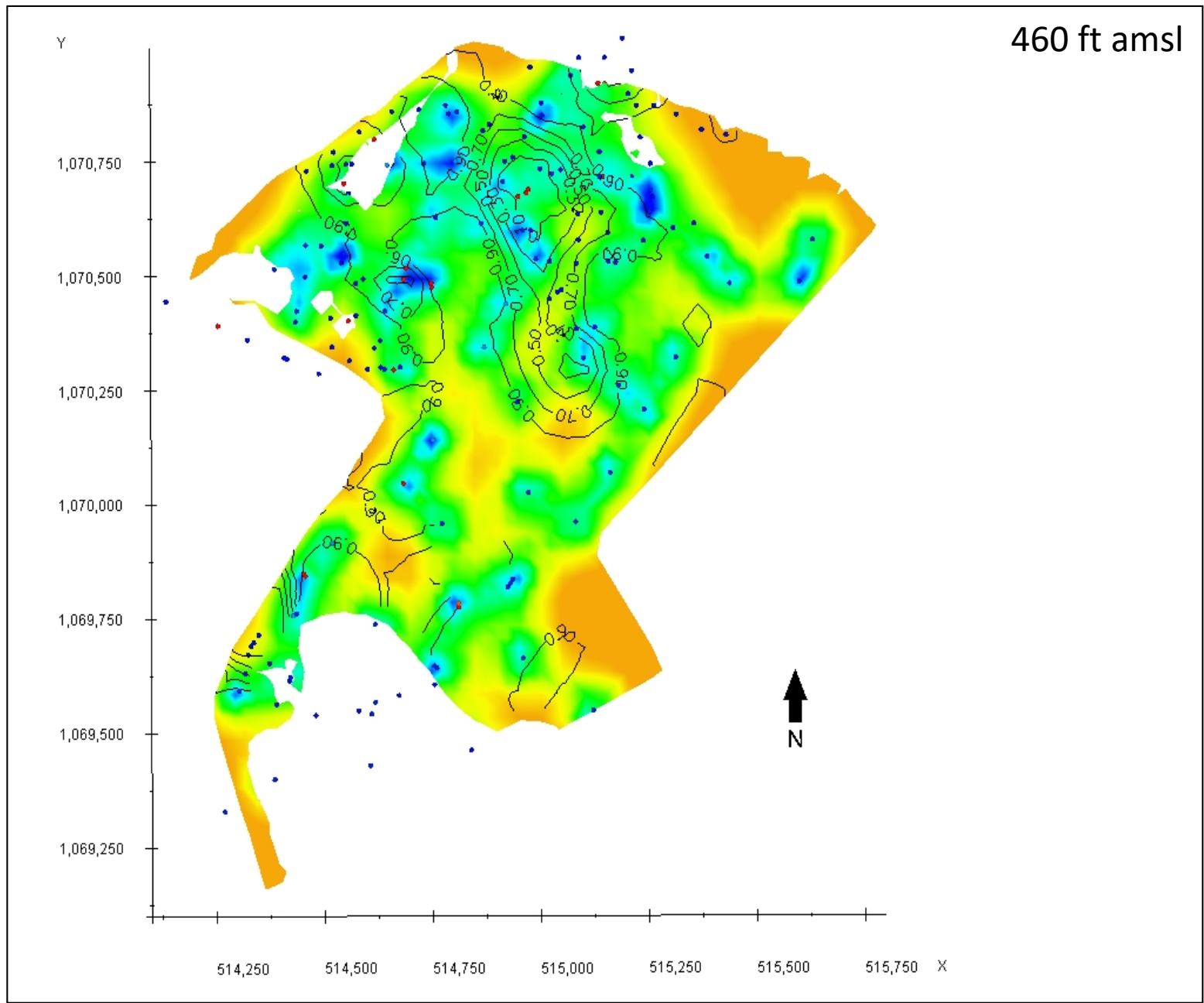
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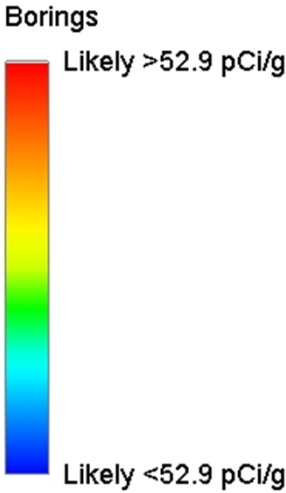
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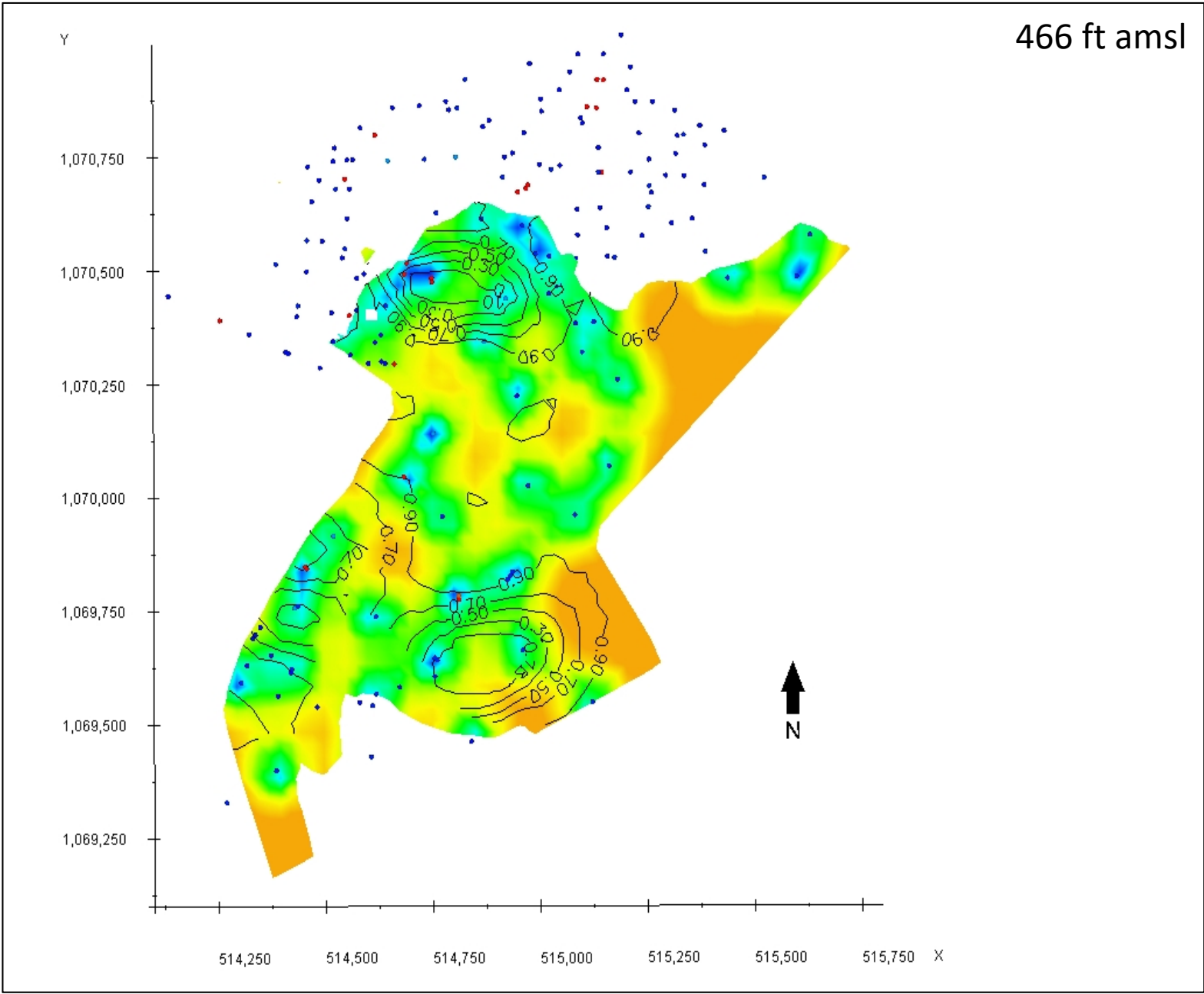
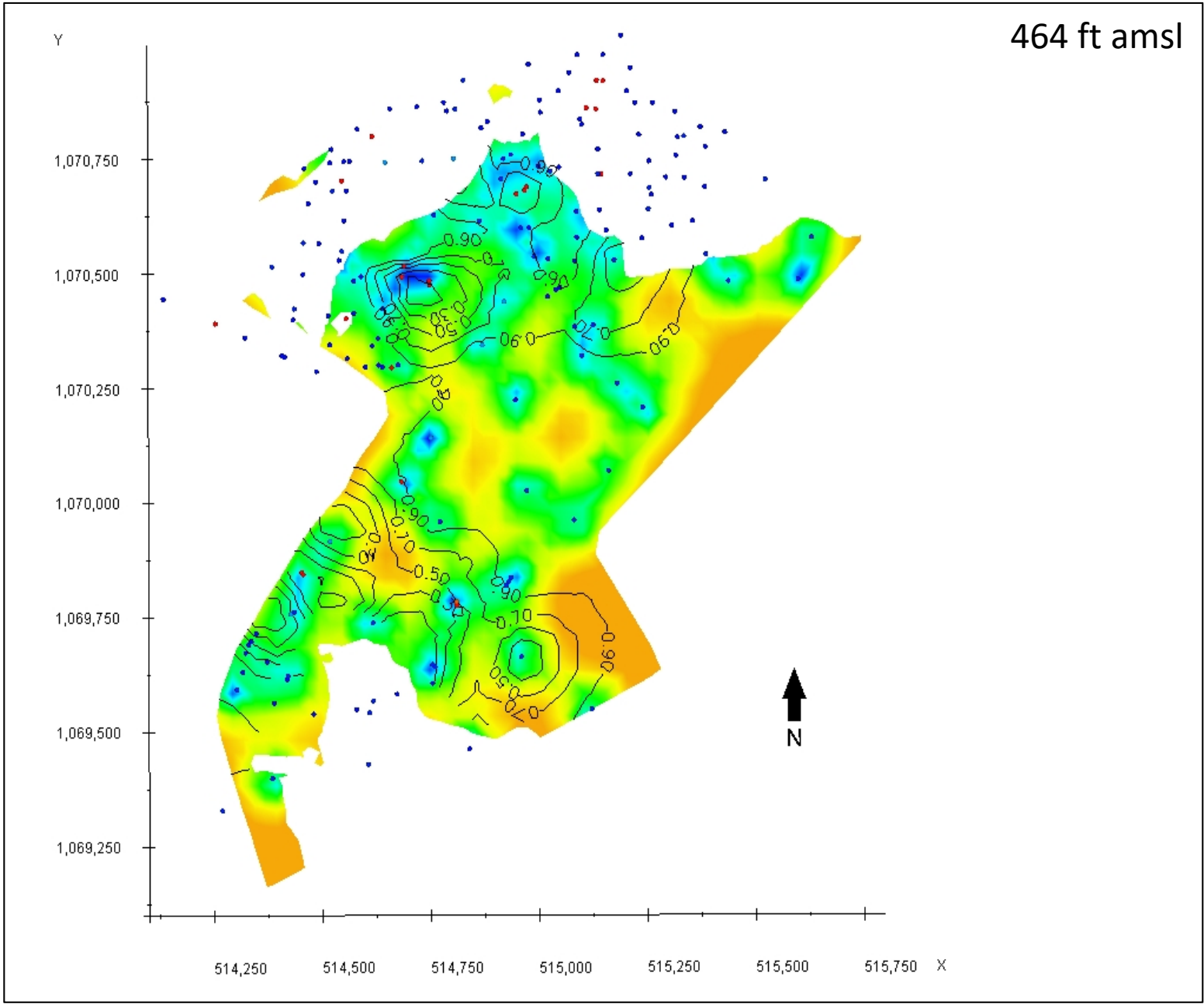
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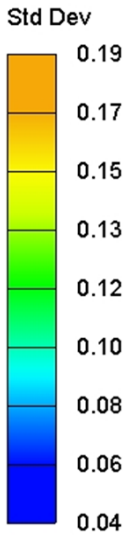
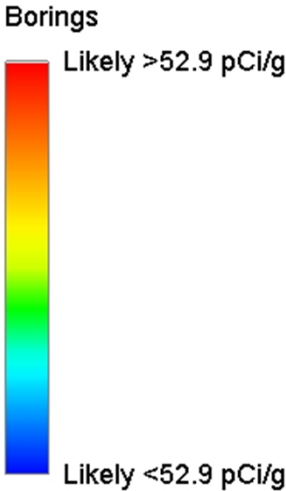
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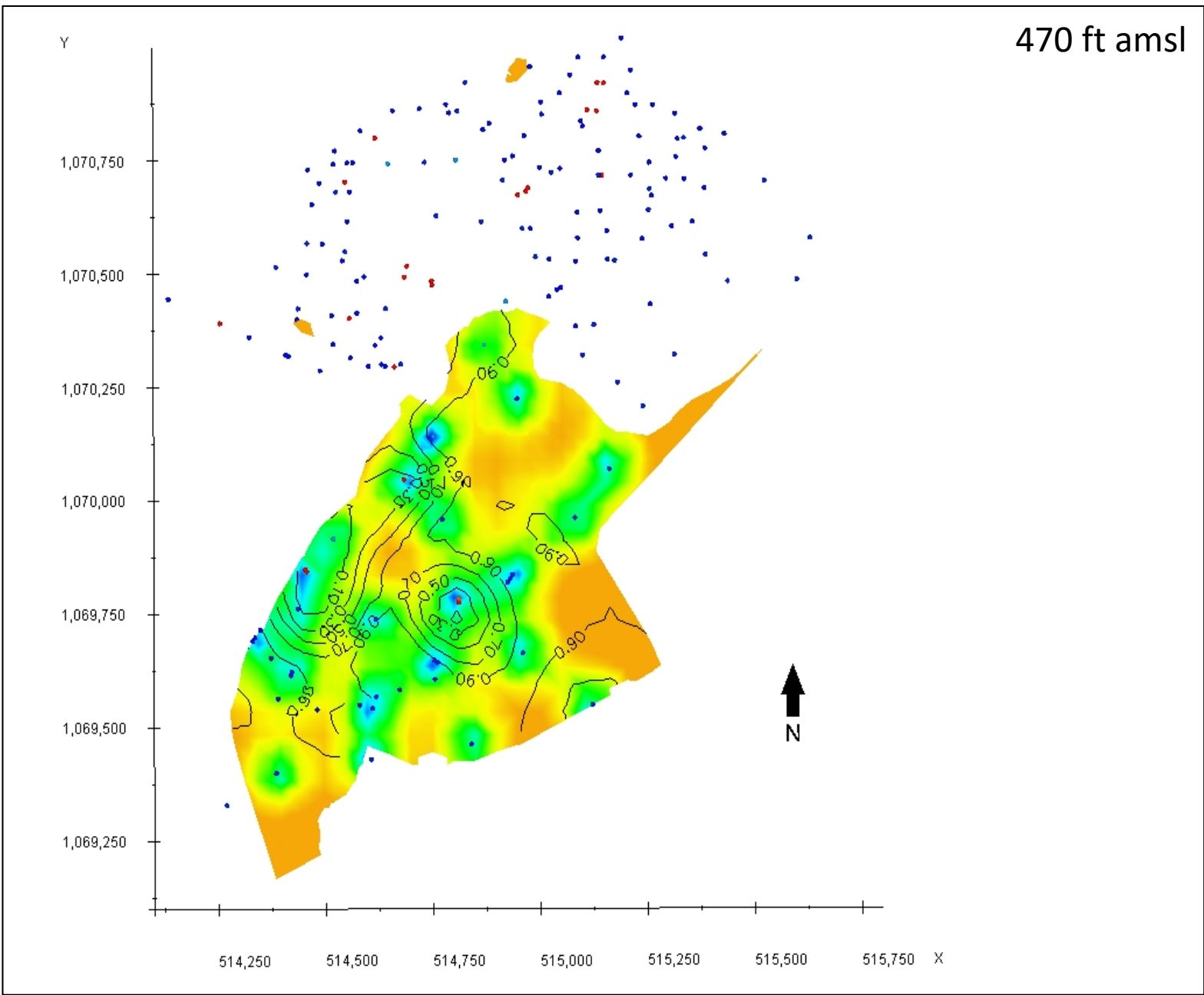
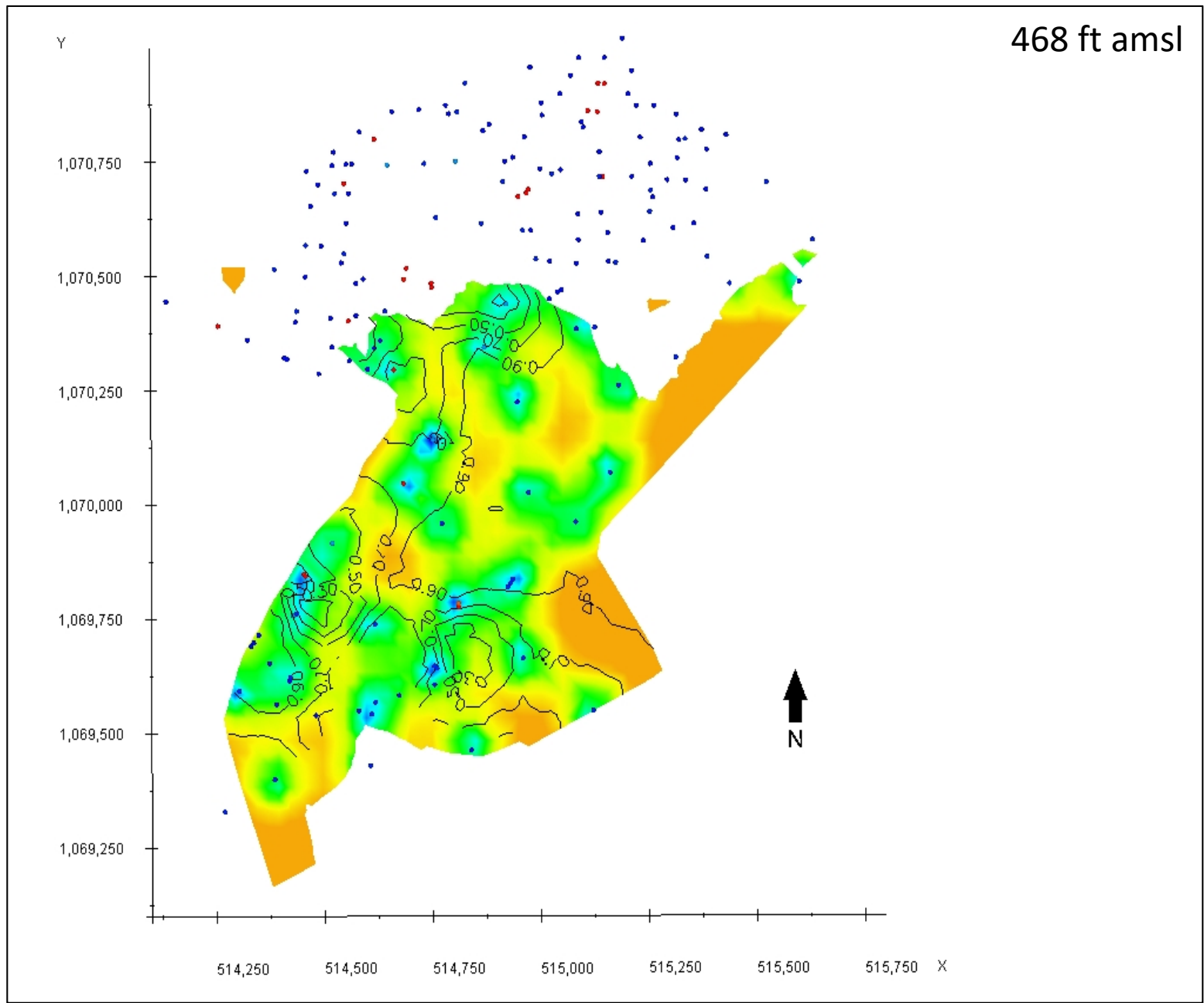
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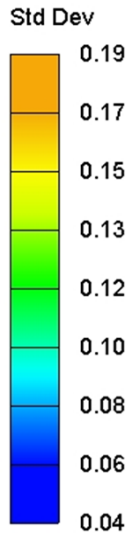
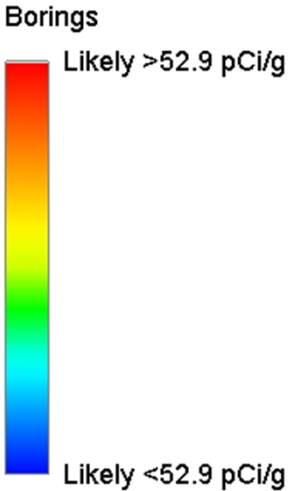
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FIGURE E-9aa

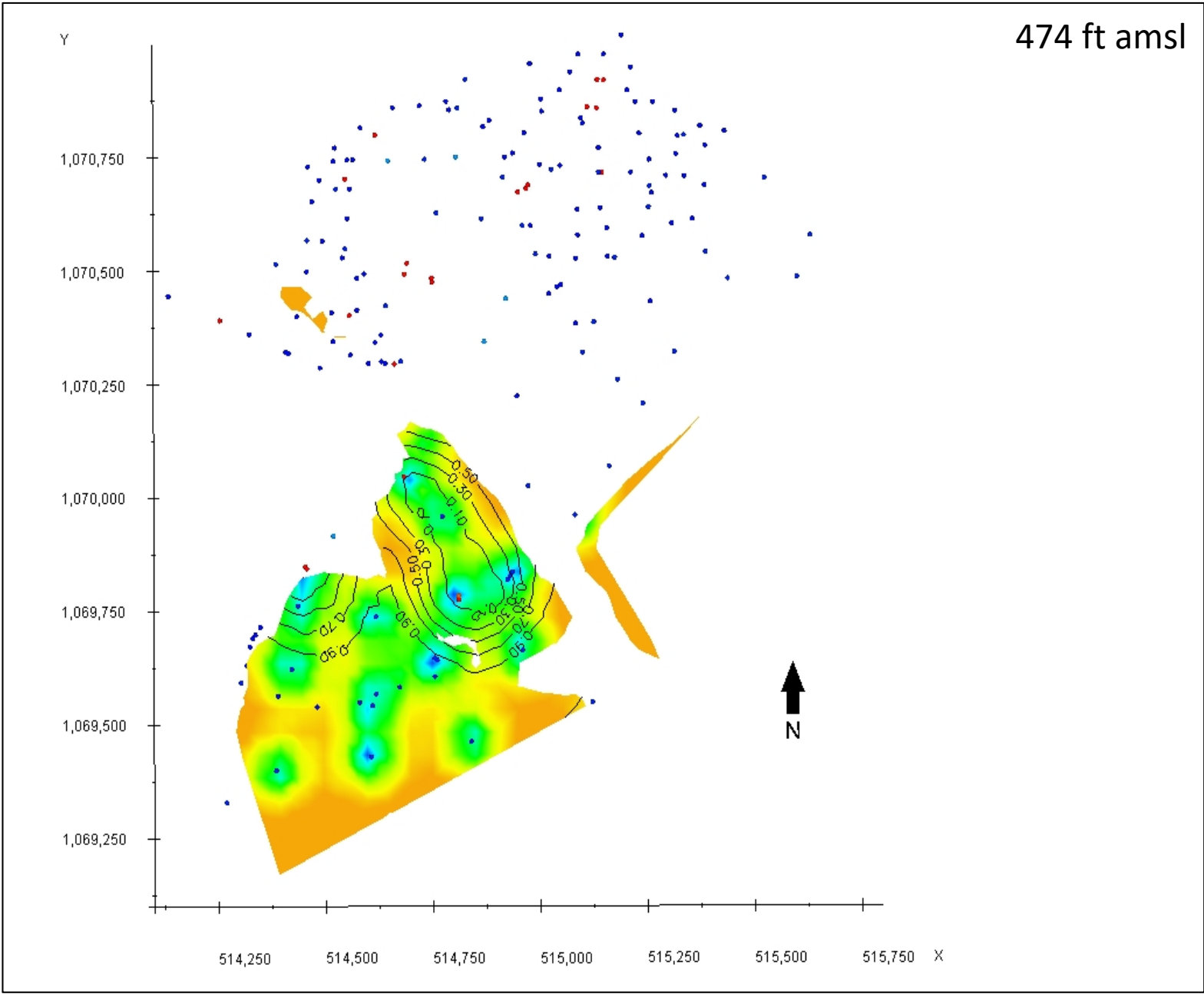
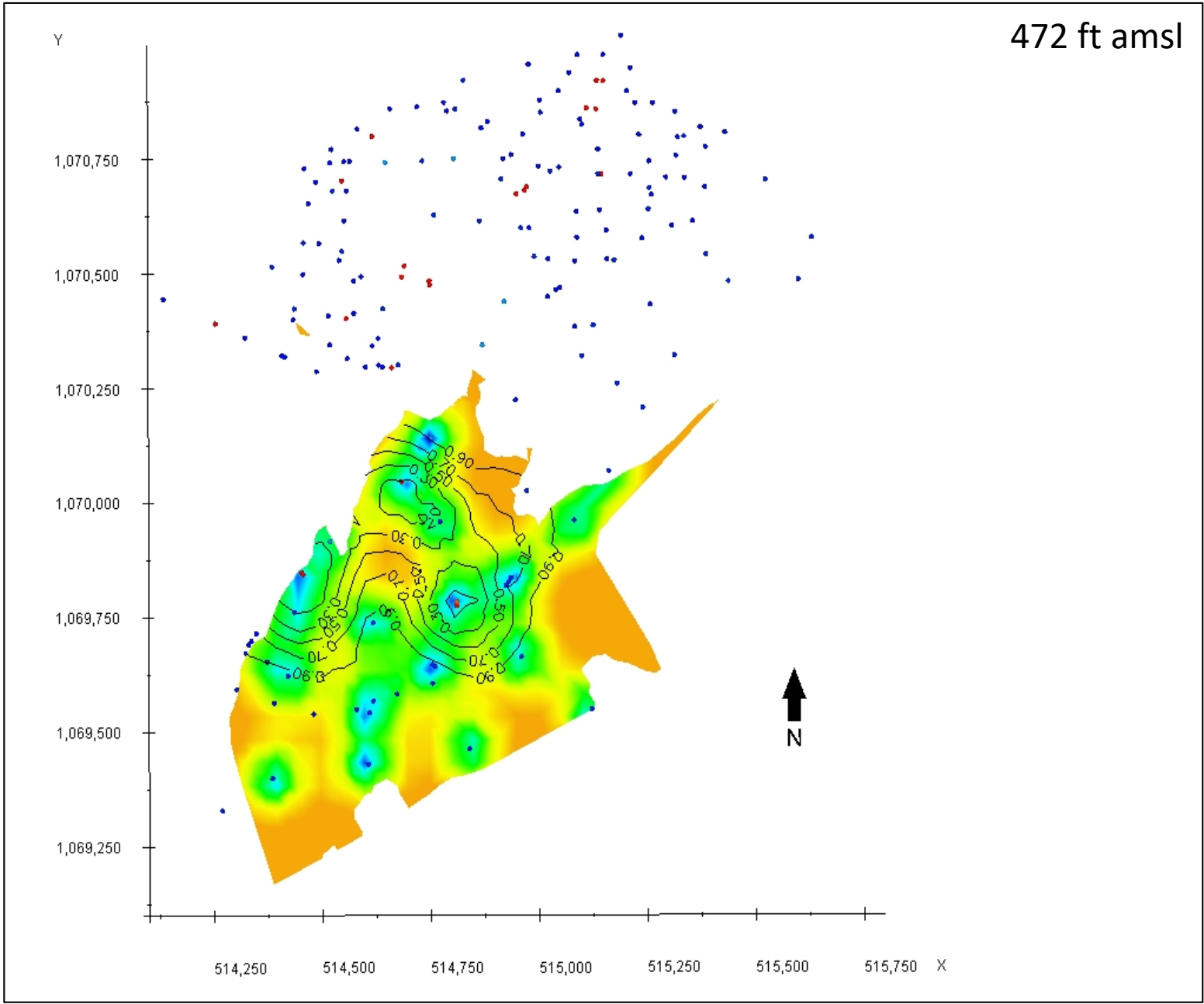
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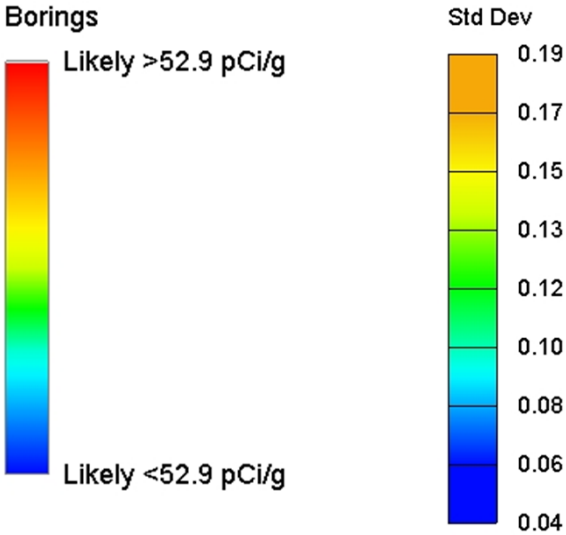
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ATTACHMENT 1 – TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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To: West Lake Team

Date: March 23, 2020

From: Parsons Geostatistical Team

Subject: Response to Limitations of S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc. Model

This attachment provides discussion on the potential model improvements cited in the “Estimated Three-Dimensional Extent of Radiologically Impacted Material, West Lake Landfill Operable Unit 1, Bridgeton, Missouri” (S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc. [SSP&A] 2017). Given that the potential model improvements were originally from SSP&A’s document, the discussion below elaborates on the potential areas for improvement by SSP&A, as well as elaboration on the potential improvements in the Parsons response to each potential improvement. These potential model improvements are not only recognized and discussed herein, but the Design Investigation Work Plan (DIWP) has been developed to address these areas of possible improvement as the remedial status progresses into the remedial design phase.

In general, the potential model improvements are based on details regarding the pre-processing, kriging, and post-processing of data as related to hard and soft data. More specifically, the potential improvements are centered around: the grid size, variograms, regressions between hard and soft data, cumulative distribution functions (CDFs), and the potential use of block kriging.

- (1) “The uncertainty associated with these extent and volume estimates has implications for remedy design and cost, because many aspects of the cost of certain remedy alternatives would increase (possibly linearly or at a greater rate) as the extent or volume increases.”

(Page II – Executive Summary)

SSP&A Response: This statement is supported by the calculations presented in the report, and by illustrations and tabulations of the possible ranges of volume and extent of both RIM and of overburden and setback required for excavation. Examples of cost factors that increase non-linearly with increasing RIM volumes, extents and depths include the setback volume; excavation at the margins where setback can affect landfill perimeters, roads, etc.; and, time required for sample acquisition and turn-around. These, and other, examples were discussed with United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as the RIM extent was being evaluated.

Parsons Response: A level of uncertainty exists in all models, as a model is intended to provide a prediction based on the data available. Quantifying uncertainty in a model can be challenging, as it involves assumptions about parameters and decision variables. For example, the associated level of uncertainty from sample collection and lab error would compound on uncertainties related to the regression, CDF development, and indicator kriging. While fully quantifying uncertainty in the model is difficult, there are approaches for qualitatively reducing model uncertainty through additional data collection and analysis. Parsons has identified areas where these improvements are possible and will focus on these areas in the DIWP with the inclusion of geostatistical data objectives (GSMOs). The GSMOs are considered only semi-quantifiable, and thus are not considered true Data Quality Objectives (DQOs).

- (2) “The value ascribed to the sill does not alter the value of the interpolated estimate that is obtained at intermediate locations when kriging; however, it does alter the value of the kriging variance. If kriging variances are not employed for any purpose, then the actual values ascribed to the sills are not of great importance, and emphasis is instead placed upon estimating and modeling the form of the variogram and the range-lengths in the horizontal and vertical directions. If kriging variances are to be used in future calculations, then greater emphasis should be placed on obtaining accurate estimates of the variogram sills.”

"If kriging variances were to be used to support analyses of uncertainty associated with the estimate obtained from the indicator kriging, then additional effort and focus should be placed upon the variogram development to ensure that values ascribed to the sill of any single or nested variogram structures can support such an analysis."

(Page 4-2 Section 4.2 Variogram Modeling)

SSP&A Response: This statement is supported by kriging theory, by presentations and discussions shared with USEPA as the RIM extent was being evaluated, and by subsequent work completed by Parsons to verify the validity of this statement in the specific context of the West Lake RIM extent evaluation. It is important to note, however, that even when kriging variances (KVs; or, standard deviations, often used and referred to as KSDs) are used to identify data gaps, etc., the pattern of their relative values is unchanged by changing the variogram sill. Only the absolute values of the KVs and KSDs change when the sill is altered.

If the KVs or KSDs are to be used in any calculations or analyses where their absolute values are important, then further evaluation of the variogram sill values is warranted. If the KVs or KSDs are to be used in relative comparisons to help guide data gap analyses for example, then further analysis of the variogram sill is likely not warranted. Further evaluation of the variogram range lengths may be warranted, for example, if additional sample data are collected, or if alternate data sets are used to develop and evaluate variograms that focus on samples exhibiting values closer to the 52.9 pCi/g threshold.

Parsons Response: As stated by SSP&A, the sill does not change the kriging estimation. This is supported by kriging theory and has been demonstrated by Parsons in the sensitivity section of the Preliminary Excavation Plan (PEP). However, the sill does affect kriging variance, which is directly related to standard deviation. Parsons has proposed using the spatial distribution of standard deviation for the determination of data gap sampling locations. It is important to point out (and as noted by SSP&A above) that the sill does not affect the spatial distribution or relative values of standard deviation or kriging variance, only the absolute values. This implies that using the standard deviation for anything more than a spatial tool requires that additional analysis be placed on the sill. The original intent was to update the variogram once new data were collected, as mentioned in the PEP. However, based on meetings and comments received on the PEP, Parsons updated the variogram analysis in order to use the standard deviation as part of the DIWP and locations of boring. After the collection of additional data, variogram modeling will again be performed on both the indicator kriging process and the activity calculations as further described in the DIWP.

- (3) "Indicator kriging at multiple thresholds could employ variograms that are specific to each threshold: at West Lake, this would result in, for example, four potentially different variograms to represent one constituent (e.g., combined radium) across four thresholds. However, because the proportion of samples exceeding higher values declines quickly, the development of empirical variograms specific to high activity concentration thresholds can be difficult."

(Page 4-2 Section 4.2 Variogram Modeling)

How high is high? – USEPA direct question

SSP&A Response: There is no fixed number, as there is a continuum of samples across several orders of magnitude. This question is best evaluated by either preparing a cumulative frequency plot of sample values; or performing a count of the number of sample values above and below either the four thresholds used in the study (i.e., from <7.9 on up to >1000); or making a moving-count on a linear or geometrically continuing basis – e.g., from <7.9 up at geometrically increasing intervals until reaching >1000 (e.g., 7.9, 15.6, 31.25, 62.5, 125, 250, 500, 1000, 2000). The number of sample results in each "bin" could then be compared with common

suggestions for the number of points and point-pairs needed to estimate a stable variogram, helping illustrate if and where this is a substantial drop off in the number of available point-pairs. It should be noted this situation is very common in environmental data sets that exhibit tailing and “outliers” (extreme values) and is encountered and wrestled with regardless of the geostatistical method used. Note that in the report we did develop variograms separately across all thresholds (Appendix I), to demonstrate that it can be attempted, however the number of data points available across higher thresholds drops considerably. Appendix I of the report presents discussion on the difficulties encountered when developing variograms across multiple thresholds and illustrates (Figure I-1, for example) that at higher thresholds the short-range shape is difficult to determine due to the smaller number of samples at those concentrations.”

Parsons Response: For the DIWP, and potentially the remainder of the project (per the Record of Decision Amendment [RODA]), the 52.9 pCi/g threshold will be the focus of evaluating Radiologically Impacted Material (RIM). Additional thresholds (potentially 100, 250, etc.) within the multiple indicator process will be considered during the development of the CDF, with the goal of improving the CDF, not producing additional indicator kriging models. Once additional data are collected, the data can be evaluated, as suggested by SSP&A, for a number of thresholds. The GSMOs, as provided in the DIWP, were developed to assist in addressing this limitation.

- (4) “Indicator kriging at multiple thresholds was completed using point kriging for computational expediency and because sample replicates were not preserved and a zero-valued short-range variance (or, “nugget”) was assumed in the base-case variogram models. Block kriging could be implemented to evaluate the variance within individual blocks if an excavation alternative is under serious consideration and therefore subject to more detailed analysis.

(Page 4-5 Section 4.5 Indicator Kriging at Multiple Thresholds)

SSP&A Response: Point kriging was preferred for these calculations given (a) purposes of calculations at the RIA/FFS stage, (b) particularly as the size of the grid was refined to 5m x 5m x 0.15m, and (c) as the sample data were assumed to reflect field conditions accurately and a nugget (small-range variance) was not included in the base variograms (note: a nugget was included in the alternate variograms). Use of block kriging, where multiple estimates are made via kriging at regularly-spaced intervals within a block, could provide value particularly if the block size under consideration is considerably larger than the 5m x 5m x 0.15m blocks used in the RIA/FFS stage and if an attempt is made to determine the accuracy of sample results as part of an assessment of the various contributions to the short-range variance (nugget). This may then provide a means to identify, across all quantified sources of block-variance, whether a sizeable block has small variance and can be presumed with some confidence to meet certain criterion, or whether a sizeable block has large variance that means its relation to a threshold or decision criteria is uncertain in which case additional data may be needed.

Parsons Response: As described in the DIWP, future analyses will examine the nugget and grid cell size with the addition of new data, beyond what is provided in the Geostatistical Attachment of the DIWP and PEP (Parsons 2020). Given the nodal component and the current algorithms provided in C-Tech’s Earth Volumetric Studio (EVS) software, it is expected that increasing the grid size will alleviate many of the concerns recognizing the volumes are relatively the same. The GSMOs, as provided in the DIWP, were developed to assist in addressing this limitation.

- (5) “This may or may not reflect actual conditions: if it does reflect actual conditions, the practical consequence of this for remedy design is that this pattern would tend to make it more difficult to accurately design and cost a potential excavation remedy due to the higher level of variability and, thus, unpredictability of field conditions.”

(Page 8-4 Section 8.2.2 Results)

SSP&A Response: This statement is still valid. If the short-range variance is large and represents a high proportion of the total variance (i.e., sill) then this suggests that there is not strong spatial correlation and that kriging predictions even at short ranges are relatively uncertain. Without collecting any additional data, efforts might be made to review the existing data to identify sources of short-range variance, so that they are not lumped together into a single nugget-type term but might be explained and mitigated. Such an exercise will not be able to eliminate short-range variance but may reduce it so that its impact on predictions is mitigated.

Parsons Response: The underlying theory of geostatistics assumes that the “nugget,” or the variance of data at the same location, is zero. However, the close-range variance may be non-zero in certain environmental circumstances. The variograms as depicted in the SSP&A geostatistics report indicate the presence of the nugget effect. This nugget effect may be due to sampling error. A thorough review of the data to understand the level of this error could be conducted in order to explain the nugget effect, as described by SSP&A above. The nugget effect could be reduced through this analysis as well. Including a small nugget relative to the sill (total variance) is justified in some circumstances. However, if the nugget effect is both large relative to the sill and is not due to sampling error, but rather accurately represents the site conditions, then this is indicative of relatively weak spatial correlation. If that is the case, then predicting the extent of RIM becomes difficult no matter the technique used, since a sampling data point cannot be used to make predictions of the nearby areas. Including a large nugget relative to the sill in the kriging estimation will reduce the area of RIM and introduce a new level of error. This difficulty is part of the justification for multiple indicator kriging, in that the estimate is a probability of being above or below 52.9 pCi/g as opposed to a particular estimate of concentrations. Parsons will review the data thoroughly when additional data are collected and consider whether the nugget effect is due to sampling error and can be neglected, or if it is appropriate to be included in the final kriging estimation of RIM. Parsons intends to collect additional hard data and collocate borings in order to further test the nugget effect. The GSMOs, as provided in the DIWP, were developed to assist in addressing this limitation.

- (6) “The relative absence of unverifiable RIM that is predicted within and beyond the convex hull of the sample data resulting from the application of Method 1 is from a certain standpoint desirable for developing and costing a base-case design of a (partial) excavation remedy: however, the results of the various kriging analyses completed as described in Appendix I, together with the conceptual site model (CSM) detailed the disposal of RIM within Areas 1 and 2, suggest that if an excavation remedy is implemented, there is a likelihood of encountering unanticipated disconnected RIM within the landfill body.”

(Page 8-5 Section 8.4 Discussion)

SSP&A Response: This statement is still valid. Maps of KVs, KSDs or perhaps even more reliably maps of conditional variances from the kriging exercise provide some indication of where such RIM might be most likely to be anticipated. This situation is common in environmental data sets and is encountered and wrestled with regardless of the geostatistical method used. Efforts to evaluate and understand contributions to short-range variance may help mitigate this. However, it should be noted that the potential for encountering unanticipated, disconnected, RIM is higher at higher thresholds (activity concentrations) and the key activity concentration threshold forming a basis for the excavation remedy – 52.9 – is fairly low.

Parsons Response: Parsons agrees with SSP&A’s response to this statement. In general, this is a common occurrence in environmental data sets and a well-accepted assumption in any modeling/kriging exercise. Parsons is using kriging standard deviation maps to establish

locations for new borings in order to reduce this effect to the extent practical. Parsons will perform additional analyses on the short-range variance (nugget effect).

- (7) “The sample data used to estimate the extent and volume of RIM exhibit strong tailing (as documented elsewhere in this report), and as described elsewhere may be better described as bimodal or multimodal. Such data are difficult to evaluate, and some subjective decisions were made to develop the CDFs described. Other methods could be considered for this analysis, however, the methods described were considered appropriate to provide approximate values for the extent and volume of RIM for purposes of the RIA and FFS. Further and more detailed analyses may be warranted should a remedy be selected that rests in part or in whole upon the geostatistical studies completed thus far, such as undertaking local-scale uncertainty analyses in regions of the landfill that may be subject to excavation.”

(Page D-1-10 Section 2 – Assumptions and Limitations)

SSP&A Response: This statement is still valid. “Global” (per-area) kriging models were used to evaluate the entire body of each landfill Area (i.e., Area 1 and Area 2) for purposes of the RIA and FFS, and as detailed in the report and above, alternate CDFs and variograms were used in the development of those “global” kriging models. Review of the development of the base and alternate CDFs, and base and alternate variograms as well as the correlations constructed between soft and hard data, including the point pairs used in constructing the scatter plots underpinning those correlations, would be a reasonable step in refining these kriging models. Once completed, block kriging could be considered for use with larger (i.e., not 5m x 5m x 0.15m blocks used in the RIA/FFS) to provide estimates of block variances together with maps of broader KV/KSD patterns to guide additional data collection and excavation.

Parsons Response: Parsons intends to revisit the regressions, CDFs, grid size, nugget, and kriging types with the collection of new data. Parsons has agreed that the SSP&A methods put forth are reasonable given the objective of identifying extent of RIM based on a threshold and the existing data set. The GSMOs, as provided in the DIWP, were developed to assist in addressing this limitation.

- (8) “Imperfect knowledge of the extent and volume of RIM is just one source of uncertainty in designing, evaluating and estimating costs for potential remedies. This Appendix does not present an exhaustive analysis of uncertainty: emphasis is placed on estimating the extent and volume of RIM ... to illustrate the range of potential outcomes that is associated with those inputs and calculations. The primary objective of this analysis is to identify whether the estimates provided in the RIA and FFS are likely reasonable for the purposes required of those documents.”

(Page I-1 Evaluation of Uncertainty Introduction)

SSP&A Response: This statement is still valid. Although it was never documented, and nor was it a rigorous evaluation, the uncertainty analyses from the different variograms and CDFs suggested that the “spread” of likely RIM volumes using the 52.9 threshold (Appendix I, Figure I-3) was in almost all cases within the +50/-30 range that is often used as a rough guide in costing. There was discussion at the time (possibly not with USEPA, but internally) that this sort of spread at the 0.5 probability was in line with the needs for these kinds of estimates.

Parsons Response: While quantifying uncertainty may not be possible given the scope of this project, qualitatively reducing uncertainty is. Parsons is establishing data collection objectives based around the areas within the model that have the highest relative uncertainty. Following data collection, Parsons will perform a thorough review of the data beginning with the regressions and a thorough sensitivity analysis relating to volume and extent to understand and minimize the model uncertainty to the extent practical. The GSMOs, as provided in the QAPP, were developed to assist in addressing this limitation.

- (9) “The effect appears to be subtle at some thresholds and stronger at other thresholds, and was not modeled as a hole-effect structure for purposes of this uncertainty evaluation: nonetheless, a hole-effect structure could be explored further for predictive purposes beyond the immediate needs of the FFS, as this structure is plausible given the typical disposal practices in landfills and the expectation of disconnected RIM extents particularly at higher concentration thresholds.”

(Page I-5 Section 2.3.1 – Alternate Variograms)

SSP&A Response: This statement is still valid, in the sense that the apparent hole-effect could be explored to determine whether it provides any useful or reliable information regarding the distribution of RIM “pockets”. For example, depending on the size of daily / other periodic cells used for disposal, it is possible the oscillations in the hole model relate to these practices. However, if there is a systematic cause it may be different to this, and differential settlement may be either a cause or may obscure a cause.

Parsons Response: Parsons recognized the hole-effect structure and its potential relationship to RIM distribution at the site and disposal methods at the landfill; however, it had not been considered as another device for RIM extent prediction. Following additional data collection, analyses will further evaluate the hole-effect structure and what it potentially means to the remedial design, to the extent practical.

APPENDIX F DESIGN INVESTIGATION GROUNDWATER MONITORING

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

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This memorandum provides an overview of the proposed Groundwater Monitoring Plan (GWMP) for Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site (the site). The GWMP describes the groundwater monitoring program that the site is required to develop and implement in accordance with the Remedial Design Statement of Work (SOW), Operable Unit 1, West Lake Landfill Superfund Site (USEPA 2019).

A GWMP is required by SOW Paragraph 5.7(f), which describes the components of the Site Wide Monitoring Plan (SWMP). The GWMP component of the SWMP will fulfill the requirements of SOW Paragraph 5.7(f) for the groundwater medium. The Site Wide Monitoring Plan (SWMP) is Deliverable #14 on the RD Schedule presented in SOW Paragraph 6.2. The GWMP will be appended to and considered part of the site's SWMP, as well as the OU-1 Site Management (SMP) Plan (SOW Deliverable #4).

While the complete details of the proposed GWMP will be presented in the SWMP, the fundamental components of the GWMP are also briefly described herein for ease of reference.

Objectives of the GWMP

Paragraph 5.7(f) of the SOW describes the objectives of the SWMP for all environmental media, including groundwater. As they apply to groundwater, the objectives of the monitoring program are:

- Obtain baseline information regarding the extent of contamination in the affected media at the site;
- Obtain information, through short- and long-term monitoring, about the movement of changes in contamination throughout the site, before, during, and after implementation of the remedial action (RA);
- Obtain information regarding contamination levels to determine whether the remedial action objectives are achieved; and
- Obtain information to determine whether to perform additional actions, including further site monitoring.

Footnote 1 to SOW Paragraph 5.7(f) elaborates on the objectives of groundwater monitoring in the context of OU-1 specifically:

- Provide data to evaluate the performance of the OU-1 remedy; and
- Demonstrate that the engineered cover functions as intended and minimizes the potential for precipitation or surface water to infiltrate the waste materials.

Sitewide groundwater is being investigated as a separate Operable Unit, OU-3. A Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) for OU-3 will be conducted pursuant to a February 6, 2019 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (ASAOC) (USEPA 2019). Groundwater monitoring well installation and groundwater monitoring will be performed under the OU-3 Work Plan, currently being revised for submittal to the USEPA. As described below, some wells sampled in the OU-3 groundwater monitoring program will also be sampled in the OU-1 program, and some constituents analyzed in the OU-1 program will also be analyzed in the OU-3 program. If deemed necessary based on the findings of the OU-3 RI/FS, remedial action for groundwater will be addressed in a future, separate USEPA Record of Decision (ROD).

Site Hydrogeology

The site's geological and hydrogeological setting has been described in detail in previously submitted documents, such as the OU-1 Remedial Investigation Report (EMSI 2000), OU-1 Remedial Investigation Addendum (EMSI 2017) (RIA), and OU-2 Remedial investigation Report (Herst & Associates 2005).

In brief, groundwater at the site occurs within both unconsolidated materials and within the underlying bedrock units. Four groundwater-bearing hydrogeologic units are monitored at the site (from top to bottom):

- **Alluvial Zone:** Groundwater is present within alluvial deposits immediately below waste materials. These alluvial deposits occur under the northern two-thirds of the site and are typically composed of fine-grained materials (clay and silt) overlying coarser-grained materials (sand and gravel). Monitoring wells for the Alluvial Zone are typically designated as monitoring shallow, intermediate, or deep portions of the alluvium, based on the relative placement of the well screen within the local thickness of the alluvium.
- **St. Louis / Upper Salem Bedrock Zone:** Groundwater is present within the St. Louis Formation bedrock and the upper portion of the Salem Formation bedrock, which together are regarded as one hydrogeologic unit. This is a limestone / dolomite bedrock unit.
- **Deep Salem Bedrock Zone:** Groundwater is present within the Lower portion of the Salem Formation bedrock. This is a limestone / dolomite bedrock unit.
- **Keokuk Bedrock Zone:** Groundwater is present within the Keokuk Formation bedrock. This is a limestone / dolomite bedrock unit.

The radiologically impacted material (RIM) within OU-1 Areas 1 and 2 is located within unconsolidated materials (waste, fill, and alluvium), and the Alluvial Zone is therefore the hydrogeologic zone with the greatest potential to be impacted by the RA. Given that the objectives of the OU-1 groundwater monitoring program are focused on the evaluation of the remedy's performance, the program will accordingly rely primarily on wells that monitor the Alluvial Zone. However, the program will also incorporate wells that monitor the St. Louis / Upper Salem Zone, to provide monitoring of the nearest underlying groundwater unit.

Groundwater Flow Direction

Groundwater flow within the Alluvial Zone has been previously identified to be generally to the northwest, with some localized variation (see EMSI 2017; Section 5.6.2.6). The extensive discussion of groundwater gradients, flow directions, and flow rates presented in the RIA incorporated groundwater elevation data gathered during 2012 – 2013 additional monitoring events. This additional monitoring was comprised of four groundwater sampling events conducted between third quarter 2012 and fourth quarter 2013. The groundwater elevation data from the additional

monitoring events were reviewed to provide an initial evaluation of localized groundwater flow direction near OU-1 Areas 1 and 2.

Groundwater potentiometric surface maps for the four additional monitoring events are attached. As illustrated on these maps, groundwater gradients within the Alluvial Zone are generally small in magnitude across the width of both Area 1 and Area 2, typically amounting to one vertical foot over several hundred horizontal feet. Groundwater flow within the Alluvial Zone is generally to the northwest near Area 1, while groundwater flow within the Alluvial Zone is generally to the northwest and west near Area 2, with some localized flow to the southwest near the southwest corner of Area 2 on an intermittent basis.

Groundwater elevation measurements are currently performed near Area 1 on a quarterly basis as a part of the Bridgeton Landfill's groundwater monitoring program (this program does not include wells near Area 2). Recent groundwater elevation data from Bridgeton Landfill monitoring events were reviewed to verify whether any substantial changes in groundwater gradients or flow direction have occurred near Area 1 since the site-wide additional monitoring events in 2012-13.

Groundwater potentiometric surface maps for four quarterly Bridgeton Landfill monitoring events performed in 2019 are attached. As illustrated on these maps, the groundwater gradients within the Alluvial Zone remain small in magnitude, amounting to one or two vertical feet over several hundred horizontal feet. Groundwater flow within the Alluvial Zone is generally to the northwest near Area 1, although to the west of Area 1, there appears to be some localized flow that is to the west or even southwest on an intermittent basis.

Based on these groundwater elevation data, the northern and western sides of Areas 1 and 2 can generally be regarded as downgradient, with the southwest corner of each area also potentially being downgradient on an intermittent basis. Flow direction will be refined during OU-3 after collecting data from proposed off-site background groundwater monitoring wells.

Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Network – Area 1

The proposed groundwater monitoring network for OU-1 Area 1 is comprised of 10 existing monitoring wells, which include seven (7) Alluvial Zone wells and three (3) St. Louis / Upper Salem Zone wells:

- D-85
- I-68
- PZ-111-SS
- PZ-113-AD
- PZ-113-AS
- PZ-113-SS
- PZ-114-AS
- PZ-115-SS
- PZ-207-AS
- S-84

In addition, the network for Area 1 will incorporate two (2) new Alluvial Zone wells that will be installed as companion wells to existing St. Louis / Upper Salem Zone well PZ-111-SS. These two new wells are proposed to be installed as part of the OU-3 investigation:

- MW-111-AS
- MW-111-AD

The nine Alluvial Zone wells in the Area 1 monitoring network will provide coverage to the northwest (downgradient), northeast, and southeast of the area. Wells PZ-113-AS and PZ-113-AD will provide coverage near the northwestern corner. Well S-84, I-68, D-86, and PZ-114-AS will provide coverage near the northeastern corner. Well PZ-207-AS is northwest of Area 1, immediately across the main site entrance road, and will provide coverage between the northeastern and northwestern corners of Area 1.

Note: It has previously been determined that well PZ-114-AS has been impacted by the Virbac Animal Health (formerly PM Resources, Inc.) property across St. Charles Rock Road. This well is included in the OU-1 Area monitoring network so that these impacts can potentially be accounted for during the evaluation of Area 1 monitoring results.

The three St. Louis / Upper Salem zone wells in the Area 1 monitoring network will provide vertical coverage beneath the Alluvial Zone to the southwest (PZ-111-SS), northwest (PZ-113-SS), and northeast (PZ-115-SS).

Excluded Wells

It is anticipated that select existing monitoring wells within or near Area 1 will be abandoned prior to implementation of the RA, as they are located within the proposed footprint of the engineered cover. For this reason, these monitoring wells were not included in the proposed Area 1 monitoring network: D-3, I-4, PZ-112-AS, and S-5.

Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Network – Area 2

The proposed groundwater monitoring network for OU-1 Area 2 is comprised of 9 existing wells, all of which are Alluvial Zone wells:

- D-6
- D-83
- D-93
- I-9
- I-62
- I-65
- I-66
- S-8
- S-82

Note: Well S-8 is an off-site monitoring well and access to the location will presumably require an agreement with the property owner.

In addition, the network for Area 2 will eventually incorporate 19 new monitoring wells that are proposed to be installed near Area 2 as part of the OU-3 investigation. These 19 wells include 15 Alluvial Zone wells and four (4) St. Louis / Upper Salem Zone wells.

- MW-400-AS
- MW-400-AI
- MW-400-AD
- MW-400-SS
- MW-401-AS
- MW-401-AI
- MW-401-AD
- MW-401-SS

- MW-402-AS
- MW-402-AI
- MW-402-AD
- MW-402-SS
- MW-403-AS
- MW-403-AI
- MW-403-AD
- MW-404-SS
- MW-406-AS
- MW-406-AI
- MW-406-AD

Ten (10) Alluvial Zone wells in the Area 2 monitoring network will provide coverage to the northwest and west (downgradient) of the area. Wells S-8, I-62, D-83, MW-401-AS, MW-401-AI, MW-401-AD will provide coverage to the northwest. Wells D-6, MW-400-AS, MW-400-AI, and MW-400-AD will provide coverage at the northern end of the Buffer Zone. Three (3) Alluvial Zone wells will provide coverage along the southern side of the Buffer Zone: MW-406-AS, MW-406-AI, and MW-406-AD. Three (3) Alluvial Zone wells will provide coverage to the southeast of Area 2: S-82, I-9, and D-93. Eight (8) Alluvial Zone wells will provide coverage to the northeast of the area: I-65, I-66, MW-402-AS, MW-402-AI, MW-402-AD, MW-403-AS, MW-403-AI, and MW-403-AD.

The four (4) St. Louis / Upper Salem zone wells in the Area 2 monitoring network will provide vertical coverage beneath the Alluvial Zone to the southwest (MW-404-SS), west (MW-400-SS), northwest (MW-401-SS), and northeast (MW-402-SS).

Excluded Wells

It is anticipated that select existing monitoring wells within or near Area 2 will be abandoned prior to implementation of the RA, as they are located within the proposed footprint of the engineered cover. For this reason, these monitoring wells were not included in the proposed Area 2 monitoring network: S-10, I-11, D-12, and D-13.

Future Evaluation

Following the completion of the first year of baseline monitoring, a review of groundwater gradients and flow directions near Area 2 will be performed to verify whether any substantial changes in groundwater gradients or flow direction have occurred since the site-wide additional monitoring events in 2012-13. The groundwater monitoring network for OU-1 Area 2 will be re-evaluated as a part of this review and any necessary revisions will be addressed in a future revised version of the SWMP. Groundwater elevation data collected by OU-3 will also be used to determine groundwater gradients and flow direction.

Overview of Proposed Sampling Program

The proposed GWMP for OU-1 will comprise four monitoring phases: Baseline, Pre-RA, RA, and Post-RA.

Baseline Monitoring

This phase will include an initial sampling event in which wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network are sampled, followed by a verification sampling event during the following quarter. The purpose of these sampling events will be to establish which monitoring constituents are currently present in groundwater near OU-1. As OU-3 wells are installed near Areas 1 and 2, these wells will

also be subjected to an initial and verification Baseline Monitoring event prior to being phased into OU-1 Pre-RA Monitoring.

Pre-RA Monitoring

This phase will include quarterly monitoring of wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network. The constituent list may be reduced compared to the Baseline Monitoring constituent list, based on the results of the Baseline Monitoring events. This phase will continue until the implementation of the OU-1 RA begins. Collectively, the results from the Baseline and Pre-RA Monitoring events will be used to establish statistical limits (e.g., prediction intervals) to evaluate changes in constituent concentrations or extents during and following the RA process (including as a metric of remedy performance).

RA Monitoring

This phase will include quarterly monitoring of wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network for the same constituent list employed during the Pre-RA Monitoring. This phase will also include annual monitoring of wells for an expanded constituent list, in order to screen the site for new constituents of concern that could potentially emerge as a result of the OU-1 RA.

Post-RA Monitoring

This phase will include quarterly monitoring of wells in the OU-1 groundwater monitoring network for the same constituent list employed during the OU-1 RA Monitoring, with any necessary additions due to constituents that were newly detected during the RA phase. It is anticipated that after a certain period, groundwater monitoring frequency will eventually be reduced based on the results from routine evaluations of the remedy's performance.

It is anticipated that the GWMP component of the SWMP will be revised and expanded during the RD process as the results of Baseline and Pre-RA Monitoring become available. For example, it is anticipated that the GWMP component of the SWMP will be revised following the collection of at least eight quarters of monitoring data to include a statistical analysis program for the evaluation of results from the RA and Post-RA Monitoring phases.

Monitoring Constituents

The proposed groundwater monitoring constituents for the initial Baseline Monitoring event are presented in the QAPP. The constituent list is based on the detection monitoring constituents for solid waste disposal facilities, as specified in Title 10 of the Missouri Code of State Regulations (CSR) 80-3 Appendix I. The Appendix I constituent list is already in use at the Bridgeton Landfill groundwater detection monitoring program, and nine wells monitored under that program are also incorporated into the OU-1 Area 1 monitoring network.

In addition to the constituents listed in Appendix I, the initial Baseline Monitoring event will include the following constituents.

- Radium-226 and Radium-228 (Total and Dissolved): These are identified radiological constituents of concern that have been detected in OU-1 groundwater and have a federal MCL (for combined Ra-226 + Ra-228).
- Thorium-228, Thorium-230, and Thorium-232 (Total): These are identified radiological constituents of concern that have been detected in OU-1 groundwater.

- Uranium-234, Uranium-235, and Uranium-238 (Total): These are identified radiological constituents of concern that have been detected in OU-1 groundwater and have a federal MCL (for total U).
- Alkalinity and Potassium (Total): These are potential indicator constituents that are useful for the development of trilinear diagrams and mixing evaluations (along with the Appendix I constituents calcium, magnesium, sodium, chloride, and sulfate).

Baseline Monitoring Plan

During the first (initial) and second (verification) Baseline Monitoring event, the OU-1 groundwater monitoring wells listed in the GWMP will be sampled for the constituents listed in the QAPP. The verification event will serve as a confirmation event for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that exhibit detections above the laboratory reporting limit (RL) during the initial event.

As proposed OU-3 monitoring wells are installed and incorporated into the OU-1 groundwater monitoring program, each well will be subjected to an initial and verification Baseline Monitoring event prior to transitioning to Pre-RA Monitoring.

Pre-RA Monitoring Plan

During Pre-RA Monitoring, all OU-1 groundwater monitoring wells will be sampled for the constituents listed in the QAPP, with some potential revisions. Based on the results of the initial and verification Baseline Monitoring events, select constituents may be excluded from the Pre-RA Monitoring events:

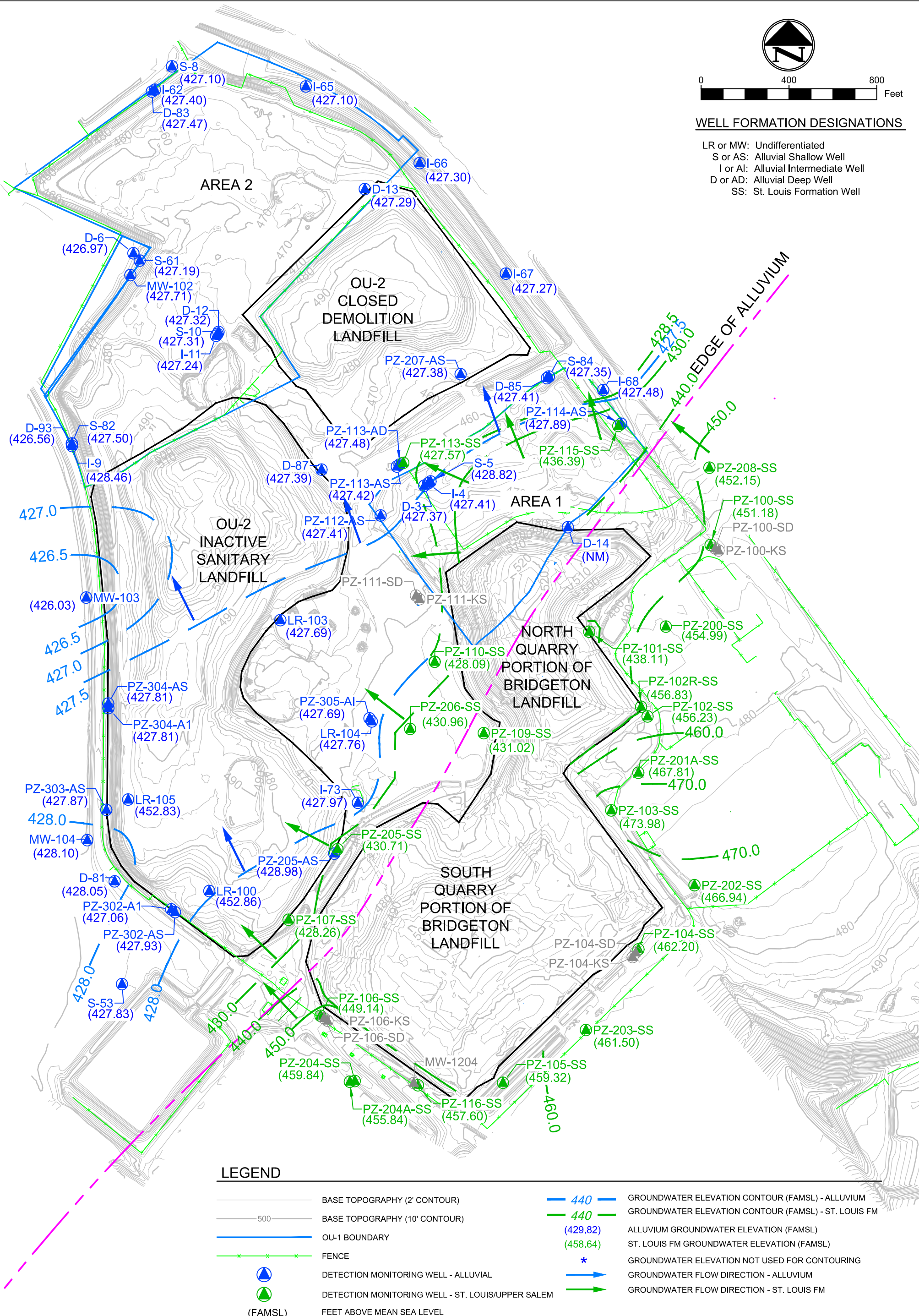
- Only those VOCs that are detected during the initial Baseline event and confirmed during the verification Baseline event will be included in the Pre-RA Monitoring.


The objective will be to collect at least eight (8) quarters (rounds) of groundwater monitoring data from existing OU-1 wells, if possible, prior to the initiation of RA groundwater monitoring (i.e., eight quarters of combined Baseline and Pre-RA Monitoring). The feasibility of collecting eight quarters of data from the proposed OU-3 monitoring wells prior to RA Monitoring will depend on the installation schedule of those wells.

RA and Post-RA Monitoring

As noted above, the design details of the RA and Post-RA Monitoring will be determined in part by the results of the Baseline and Pre-RA Monitoring. It is anticipated that the GWMP component of the SWMP will be revised to include a statistical analysis program for the evaluation of results from the RA and Post-RA Monitoring phases.

The annual RA Monitoring event will include all the VOCs listed in the QAPP. This annual event will screen for VOC constituents of concern that could potentially emerge as a result of the RA implementation.







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LEGEND


- BASE TOPOGRAPHY (2' CONTOUR)



BASE TOPOGRAPHY (10' CONTOUR)


OU-1 BOUNDARY


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DETECTION MONITORING WELL - ALLUVIAL


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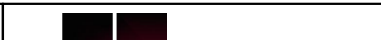
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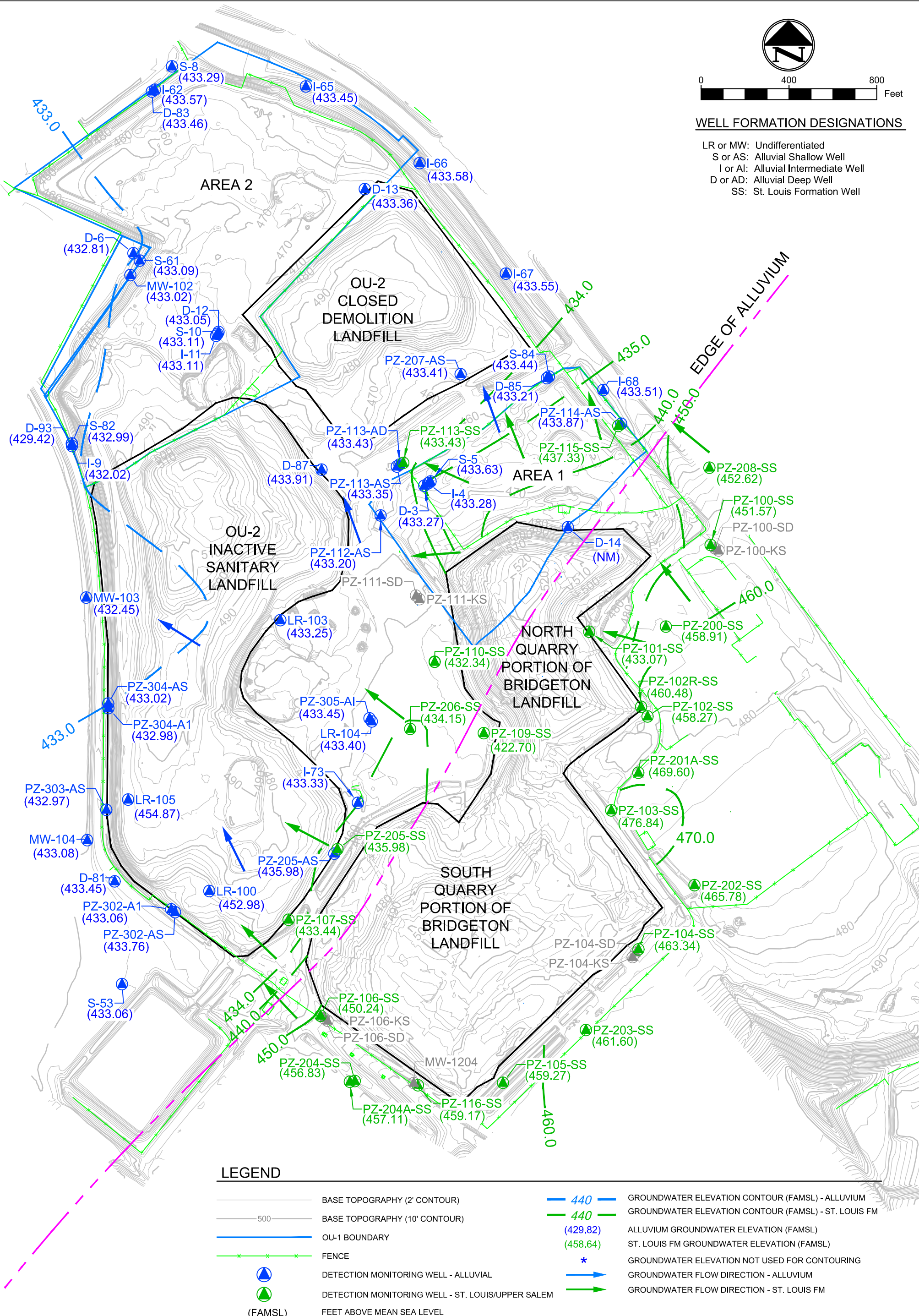
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GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION - ST. LOUIS FM

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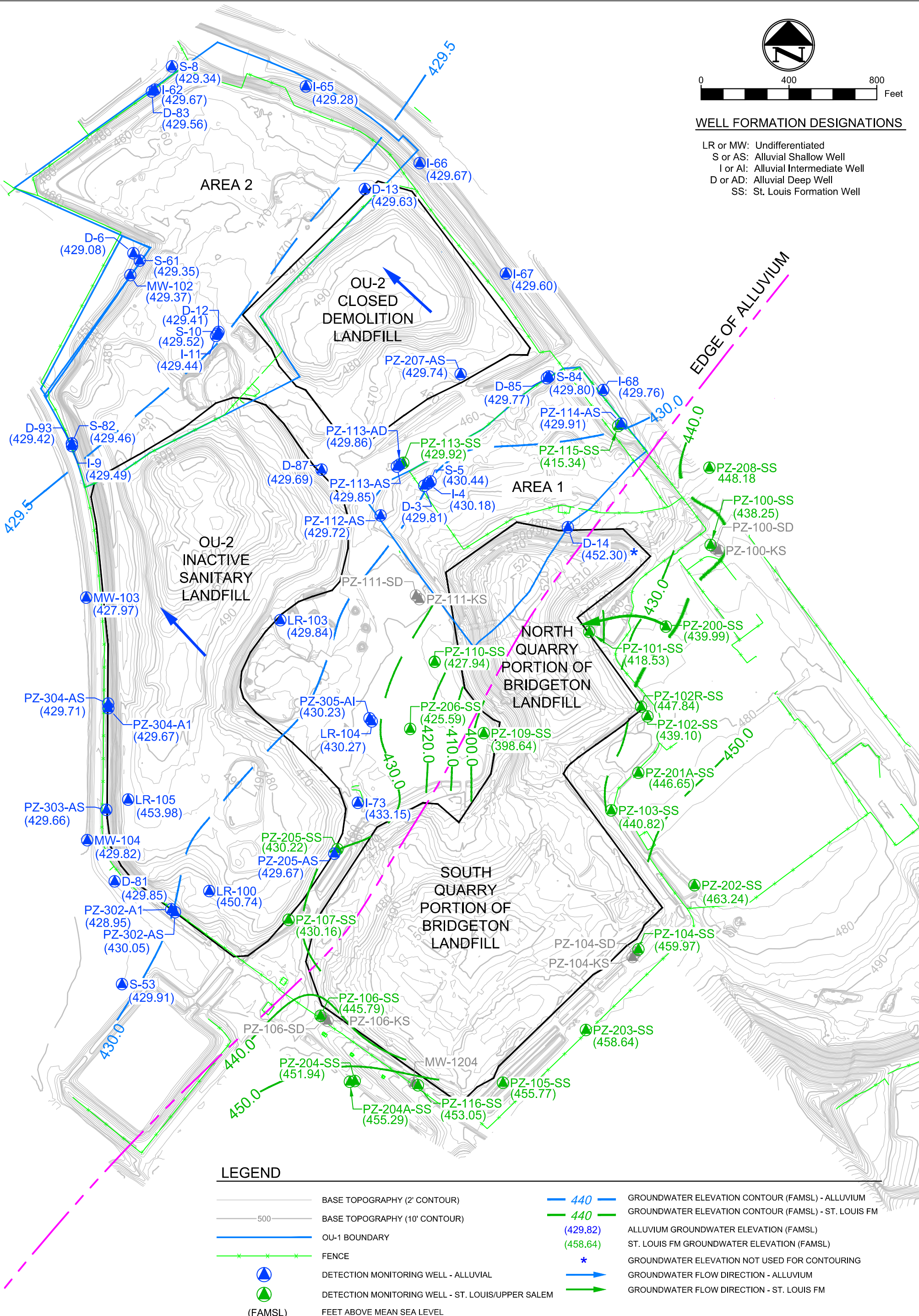
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GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION - ALLUVIUM


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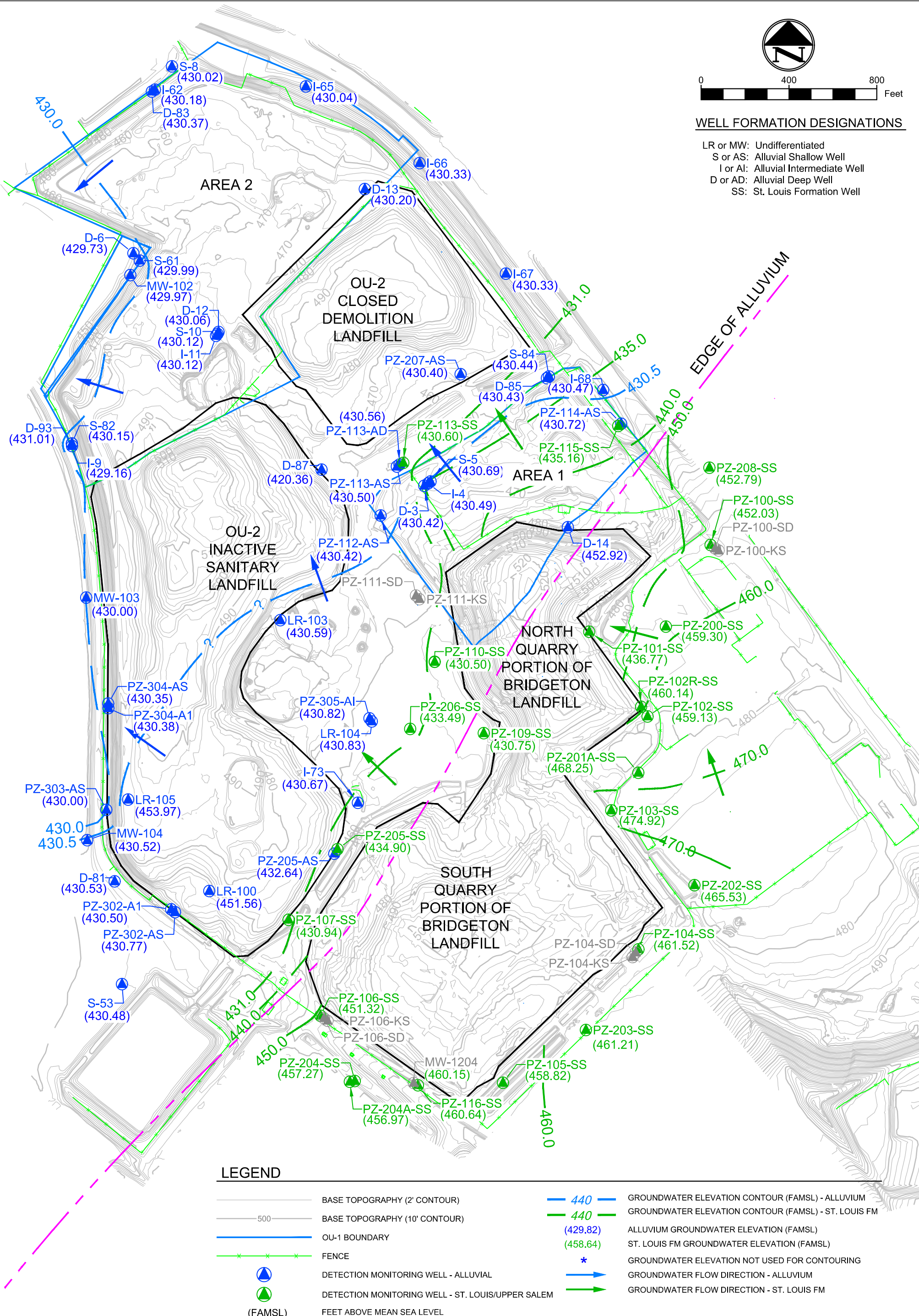
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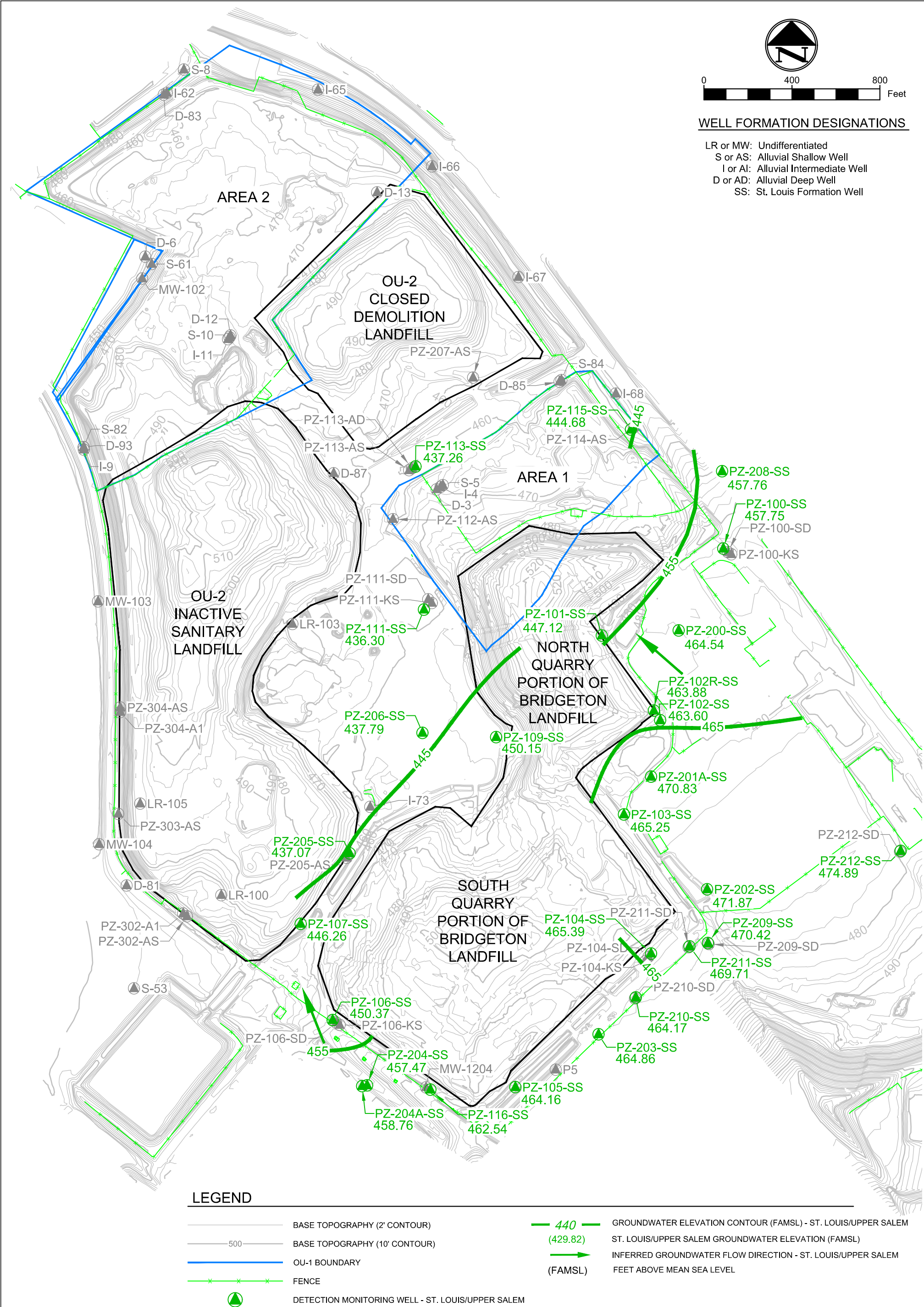
WELL FORMATION DESIGNATIONS

LR or MW: Undifferentiated
S or AS: Alluvial Shallow Well
I or AI: Alluvial Intermediate Well
D or AD: Alluvial Deep Well
SS: St. Louis Formation Well

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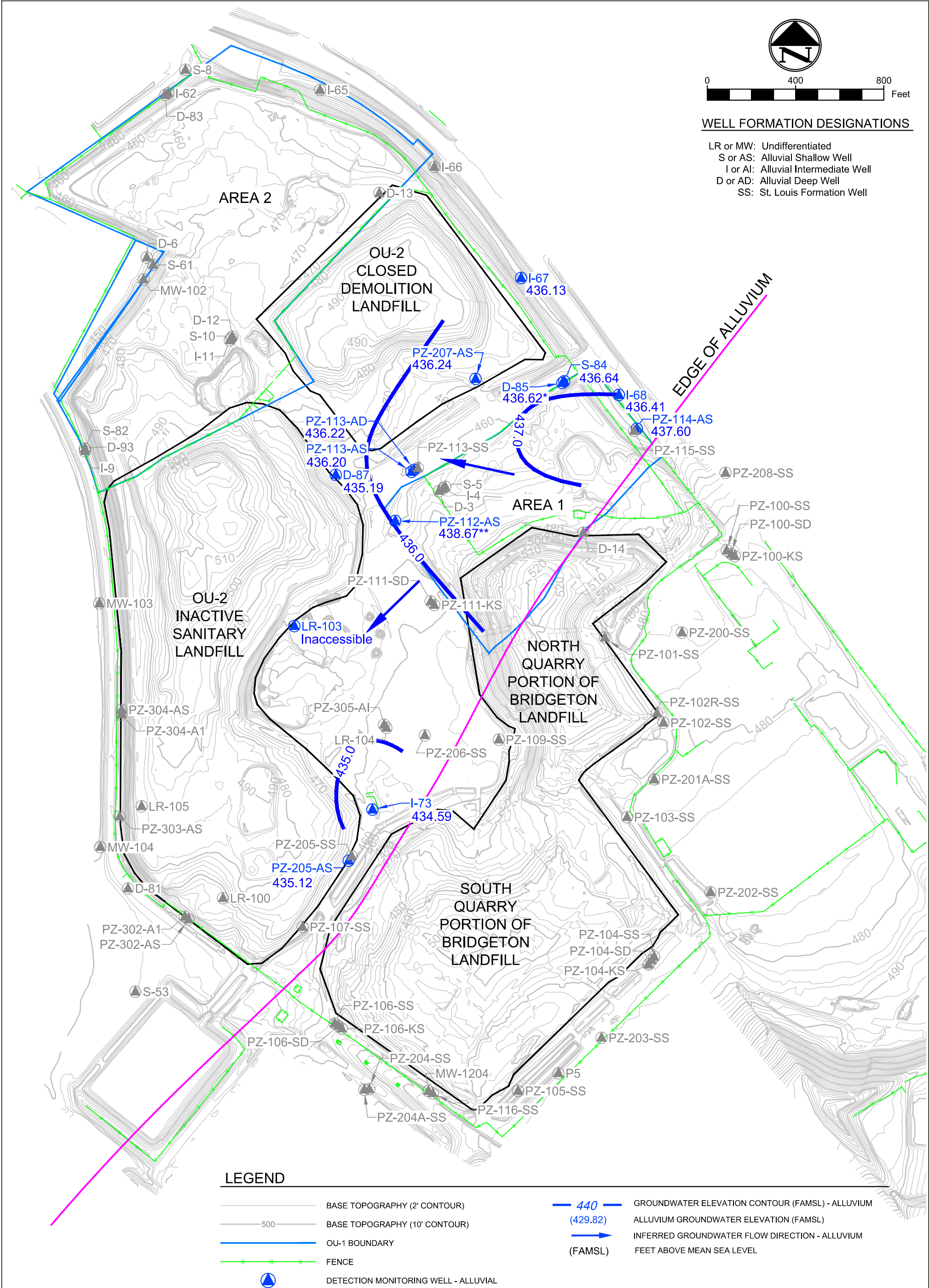


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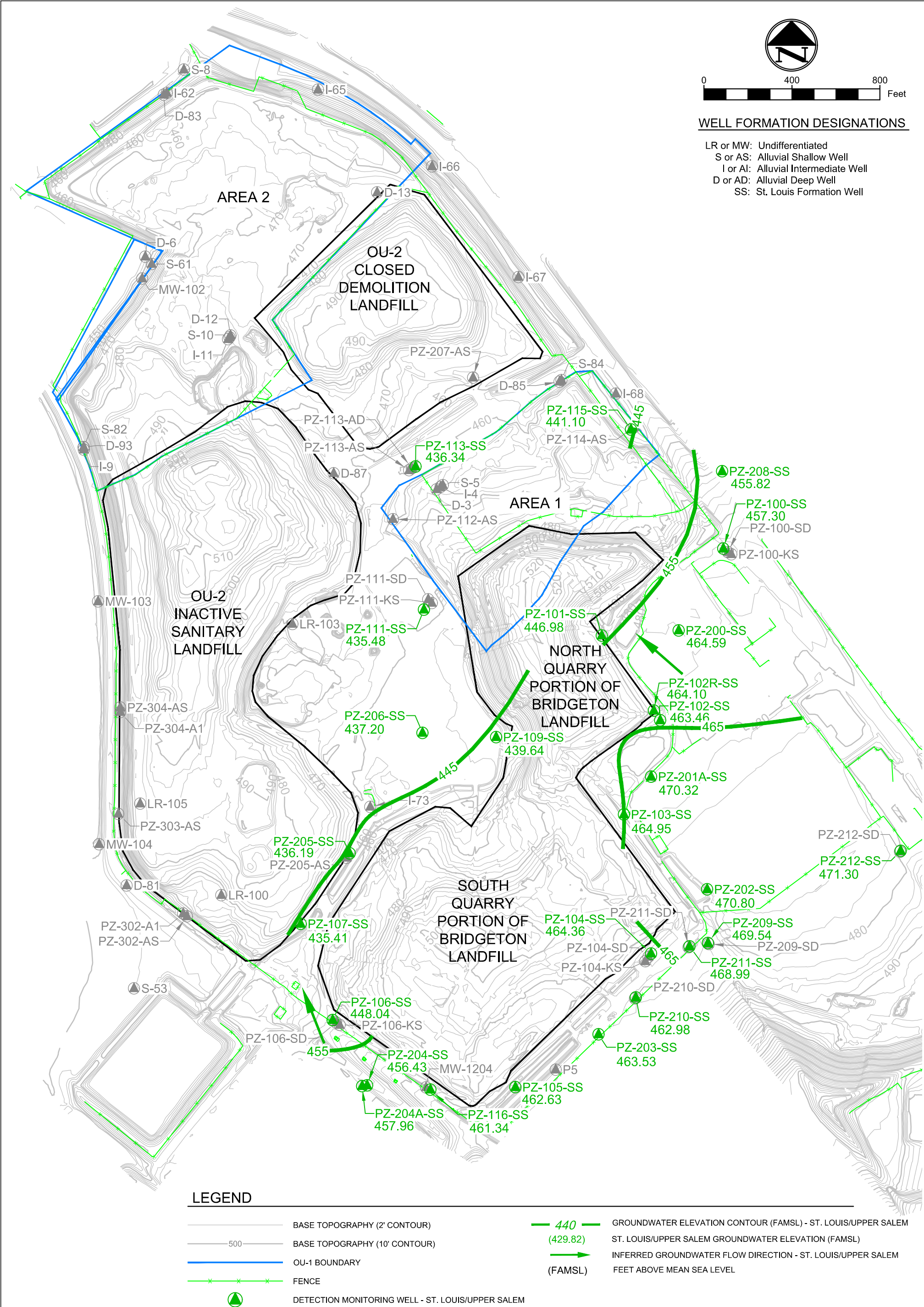
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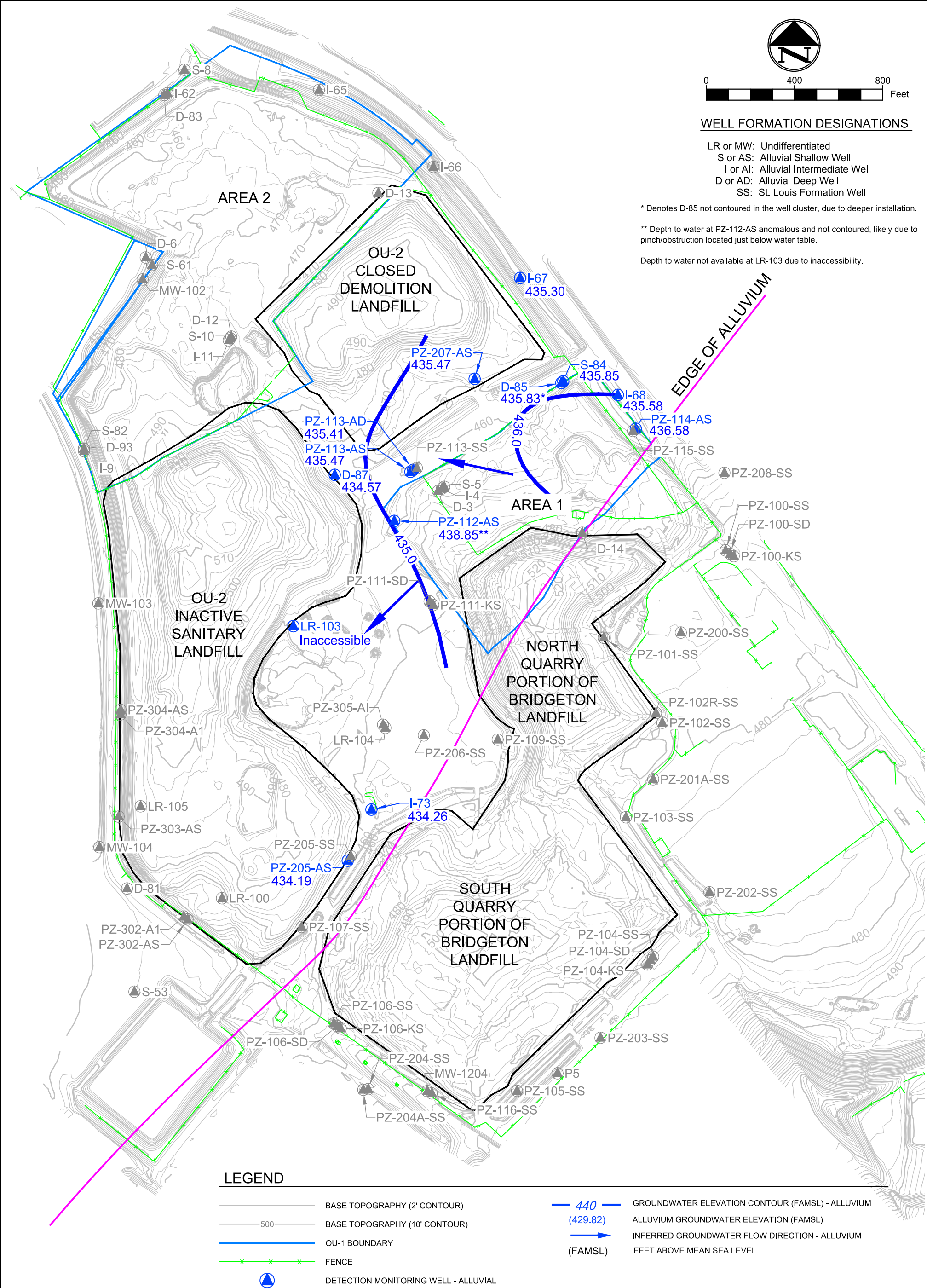


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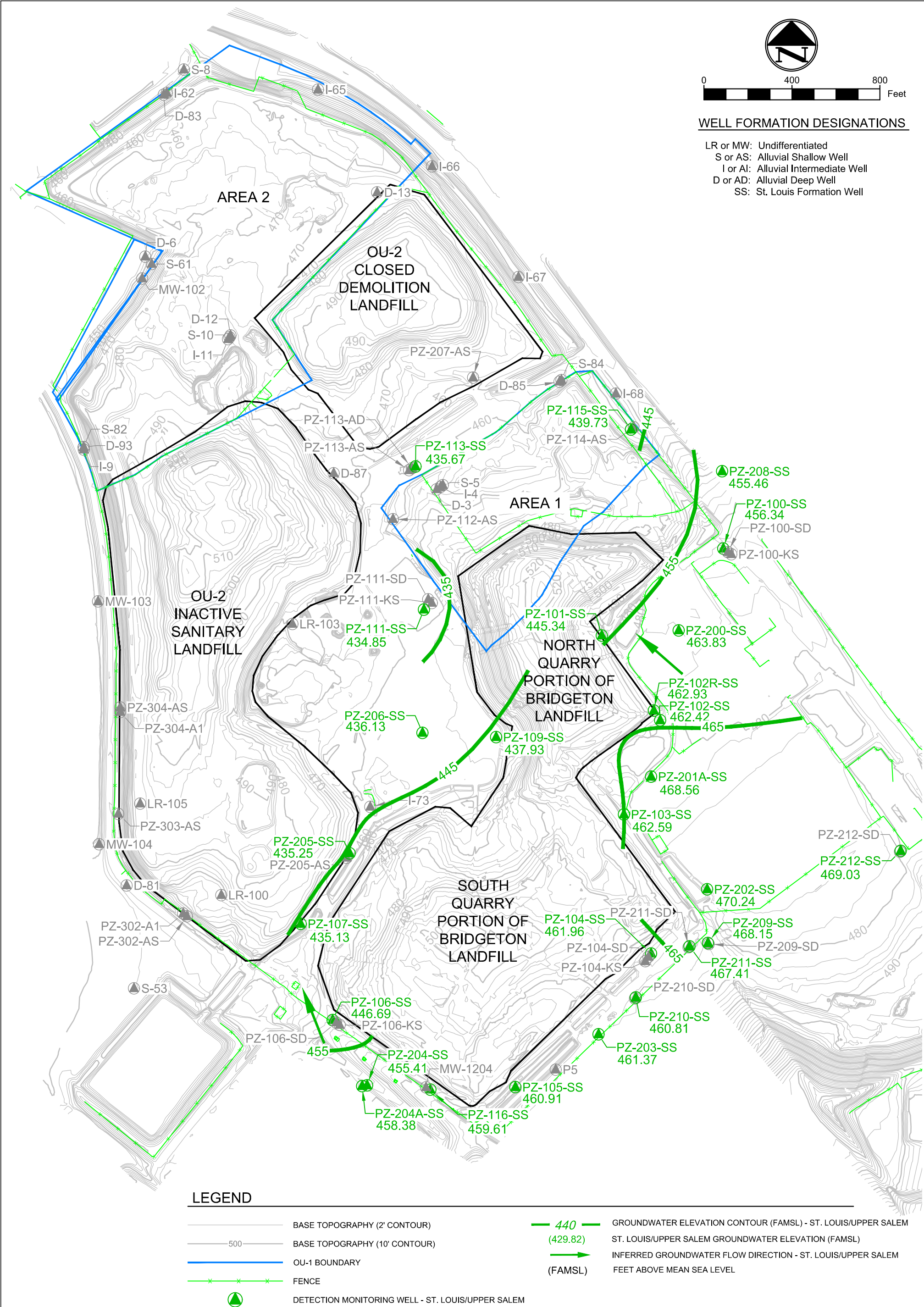


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