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September 14, 2007

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Dear Mr. Yasenak and Ms. Stephenson:

Subject: Domtar Wisconsin Dam Corp.

FERC Projects 2255, 2291 and 2292

Centralia, Port Edwards, and Nekoosa Projects

Purple Loosestrife Monitoring

Attached is a report for purple loosestrife monitoring as required by Article 408 for projects 2255 and 2291, and by Article 407 for project 2292. A single report for the three projects has been prepared.

The survey was performed substantially as described in the plan submitted to the FERC Secretary on January 13, 1997, and as approved by FERC on July 16, 1997. The 2007 survey was performed during July and August as described in the report.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (715) 887-5155.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Peggy A. Harding, Regional Engineer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Chicago Regional Office, 230 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604

Mr. Magalie Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426

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## PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE MONITORING SURVEY FOR 2007

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FERC Projects
Centralia Dam — No. 2252
Port Edwards Dam — No. 2291
Nekoosa Dam — No. 2292

## BACKGROUND

During July and August 2007, Domtar conducted the annual purple loosestrife survey of project lands. Utilizing past survey maps and maps of the area, Domtar personnel conducted a survey for the presence of purple loosestrife plants. Observations were made along the Wisconsin River throughout Domtar's FERC permitted property.

Surveys have been conducted annually since 1997. As part of this report, a comparison will be made to the presence of purple loosestrife in 2007 to that seen in 2008.

Where practical, purple loosestrife plants were removed by hand. In a cooperative effort with the Village of Port Edwards to control invasive species, Domtar removed a significant number of plants from project lands at our Port Edwards facilities in 2006. Estimates range to over 350 plants removed and hauled away for landfill disposal.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE POPULATIONS IN 2007

Downstream of the Nekoosa Dam, loosestrife populations appear to have decreased slightly from last year (Figure No. 1). The purple loosestrife population along the left bank appears to have stabilized to some degree and the only larger accumulations of plants did not develop this year possibly due to some water level fluctuations and wave action. The populations that have appeared on the non-project island immediately downstream of the Nekoosa Dam have remained approximately the same. There were no purple loosestrife plants observed on the dam this year. There were no plants observed on the right bank of the river, at and near the Point Basse Park.

Upstream of the Nekoosa Dam (Figure Nos. 1 and 2), purple loosestrife populations have decreased dramatically due to last year's removal effort. The island immediately upstream of the Nekoosa Dam continued to have several healthy plants growing on the downstream point

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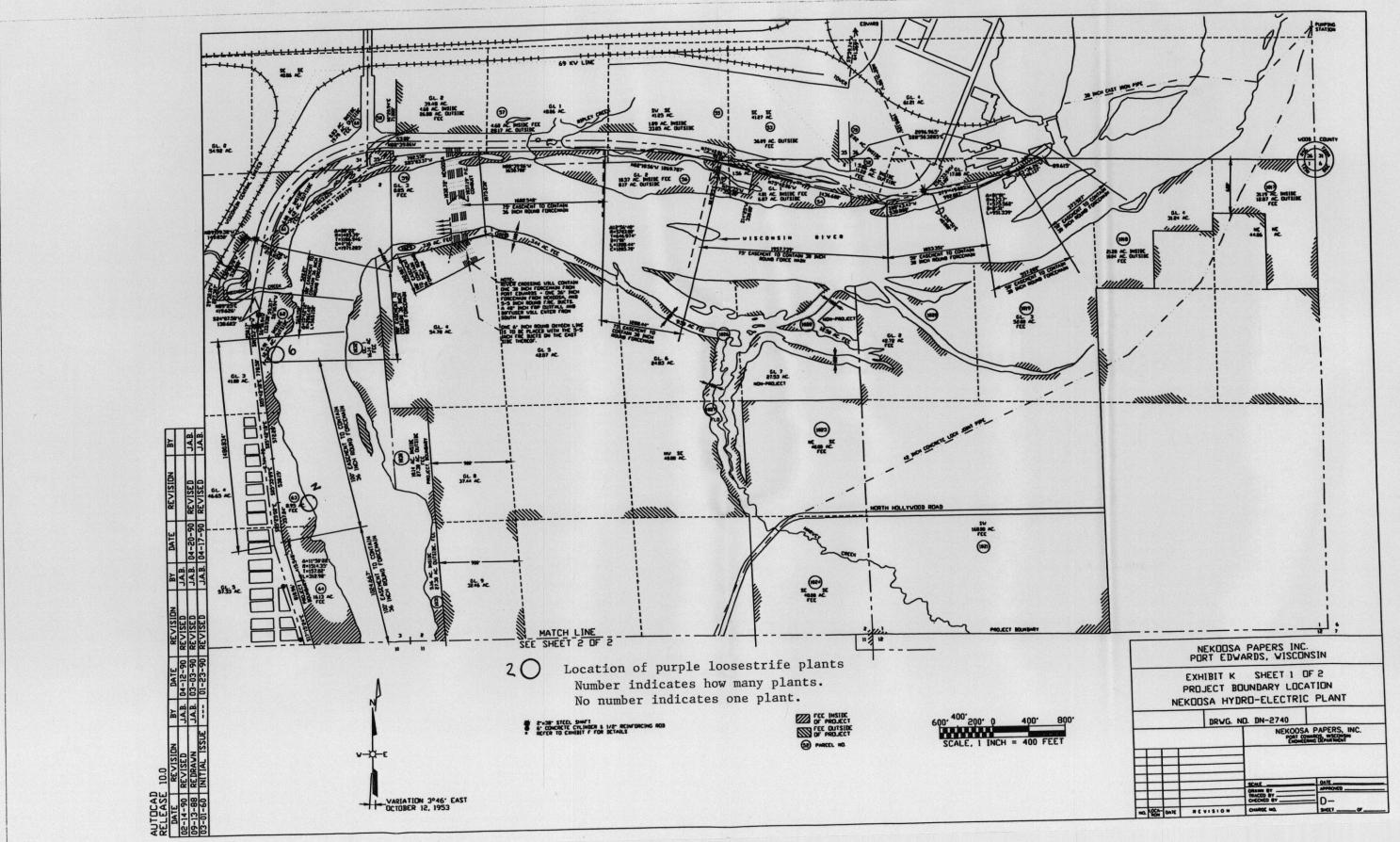
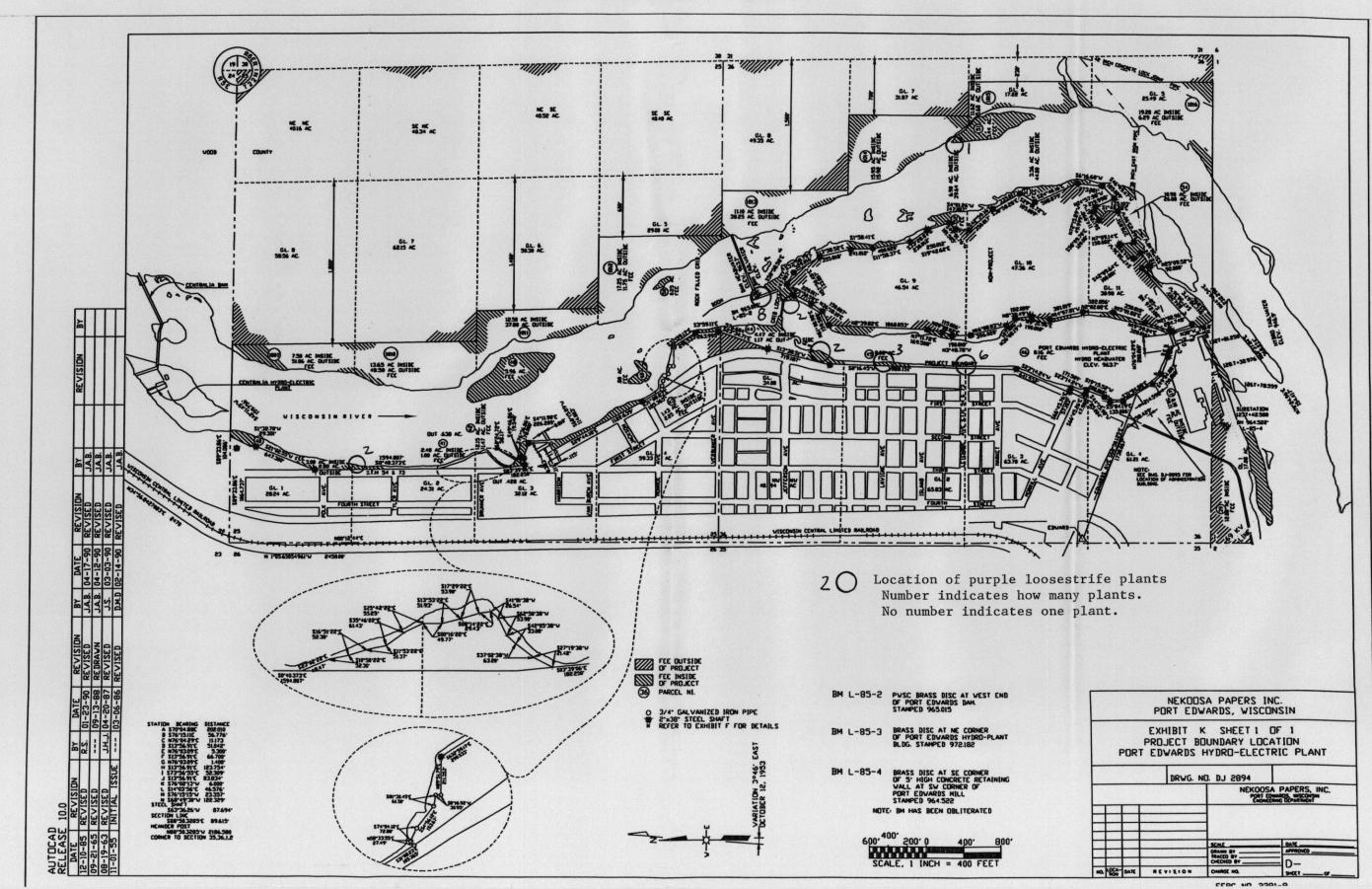


FIGURE 3
2007 PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE SURVEY



CONCRETE MON. N 199,423.191 C 2,038,992.071 NE NV 39.98 AC. 4018 AC VISCONSIN RIVER 006 5026 AC FLO MATCH LINE SEE SHEET 3 OF 3 Location of purple loosestrife plants Number indicates how many plants. No number indicates one plant. NEKOOSA PAPERS INC. PORT EDWARDS, WISCONSIN EXHIBIT K SHEET 2 OF 3
PROJECT BOUNDARY LOCATION
CENTRALIA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT

FIGURE 4
2007 PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE SURVEY

FIGURE 5
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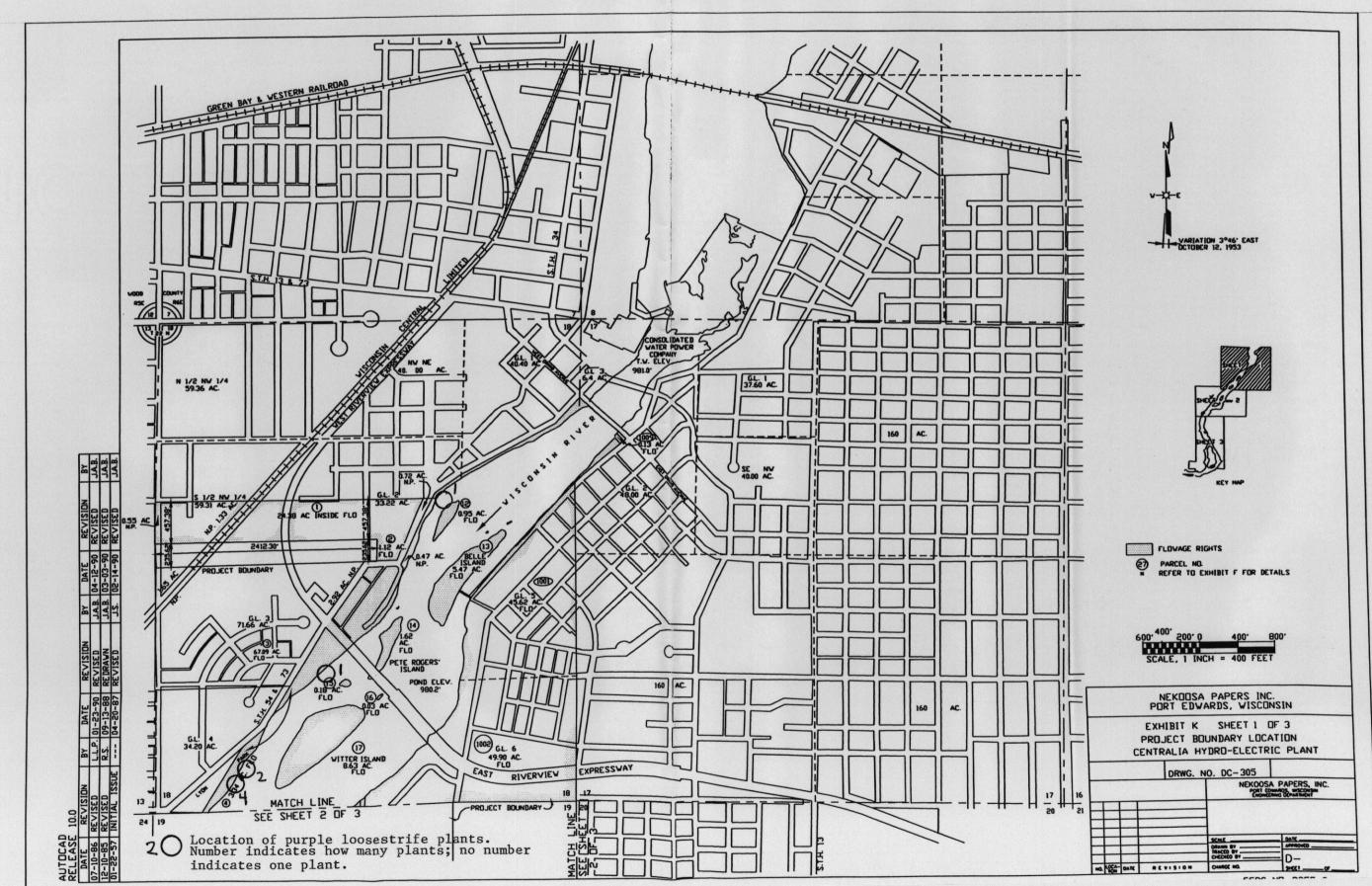


FIGURE 6
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