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September 14, 2021

Mr. John Sager Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Superior Service Center 1701 N 4th Street Superior WI 54880

Dear Mr. Sager:

RE: Confirmation of Infiltration/Injection Exemption

Superior Water, Light & Power Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site

WDNR BRRRTS #02-16-275446

On behalf of Superior Water, Light & Power (SWL&P), Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC (Foth) presents this letter confirming that the Superior Water, Light & Power Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site is exempt from Infiltration and Injection approval requirements under ch. NR 140, Wis. Admin. Code. As stated in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) publication Infiltration and Injection Requests Submittal, Review and Approval Process (WDNR PUB-RR-935, March 2013): "The only instance where an NR 140 approval is not required is if the only substance being injected is oxygen or hydrogen peroxide.". As part of the remedial action design, a biosparging system will be installed and operated at the MGP site. The biosparging system will not inject any chemical into the site groundwater. If, in the future, a contingency plan including chemical injection into the site groundwater is required to meet remedial action objectives, the WDNR will be notified and a ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code compliant approval request will be submitted.

#### **Site Location**

The Site is located northeast of the intersection of Winter Street and East 1st Street, in Superior, Wisconsin, in Douglas County. The Site is located in the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 49 North and Range 14 West (NW ¼ of Sec. 13, T49N, R14W). A Site location map is provided on Figure 1-1.

As shown on Figure 2-1 (also included in Attachment 1), portions of the Site are owned by SWL&P, the City of Superior (City), the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Cutler Laliberte Macdougal Corp., (also known as "Graymont," hereafter referred to as "CLM/Graymont"), Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), the State of Wisconsin, and Lafarge Corporation.

The Site is located approximately two miles from downtown Superior, Wisconsin, on the industrialized waterfront of Superior Bay, on Lake Superior. In general, the upland portion of the

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Site roughly centers around a 3,000 square foot brick building that was constructed in 1929 and is presently used by the current property owners for storage. Gravel parking areas surround the building, and several vacant parcels of land that were used during historic Site operations are located immediately to the west, southwest, and south of the building. These vacant parcels include a grass-covered field to the west where the facility's original two gas holders were once located; a grass-covered field to the southwest where a third, and larger, gas holder was once located (south of U.S. Highway 53); and a grass-covered field directly to the south of the building where the facility's fourth and final gas holder (known as the "Horton sphere") had once stood.

### **Project Description**

The Work, anticipated to begin in May 2022, includes:

- Site preparation including general clearing, grading, and fencing;
- Excavation of contaminated soil;
- Contaminated material transport to the material handling area;
- Material handling area operations including soil stockpiling and vented pile treatment area operations;
- Contaminated material transport off-site;
- Installation of biosparge, soil vapor extraction, and air treatment equipment, piping, and wells;
- Wastewater collection and treatment;

Drawing A-4 shows the proposed remediation site layout.

## **Biosparging System Description**

A biosparge, SVE, and air treatment system will be constructed and operated to:

- Treat in-situ soil and groundwater that is within the targeted remediation area and volume (as shown on Drawing E-1);
- Capture soil gas containing VOCs within the area of influence of the biosparge system;
   and
- Remove and/or destroy VOCs in the captured soil gas using a catalytic oxidizer or GAC treatment.

The same air injection, SVE, and air treatment equipment used to inject, extract, and treat air for vented pile treatment will also be used for the biosparge, SVE, and associated soil gas treatment. Initial operation of the systems will focus on vented pile treatment so the soil in the vented pile can be placed, treated, loaded, and disposed during the expected RA construction period (through November 2022). Furthermore, a phased startup of biosparge systems will be needed to effectively manage the higher initial VOC concentrations expected during the first few months of

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system operation. Once the vented pile soil has been treated, the full capacity of the biosparge, and air treatment equipment can be focused on the biosparging area shown on Drawing E-1.

The biosparge system includes an air compressor, receiver tank, air delivery manifold, and other electrical equipment and controls shown on Drawing F-1. Compressed air at pressures of 5 to 30 pounds per square inch (psi) will be delivered to 152 vertical biosparging wells located throughout the biosparging area and segregated into four independent area quadrants. A manifolded piping network of four main air lines will distribute compressed air to four biosparge treatment quadrants (labelled Area A, Area B, Area C, and Area D on Drawings E-1 through E-5). Air from each quadrant's main compressed air line will then distribute air to individual vertical wells through a smaller set of air lines feeding from 3 to 6 rows of biosparge wells consisting of 4 to 13 biosparge wells. Thus, the compressed air can be injected into between one and four quadrants at any one time. Additionally, a ball valve at each injection well will be adjusted to control air flow into any single biosparge well. This arrangement provides great flexibility in targeting air flow to specific areas or wells. Once operating, from 1 to 4 standard cubic feet per minute (scfm) of air will be injected into each bioventing well. The air flow rate to each biosparge well will fluctuate with time depending on the amount of VOCs in the impacted soil and groundwater and to create a more dynamic air flow in the aguifer to enhance misting of air with groundwater.

As stated previously, the SWL&P Former MGP Site is exempt from Infiltration and Injection approval requirements under ch. NR 140, Wis. Admin. Code. As stated in the WDNR publication Infiltration and Injection Requests Submittal, Review and Approval Process (WDNR PUB-RR-935, March 2013): "The only instance where an NR 140 approval is not required is if the only substance being injected is oxygen or hydrogen peroxide.". As part of the remedial action design, a biosparging system will be installed and operated at the MGP site. The biosparging system will not inject any chemical into the site groundwater. If, in the future, a contingency plan including chemical injection into the site groundwater is required to meet remedial action objectives, the WDNR will be notified and a ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code compliant approval request will be submitted.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or require any further information, please contact Brian Stanul by email at Brian. Stanul@foth.com or by phone at (608) 358-7137.

Sincerely,

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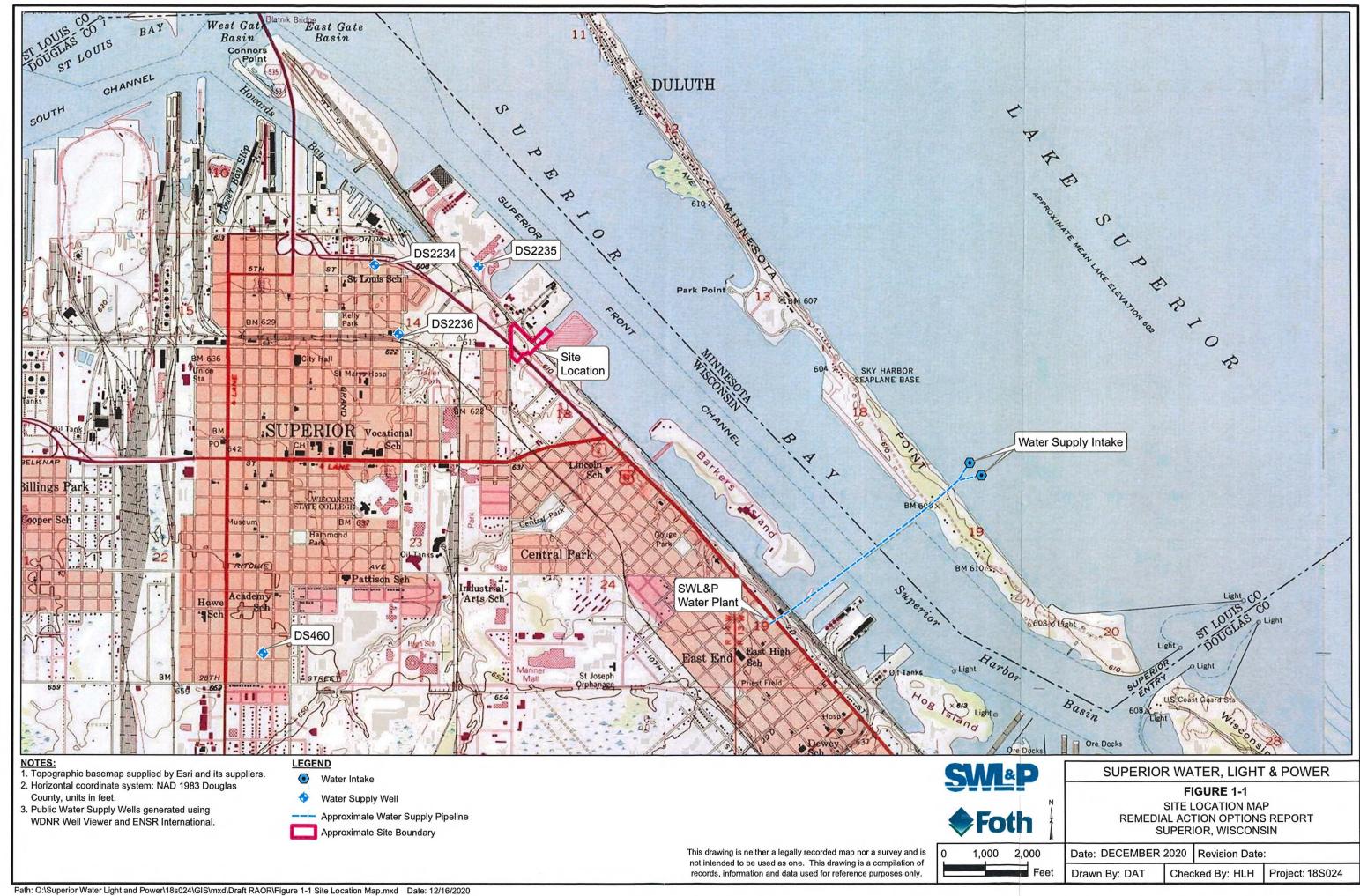
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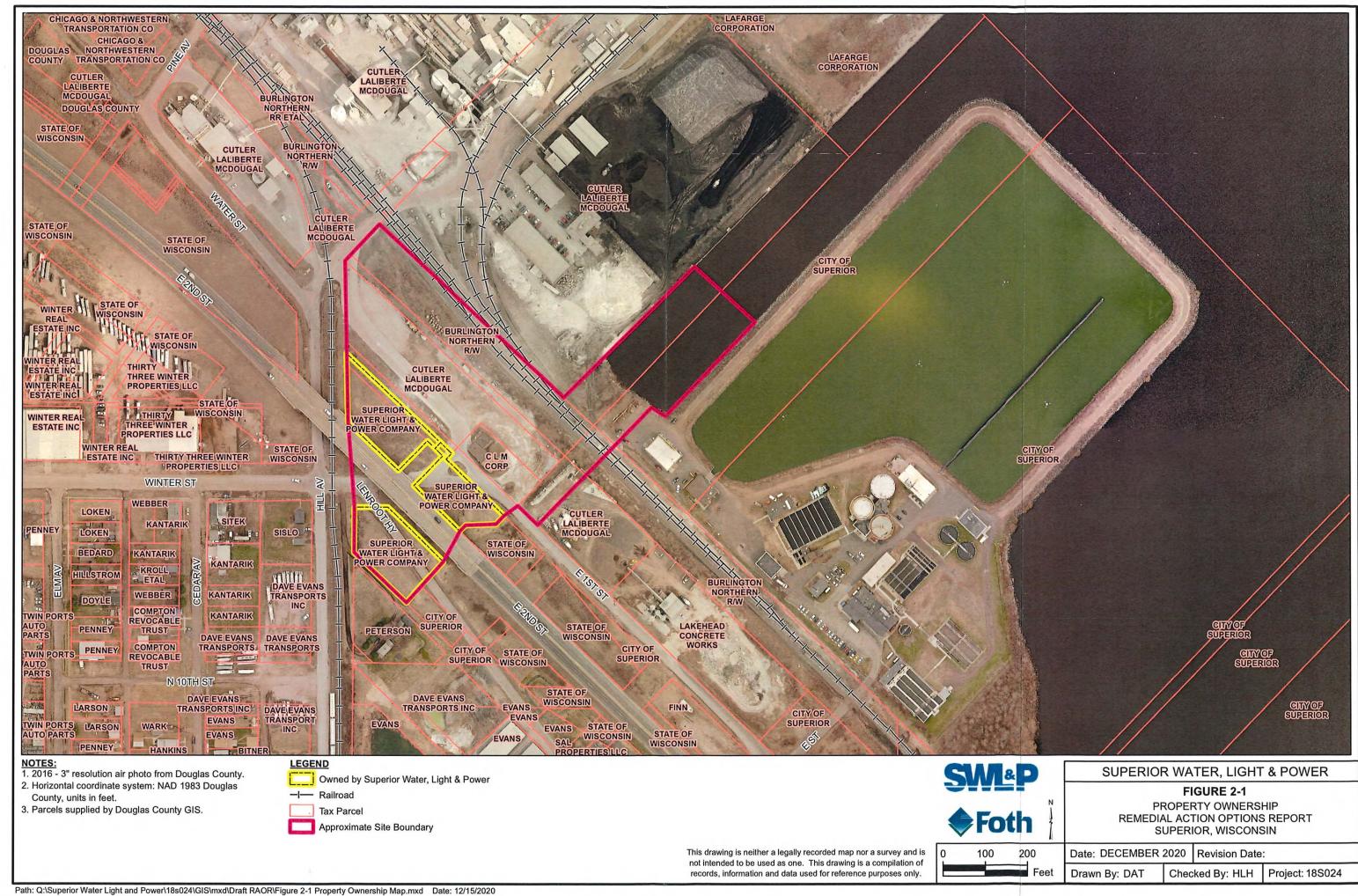
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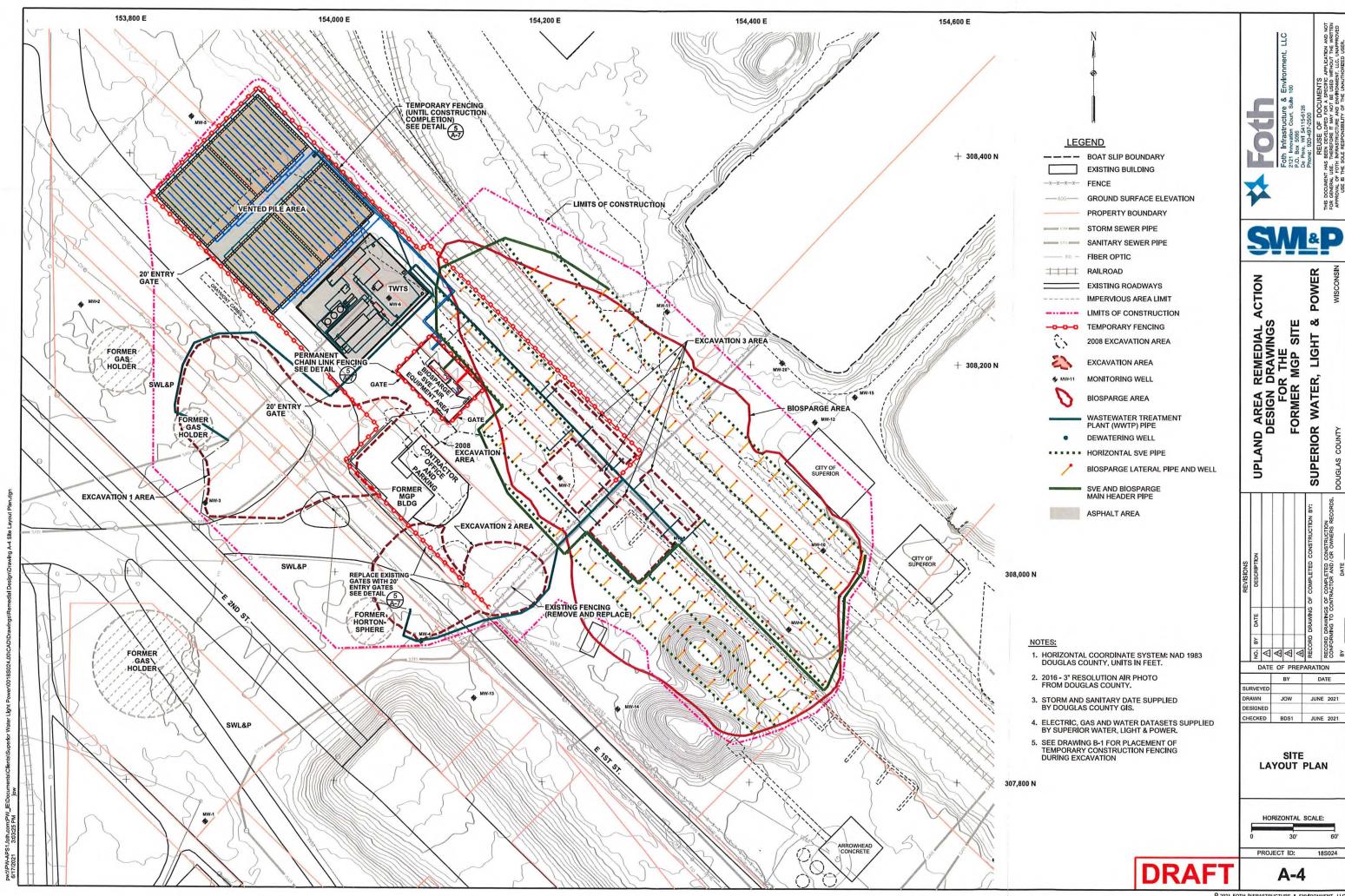
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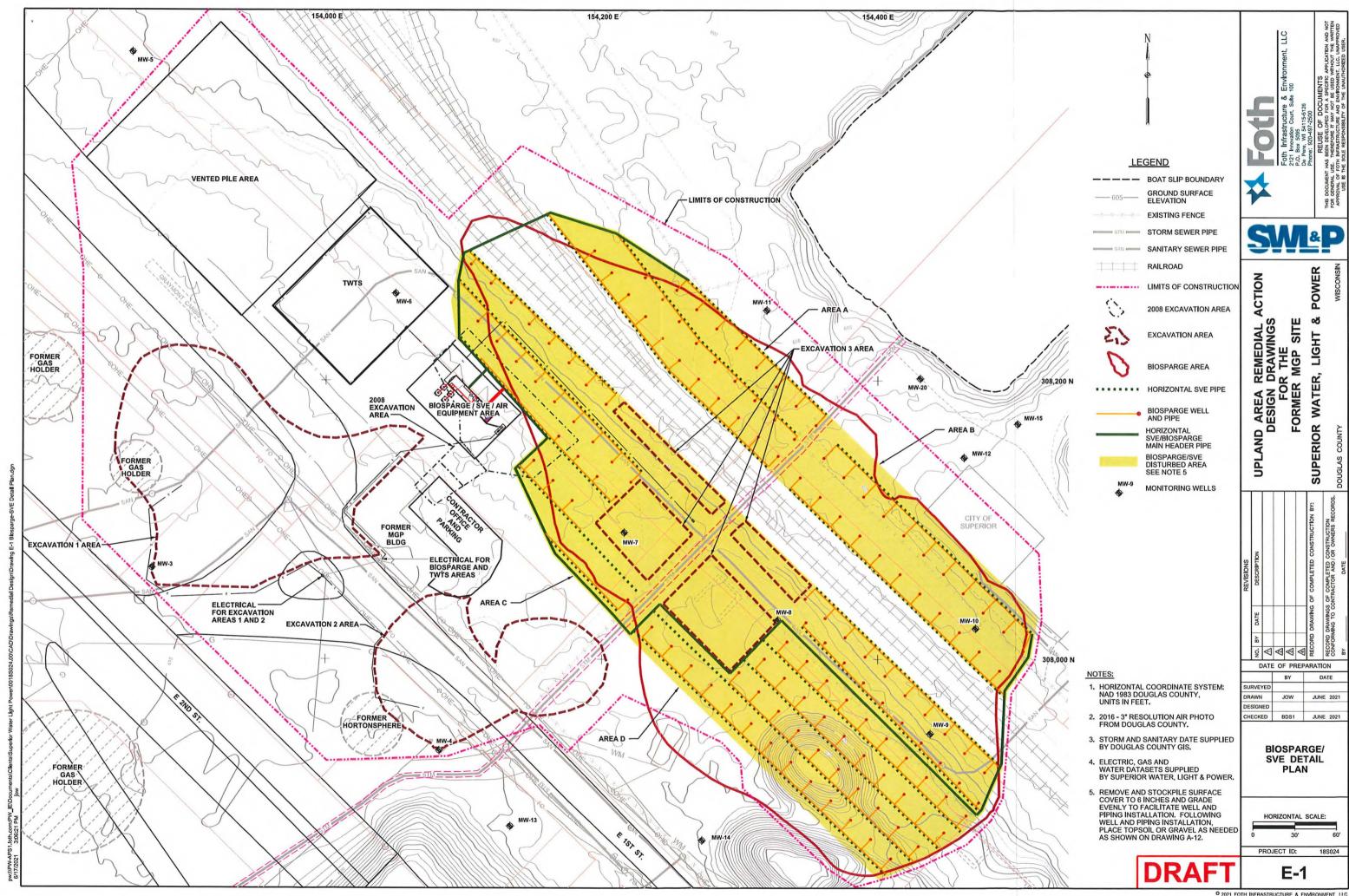
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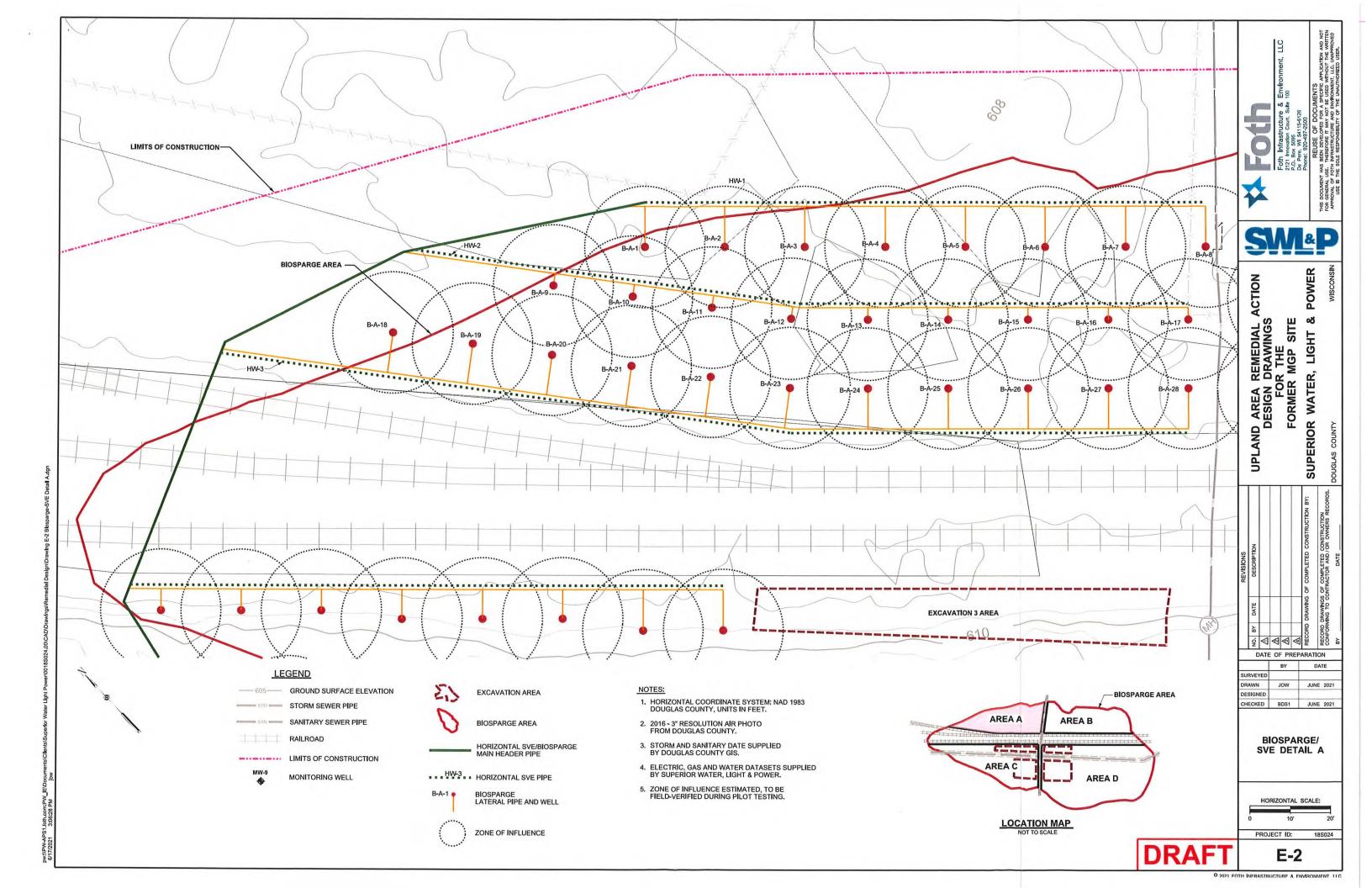
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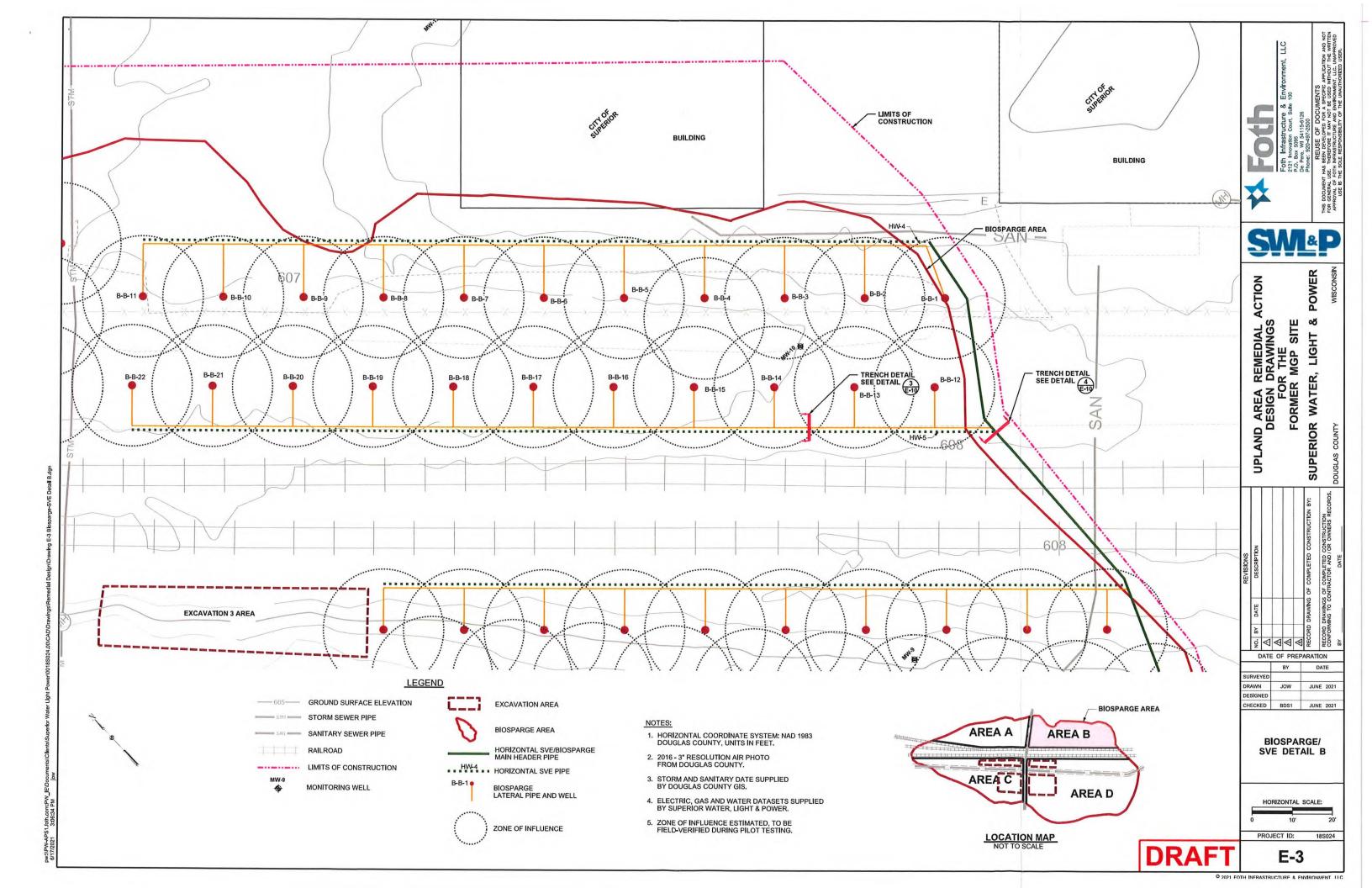


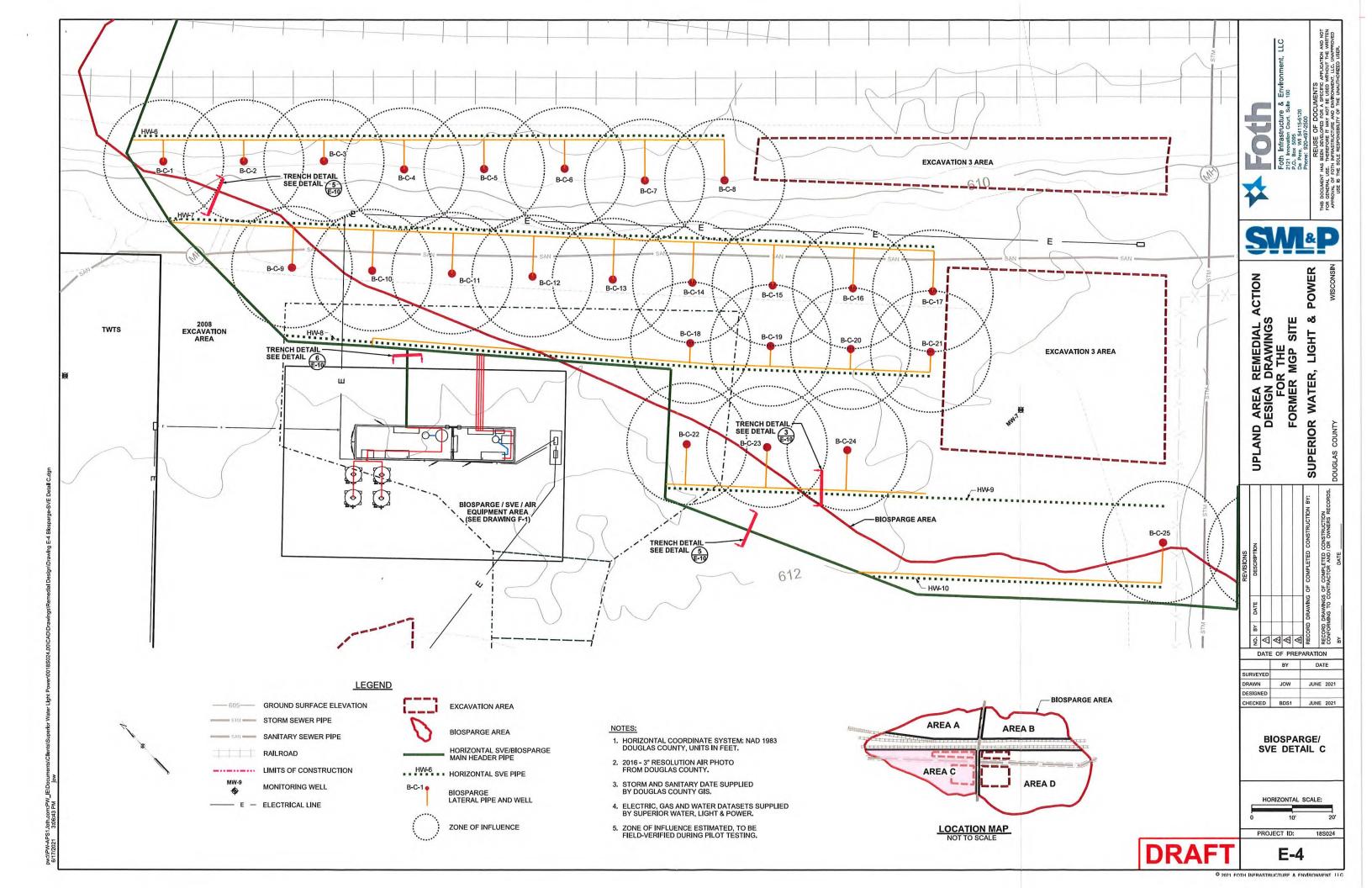


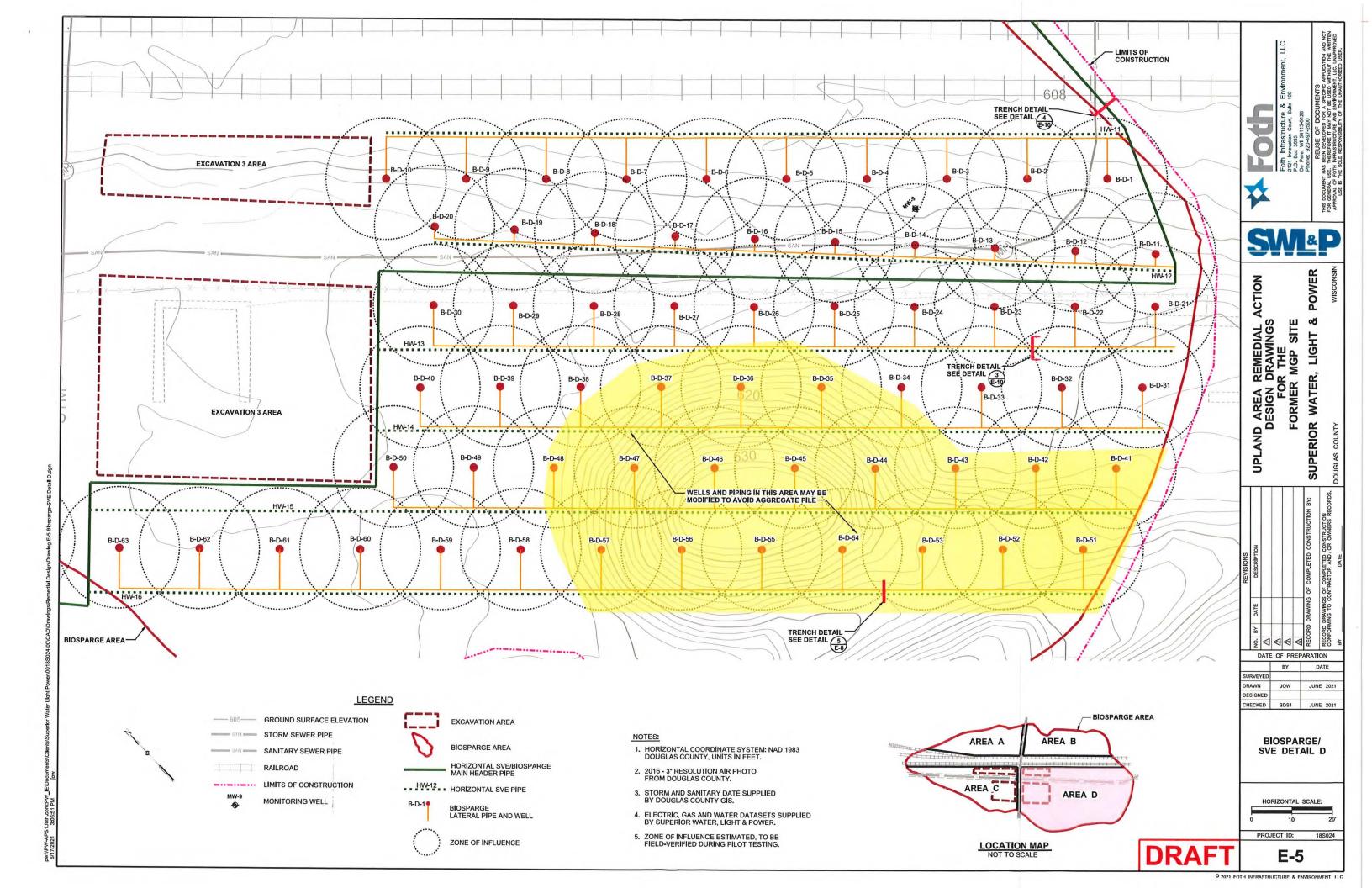


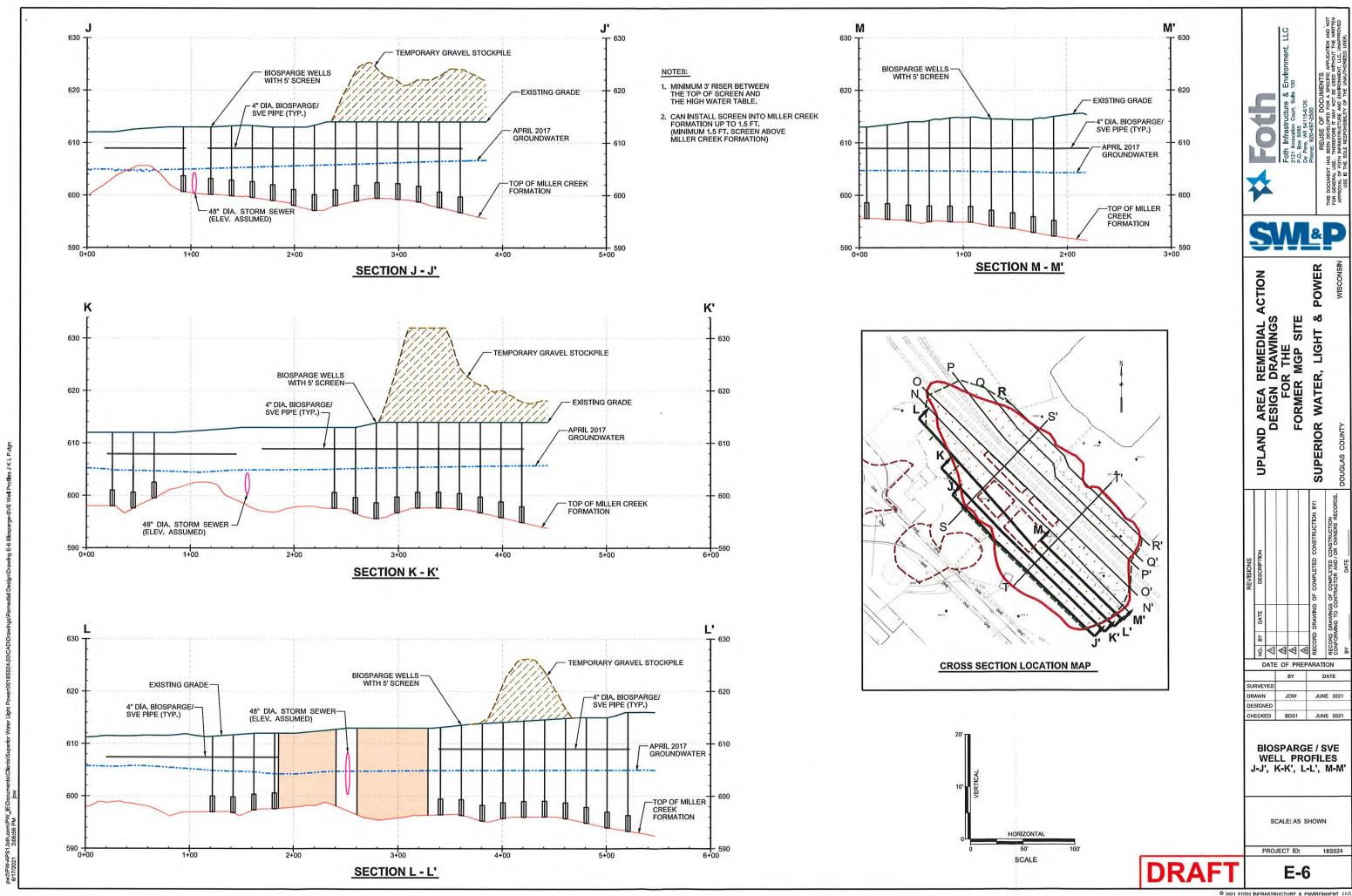


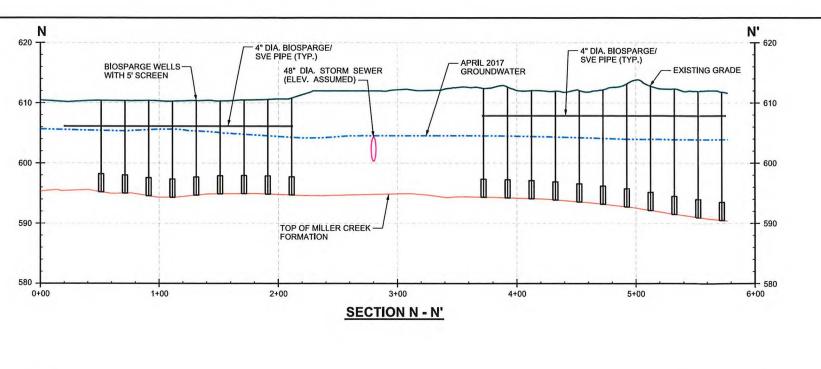


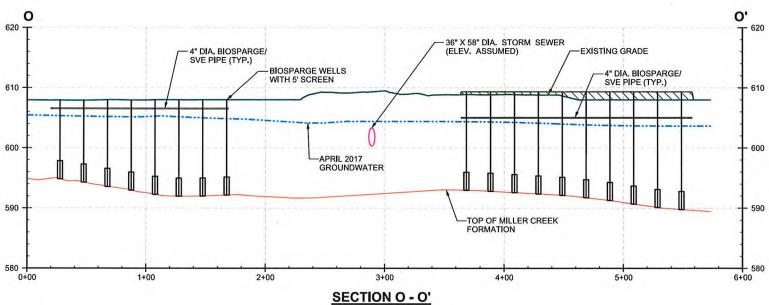


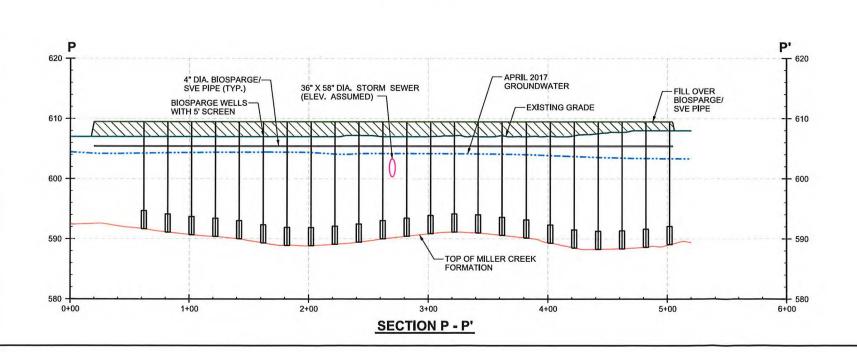




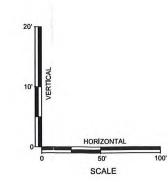


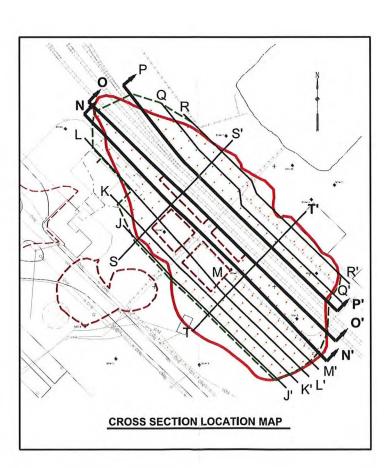






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   THE TOP OF SCREEN AND
   THE HIGH WATER TABLE,
- CAN INSTALL SCREEN INTO MILLER CREEK FORMATION UP TO 1.5 FT. (MINIMUM 1.5 FT. SCREEN ABOVE MILLER CREEK FORMATION)









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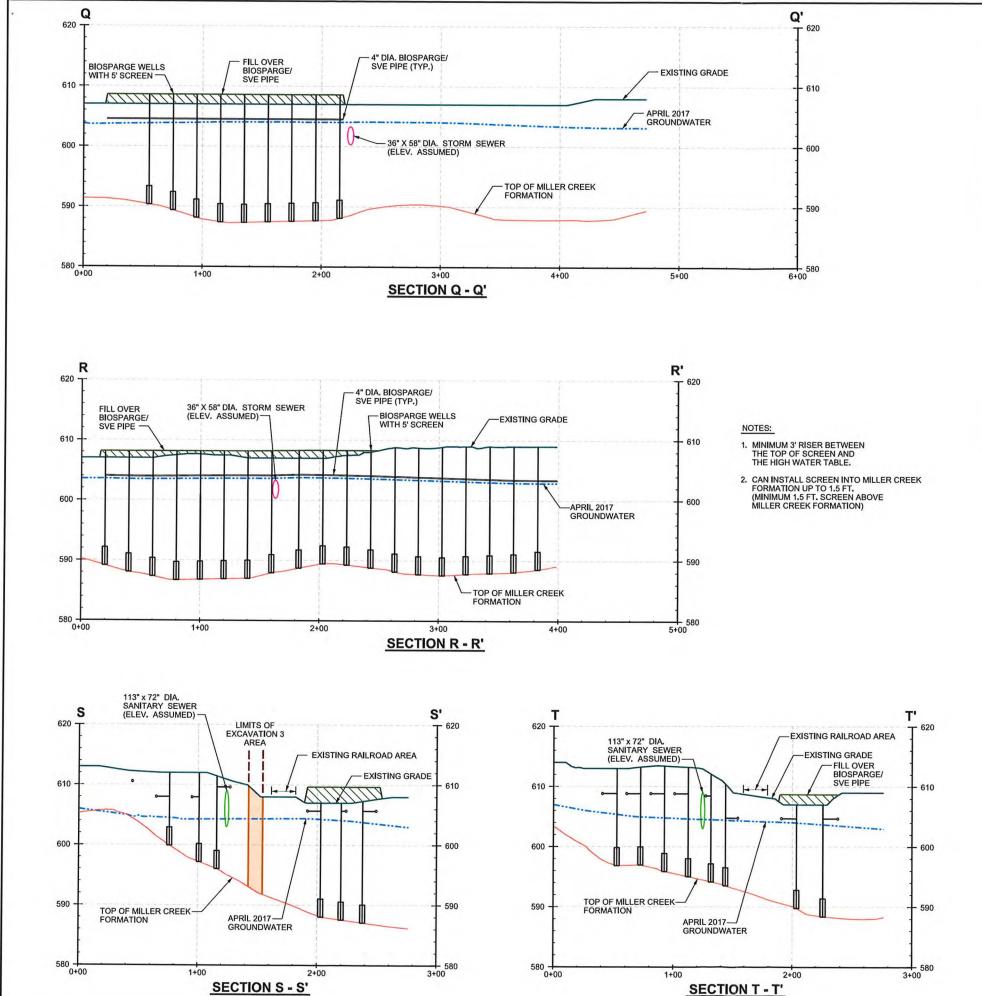
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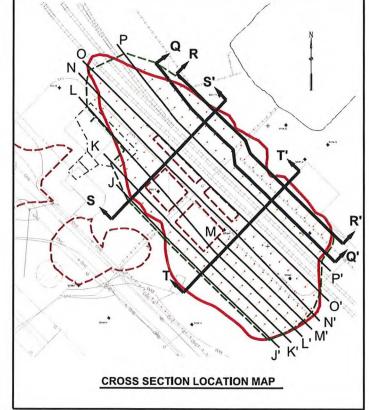
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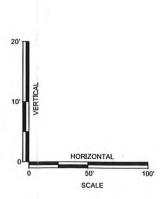
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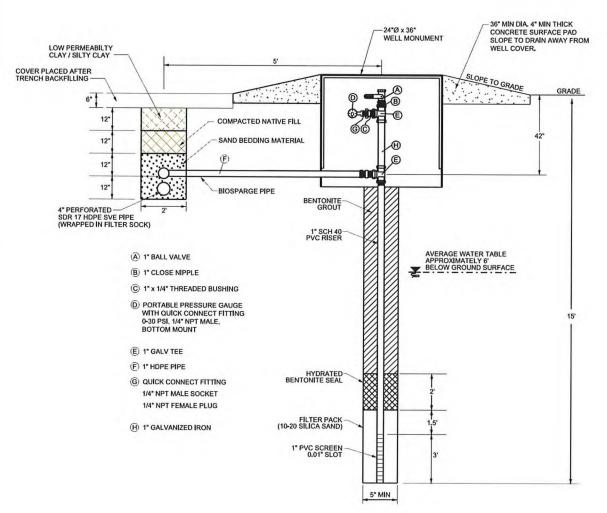
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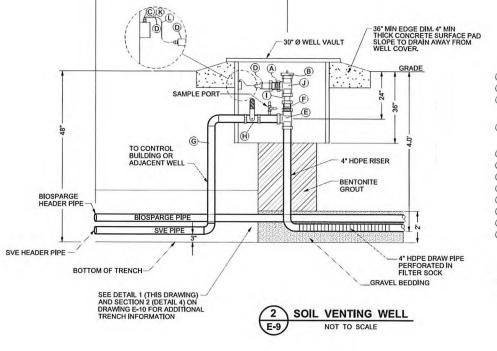
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QUICK CONNECT FITTING 1/4" NPT MALE SOCKET 1/4" NPT FEMALE PLUG

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(F) 4" X 2" SLIP BUSHING

G 4" HDPE

(H) 4" BALL VALVE

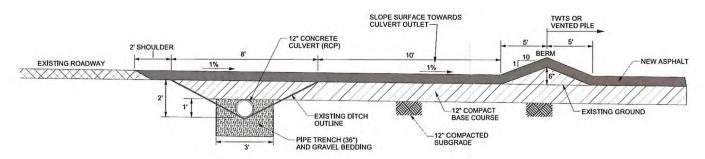
① 2" PVC

① 2" PVC TEE (ROTATED 90" FROM E)

(K) 1/4" GALV PIPE

(L) 3/8" PYTHON FLEXIBLE HOSE

NOTE: EAST PARCEL WELL SVE-07 IS IN 24" x 24" x 24" x 24" x 72" TRAFFIC RATED VAULT. ALL TEES VALVES AND GAUGES ARE ENCLOSED WITHIN VAULT.



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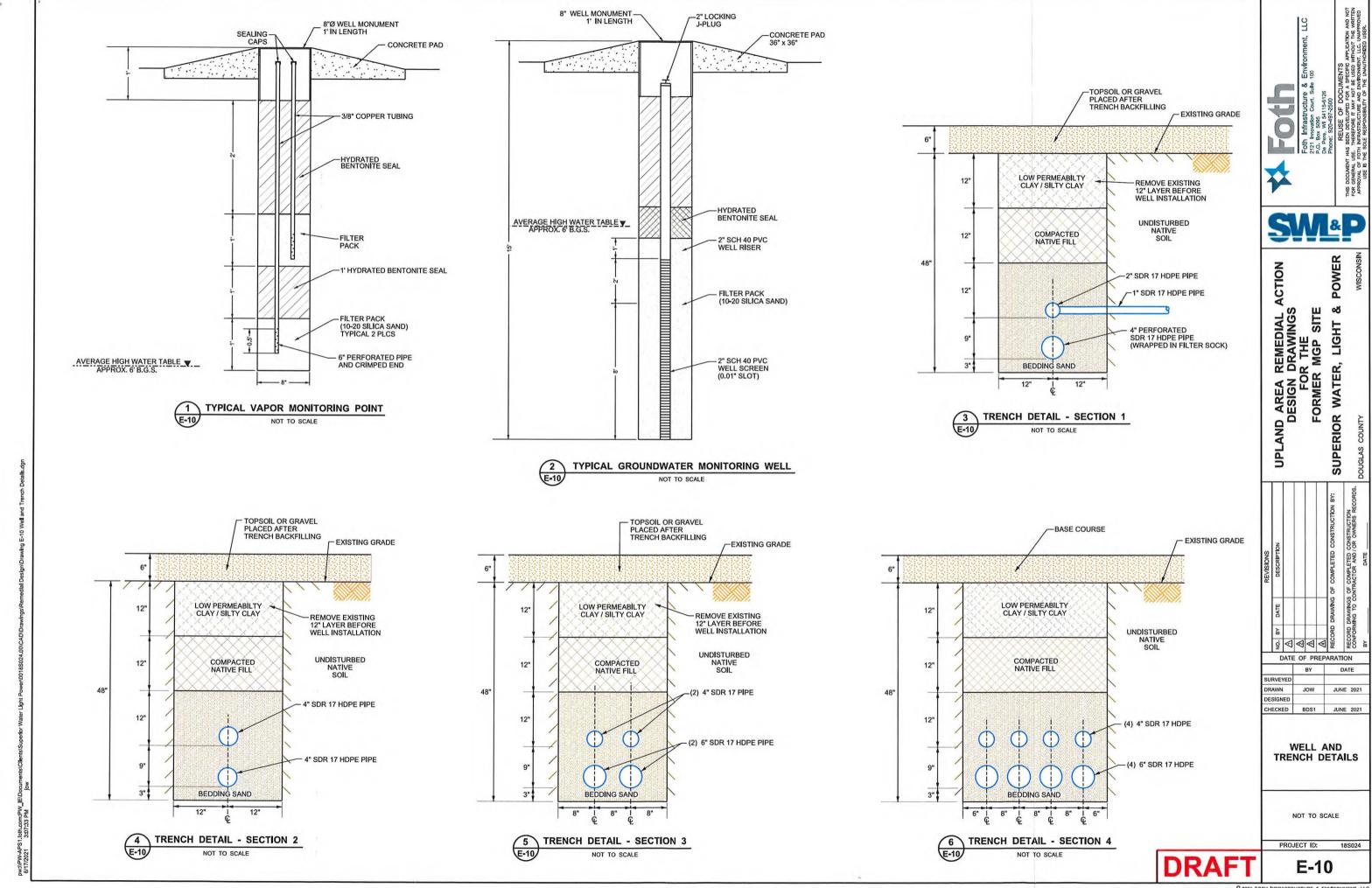
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