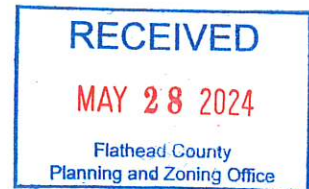




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January 13, 2023

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Dom Goble, P.E.
Land Development Engineer
Morrison-Maierle

RE: Burlington Northern (Somers Plant) Superfund Site (Site)

Dear Dom:

In November 2022, you contacted the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in regard to developing the property at 603 Somers Road (Property) in Somers, Montana. The Property is located about 1,200 feet north of the BNSF Former Treating Plant, a federal Superfund site. Following the initial inquiry, you provided EPA and DEQ with the preliminary utilities layout and explained that utilities will be connected to the existing sewer in Sunnybrook Lane and to a manhole just south of the Property.

As part of the Site remedy, a controlled groundwater area (CGA) designation was approved by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) in 2003 and revised in 2018. The CGA includes the alluvial aquifer that lies above the bedrock aquifer, and prohibits the installation of groundwater supply wells or the extraction of groundwater from the alluvial aquifer for any purpose other than remediation within the boundaries of the CGA. The attached figure shows the CGA boundaries, which do not appear to encompass the Property.

Based on the review of the information provided, the proposed development is outside the Site boundaries. In the remote chance that the developer will need to access BNSF properties to install utilities, please consult with EPA and DEQ prior to any excavation on BNSF owned property as there are restrictions on soil excavation. If you have any additional questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at hoogerheide.roger@epa.gov or (406) 422-9725.

Sincerely,

Hoogerheide
, Roger
Roger Hoogerheide
Remedial Project Manager

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Enclosure (Figure showing the Controlled Groundwater Area)

cc: Mark Chalfant, EPA
Dick Sloan, DEQ
Jessica Wilkerson, DEQ

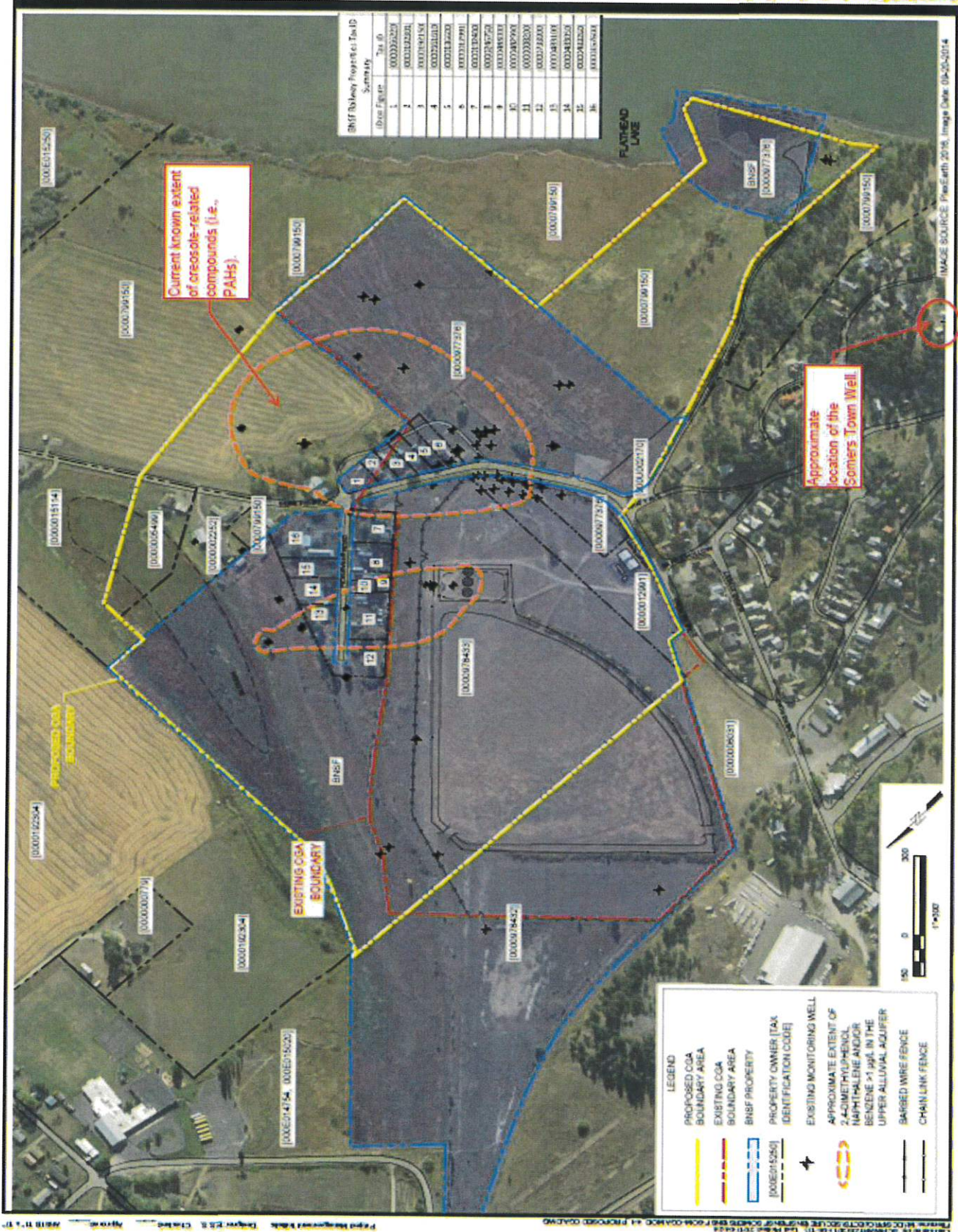


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 POTENTIAL REVISED CGA MAP
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