

Semiannual Progress Report Selection of Remedy – Prairie Creek Generating Station

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Semiannual Progress Report for remedy selection at the Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) Prairie Creek Generating Station (PCS) was prepared to comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulations regarding the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities [40 CFR 257.50-107], or the “CCR Rule” (Rule). Specifically, the selection of remedy process was initiated to fulfill the requirements of 40 CFR 257.97.

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM) for the PCS Closure Area was completed on September 12, 2019. The ACM was completed in response to the detection of molybdenum and arsenic at a statistically significant level (SSL) above the Groundwater Protection Standards (GPS) in groundwater samples from downgradient monitoring wells. Arsenic concentrations exceeded the GPS at MW-303 and MW-304, and molybdenum concentrations exceeded the GPS at MW-306. An addendum to the ACM was completed on August 9, 2021, to assess additional corrective measures appropriate for these detections.

This Semiannual Progress Report summarizes data collected and remedy evaluation progress made since the September 2019 ACM and August 2021 ACM Addendum, and outlines planned future activities to complete the selection of remedy process. This semiannual progress report covers the 6-month period of September 2021 through February 2022.

1.2 SITE INFORMATION AND MAPS

PCS is located to the south of Prairie Creek and to the west of the Cedar River, on the south side of the City of Cedar Rapids in Linn County, Iowa (**Figure 1**). The address of the generating station is 3300 C Street Southwest, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In addition to the generating station, the property also contains a closure area located within the original footprint of the CCR impoundments and a coal stockpile.

The groundwater monitoring system at PCS monitors the Closure Area, which was created when the following CCR units were closed:

- PCS Pond 1
- PCS Pond 2
- PCS Pond 3
- PCS Pond 4
- PCS Pond 5
- PCS Pond 6
- PCS Pond 7
- PCS Discharge Pond (Pond 8)
- PCS Beneficial Use Storage Area
- PCS Bottom Ash Pile

A map showing the CCR units and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells with identification numbers for the CCR groundwater monitoring program is provided on **Figure 2**.

Groundwater flow at the site is generally to the north. The approximate depth to the water table for wells located on plant property varies from 10 to 16 feet below ground surface (bgs). The approximate depth to the water table for wells located north of the plant property varies from 0 to 11 feet bgs. These ranges in depth to groundwater are due to topographic variations across the facility and seasonal fluctuations in the groundwater surface. The downgradient area where MW-303 through MW-306, the MW-309/309A nest, and the MW-310/310A nest are located is prone to flooding when water levels in Prairie Creek and the Cedar River are high.

2.0 SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED

Work completed to support remedy selection for the PCS CCR units is summarized in **Table 1**. Activities completed within the 6-month period covered by this semiannual report are discussed in more detail below.

2.1 MONITORING NETWORK CHANGES

No changes to the monitoring network were made during the period covered by this Semiannual Progress Report. The locations of existing monitoring wells at PCS are shown on **Figure 2**.

Additional monitoring well design and permitting was performed for the following wells that are currently scheduled for installation:

- A monitoring well to be located west of the closed impoundments and immediately adjacent to Prairie Creek (**Figure 3**): Soil samples from this well installation will provide information on the natural arsenic content and geochemical conditions of the alluvial soil in the low lying area off-site that is unaffected by the closed impoundments. The alluvial soil may be different from the upland soil where upgradient MW-301/301A and MW-302/302A wells are located. Groundwater samples from this well will provide information on the naturally occurring groundwater chemistry near the creek and anoxic conditions that may be contributing to elevated arsenic concentrations in groundwater.
- A water level observation well located immediately south of the impoundments (**Figure 3**): Groundwater elevation measurements from this well will help to refine the accuracy of the groundwater isocontours and flow directions on future water table maps, and provide a better understanding of the water table elevation beneath the closed impoundments.
- Six triple nests of temporary mini-piezometers (18 total) to be installed in Prairie Creek (**Figure 3**): Each nest will consist of three different length wells, hand driven into the creek bottom. The purpose of the mini-piezometers is to evaluate:
 - The hydraulic gradients of groundwater discharging into Prairie Creek.
 - The spatial distribution of arsenic and molybdenum within the creek bed sediments below Prairie Creek.
 - How the oxidation-reduction conditions vary with depth below the creek bed.

The west well along Prairie Creek and the water level well south of the closed impoundments are scheduled to be installed in March 2022 after receiving the final well installation and right-of-way permits. The mini-piezometers are scheduled to be installed after the creek ice has completely melted and conditions are safe for access to the locations. The absence of creek ice is also necessary to avoid damage to the mini-piezometers.

2.2 GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Groundwater samples were collected from all assessment monitoring wells on October 20 to 22, 2021. The October 2021 monitoring event was part of the routine semiannual assessment monitoring program. A summary of groundwater samples collected since submittal of the ACM is provided in **Table 2**.

Groundwater sampling of the new west monitoring well and the mini-piezometers will be performed as soon as they are installed. Additional sampling of select existing wells and upstream and downstream creek sampling will also be performed at the same time the west well and mini-piezometers are sampled. The synchronized sampling will provide for a more accurate comparison of data. Upon completion of the soil, groundwater, and surface water sampling, analysis and evaluation, the site conceptual model originally presented in the ACM Addendum will be updated to provide a more accurate description of the site geochemistry and information needed to refine the corrective action alternatives.

2.3 STATISTICAL EVALUATION

Statistical evaluation of sampling results during the period covered by this update were discussed in the 2021 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report, dated January 31, 2022.

Statistical evaluation of groundwater quality data during the period covered by this update included comparison of Appendix IV parameter results to GPSs. In accordance with the Unified Guidance for Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facilities (USEPA, 2009), the evaluation of whether a parameter has been detected at a SSL exceeding the GPS is based on comparison of the lower confidence limit (LCL) for the mean, calculated from the assessment monitoring results, to the GPS.

Based on the October 2021 evaluation, SSLs above the GPS were identified for the following parameters and wells:

- Arsenic: MW-303, MW-304, MW-308, MW-309, and MW-310
- Molybdenum: MW-306

The SSLs for arsenic at MW-303, MW-304, MW-308, MW-309, and MW-310, and for molybdenum at MW-306 are consistent with previous SSL determinations.

Lithium was detected at a concentration above the GPS at compliance well MW-308 in October 2020 and in a supplemental sample collected in July 2021. Lithium concentrations were below to GPS in April and October 2021. The LCL for the mean lithium concentration at MW-308 remains below the GPS; therefore, lithium has not been determined to be at an SSL above the GPS.

2.4 EVALUATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURE ALTERNATIVES

A qualitative assessment of potential Corrective Measure Alternatives using the selection criteria in 40 CFR 257.97(b) and (c) was provided in the September 2019 ACM and was revised in the August 2021 ACM Addendum #1. **Table 3** summarizes the assessment completed for ACM Addendum #1. Additional sampling is required to complete an evaluation of monitored natural attenuation (MNA) as a viable component of potential corrective measures. The surface water/sediment, biota/food, and ecological exposure pathways continue to be evaluated and the assessments discussed in the initial ACM, and ACM Addendum #1 will continue to be updated based on the new groundwater data obtained. Updates to the assessment, and development of the evaluation of corrective measure alternatives discussed in the ACM and ACM Addendum #1, will be completed in the future based on updates to the conceptual site model, delineation of the nature and extent of impacts, and collection of additional data relevant to remedy selection.

3.0 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Planned activities related to the remedy selection process include the following:

- Continue semiannual assessment monitoring.
- Install a new groundwater level monitoring well adjacent to closed ponds to provide additional accuracy in measuring the water table in the vicinity of the closed impoundments.
- Install a new monitoring well near Prairie Creek and west of the closed impoundments to evaluate background groundwater quality in the shallow aquifer near Prairie Creek.
- Install six sets of three temporary shallow piezometer nests to be installed in the creek bed of Prairie Creek to evaluate groundwater quality and flow as it discharges into Prairie Creek. Schedule for spring 2022 after creek ice is melted.
- Collect Prairie Creek sediment samples to evaluate arsenic distribution and attenuation capacity. Scheduled for spring 2022 after creek ice is melted.
- Collect additional surface water samples upstream and downstream of the closed impoundments to evaluate potential off-site sources of arsenic.
- Complete evaluation of MNA feasibility, including additional evaluation of groundwater flow and groundwater quality.
- Update conceptual site model based on findings of nature and extent investigation.
- Continue evaluation of remedial options.
- Conduct public meeting (40 CFR 257.96(e)).

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**Table 1. Timeline for Completed Work - Selection of Remedy
Prairie Creek Generating Station / SCS Engineers Project #25220084.00**

Date	Activity
August 2019	Additional monitoring wells installed to investigate nature and extent (MW-309 and MW-310)
September 2019	Completed ACM
November 2019	Completed the Well Documentation Report for new wells
January 2020	Completed second round of assessment monitoring sampling for the new wells (MW-309 and MW-310)
January 2020	Completed Statistical Evaluation of October 2019 groundwater monitoring results
January 2020	Completed 2019 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report
Late winter or early spring 2020	Planning, permitting, and access arrangements for four additional monitoring wells (piezometers) to investigate the vertical extent of impacts
March 2020	Completed Semiannual Progress Report for the Selection of Remedy
June-July 2020	Additional monitoring wells (piezometers) installed to investigate vertical groundwater flow and groundwater quality
September 2020	Completed Semiannual Progress Report for the Selection of Remedy
September 2020	Conducted groundwater sampling at piezometers installed in June-July 2020
January 2021	Completed 2020 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report
March 2021	Completed Semiannual Progress Report for the Selection of Remedy
March 2021	Completed Documentation Report for monitoring wells installed in 2020
June - August 2021	Performed research on potential off-site sources of arsenic that may be impacting groundwater
July 2021	Conducted additional assessment monitoring event for select parameters at MW-308
August 2021	Updated Hydrogeochemical Conceptual Model
August 2021	Completed ACM Addendum #1
August 2021	Sampled Prairie Creek for arsenic at locations upstream and downstream of the plant
September 2021 - November 2021	Preparation of Joint Permit application for installation of monitoring wells within a floodplain
October 2021	Completed statistical evaluation of the July 2021 supplemental monitoring result

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Date	Activity
November 2021	Submitted a Joint Application Permit for monitoring well within a floodplain
December 2021	Revised sampling and analysis plan
December 2021	Received US Army Corps of Engineers approval of joint permit for monitoring well installations within a floodplain
December 2021 - January 2022	Evaluation of potential off-site arsenic sources near Prairie Creek
January 2022	Completed 2021 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report
January 2022	Received Iowa Department of Natural Resources approval of joint permit for monitoring well installations within a floodplain
Jan-22	Scheduled driller for installation of monitoring wells
January 2022 - February 2022	Preparation of City floodplain permit application, City right-of-way permit application, and County monitoring well installation permit applications.
February 2022	Conducted additional assessment monitoring event for select parameters at MW-308

Notes:

*: Spring semiannual sampling events are typically completed in April; spring 2020 sampling of selected wells was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Table 2. Groundwater Samples Summary – Events Since ACM Submittal
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Sample Dates	Downgradient Wells											Background Wells		
	MW-303	MW-304	MW-305	MW-306	MW-306A	MW-307	MW-308	MW-309	MW-309A	MW-310	MW-310A	MW-301	MW-301A	MW-302
10/28-29-2019	A	A	A	A	NI	A	A	A	NI	A	NI	A	NI	A
1/9/2020	--	--	--	--	NI	--	--	A	NI	A	NI	--	NI	--
4/27 & 5/27 2020	A	A	A	A	NI	A	A	A	NI	A	NI	A	NI	A
9/15/2020	--	--	--	--	Add.	--	--	--	Add.	--	Add.	--	Add.	--
10/19-21/2020	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
4/26-28/2021	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
7/14/2021	--	--	--	--	--	--	Add.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/20-22/2021	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
2/22/2022	--	--	--	--	--	--	Add.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Samples	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	5	3	5	3	4	3	4

Abbreviations:

A = Required by Assessment Monitoring Program

Add. = Additional Sampling Event

NI = Not Installed

-- = Not Applicable

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Table 3. Preliminary Evaluation of Corrective Measure Alternatives Addendum No. 1
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	Alternative #1 No Further Action	Alternative #2 Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)	Alternative #3 Cover Upgrade with MNA	Alternative #4 Gradient Control with MNA	Alternative #5 Excavate and Dispose in Offsite Landfill	Alternative #6 In-Situ Treatment with Chemical Amendment	Alternative #7 Groundwater Collection	Alternative #8 Groundwater Management with Barrier Wall
CORRECTIVE ACTION ASSESSMENT - 40 CFR 257.97(b)								
257.97(b)(1) Is remedy protective of human health and the environment?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
257.97(b)(2) Can the remedy attain the groundwater protection standard?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
257.97(b)(3) Can the remedy control the source(s) of releases so as to reduce or eliminate, to the maximum extent feasible, further releases of constituents in appendix IV to this part into the environment?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
257.97(b)(4) Can the remedy remove from the environment as much of the contaminated material that was released from the CCR unit as is feasible?	Not Applicable - No release of CCR	Not Applicable - No release of CCR	Not Applicable - No release of CCR	Not Applicable - No release of CCR	Not Applicable - No release of CCR	Not Applicable - No release of CCR	Not Applicable - No release of CCR	Not Applicable - No release of CCR
257.97(b)(5) Can the remedy comply with standards for management of wastes as specified in §257.98(d)?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LONG- AND SHORT-TERM EFFECTIVENESS - 40 CFR 257.97(c)(1)								
257.97(c)(1)(i) Magnitude of reduction of existing risks	Existing risk not impacted by this alternative	Existing risk reduced by achieving GPS in the presence of active MNA processes.	Same as Alternative #2	Same as Alternative #2	Similar to Alternative #2. Long-term risk will be reduced by source removal.	Similar to Alternative #2. Long-term risk may be reduced with additional source control and in-situ stabilization/fixation of CCR that may be in contact with groundwater.	Similar to Alternative #2. Groundwater extraction and treatment presents an additional risk and potential exposure pathways via surface release or disruption of treatment processes.	Similar to Alternative #2. Long-term risk may be reduced with additional containment offered by barrier wall.
257.97(c)(1)(ii) Magnitude of residual risks in terms of likelihood of further releases due to CCR remaining following implementation of a remedy	No reduction of existing risk for additional releases. Residual risk is limited for all alternatives due to limited extent of impacts and lack of receptors	Same as Alternative #1	Same as Alternative #1 with potential further reduction in release risk due to the reduced permeability of the final cover. However, limited as no additional overall risk reduction is provided due to lack of current/anticipated future receptors for groundwater impacts	Same as Alternative #1	Same as Alternative #1 with further reduction in release risk due to removal of impounded CCR from site. However, limited as no additional overall risk reduction is provided due to lack of current/anticipated future receptors for groundwater impacts	Potential reduction in release risk by way of chemical/physical alteration of the source of impacts. However, limited to no overall risk reduction is provided due to lack of current/anticipated future receptors for groundwater impacts.	Same as Alternative #2 with potential further reduction in release risk due to CCR material footprint; Residual risk is potentially reduced by way of the ability to respond to potential future/ongoing releases from CCR that might be in contact with groundwater following closure. However, limited to no overall risk reduction is provided due to lack of current/anticipated future receptors for groundwater impacts.	Same as Alternative #2 with potential further reduction in release risk due to CCR material footprint; Residual risk of source material in contact with groundwater is further reduced by the containment of groundwater impacts provided by barrier walls; However, limited to no overall risk reduction is provided due to lack of current/anticipated future receptors for groundwater impacts.
257.97(c)(1)(iii) The type and degree of long-term management required, including monitoring, operation, and maintenance	30-year post-closure groundwater monitoring Groundwater monitoring network maintenance and as-needed repair/replacement Final cover maintenance (e.g., mowing and as-needed repair) Periodic final cover inspections Additional corrective action as required based on post-closure groundwater monitoring	Same as Alternative #1 with increased monitoring for MNA parameters	Same as Alternative #1 with increased monitoring for MNA parameters	Same as Alternative #1 with increased monitoring for MNA parameters and monitoring, operation, and maintenance of the gradient control system and any discharge-related water treatment	No on-site long-term management required Limited on-site post-closure groundwater monitoring until GPSs are achieved Receiving disposal facility will have same/similar long-term monitoring, operation, and maintenance requirements as Alternative #1	Same as Alternative #2	Same as Alternative #2 with additional effort for groundwater pump operation and maintenance (O&M), groundwater treatment system O&M, and treatment system discharge monitoring/reporting.	Same as Alternative #2 with additional monitoring of wall performance.

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LONG- AND SHORT-TERM EFFECTIVENESS - 40 CFR 257.97(c)(1) (continued)								
257.97(c)(1)(iv) Short-term risks - Implementation								
Excavation	None	None	Increased risk over Alternative #1 due to general construction activities that are not anticipated to expose CCR	None	Increased risk to environment over Alternative #3 due to CCR excavation volumes (~148K cy) required for removal and off-site re-disposal	Similar to Alternative #2 with some increased potential risk due to exposure during the application of the chemical amendment.	Similar to Alternative #2 with some increased construction risk due to drilling, trenching, and excavation for groundwater pumping and treatment system construction.	Similar to Alternative #2 with some increased construction risk due to excavation or installation of the barrier wall.
Transportation	None	None	Increased risk over Alternative #1 from construction traffic due to final cover disturbance and import of cover upgrade materials	None	Highest level of community and environmental risk due to CCR volume export (~148K cy)	Similar to Alternative #2 with increased risk from importing chemical material for stabilization/treatment.	Similar to Alternative #2 with increased risk from importing groundwater pumping and treatment system materials.	Similar to Alternative #2 with increased risk from importing barrier wall system materials.
Re-Disposal	None	None	None	None	Increased risk to community and environment due to re-disposal of large CCR volume (~148K cy) at another facility Re-disposal risks are managed by the receiving disposal facility	Similar to Alternative #3 with some increased potential risk due to exposure during the application of the chemical amendment.	None	None
257.97(c)(1)(v) Time until full protection is achieved	To be evaluated further during remedy selection Closure and capping was completed in 2018 Groundwater protection timeframe to reach GPS potentially 5 to 10 years following closure construction, achievable within 30-year post-closure monitoring period	Similar to Alternative #1 with the potential for increased understanding of timeframe based on MNA monitoring results	Similar to Alternative #2 with some potential for decrease in time to reach GPS due to reduced cover permeability.	Similar to Alternative #2 with potential for decrease in time to reach GPS due to groundwater removal	Similar to Alternative #2 Potential for increase in time to reach GPS due to significant source disturbance during construction Potential decrease in time to reach GPS due to CCR source removal	Similar to Alternative #2. Potential for reduction in time to reach GPS due to chemical/physical stability of CCR.	Similar to Alternative #2. Potential decrease in time to reach GPS at property line from implementation of groundwater pumping.	Similar to Alternative #2. Potential decrease in time to reach GPS upon implementation of barrier wall.
257.97(c)(1)(vi) Potential for exposure of humans and environmental receptors to remaining wastes, considering the potential threat to human health and the environment associated with excavation, transportation, re-disposal, or containment	No change in potential exposure	Same as Alternative #1	Same as Alternative #1	Same as Alternative #1	No potential for on-site exposure to remaining waste since no waste remains on site Risk of potential exposure is transferred to receiving disposal facility and is likely similar to Alternative #2	Same as Alternative #2	Similar to Alternative #2 with potential for secondary impacts from releases of extracted groundwater or disruption in treatment.	Same as Alternative #2
257.97(c)(1)(vii) Long-term reliability of the engineering and institutional controls	Long-term reliability of existing cap is good Significant industry experience with methods/controls Capping is common practice/industry standard for closure in place for remediation and solid waste management Deed notation in place for closure with CCR left in place	Long-term reliability of existing cap is good Significant industry experience with methods/controls Capping is common practice/industry standard for closure in place for remediation and solid waste management Deed notation in place for closure with CCR left in place	Long-term reliability of enhanced cap is good Significant industry experience with methods/controls Capping is common practice/industry standard for closure in place for remediation and solid waste management Deed notation in place for closure with CCR left in place	Similar to Alternatives 1 through 3 Depending on the gradient control method selected, the long-term reliability can be good There is significant industry experience with some potential gradient control methods used in remediation of groundwater impacts	Success of remedy at PCS does not rely on long-term reliability of engineering or institutional controls Overall success relies on reliability of the engineering and institutional controls at the receiving facility	Same as Alternative #2.	Same as Alternative #2. Remedy relies upon active equipment that will require additional operations and maintenance.	Same as Alternative #2. Remedy relies on continued hydraulic conductivity of the selected barrier. Breaches or short circuiting can develop and must be monitored.
257.97(c)(1)(viii) Potential need for replacement of the remedy	Limited potential need for replacement of original cap placed in 2018 if maintained.	Same as Alternative #1	Same as Alternative #1	Same as Alternative #1	No potential need for remedy replacement	Similar to Alternative #2, with further reduction in potential need for remedy enhancement due to stabilized/solidified CCR material.	Similar to Alternative #2, with reduced potential of remedy replacement, but added expectation for pump, conveyance system and treatment system replacement.	Similar to Alternative #2, with reduced potential of remedy replacement, but added expectation for potential replenishment of consumptive barrier product.
SOURCE CONTROL TO MITIGATE FUTURE RELEASES - 40 CFR 257.97(c)(2)								
257.97(c)(2)(i) The extent to which containment practices will reduce further releases	Cap installed in 2018 will reduce further releases by minimizing infiltration through CCR. However, some risk of future release remains if CCR is in contact with groundwater.	Similar to Alternative #1 with the potential for reduced risk from further releases if MNA mechanisms are active.	Same as Alternative #2 with possible reduction in further release risk due to lower cap permeability/ reduced infiltration through CCR	Same as Alternative #1	Removal of CCR prevents further releases at PCS Receiving disposal site risk similar to Alternative #3	Similar to Alternative #2 with further reduction due to lower mobility of contaminants in residual source material as a result of chemical amendment.	Similar to Alternative #2 with the added ability to contain or restore groundwater impacts if MNA mechanisms are not active or site attenuation capacity is not adequate.	Similar to Alternative #2 with the added ability to contain groundwater impacts if MNA mechanisms are not active or site attenuation capacity is not adequate.
257.97(c)(2)(ii) The extent to which treatment technologies may be used	Alternative does not rely on treatment technologies for source control	Alternative does not rely on treatment technologies for source control	Alternative does not rely on treatment technologies for source control	Alternative does not rely on treatment technologies for source control	Alternative does not rely on treatment technologies for source control	Alternative relies on the identification and availability of a suitable chemical amendment. Implementation of and contact with physical/chemical stabilizing agent will require specialized field implementation methods and health and safety measures.	This alternative relies on conventional pump and treat remediation.	Alternative relies on the identification and availability of a suitable barrier wall technology (e.g., permeable reactive barrier material or slurry wall). Implementation of and contact with barrier wall materials will require specialized field implementation methods and health and safety measures.

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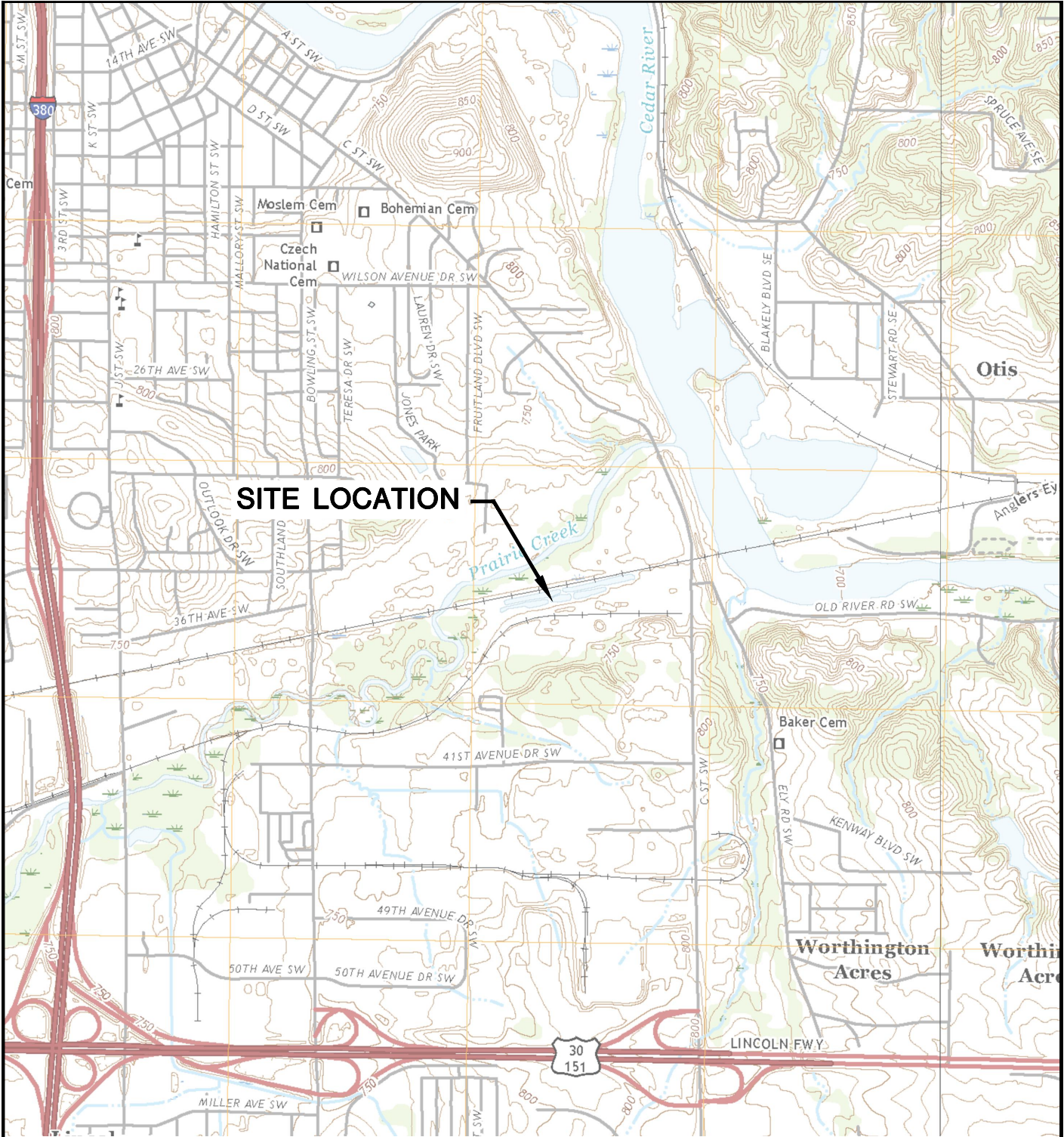
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IMPLEMENTATION - 40 CFR 257.97(c)(3)								
257.97(c)(3)(i) Degree of difficulty associated with constructing the technology	No construction involved	No construction involved	Low complexity construction Moderate degree of design and logistical complexity to complete cap upgrade	Moderate complexity construction High degree of logistical complexity due to off-site property owner access	Low complexity construction High degree of logistical complexity including the excavation and off-site transport of ~148K cy of CCR and permitting/development of off-site disposal facility airspace Moderate to high level of dewatering effort - dewatering required for excavation of full CCR volume	Moderate degree of logistical complexity; Moderate complexity construction due to the equipment required to apply the selected amendment; requirements to ensure consistent contact and dosing of amendment; Medium degree of logistical complexity involving the import of specialty chemicals.	Moderate degree of logistical complexity; Moderate complexity construction for the installation of extraction wells and conveyance to a site-specific groundwater treatment plant.	Moderate degree of logistical complexity; High complexity construction - Barrier walls require specialty installation equipment and knowledge. Highly specialized and experience contractors required to achieve proper installation.
257.97(c)(3)(ii) Expected operational reliability of the technologies	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	High reliability based on historic use of capping as corrective measure	Operational reliability depends on method of gradient control required/selected, the level of extracted groundwater treatment required, and the location of groundwater treatment Overall expected reliability is good based on industry experience	Success at PCS does not rely on operational reliability of technologies Overall success relies on off-site disposal facility, which is likely same/similar to Alternative #3	Similar to Alternative #2; however, success at PCS relies on the successful application of specialty chemicals.	Similar to Alternative #2; however, success of this remedy relies on the successful operation of a site-specific groundwater treatment plant.	Similar to Alternative #2; however, success this remedy relies on a low permeable layer to key an impermeable barrier wall into, continued hydraulic conductivity of the selected barrier if PRB. Breaches or short circuiting can develop and must be monitored.
IMPLEMENTATION - 40 CFR 257.97(c)(3) (continued)								
257.97(c)(3)(iii) Need to coordinate with and obtain necessary approvals and permits from other agencies	No further approvals or permits required	Same as Alternative #1	Need is low in comparison to other alternatives State Closure Permit amendment likely required	Need is high in comparison to other alternatives State Closure Permit amendment likely required Approval of downgradient site owner required Approval of facility receiving gradient control discharge for treatment required, or agency approval to construct the necessary treatment facility is required	Need is highest in comparison to other alternatives State Closure Permit amendment likely required Approval of off-site disposal site owner required May require State solid waste comprehensive planning approval Local road use permits likely required	Need is moderate in comparison to other alternatives; State Closure Permit required; Underground Injection Control Permit may be required if chemical materials placed within groundwater; State and local erosion control/construction stormwater management permits required; Federal/State/Local Floodplain permitting likely required.	Need is moderate in comparison to other alternatives; State Closure Permit required; Well permitting for extraction well installation; NPDES Permit for groundwater treatment and discharge; State and local erosion control/construction stormwater management permits required; Federal/State/Local Floodplain permitting likely required.	Need is moderate in comparison to other alternatives; State Closure Permit required; Well permitting for barrier wall monitoring; Federal/State/Local Floodplain permitting required; State and local erosion control/construction stormwater management permits required; Federal/State wetland permitting potentially required
257.97(c)(3)(iv) Availability of necessary equipment and specialists	Not Applicable	Lowest level of demand for MNA implementation	Low level of demand for cap construction material	Moderate level of demand expected Level of demand may vary based on method of gradient control selected	Availability of necessary equipment to develop necessary off-site disposal facility airspace and transport ~148K cy of CCR to new disposal facility will be a limiting factor in the schedule for executing this alternative No liner or cover material demands for on-site implementation of remedy	Similar to Alternative #2; Moderate level of demand for liner and cap construction material. Specialized mixing equipment likely required to apply chemical amendment and achieve required dosing.	Similar to Alternative #2; A site-specific, trained employee will be required to operate the groundwater treatment system.	Similar to Alternative #2; Availability of the necessary specialized equipment and extensive experience required for barrier installation is potentially low or in high demand.
257.97(c)(3)(v) Available capacity and location of needed treatment, storage, and disposal services	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	There is no on-site capacity to treat gradient control system discharge If required, on-site capacity will need to be developed. Off-site capacity to treat gradient control system discharge may exist, but ability/willingness to accept discharge is currently unknown	Off-site disposal capacity, facility logistical capacity, or the time required to develop the necessary off-site disposal and logistical capacity is a significant limiting factor	Capacity and location of treatment, storage, and disposal services is unlikely to be a factor for this alternative	Capacity and location of treatment, storage, and disposal services is unlikely to be a factor for this alternative	Capacity and location of treatment, storage, and disposal services is unlikely to be a factor for this alternative
COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE - 40 CFR 257.97(c)(4)								
257.97(c)(4) The degree to which community concerns are addressed by a potential remedy (Anticipated)	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed	To be determined based on input obtained through public meetings/outreach to be completed

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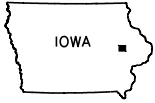
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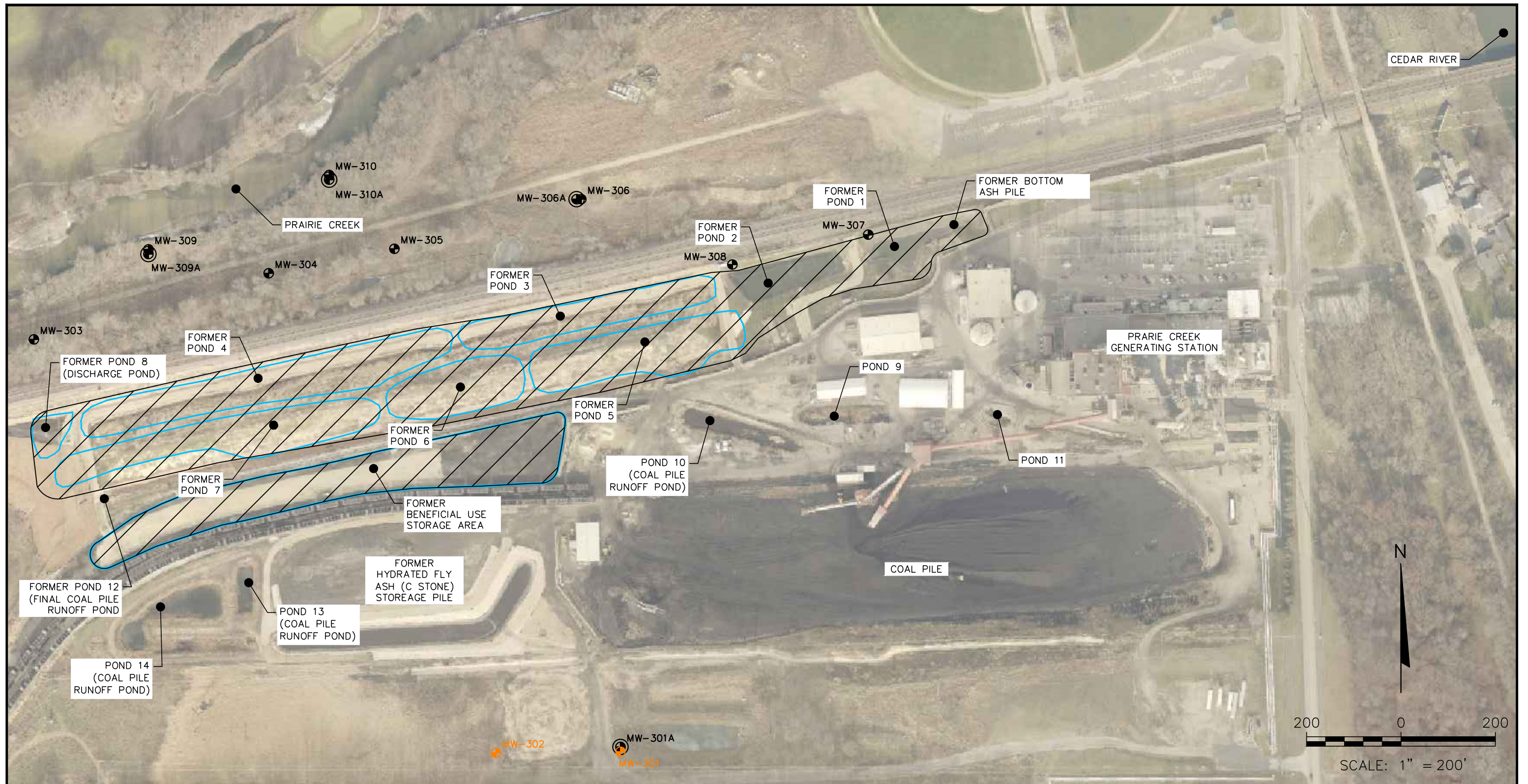
- 1 Site Location Map
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 IOWA-LINN CO.
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 2018
 SCALE: 1" = 2,000'



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LEGEND

- MONITORING WELL
- BACKGROUND MONITORING WELL
- PIEZOMETER
- CCR UNITS
- APPROXIMATE CLOSURE AREA (SEE NOTE 1)

NOTES:

1. PCS PONDS 1-8, THE BOTTOM ASH PILE, AND THE BENEFICIAL USE STORAGE AREA WERE CLOSED IN DECEMBER 2018. LIMITS ARE APPROXIMATE.
2. AERIAL PHOTO IMPORTED FROM THE ARCMAP BASEMAP (CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA GIS - DECEMBER 22, 2018).
3. MONITORING WELLS MW-301 THROUGH MW-306 INSTALLED BY CASCADE DRILLING BETWEEN OCTOBER 31 AND DECEMBER 6, 2016.
4. MONITORING WELLS MW-307 AND MW-308 INSTALLED BY CASCADE DRILLING ON NOVEMBER 27, 2018.
5. MONITORING WELLS MW-309 AND MW-310 INSTALLED BY ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING ON AUGUST 5-6, 2019.
6. MONITORING WELLS MW-301A AND MW-306A INSTALLED BY CASCADE DRILLING ON JUNE 22-24, 2020.
7. MONITORING WELLS MW-309A AND MW-310A WERE INSTALLED BY CASCADE DRILLING ON JULY 23, 2020.
8. THE BACKGROUND MONITORING WELLS FOR THE PRAIRIE CREEK GENERATING STATION ARE: MW-301 AND MW-302.

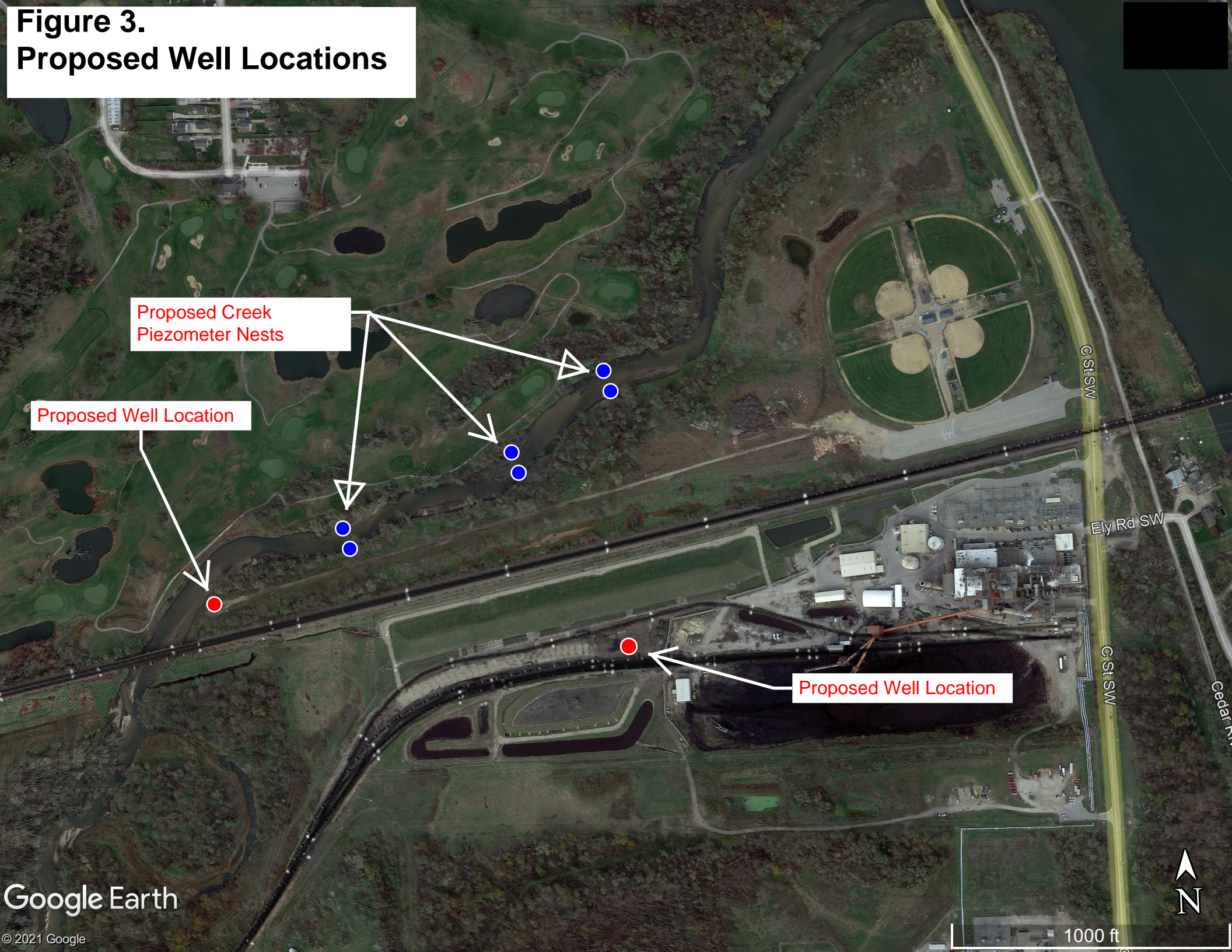
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SITE PLAN AND MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS	FIGURE 2
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Figure 3.
Proposed Well Locations



Proposed Creek
Piezometer Nests

Proposed Well Location

Proposed Well Location

C St SW

Ely Rd SW

C St SW

Cedar K

