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WM-00048

Subject: U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management Review of the Bureau of Reclamation Plans for Durango Pumping Plant Intake Rebuild, Animas-La Plata Project, Colorado and New Mexico

Dear Mr. Artichoker:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management received the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) proposed plan for rebuilding of the Durango Pumping Plant intake structure, a component of the Animas-La Plata Project. The Quit Claim Deed acknowledges DOE's ongoing obligation at the Durango, Colorado, Processing Site, Southern Parcel (raffinate pond area), pursuant to the Uranium Mill Tailing Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA).

The plan for intake structure rebuild at the raffinate ponds area or Southern Parcel of the former processing site complies with deed requirements for the property and therefore, DOE approves the BOR's plan. The proposed activity will not impede DOE's ability to perform UMTRCA related activities and is not in an area identified as having radiological supplemental standard areas (see enclosed Figure A) where soils, above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency removal standards (residual radioactive material [RRM]), were approved to be left in place. Please ensure construction activities will not interfere with access to DOE monitoring wells and make DOE and the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment aware of any updates or amendments to the plan.

Please contact me at (970) 248-6016 or [Jalena.Dayvault@lm.doe.gov](mailto:Jalena.Dayvault@lm.doe.gov), if you have any questions. Please address any correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

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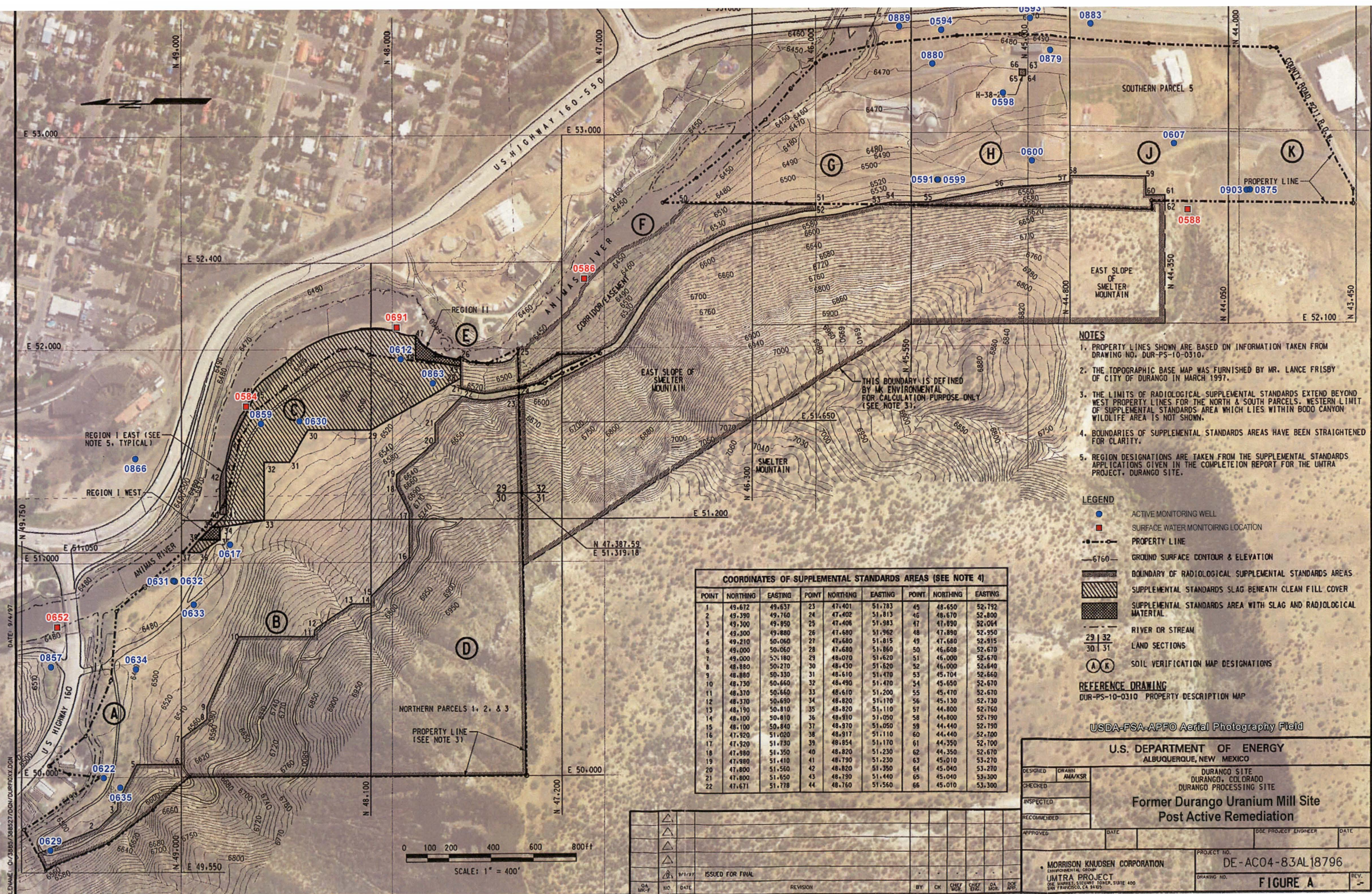
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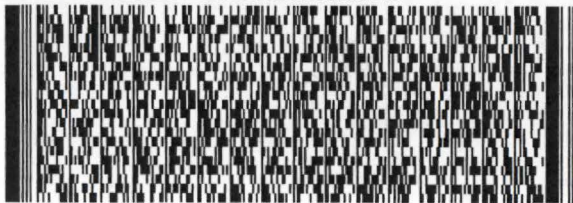
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