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## Annual CCR Inspection Report

Hudson Generating Station, Jersey City, New Jersey

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# 1. Introduction

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On behalf of PSEG Fossil (PSEG), GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) has prepared the 2018 Annual Inspection Report for the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Surface Impoundments<sup>1</sup> (Impoundments) at the Hudson Generating Station. There are three inactive Impoundments:

- North Fly Ash Pond;
- South Fly Ash Pond; and
- Bottom Ash Pond.

This report was prepared to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 257.83.

## 1.1 Description of Impoundments

The site of the former Hudson Generating Station is owned by PSEG Power LLC and located north of the intersection of Duffield and Van Keuren Avenues in Jersey City, New Jersey. The facility has an inactive 6-acre North Fly Ash Pond, an inactive 6.6-acre South Fly Ash Pond and an inactive 3-acre Bottom Ash Pond that ceased receiving CCR prior to October 19, 2015. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to initiate closure of the inactive CCR Impoundment under 40 CFR Section 257.100 of the CCR Rule was posted on the PSEG CCR Rule Compliance Data and Information website on November 6, 2015. Though closure by removal of all CCR is no longer permitted under Section 257.100 of the CCR Rule, closure of these inactive CCR Impoundments is proceeding in accordance with Section 257.102 of the CCR Rule and the associated 547-day timeframe extension. As documented in a December 8, 2017 memo prepared by GEI, CCR removal was completed on November 16, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> CCR Surface Impoundment is defined at 40 CFR 257.53.

## **2. 2018 Annual Inspection**

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### **2.1 Annual Inspection**

As required by 40 CFR 257.83(b), inspections of all CCR surface impoundments were performed by a qualified professional engineer (Tyler K. Schott, NJ P.E. #24GE04794800) on multiple occasions. The July 19, 2017 CCR inspection served as the initial annual inspection. As discussed above, the Impoundments are inactive and have been closed through removal of all CCR. The berms surrounding each Impoundment are still present and were inspected as part of the annual inspection conducted on July 30, 2018.

#### **2.1.1 *Review of Available Information***

In accordance with 257.83(b)(i), a review of available information regarding the status and condition of the CCR unit is required. There were no available design documents or impoundment testing data to perform a quantitative analysis of the berm condition. Based on the visual observations of the impoundments during inspections, and the inactive/closed status of the Impoundments, quantitative evaluation of each impoundment was not necessary.

#### **2.1.2 *Visual Inspection of the CCR unit***

In accordance with 257.83(b)(ii), a visual inspection of the CCR unit to identify signs of distress or malfunction is required. The Impoundments are inactive and have been closed. Based on the visual inspections, the berms are good condition and no signs of distress or malfunction were observed.

#### **2.1.3 *Visual Inspection of Hydraulic Structures***

In accordance with 257.83(b)(iii), a visual inspection of any hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit or passing through the dike of the CCR unit is required. The hydraulic control structures were inspected visually by facility personnel on a weekly basis and subject to frequent inspection by a licensed Professional Engineer. Throughout the process of closure by removal, the hydraulic control structures have remained intact, structurally sound, and unused. Discharge from the Hudson facility impoundments would require a significant volume of water and positive action from facility personnel to initiate discharge.



### **3. Annual Inspection Report**

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The following items are required to be inspected and included in the inspection report as stated in 40 CFR 257.83(2).

#### **3.1 Changes in Geometry**

No changes in geometry were noted. The Impoundments have undergone closure by removal.

#### **3.2 Location and Type of Instrumentation**

Historically, there was no instrumentation used to evaluate the status and condition of the berms associated with facility CCR impoundments. Due to the closure of the Impoundments, no new instrumentation is required for monitoring.

#### **3.3 Depths and Elevations**

Evaluation of the minimum, maximum and present depth and elevation of the impounded water is required as part of the inspection report. The CCR has been fully removed and therefore this portion of the annual inspection is not applicable.

#### **3.4 Storage Capacity**

The Impoundments have undergone closure and therefore have no storage capacity available for CCR.

#### **3.5 Volumes**

The CCR has been fully removed and therefore this portion of the annual inspection is not applicable.

#### **3.6 Structural Weakness**

The Impoundments have undergone closure. The berms surrounding the Impoundments remain unchanged. There were no observed structural weaknesses in the Impoundments.

#### **3.7 Other Noted Changes**

As discussed throughout, the Impoundments are closed. Many of the inspection items required by 40 CFR 257.83(2) and discussed above are not applicable as the CCR has been removed.

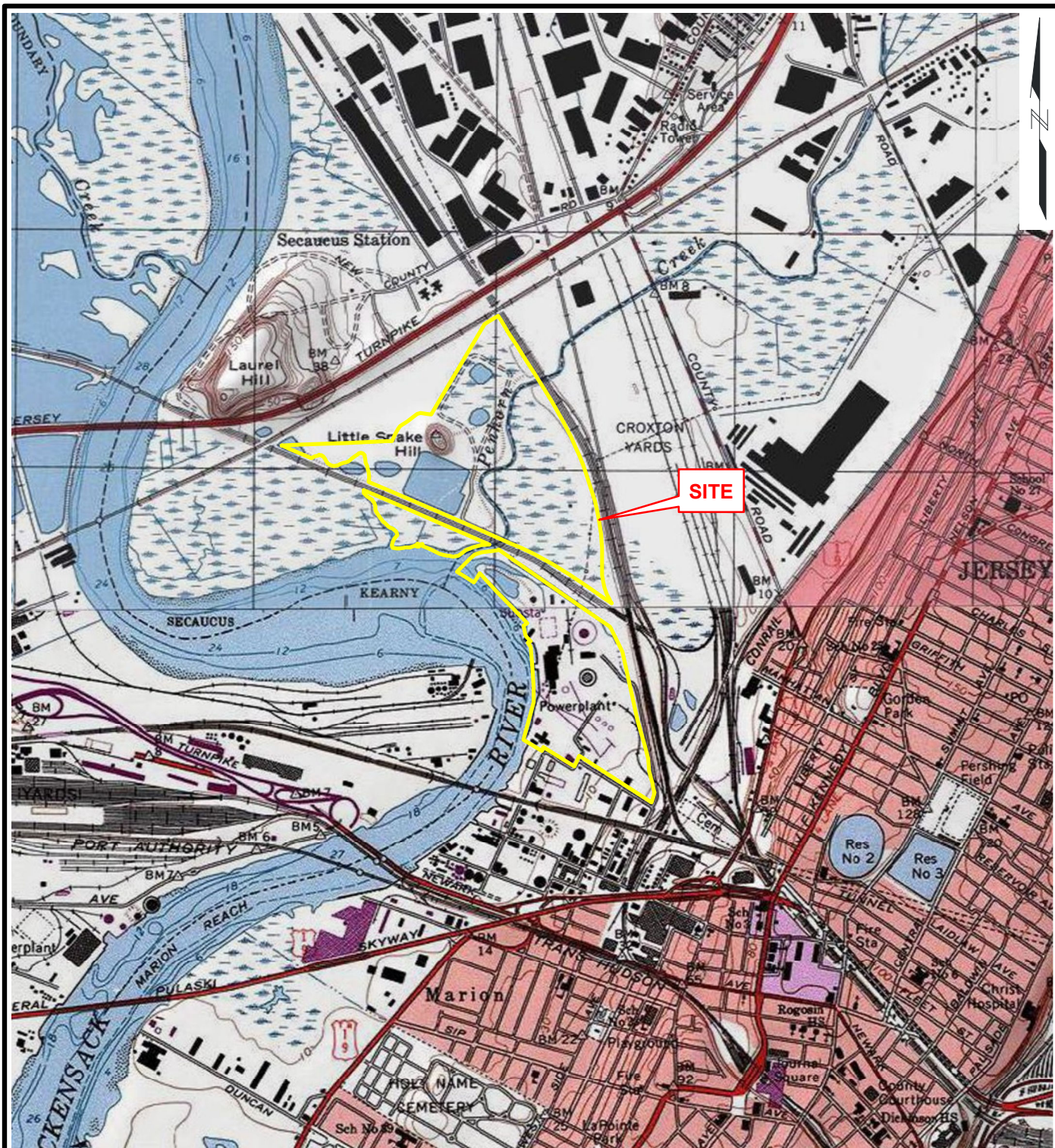
### **3.8 Deficiency Identified**

No deficiencies were observed as part of the annual inspection activities for the Impoundments.

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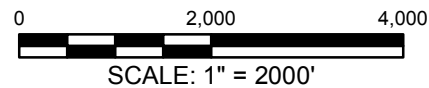
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SITE LOCATION MAP

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SITE PLAN

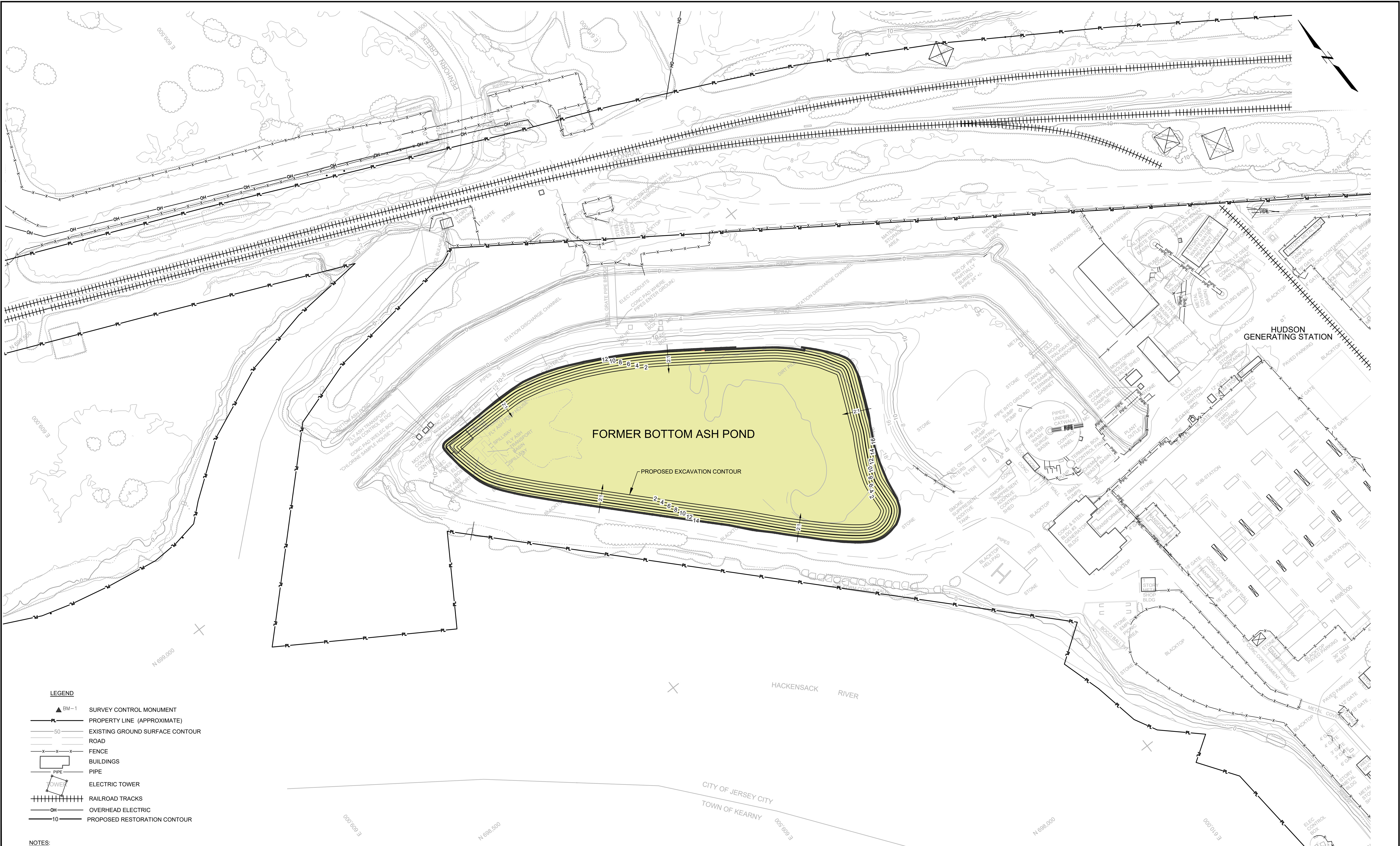
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#### **2.1.1 *Review of Available Information***

In accordance with 257.83(b)(i), a review of available information regarding the status and condition of the CCR unit is required. There were no available design documents or impoundment testing data to perform a quantitative analysis of the berm condition. Based on the visual observations of the impoundments during weekly inspections, a review of historical aerial photographs depicting the impoundment area, the inactive status of the impoundments and the advancement of the closure process to date, quantitative evaluation of each impoundment was not necessary.

#### **2.1.2 *Visual Inspection of the CCR unit***

In accordance with 257.83(b)(ii), a visual inspection of the CCR unit to identify signs of distress or malfunction is required. The Impoundments are inactive and in the process of closure. Based on the visual inspections, the berms are good condition and no signs of distress or malfunction were observed.

#### **2.1.3 *Visual Inspection of Hydraulic Structures***

In accordance with 257.83(b)(iii), a visual inspection of any hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit or passing through the dike of the CCR unit is required. The hydraulic control structures were inspected visually by facility personnel on a weekly basis and subject to frequent inspection by a licensed Professional Engineer. Throughout the process of closure by removal, the hydraulic control structures have remained intact, structurally sound, and unused. Discharge from the Hudson facility impoundments requires significant volumes of water to accumulate in the impoundments and positive action from facility personnel to initiate discharge.

### 3. Annual Inspection Report

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The following items are required to be inspected and included in the inspection report as stated in 40 CFR 257.83(2).

#### 3.1 Changes in Geometry

No changes in geometry were noted. The Impoundments are undergoing closure by removal and excavation activities are on-going. Throughout CCR closure, the berms surrounding the Impoundments continue to be effective at preventing discharges of accumulated storm water and CCR.

#### 3.2 Location and Type of Instrumentation

Historically, there was no instrumentation used to evaluate the status and condition of the berms associated with facility CCR impoundments. Due to the in-progress closure of the Impoundments, no new instrumentation is required for monitoring.

#### 3.3 Depths and Elevations

Evaluation of the minimum, maximum and current depth and elevation of the impounded water is required as part of the inspection report. The water is currently being managed as part of closure activities. No more than one to two feet of water is present at any given time. Water levels are maintained at over 25 feet below the top of berm elevation in the Bottom Ash Pond and approximately 13 feet below the top of berm elevation in the North and South Fly Ash Ponds.

Due to progress of CCR closure, the amount of CCR present in the impoundments is variable. Below is a table with the berm height and area, with the maximum volume for potential CCR. Although, as discussed, the ponds are inactive and undergoing closure and the CCR is being managed as part of that process.

Impoundment	CCR Impound Information		
	Berm Height (ft. above sea level)	Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Volume (cu. yd.)
North/South Ash Ponds	16	384,500	142,400
Bottom Ash	14	102,100	90,755

ft. – feet

sq. ft. – square feet

cu. yd. – cubic yard

### **3.4 Storage Capacity**

The Impoundments are inactive and undergoing closure. CCR removal is approximately 90% complete. Though the collective storage capacity in the Hudson Generating Station impoundments is 233,155 cubic yards, 0 cubic yards are maintained for CCR storage.

### **3.5 Volumes**

As discussed above, the potential collective storage capacity in the Hudson Generating station impoundments is 233,155 cubic yards with 0 cubic yards being maintained for CCR storage.

### **3.6 Structural Weakness**

The Impoundments are undergoing closure. The berms surrounding the Impoundments, including the top-of-berm invert elevation and the overall CCR footprint, remain unchanged. There were no observed structural weaknesses in the Impoundments.

### **3.7 Other Noted Changes**

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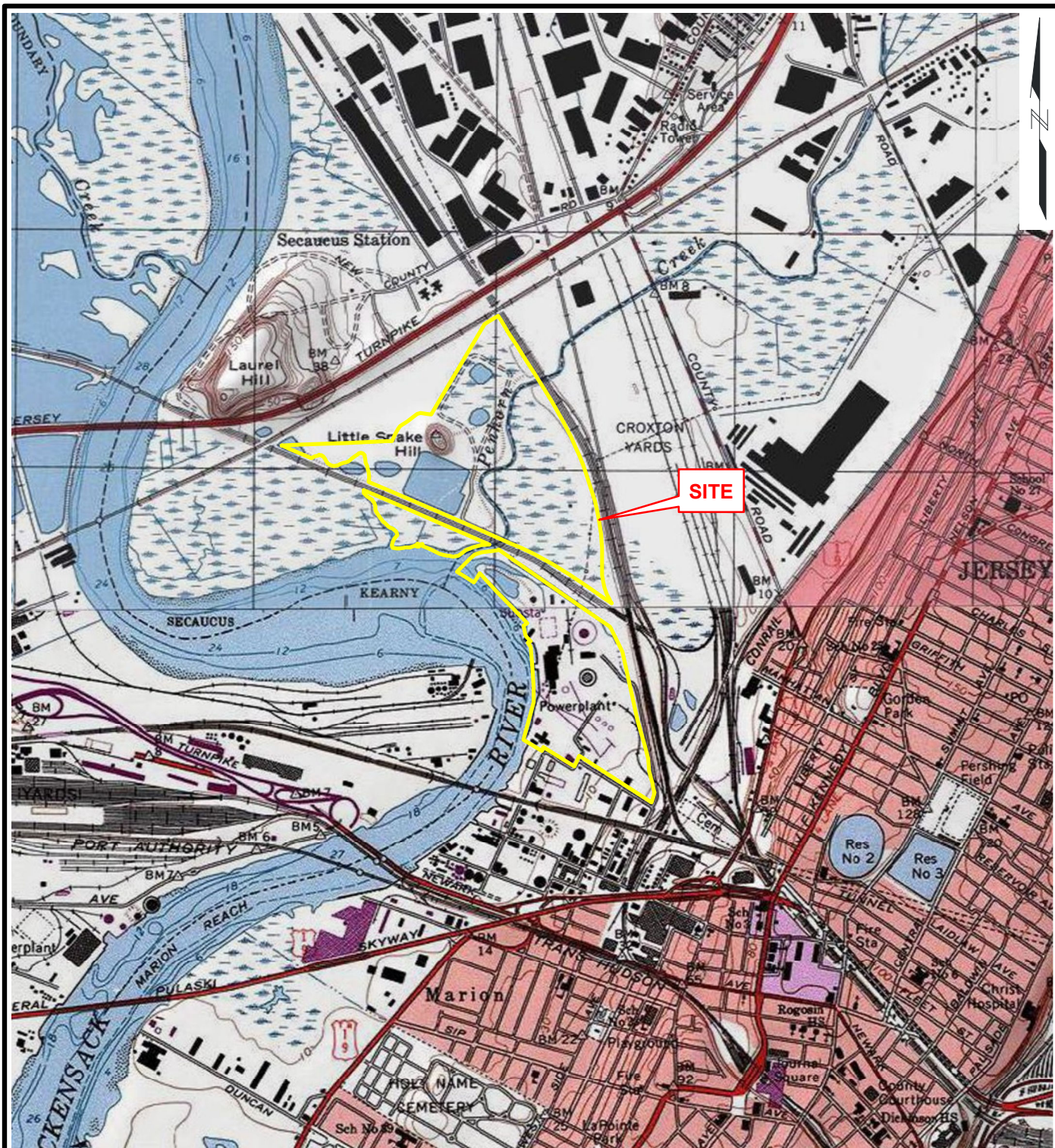
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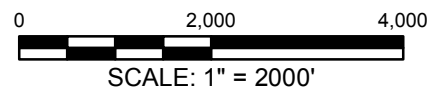
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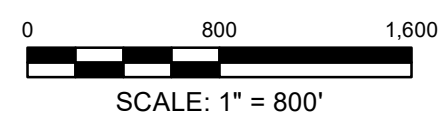
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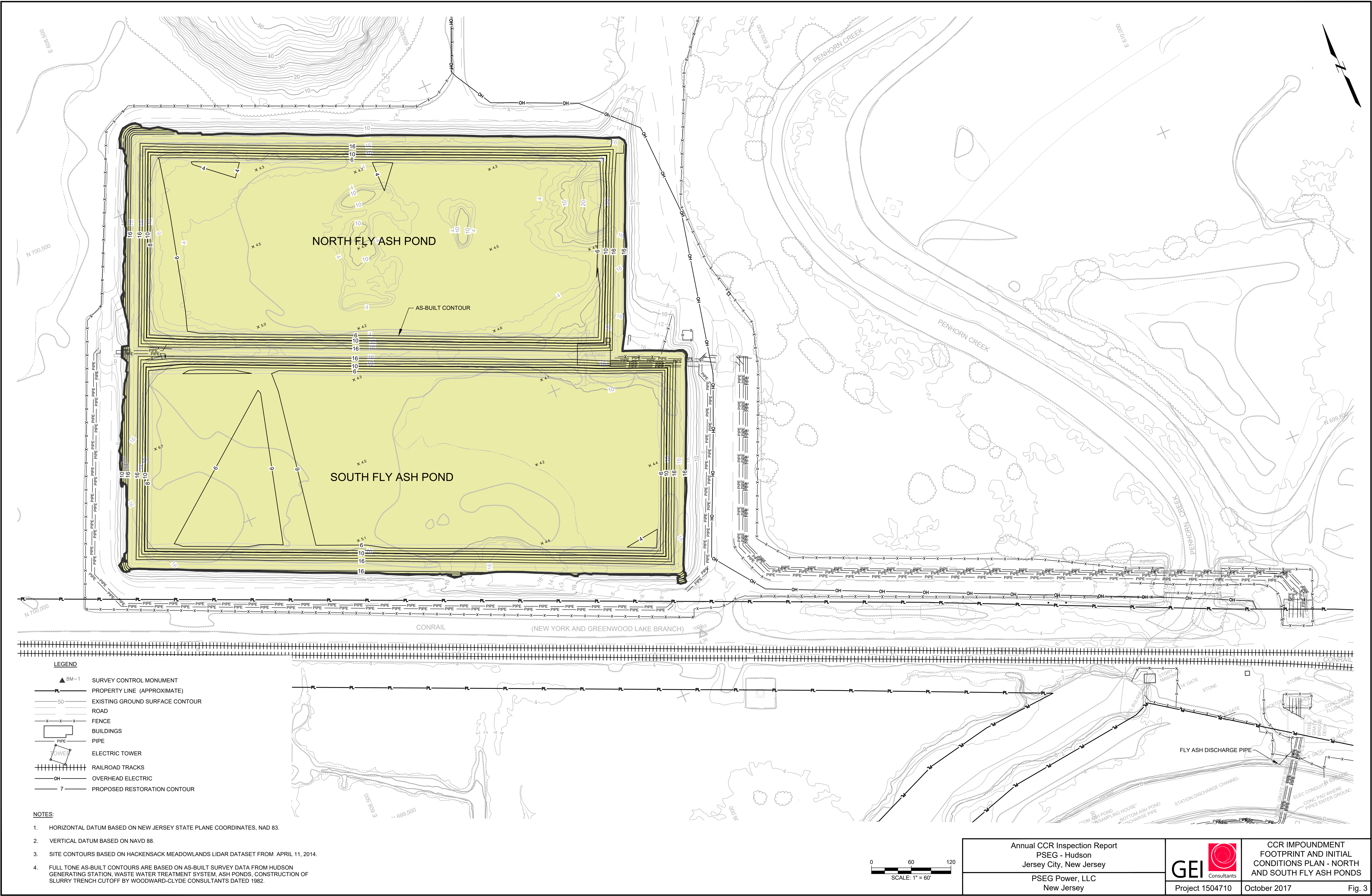
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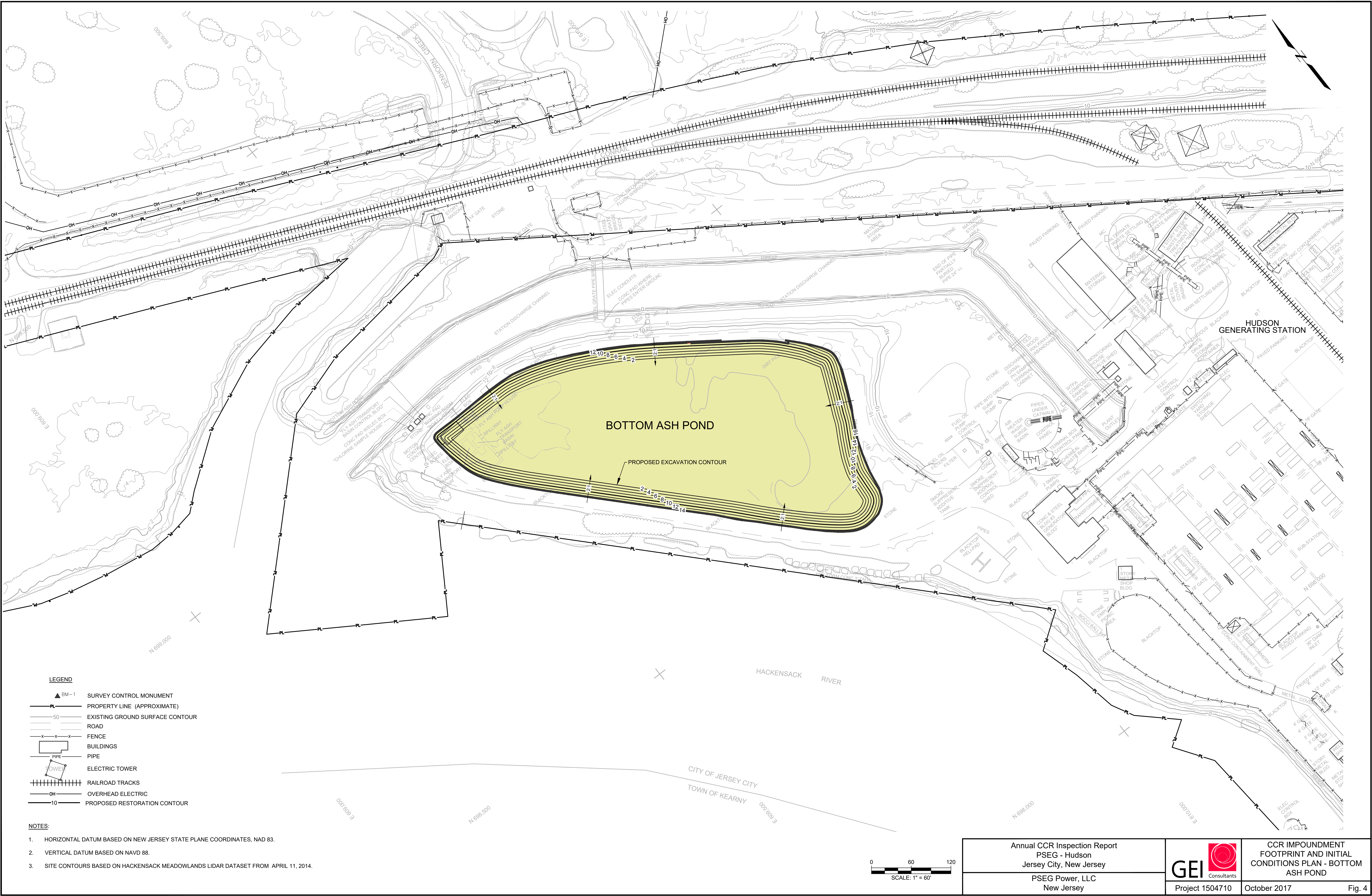


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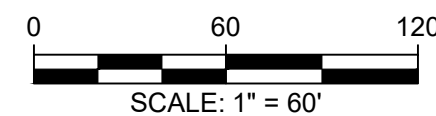


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