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RAHALL SAYS PROJECT SLATED FOR BIG SANDY RIVER

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) said today that he has been informed that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has proposed a plan to protect the banks of the Big Sandy River.

Rahall said the protection project will be located along the river near Neal, West Virginia, at the Kenova Water Works Plant.

"The proposed project will provide emergency streambank protection at the Kenova Water Works Plant," Rahall said. "It will also help preserve the banks of the river from further erosion and deterioration."

The project is authorized by the Clean Water Act and a final decision to proceed will not be made by the Corps of Engineers until approved by the state Department of Natural Resources.



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Huntington District

# Public Notice

In reply refer to:

**Public Notice No. 87-106**

Application No.:

N/A

Address comments to:

Issuance Date:

September 4, 1987

Expiration Date:

September 24, 1987

US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District  
502 Eighth Street  
ATTN: ORHOR-F  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Huntington District, Corps of Engineers, pursuant to Section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946, as amended; Section 313 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1323, 86 STAT 16); and Section 404 of the same Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), proposes to construct a bank protection project.

LOCATION: The bank protection project will be located along the right descending bank of the Big Sandy River near Neal, West Virginia, at the Kenova Water Plant Works, about 5.25 miles above the mouth of the river.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The proposed project will provide emergency streambank protection measures at the Kenova Water Works Plant. The project will protect the riverbank at the existing two 8-inch diameter water lines. The work will consist of site preparation, the placement of granular fill, fabric filter and graded stone. The riverbank will be graded to a slope of 1.75 horizontal to 1 vertical from below normal pool elevation 515.0' m.s.l. to the top of the bank. The excavated material will be disposed of at an approved landfill. A 6-inch layer of granular fill will be placed on the bank to the required slope. A fabric filter will be placed over the granular fill, then another 6-inch thick layer of granular fill will be placed over the fabric. Well graded stone with a top size of 12 inches and a minimum thickness of 24 inches will be placed over the granular fill. The stone will extend from the top of the bank to below normal pool elevation. The protection will begin at an existing steel sheet pile wall on the upstream end to a point approximately 120 feet downstream.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register that would be affected by the proposed project. Further, preliminary investigations have not revealed any additional cultural resource within the project area that may be eligible for the Register. No further investigation of cultural resources will be made by this office unless we are



notified of specific information to the contrary. Comments concerning archeological sensitivity of a project area should be based upon collected data.

The information available in this office indicates that the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any known critical habitat of a threatened or endangered species as identified under the Endangered Species Act.

Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the proposed activity may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within 20 days of the date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by the activity.

Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. A decision as to the manner in which the proposed project will be executed will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect national concern for both protection and use of important resources. Any benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposed work must be balanced against any reasonable foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the need and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the project on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before will become a part of this record and will be considered in the final determination. The project will not be constructed unless its construction is found to be in the public interest.

A decision to proceed with this project will not be made until the State of West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues, denies, or waives certification required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. This Public Notice serves as an application to the DNR for certification.



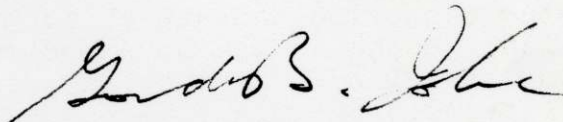
The DNR considers whether or not the proposed activity will comply with Section 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act and other appropriate state laws. Any person wishing to comment, provide information, and/or request a public hearing concerning the certification of this project should write:

Chief, Environmental Analysis Section  
West Virginia Department of Natural Resources  
1800 Washington Street, East, Room 825  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Public Notice No. 87-106

All comments and/or requests for public hearings received by the DNR on or before 9/24/87 will be considered. Requests for public hearings will be evaluated under the provisions of DNR Regulation Series XIV, Section 6.

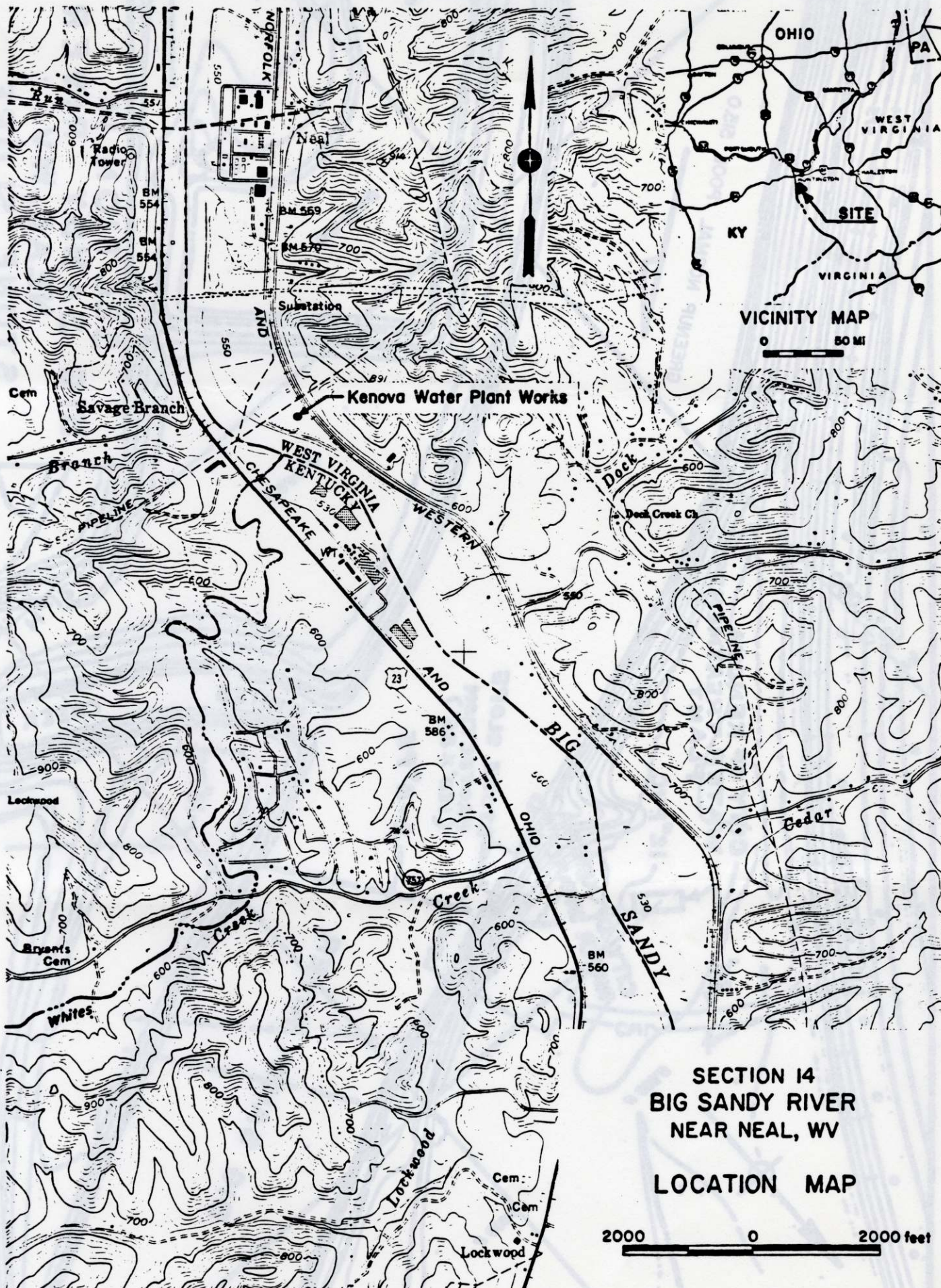
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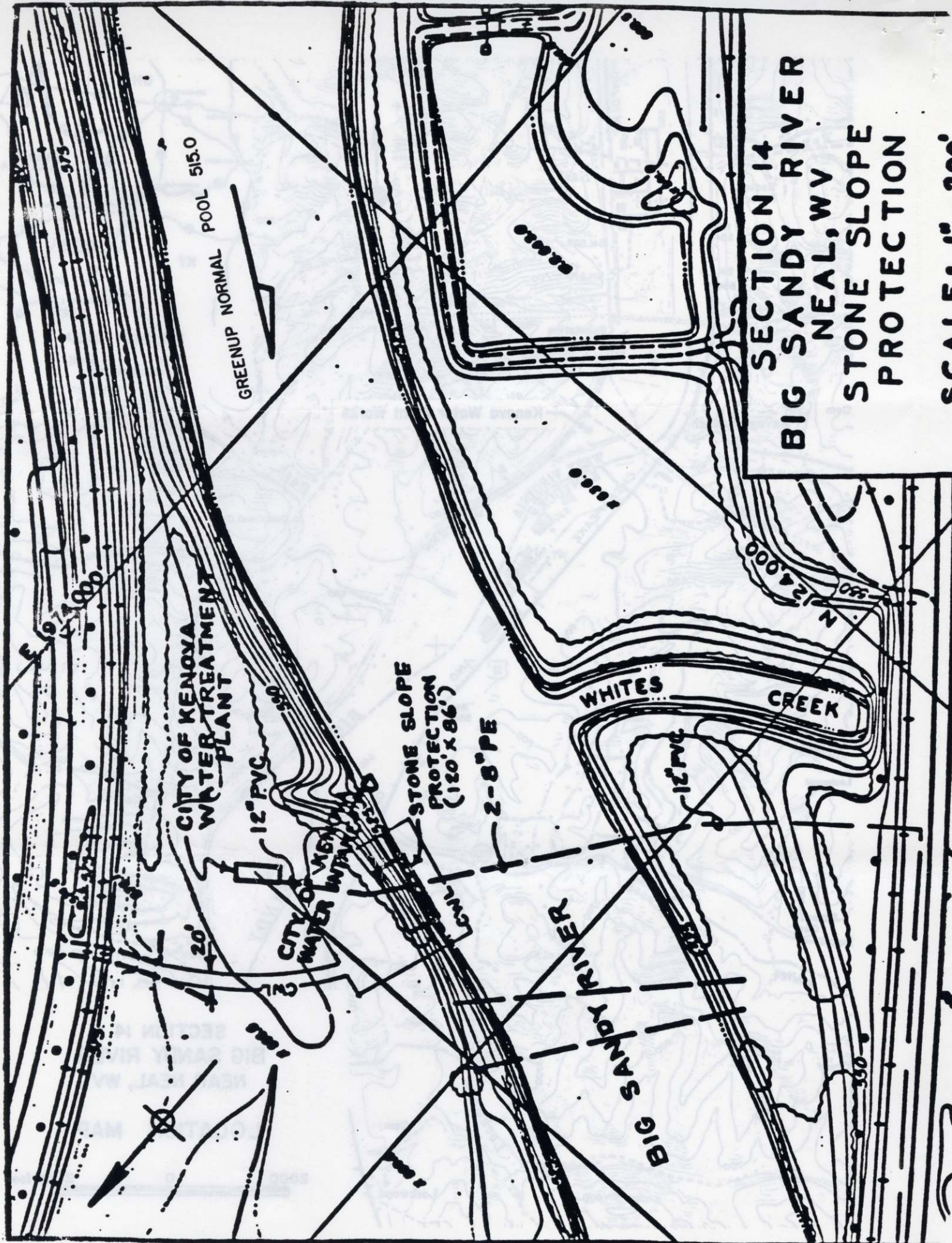
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Acting District Engineer

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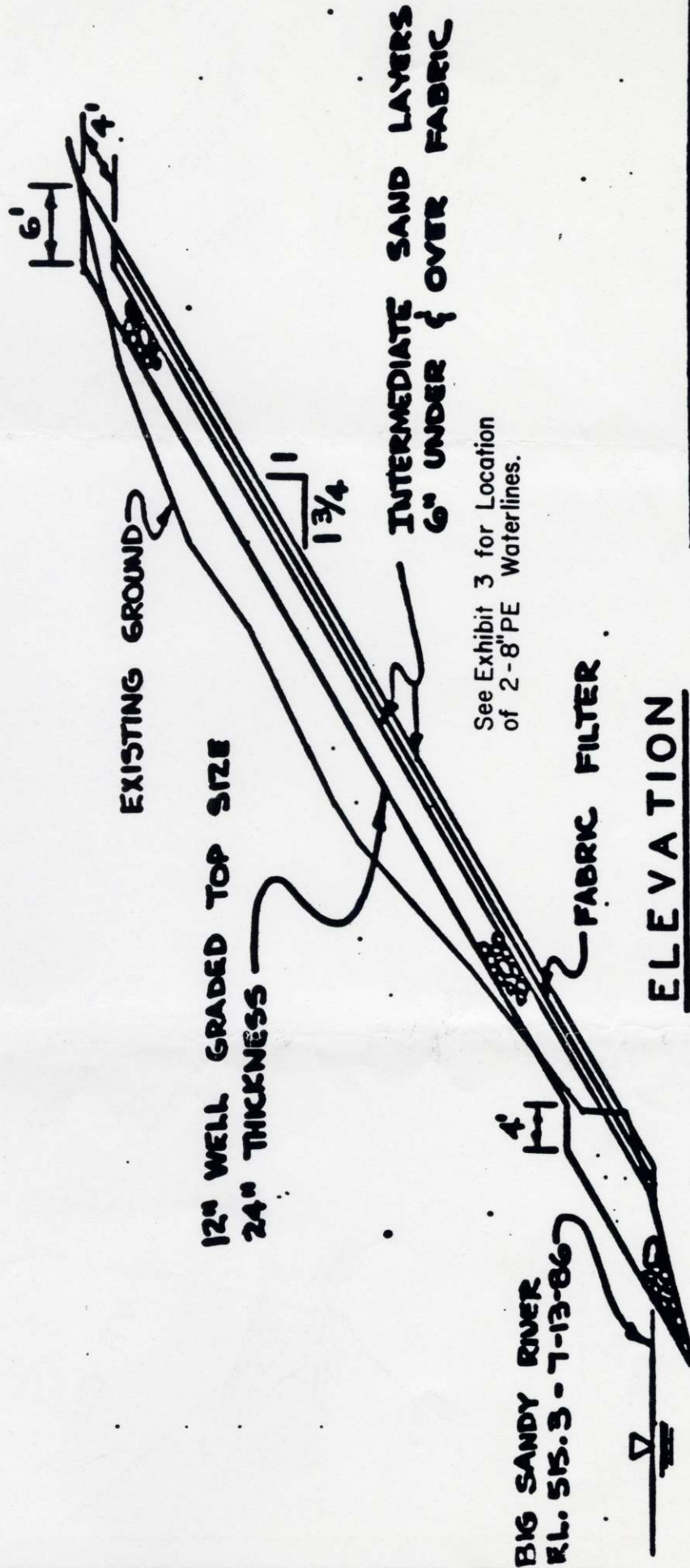


SECTION 14  
BIG SANDY RIVER  
NEAL, WV  
STONE SLOPE  
PROTECTION

SCALE: 1" = 50'



NOTE: END PROTECTION THICKNESS SHOULD BE 48" INCHES OVER A LENGTH OF 72 INCHES. ALL SLOPES 1 3/4 ON 1



SECTION 14  
BIG SANDY RIVER  
NEAL, WV  
STONE SLOPE  
PROTECTION  
SCALE: 1" = 10' - 0"