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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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April 5, 2007



Gary Flack
Nevada Street Department
Box 530, 1209 6th Street
Nevada, IA 50201

SUBJECT: Municipal Tree Burn Site Investigation
NE¼, Sec. 18, T83N, R22W, Nevada, IA
Work Request No. 363

Dear Mr. Flack:

On April 4, 2007, I met you at the City of Nevada trees and tree trimmings burn site northeast of the municipal wastewater treatment plant. You were in the process of burning tree debris from an ice storm a few weeks ago. A disaster was declared as a result of this storm. This site is acceptable for use for disaster cleanup until April 15, 2007.

If you wish to make this a permanent municipal tree burn site (after April 15), you must meet the provisions of Paragraph 567-23.2(3)b of the Iowa Administrative Code. It allows a municipality to operate a burn site for trees and tree trimmings originating from city residences. The site must be fenced and access must be limited, burning may only be done when atmospheric conditions minimize the creation of a nuisance, burning may only be performed when supervised by a city designee, only trees and tree trimmings may be burned, and the site must be at least one-quarter mile from the nearest habitable building (unless waivers are obtained and filed). [I left a copy of this regulation with you during my on-site investigation.]

This site does not comply with all these requirements. There are inhabited buildings within one-quarter mile of the site, so waivers would need to be obtained. The site is not fenced, but this may not be necessary if access can be limited adequately with gates at the two entrance roads.

You may contact me (515-725-0271; bill.gross@dnr.state.ia.us) with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Bill Gross
Environmental Specialist Senior, Field Office #5

c: Brian Hutchins, IDNR Air Quality Bureau

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WORK REQUEST

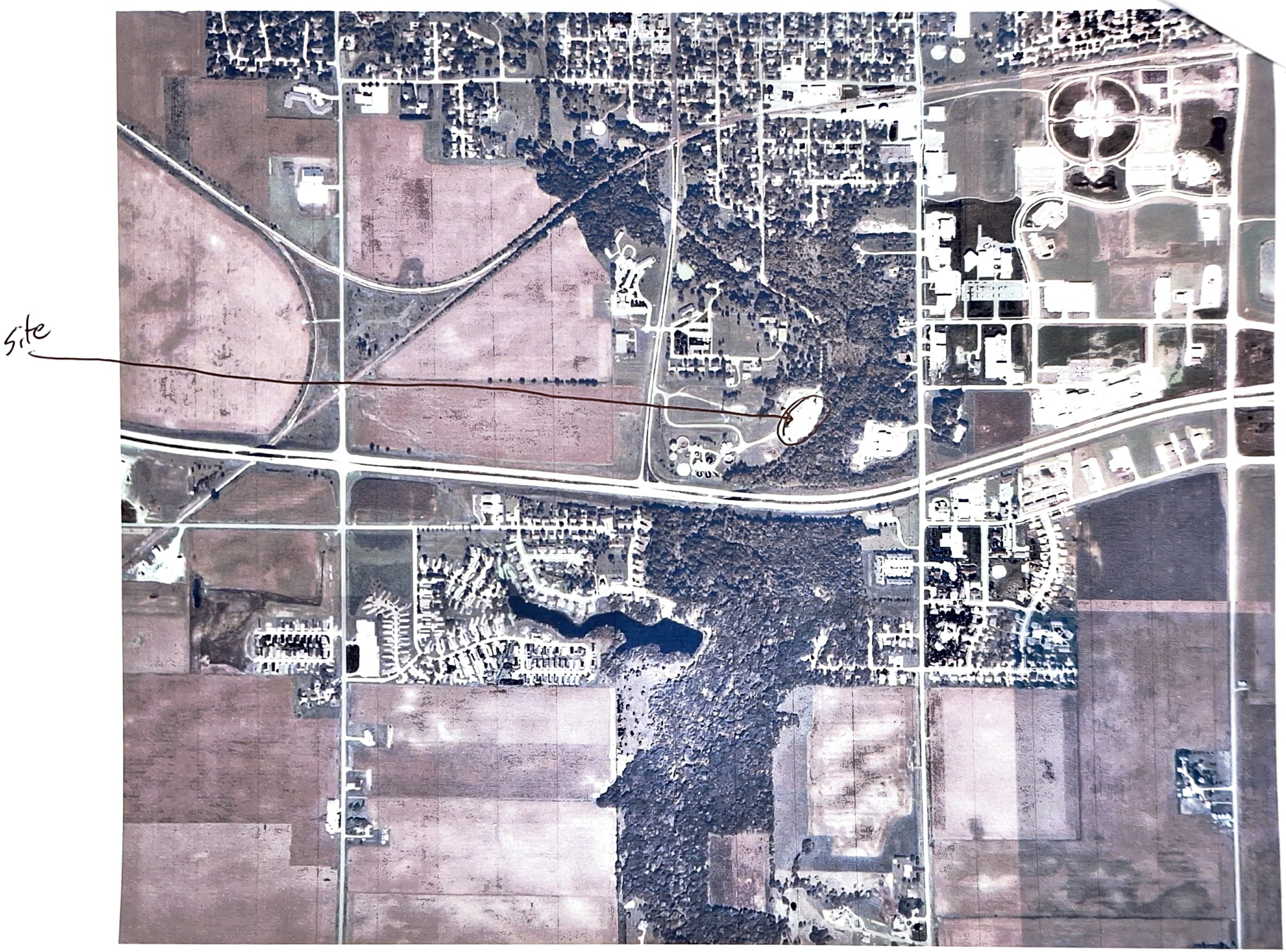
REQUEST TO (field or bureau): Bill Gross, FO5	**CONTROL NUMBER:** 363
REQUESTED BY: Gary Flack - Nevada Street Department 515-382-4813 or 515-382-5466	**WORK APPROVAL:**
DATE WORK IS NEEDED: ASAP	**DATE WORK ASSIGNED:**
ROUTE RESPONSE THROUGH:	**DATE WORK RETURNED:** 4-5-07
FACILITY: city tree burn site	**LOCATION OF TASK OR FACILITY:** NE¼, Sec. 18, T83N, R22W (NE of WWTP), Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF TASK OR FACILITY (attach pertinent documents):
Gary called and said FEMA is asking for DNR approval for the city tree burn site before they will reimburse the city. Nevada has been burning tree debris from the Feb.-Mar. ice storm, but wants to burn the remainder. Gary thinks the site will meet the one-quarter mile separation from inhabited buildings, but the site is not fenced off.

WORK RESULTS:

I met with Gary on-site. They were burning at the time. I told him he could use this site for disaster burning until April 15, 2007. After that separation distance and site access requirement of 567 IAC 23.2(3)b must be met. See attached letter.

WORK COMPLETED BY: Bill Gross	**DATE:** 4-4-07	**REVIEWER:**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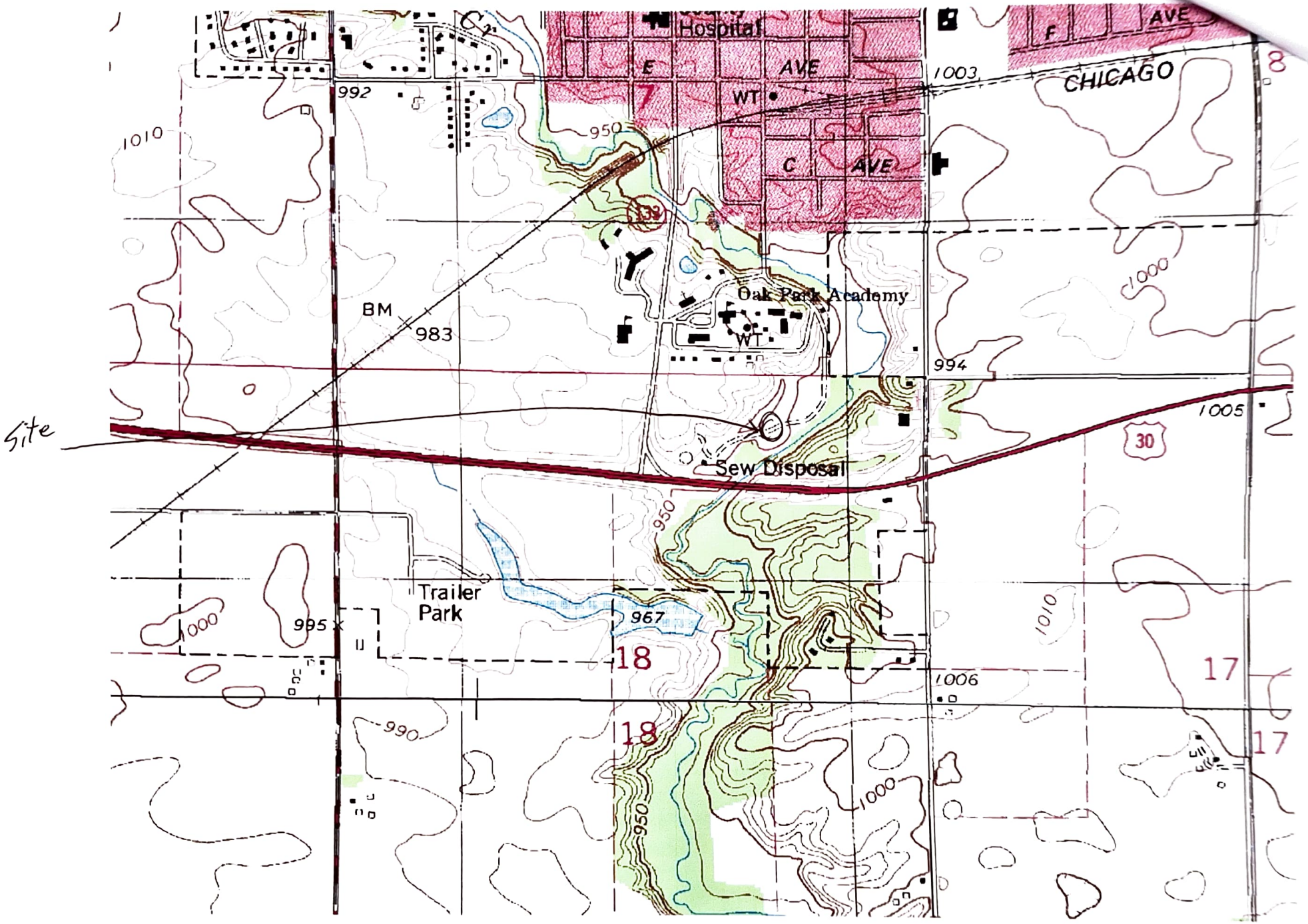
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