



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

CRANE DIVISION
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

5090
Ser 095/7115

25 JUN 1997

Fish and Wildlife Service
Bloomington Field Office (ES)
ATTN: Scott Pruitt
620 South Walker Street
Bloomington, IN 47403-2121

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

On July 17, 1995, Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane) requested that the Fish and Wildlife Service comment on a proposal to clear timber near the Dye Burial Grounds (DBG). NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane intended to remove the trees to allow construction of a multi-layer synthetic cap over the site. The FWS responded with a letter of no affect dated July 31, 1995.

The DBG is located in the east-central portion of the facility at Section 21 of R3W T5N, as shown in enclosure (1). Clearing for cap construction began in 1996, however, the cap has not been completed. Construction is planned for this summer. The area of the cap has expanded, as shown in enclosure (2), and will require additional clearing. Furthermore, in order to obtain cover soils for the project, NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane selected two areas to use for borrow soils. These areas are identified in enclosure (3) and will also need to be cleared.

NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane requests the FWS to review these locations for the potential to impact Federally endangered species. Of principal concern is potential roost sites for the Indiana Bat.

NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane point of contact is Mr. Thomas J. Brent, Code 09510, telephone 812-854-6160.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James M. Hunsicker".

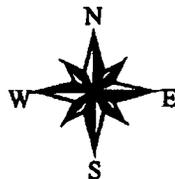
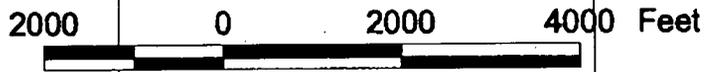
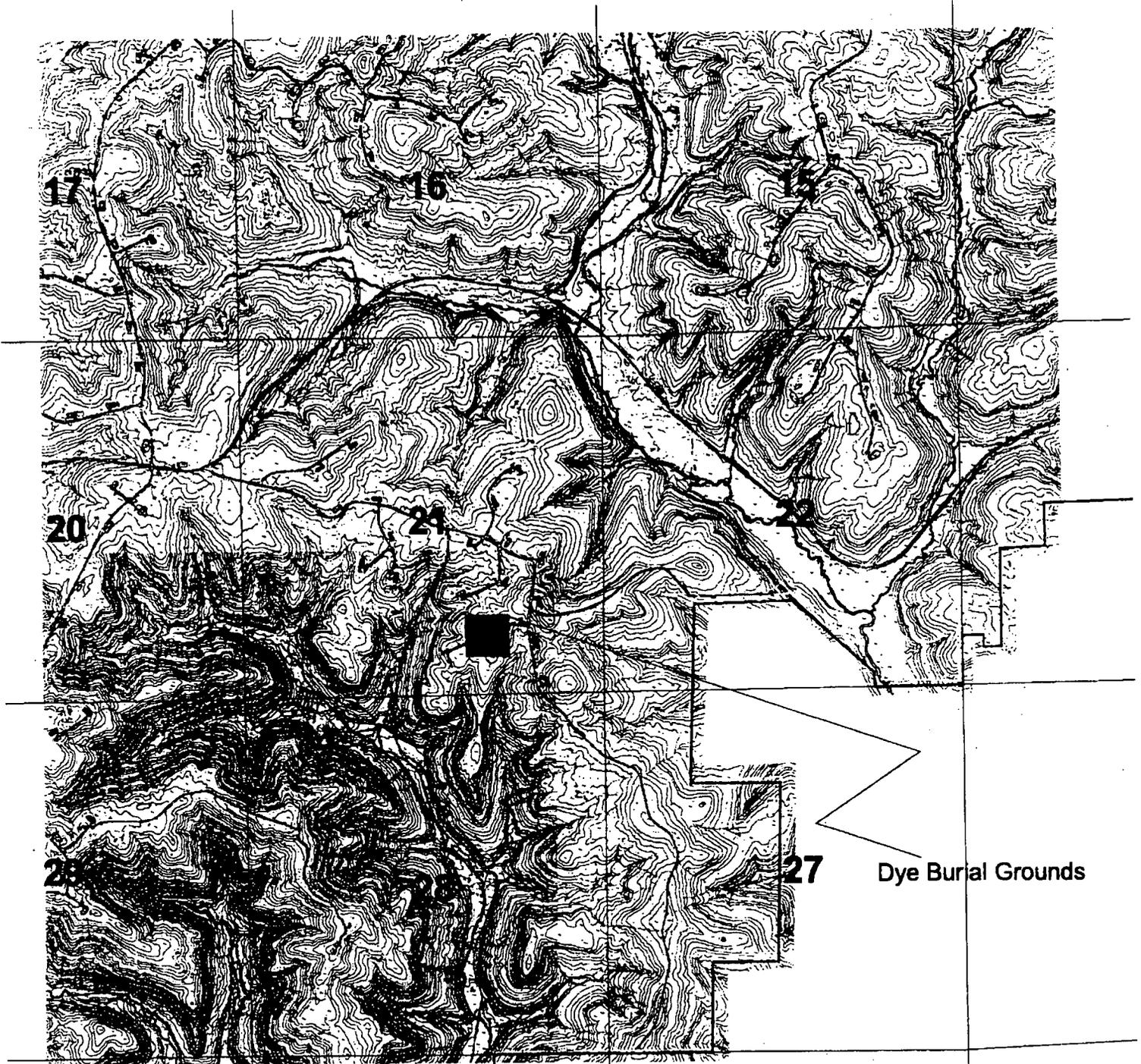
JAMES M. HUNSICKER
Director, Environmental Protection Department
By direction of
the Commander

Encl.:

- (1) Project Location Map
- (2) Limits of Cap Construction
- (3) Borrow Sites

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Project Location

To-Bloomington
Hospital

Bloomington Gate

To Bedford
Medical Center

Rockeye

US Naval Reservation
Weapons Support Center

EST. 1.2 AC OF ADDED CLEARING
DYE BURIAL GROUND
SEE ATTACHED SKETCH Bedford Gate

H-58

EST. 4 AC TO BE CLEARED
PROPOSED BORROW AREA

Dye Burial
Trench

Ammunition
Burning Ground

Blomix
Facility

PROPOSED SOURCE OF TOPSOIL
EST. 0.5 AC ONLY STRIPPING

Enclosure (3)