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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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INDEPENDENCE PORK, LLC
(Property Identification Number
17-11-400-002)

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NOTICE

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
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Dr. Steven Feuerbach
Independence Pork LCC
2400 Bethany Road
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Steve Santarelli
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the
Pollution Control Board an APPEARANCE AND THE RECOMMENDATION of the Illinois
Environmental Protection Agency, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

By: Lisa Moreno
Lisa Moreno
Assistant Counsel
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DATED: January 12, 2004

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APPEARANCE

The undersigned, as one of its attorneys, hereby enters an APPEARANCE on behalf of
Respondent, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") hereby files its Recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to pursuant to Section 125.204 of the regulations of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.

1. On December 30, 2002 the Illinois EPA received a request from Independence Pork, LLC (log number TC 32-02, Exhibit A) for a recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities, pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.
2. The applicant's address is: Dr. Steven Feuerbach
Independence Pork LLC
2400 Bethany Road
Sycamore Illinois 60178
3. The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located in Section 11, T37N, Range 4E of the 3rd Principal Meridian, DeKalb County at 4091 Maplewood Road, Waterman Illinois 60556, and consist of the following livestock waste management facilities:

One concrete manure pit (71 ft. x 324 ft. x 2 ft. deep) with 1 manure drain pull plug and the slotted wire portion of the floor located over the manure pit in one swine confinement building (71 ft. x 344 ft.).

One concrete manure pit (76 ft. x 568 ft. x 8 ft. deep) with 12 manure pump-out boxes (each 5 ft. x 6 ft. x 8 ft. deep) and the slotted concrete portion of the floor located over the manure pit in one swine confinement building (76 ft. x 568 ft.).

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Approximately 50 feet of 8-inch diameter PVC manure transfer pipe.

These livestock waste management facilities, which are used to collect, transport and/or store livestock wastes prior to cropland application, are further described in Exhibit A.

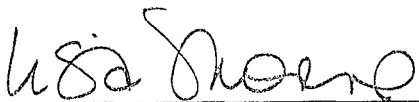
4. Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10, defines "pollution control facilities" as:

"any system, method, construction, device or appliance appurtenant thereto or any portion of any building or equipment, that is designed, constructed, installed or operated for the primary purpose of: (a) eliminating, preventing, or reducing air or water pollution ...or (b) treating, pretreating, modifying or disposing of any potential solid, liquid or gaseous pollutant which if released without treatment, pretreatment modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property."

5. Pollution control facilities are entitled to preferential tax treatment, 35 ILCS 200/11-5.
6. Based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facilities, it is the Illinois EPA's engineering judgment that the described facilities may be considered "pollution control facilities," pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200, and are eligible for tax certification from the Board.

WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board grant the requested tax certification.

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 AIR ☐ WATER ☒
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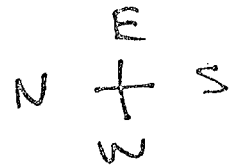
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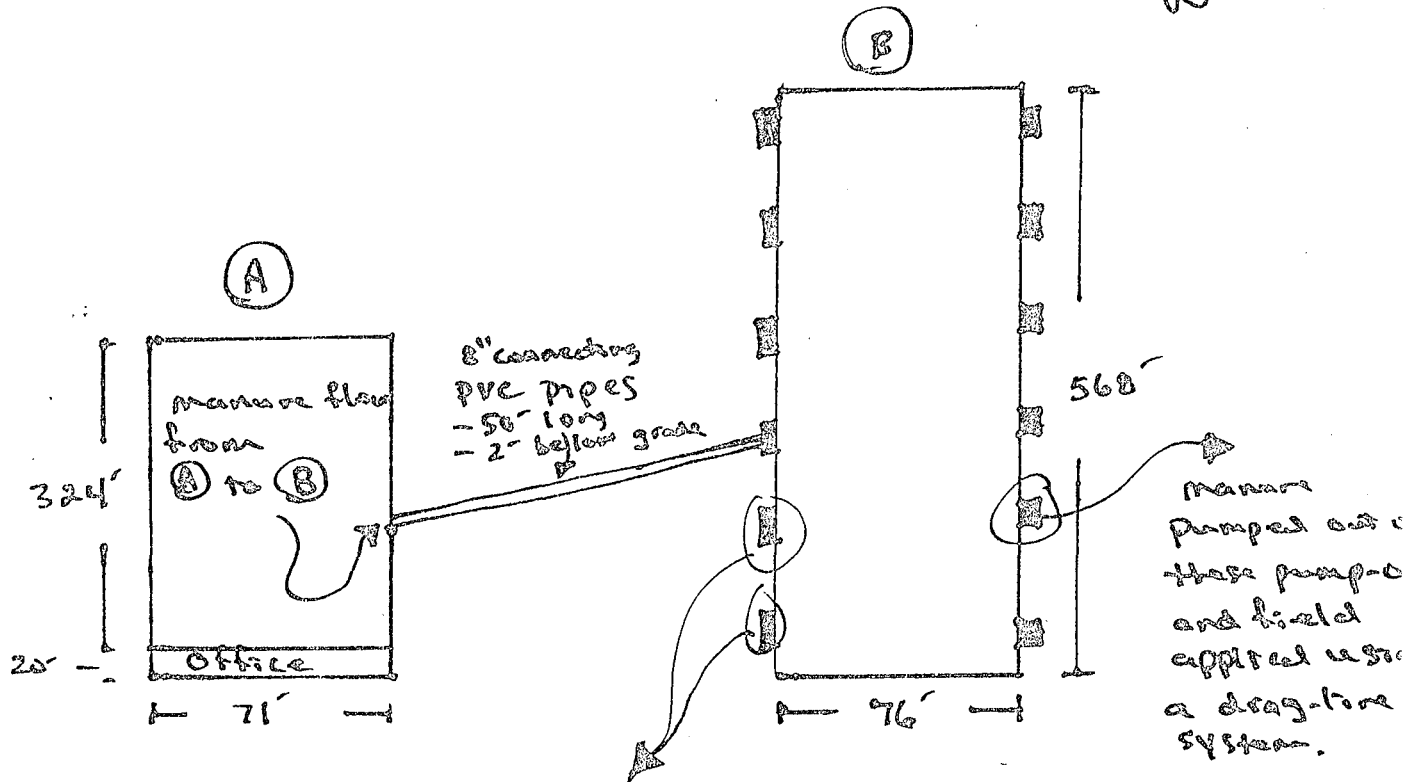
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Sec. A	Company Name Independence Pork, LLC		
APPLICANT	Person Authorized to Receive Certification Dr. Steve Feuerbach		Person to Contact for Additional Details Dr. Steve Feuerbach
	Street Address 2400 Bethany Rd.		Street Address 2400 Bethany Rd.
	Municipality, State & Zip Code Sycamore, IL, 60178		Municipality, State & Zip Code Sycamore IL, 60178
	Telephone Number 1-815-756-3279		Telephone Number 1-815-756-3279
	Location of Facility Quarter Section SE	Township 37-North	Range 4-East
	Municipality Waterman, IL.		Township Victor
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Sec. C	Describe Unit Process —		
MANUFACTURING PROCESS	Materials Used in Process —		
	RECEIVED JAN 13 2000 Watershed Management Section BUREAU OF WATER		
Sec. D	Describe Pollution Abatement Control Facility Please consider this application for 745 manure structures (including pit, slatted floors, pumpouts, connecting PVC pipes between buildings etc...). *See attached sheets* These manure handling structures are vital to reducing potential waste pollution contaminants into the local water sources.		
POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY DESCRIPTION			

POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY - CONTAMINANTS ACCOUNTING DATA	Sec. E	(1) Nature of Contaminants or Pollutants		
			Material Retained, Captured or Recovered	
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		Plans and Specifications Attached		Yes ☒ No ☐
		(3)	Are contaminants (or residues) collected by the control facility?	
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		e. PERCENTAGE CONTROL FACILITY BEARS TO WHOLE FACILITY VALUE: % <u>35</u>		
SIGNATURE	Sec. F	The following information is submitted in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, and to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct. The facilities claimed herein are "pollution control facilities" as defined in Section 11-10 of the Illinois Property Tax Code.		
		<u>Dr. Steve Feverbaum</u> Signature <u>CFO/Secretary of Independence Park, LLC</u> Title		
INSTRUCTIONS	Sec. G	INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILING AND FILING APPLICATION		
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		Submit to:	Attention:	Attention:
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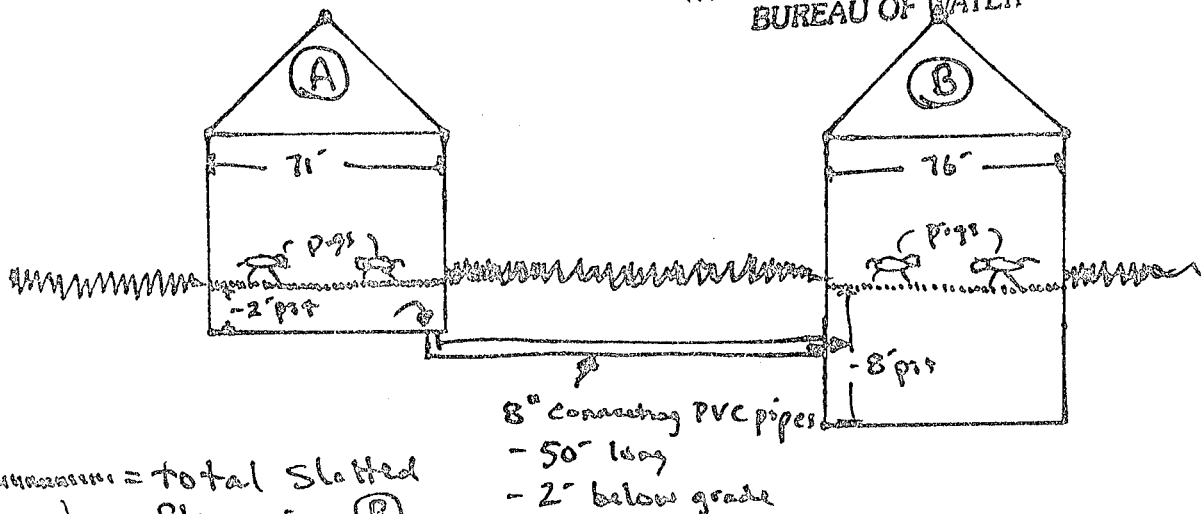
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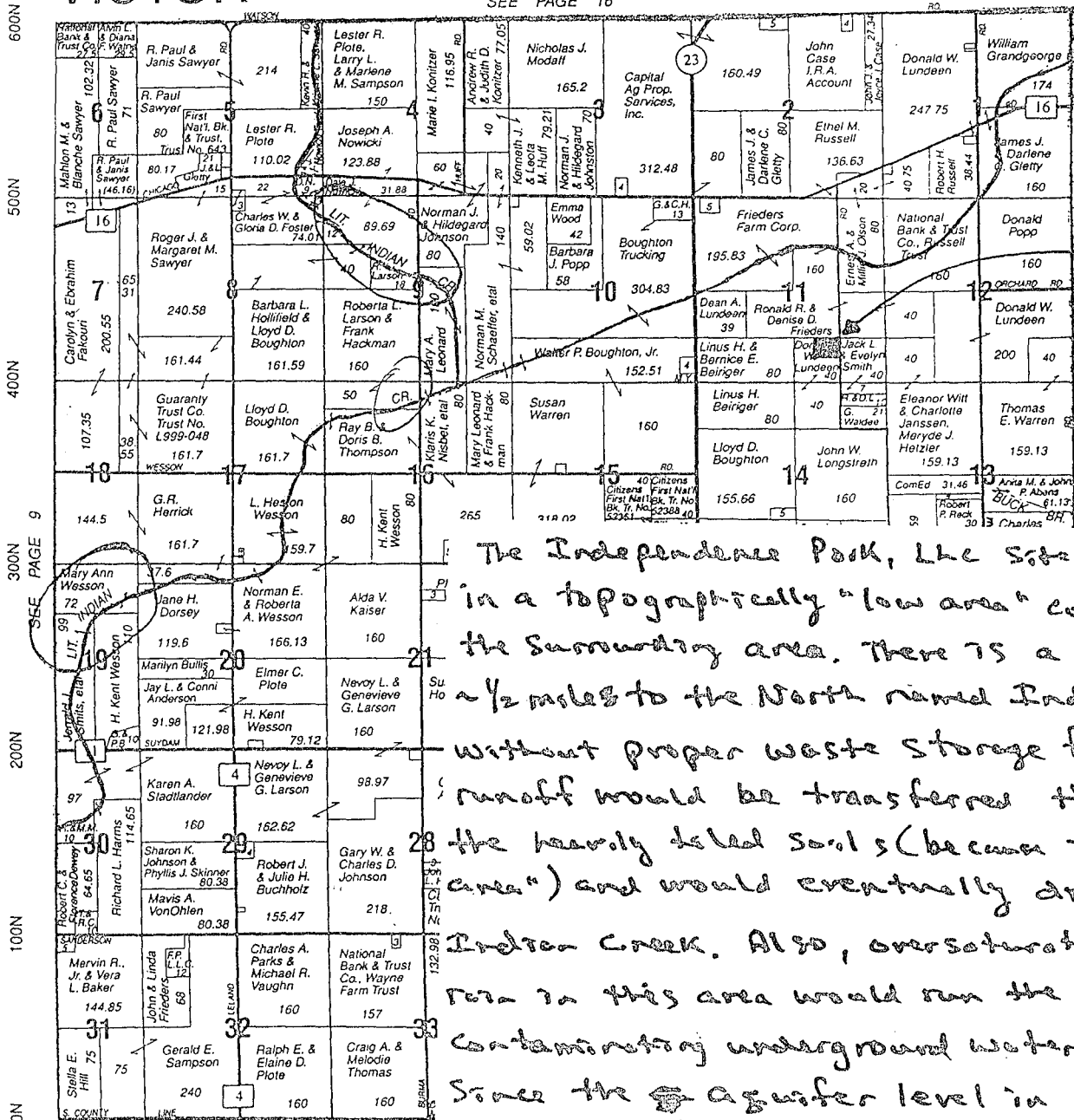
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The Independence Park, LLC Site is located in a topographically "low area" compared to the surrounding area. There is a creek $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the North named Indian Creek without proper waste storage facilities, runoff would be transferred through the heavily tilled soils (because in a "low area") and would eventually drain into Indian Creek. Also, oversaturation of rain in this area would run the risk of contaminating underground water supplies. Since the $\frac{1}{2}$ aquifer level in this area is not very far below ground level and water does not naturally "flow" out of this area but tends to just soak into the ground. Rain-filled or silt-filled holes would potentially allow waste runoff to contaminate underground water sources if not for the pollution reducing structures at Independence Park, LLC.

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Pollution Control facilities form info.

If any questions, please call me (H. H. on form).

I will also send in the mail the

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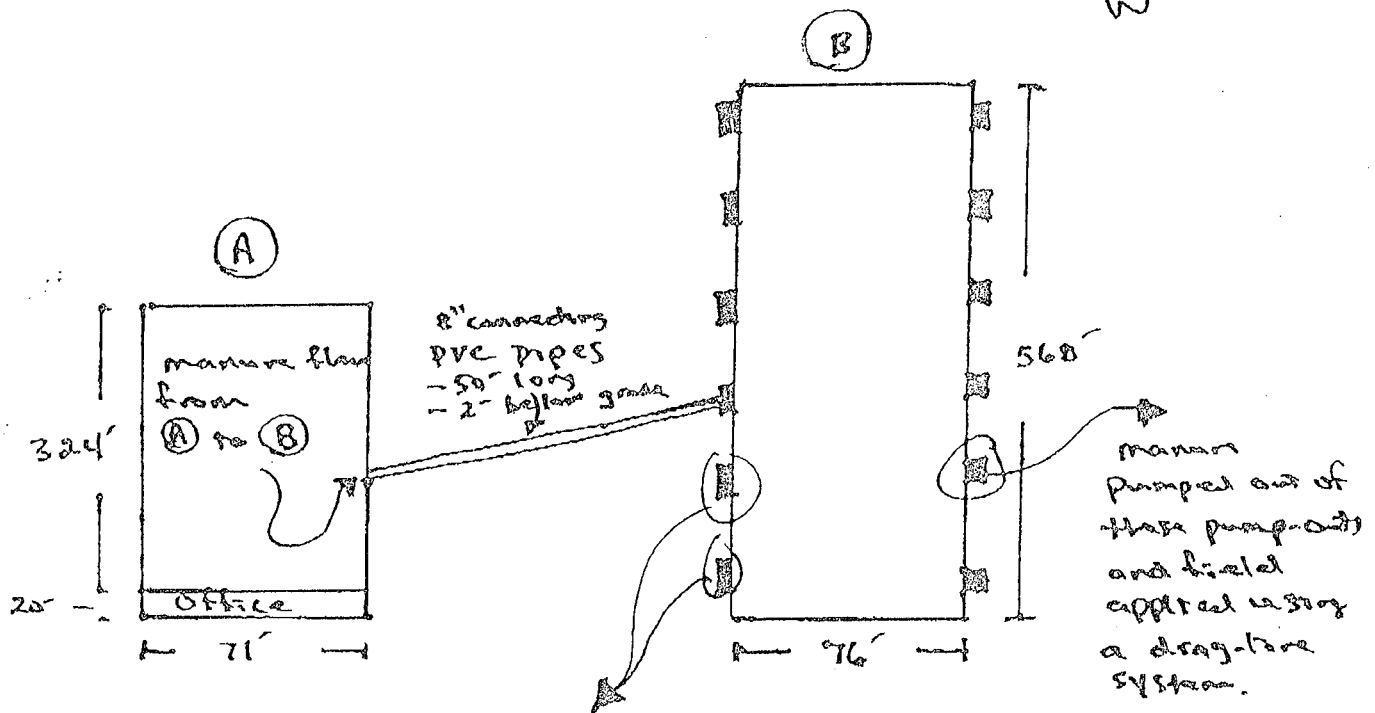
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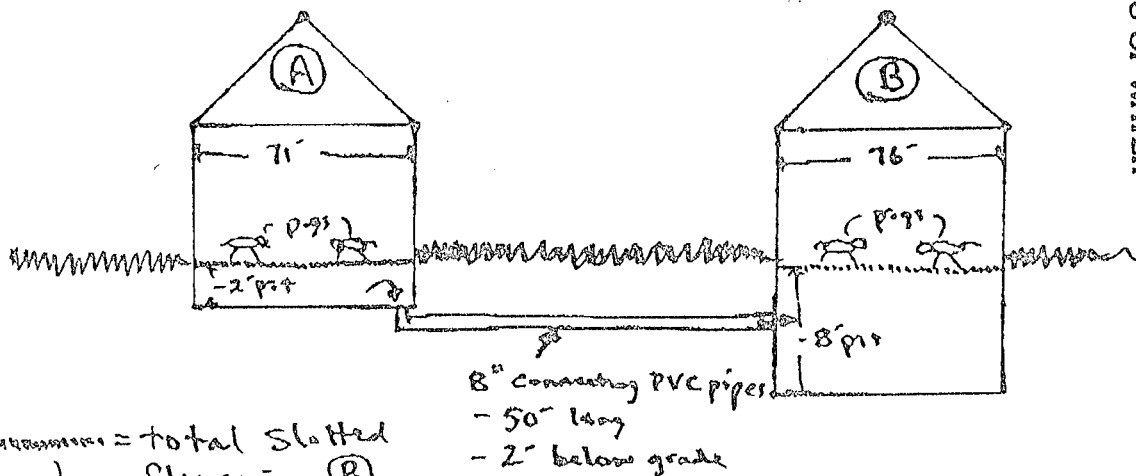
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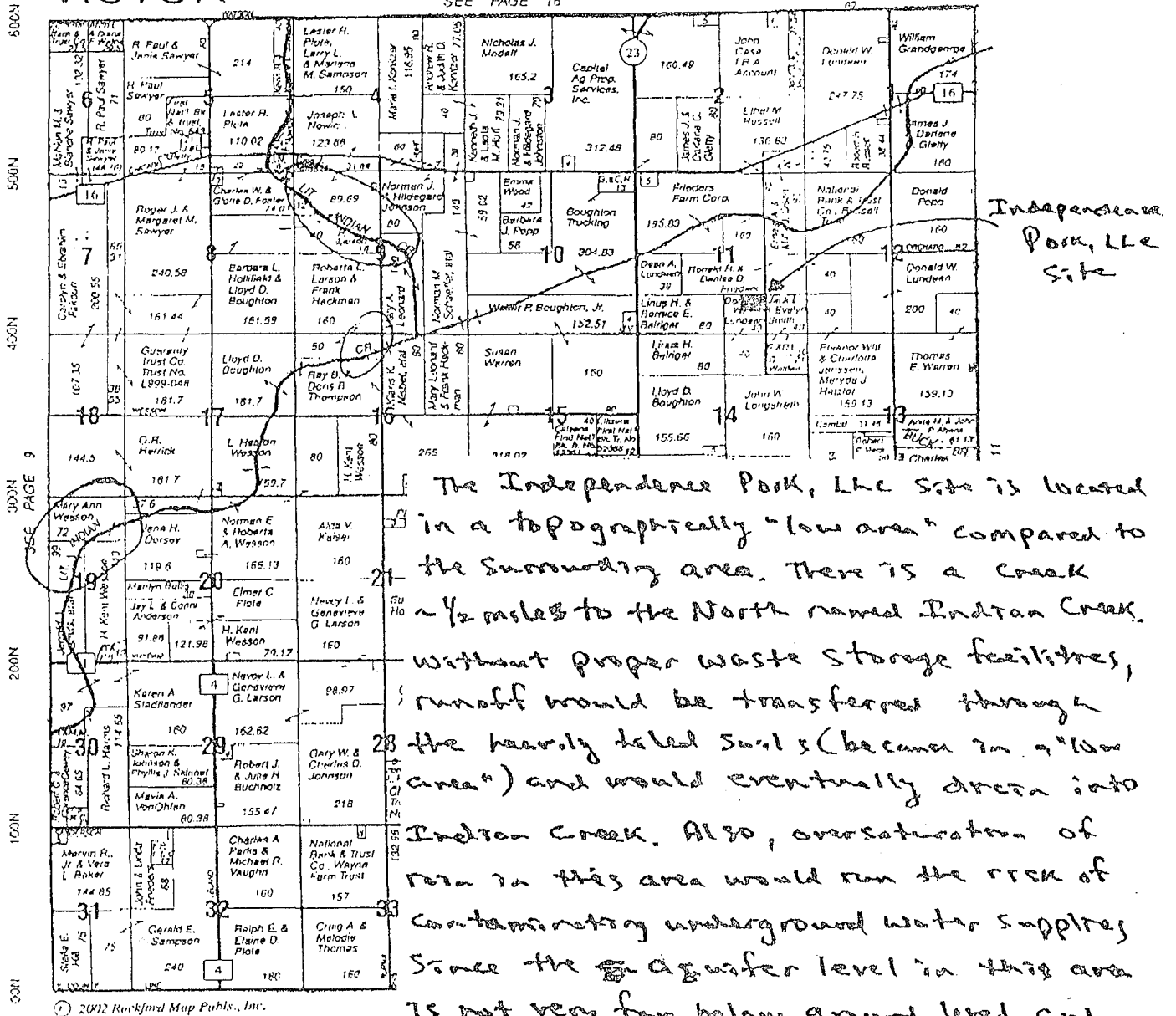
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I, the undersigned, on oath state that I have served the attached **APPEARANCE AND THE RECOMMENDATION**, upon the person to whom it is directed, by placing a copy in an envelope addressed to:

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and mailing it from Springfield, Illinois on January __, 2004 with sufficient postage affixed for first class mail.

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