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Mr. James Bearzi
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO A BOREHOLE LOCATION AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 21- 014 RE: “APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN FOR MATERIAL DISPOSAL AREA A AT TECHNICAL AREA 21 (TA-21), EPA ID #NM0890010505, HWB-LANL-05-002”

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

In accordance with discussions with Darlene Goering and John Young on April 26, 2006, this letter requests a change to a borehole location at Solid Waste Management Unit 21-014, Material Disposal Area A, from that identified in the investigation work plan approved with modifications by the New Mexico Environment Department on July 26, 2005. The change (see attached Draft Figure 1) is requested based on further assessment of existing site conditions in conjunction with the planning for drilling activities.

- Borehole 15 cannot be located as approved because of safety concerns associated with restrictions due to extreme wild land fire conditions at the Laboratory and TA-21. Borehole 15 will be re-located approximately 60 feet to the east to an area that is at least 35 feet away from trees and other combustible materials. The new borehole location will continue to meet the objectives of the work plan (lateral extent of migration from the General’s Tanks and verification of the possible paleochannel).

If you have any questions, please call Bruce Wedgeworth at (505) 231-0108 (brucew@lanl.gov) or Woody Woodworth at (505) 665-5820 (lwoodworth@doeal.gov).



Sincerely,



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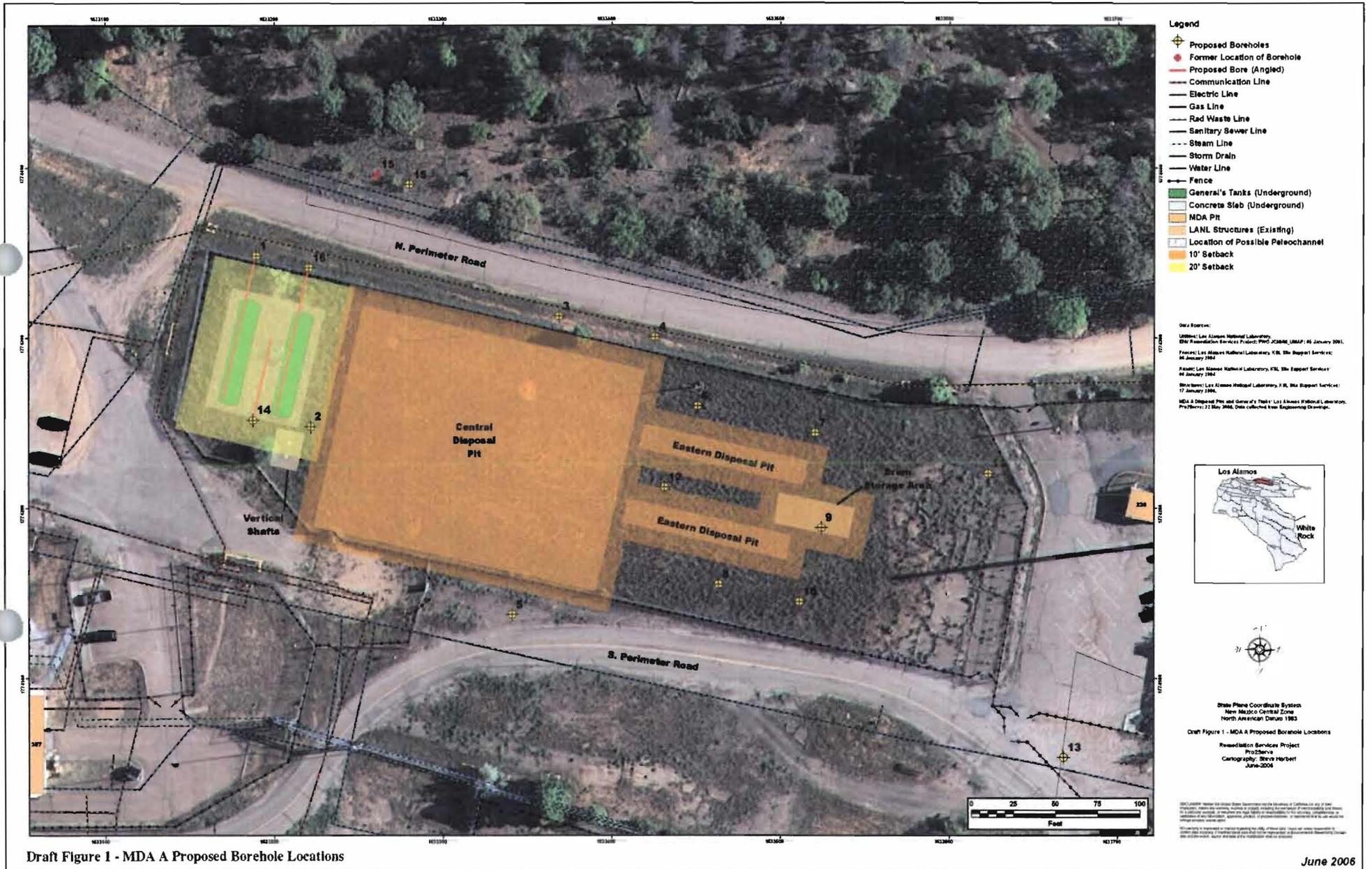
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Enclosure: Figure 1, Material Disposal Area A, New Borehole Location

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Draft Figure 1 - MDA A Proposed Borehole Locations