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January 17, 2002

Mr. John Wong
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
5151 Flynn Parkway, Suite 306
Corpus Christi, TX 78411

Dear John:

Re: Supplemental Information & Request for NWP 12 Verification,
Wetland Delineation, Lemon-Lemonseed Prospect,
BNP Petroleum Corporation, Padre Island National Seashore

Per our site visit of today, please find enclosed a plat which describes the wetland boundary of a small wetland on the pipeline route. A typical section view of the proposed work is also enclosed. In our original wetland delineation report, Belaire Environmental, Inc. (BEI) called this area an upland because during our August, 2001, field investigation, we found no hydrology and no hydric soils. We found no hydrologic indicators and no saturation to 22 inches even after a 6-inch rain. BEI found soils were 10 YR 5/3. In your samples today, you found standing water at 5 inches below the ground's surface. Heavy rains in the fall and early winter of 2001 have apparently raised the water table. You also found hydric soils (2.5 YR 5/2 with mottles) mixed with non-hydric soils (10 YR 5/3). You called the area a jurisdictional wetland.

On behalf of BNP, I ask that you verify in writing that the project described in BEI's original report (November 19, 2001), is on non-jurisdictional land except for the 2,765 sq ft of pipeline work area described on the enclosed plat. I also ask that you verify in writing that NPW 12 authorizes the pipeline work within the 50-ft wide wetland work area shown on the enclosed plat and that NWP 12 does not require mitigation for these temporary impacts.

Per your request, I have enclosed a copy of a cultural resource survey performed on the project site.

As you are aware, Arlene Wimer (PINS) needs your verification letter before she can proceed with submitting the EA for publication in the Federal Register.

Thank you for your courteous and professional handling of this project. We appreciate your prompt attention. Please call with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Belaire

Encl. (plat, section view, cultural survey)

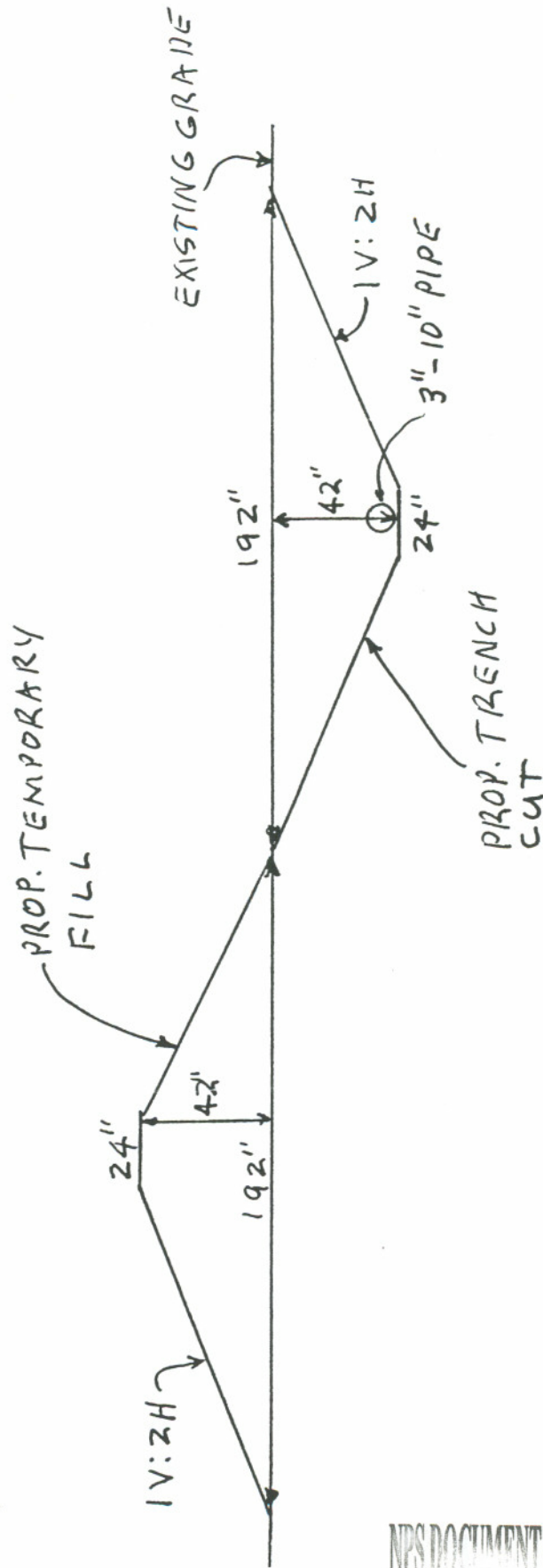
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TYPICAL SECTION
PIPELINE TRENCH AND TEMPORARY FILL
BNP PETROLEUM CORP.
PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE

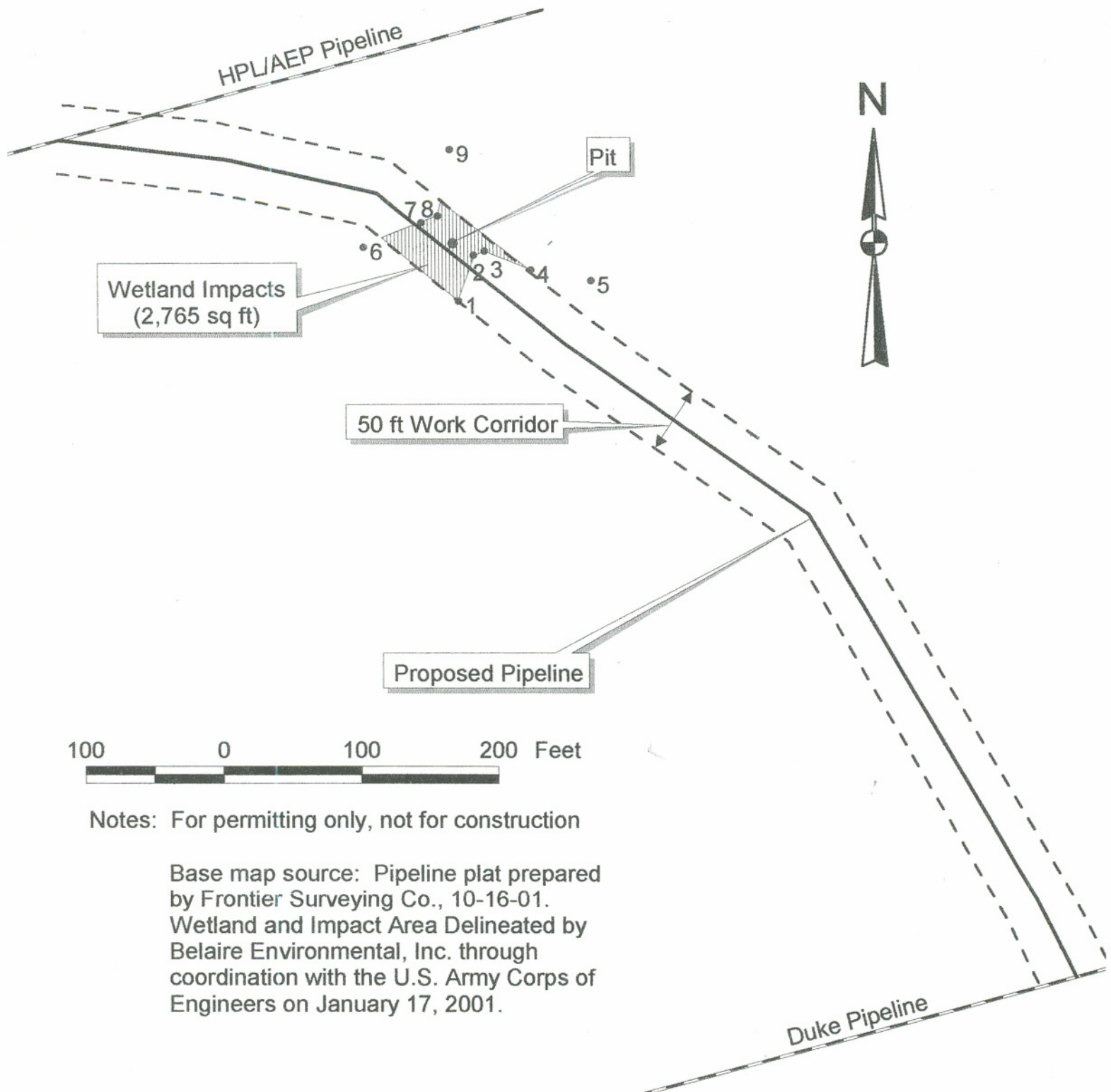


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NOTE: A maximum of 25' either side of the pipeline would be disturbed.

Wetland Delineation Plat
Proposed BNP Lemon/Lemonseed Pipeline

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Notes: For permitting only, not for construction

Base map source: Pipeline plat prepared
by Frontier Surveying Co., 10-16-01.
Wetland and Impact Area Delineated by
Belaire Environmental, Inc. through
coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers on January 17, 2001.