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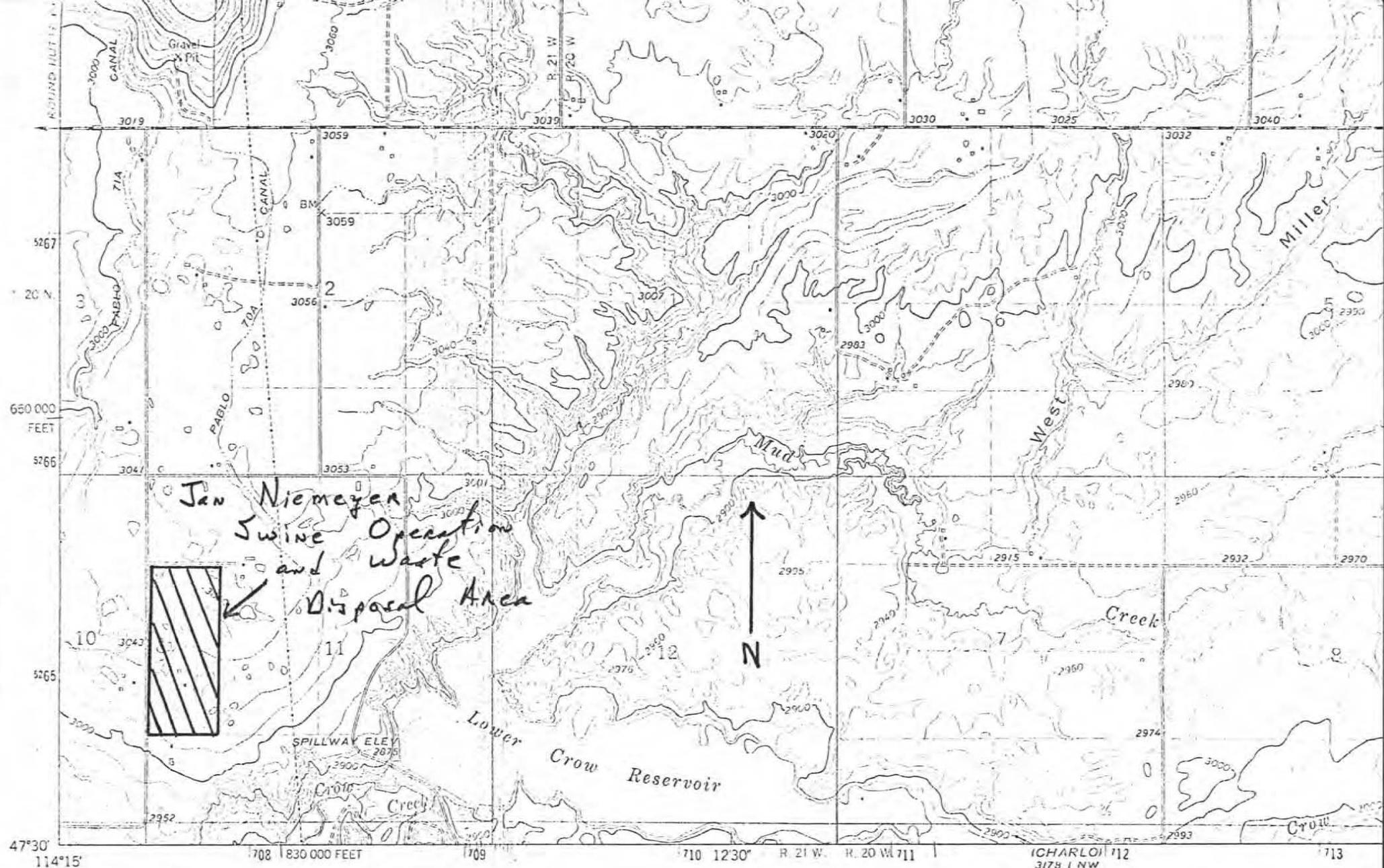
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE  
JAN NIEMEYER SWINE OPERATION

Pursuant to the Montana Environmental Policy Act, the following negative declaration has been prepared for the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning the proposed Jan Niemeyer swine operation and a request for a waste discharge permit for that same facility near Ronan, Montana.

The purpose of this negative declaration is to inform all interested governmental agencies and public groups of the Water Quality Bureau's intent not to write an environmental impact statement. This declaration will be circulated for a period of ten days at which time a decision will be made as to whether or not a waste discharge permit should be issued. If you care to comment on this application for a permit, please do so within that allotted time.

Jan Niemeyer proposes to construct an animal confinement facility having capacity for approximately 20 sows with litters and 160 feeder pigs. The animal confinement facility will be total confinement in nature with all livestock contained within buildings. The animal confinement facility will be located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 11, T. 20 N., R. 21 W., of Lake County, approximately eight miles southwest of Ronan, Montana. The approximate location of this proposed facility is indicated on the attached map.

As previously indicated, all animals will be confined within a building. The waste material which is generated drops through slatted floors and is contained in two liquid manure pits located under the



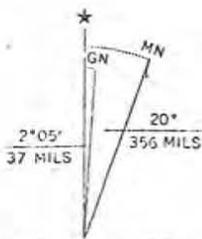
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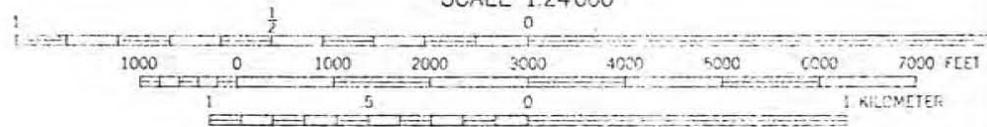
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1964

Polyconic projection 1927 North American datum  
 10,000 foot grid based on Montana coordinate system, central zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 11, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



UTM GRID AND 1964 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
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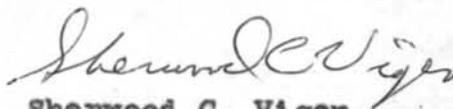
Opposition Statement to  
Jan Niemeyer Swine Operation

This is in response to your invitation to comment on the application of Jan Niemeyer for a waste discharge permit for swine confinement facility in the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of sec. 11, T 20N, R 21W, Lake County, Montana.

The undersigned is the owner of property abutting the applicants south boundary line. My residential farm home in which I have invested some \$40,000 is situated within approximately 75 feet of the applicants south boundary property line. Heretofore, this objecting property owner and his property have been subjected to the uncontrolled dumping of liquid waste upon the lands immediately adjoining his property by the applicant.

Because of prevailing winds and the failure to disc or spray the liquid waste into the soil, the extremely offensive odor has, in the past, lingered for periods of one week to ten days. Moreover, the existing facilities emit an unpleasant odor to your objectors property at times when the wind and air conditions are right. This in addition to the odor caused by spreading the liquid waste.

Accordingly, the undersigned requests, indeed demands, that if the applicant be issued the waste discharge permit, that it be conditioned upon his spraying or discing the waste into the soil immediately upon disposal and further, that the applicant be restricted from disposing liquid waste upon any land within 200 feet of his property line, where such said boundary line abuts residential homes.

  
Sherwood C. Vigen