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A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
GRIFFIN DAIRY

Pursuant to the Montana Environmental Policy Act, the following negative declaration has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning an existing animal confinement facility operated by Mr. Claire Griffin of Hamilton, Montana. Mr. Griffin has made application for waste discharge permit for his dairy operation located northeast of Corvallis, 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 regarding this animal confinement facility. This declaration will be circulated for a period of ten days following which a decision will be made as to whether or not a waste discharge permit should be issued. If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within that allotted time.

Mr. Claire Griffin has operated since 1950 a dairy operation of approximately 100 cows. This facility is located in the SE¼, Sec. 27, T. 7 N., R. 20 W., of Ravalli County, approximately two and one half miles northeast of Corvallis, Montana. The approximate location of this facility is indicated on the attached map.

Process generated wastewater consists of surface runoff from the approximately one acre concrete holding area and washwater from the milk-house. Extraneous drainage from above the animal confinement facility

will not come in contact with livestock waste due to a diversion ditch to be constructed above the feeding area.

Process generated wastewater will be collected in a covered concrete holding tank capable of retaining a minimum of 60 days wastewater production. The waste material accumulating in the liquid manure tank will be removed periodically and disposed of on surrounding agricultural land. Approximately 120 acres of such land would be available for waste disposal.

Flies around this animal confinement facility are controlled through the application of approved chemicals. Dead animals are disposed of through a local rendering service.

Any animal confinement facility such as this will have an effect on the environment. Adverse effects can, however, be minimized through a good waste management program. The animal confinement facility in question is located in an agricultural area and as such, odors from the facility should not constitute a problem. Adherence to the waste management program which has been proposed should result in no discharge of pollutants to state waters and minimal nuisance conditions. The only alternative available to Mr. Griffin would be the relocation of this existing facility. The animal confinement facility has been operated at this location for quite some time without complaint. As long as the waste material is managed in such a manner that it does not create nuisance conditions and the process generated wastewater is contained in the proposed livestock waste control facilities, such relocation of this facility does not seem justifiable.

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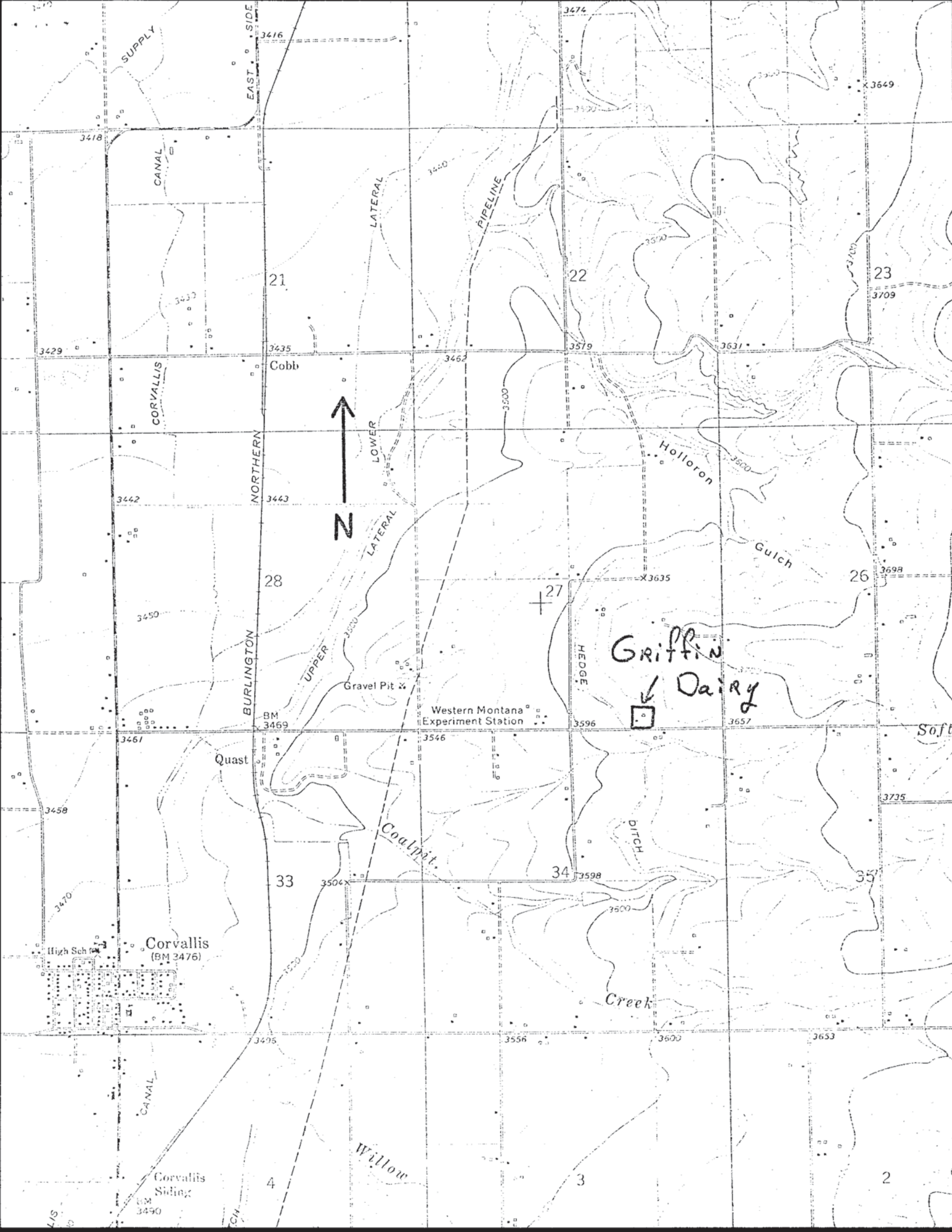

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