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#### Overview

Upper Frederick Township is looking for a qualified professional to conduct an evaluation of options to increase the flow capacity of the water system at the Perkiomen Crossing development in Upper Frederick Township, Pennsylvania. The Perkiomen Crossing development consists of 330 townhomes primarily built in the 1990's and early 2000's.

The goal of this hydrant flow improvement study is to provide a minimum of 1,000 gpm water flow to all hydrants throughout the development, with a minimum residual pressure of 20 psi at each hydrant. Evaluation of several additional alternatives are also desired, as well as cost estimates for the alternatives, as outlined in the enclosed document titled Specification for Options Evaluation to Increase Fire Hydrant Flow Capacity.

### **Submittal Requirements:**

- 1. Submittals shall include six (6) hardcopies and one electronic copy of the proposal.
- 2. Proposals shall be submitted to Tracy Tackett, Township Manager by June 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Questions can be sent to <a href="mailto:ttackett@upperfrederick.org">ttackett@upperfrederick.org</a>.



# SPECIFICATION FOR OPTIONS EVALUATION TO INCREASE FIRE HYDRANT FLOW CAPACITY

#### **FOR**

# THE PERKIOMEN CROSSING DEVELOPMENT

UPPER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP 3205 BIG ROAD ZIEGLERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

PREPARED BY: IES ENGINEERS
DATE: MARCH 16, 2022
PROJECT NUMBER: EV221005.01



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#### 1.0 GENERAL

This specification describes the requirements for the evaluation of options and cost estimates for equipment and work required to increase the flow capacity of the water system at the Perkiomen Crossing development in Upper Frederick Township, Pennsylvania. The goal of the hydrant flow improvement is to provide a minimum of 1,000 gpm water flow to all hydrants throughout the development, with a minimum residual pressure of 20 psig at each hydrant. Evaluation of several additional alternatives are also desired.

#### 2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Perkiomen Crossing development is located in Upper Frederick Township off of Faust Road, between Little Road and Salford Station Road. The primary road through the development is Buck Road, which loops from Faust Road through the development and back to Faust Road. As shown on the site plan (**Attachment 1**) the other roads in the development include:

Valley Stream Drive Meadowbrook Lane Glenwood Drive Foxfield Circle Pin Oak Drive Hunter Lane Westview Drive Ash Way Pine Ridge Drive

There are 330 homes in Perkiomen Crossing. Construction of the first phase of the development started in 1991 with the houses on Valley Stream Drive. Based on historical aerial photographs, by March 1992 the houses on Meadowbrook Lane and Foxfield Circle had also been mostly completed and construction had started on Pine Ridge Drive. Most of the houses on Pin Oak Drive, Westview Drive, and Ash Way were completed by April 1999. Clearing and grading for the homes on Hunter Lane had also begun. The homes on Hunter Lane and Glenwood Drive were completed by December 2002. As the grading appeared to be fresh on Glenwood Drive, the houses there had likely been completed shortly before December 2002.

The homes in the development range from approximately 1,500 square feet up to approximately 2,300 square feet. The townhouses are grouped in blocks from 4 units up to 7 units. The most common groupings are 6 or 7 units.

The water and wastewater plants for the development are located together at the topographically lowest end of the property off Valley Stream Drive. The water supply originates from two deep wells, with one adjacent to the water storage tank and the second well further upslope at the end of Glenwood Drive. The plant operator alternates the use of the wells. Water is pumped to the water system where it is chlorinated and placed in the approximately 100,000-gallon concrete storage tank. Two pumps are used to feed the water to a 2,500-gallon steel pressure tank from where it is distributed through 8-inch mains to the homes and hydrants. There are a total of 16 fire

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hydrants on the water system as shown on the Fire Hydrant Location Map (**Attachment 1**). The water system was designed for approximately 250 gpm hydrant flows, but subsequent testing indicates a capacity of approximately 500 gpm near the top of the development.

The original design of the existing water distribution system is understood to incorporate the following:

- Average Daily Flow: 47,850 gpd (total build out, 330 units)
- Fire Flow: 250 gpm · Peak [Domestic] Flow: 67,000 gpd (1.4 x average daily flow)
- Storage Tank Volume: 116,700 gallons provided, (97,000 gallons required [for combined domestic and fire])
- Wells: P-1: Sustained yield of 70 gpm (design flow of 35 gpm), P-2: sustained yield of 100 gpm (design flow 50 gpm)
- Water Supply Pumps: 2 pumps @ 250 gpm (1 is a standby)
- Hydropneumatic (pressure) Tank: 2,500 gallons @ 90 psi

#### 3.0 APPLICABLE CODES

The following codes are applicable to this work. The contractor shall inform himself of any additional codes and regulations applicable to the water distribution pumping system

- 2015 International Fire Code (IFC)
- 2015 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2013 NFPA 20 Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection
- 2012 NFPA 22 Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection

#### 4.0 WORK DESCRIPTION

#### 4.1 Hydrant Flow Options

Based on the recommendations found in the International Fire Code, 2015, Appendix B provide options for:

- 1. Table B105.1(1) for single family residences and townhomes for units of < 3,600 ft<sup>2</sup> with 2-hour rated fire walls, evaluate options to achieve 1,000-gpm flow with a residual of 20 psi at the uppermost hydrant in the development.
- 2. Evaluate options to achieve 1,500-gpm flow, with a water storage capacity of 2 hours maximum flow.
- 3. Evaluate flow and pressure requirements according to Table B105.1(2) with qualifiers and exclusions assuming the largest block of homes is the design point. The largest block of homes appears to have approximately 12,000 to 13,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of living space, but contractor is to verify the areas in accordance with the definitions in Appendix B.



Options to be evaluated shall include, but not limited to, a new fire pump or pumps sized to provide adequate flow and pressure, and additional tank and distribution systems as required for the option. Both diesel and electric fire pumps shall be evaluated.

#### **4.2** Evaluation Items

The contractor shall include in the evaluation all appurtenances required for each functional and reliable system, including the following:

- Pumps
- Pump house to be located adjacent to the water storage tank
- Foundations and supports
- Diesel storage, containment, potential site impacts (for the diesel option)
- Electric supply, including emergency generator capacity as required by the pumping system (for the electric option)
- Additional tank capacity and location, if required
- Piping pressure losses and head losses
- Additional distribution system components and hydrants if required
- Adequacy of existing equipment, distribution system, and residential connections for the flows and pressures required to provide the desired flow.
- Pump controls
- Tank level control to ensure minimum storage capacity for the fire pump(s).

#### 4.3 Project Deliverables

For each option, the contractor shall provide:

- A brief description of the system and structures required
- A conceptual layout of the system showing the approximate size and location of the pumps, pump house, tank(s), and appurtenances
- A process flow diagram indicating major equipment, line sizes, connections to existing systems, etc.
- The required pump performance characteristics
- Backup flow and pressure loss calculations
- A list of major equipment
- A listing of modifications required to existing systems, including tie-ins
- An order-of-magnitude cost estimate ( $\pm 25\%$ ), including any engineering, equipment, installation, project management, and startup and commissioning costs.
- An evaluation of tie-in and system sanitation and flushing time requirements

#### 5.0 EXISTING SYSTEM DRAWINGS

The existing systems are depicted on the following drawings, provided in **Attachment 2**.



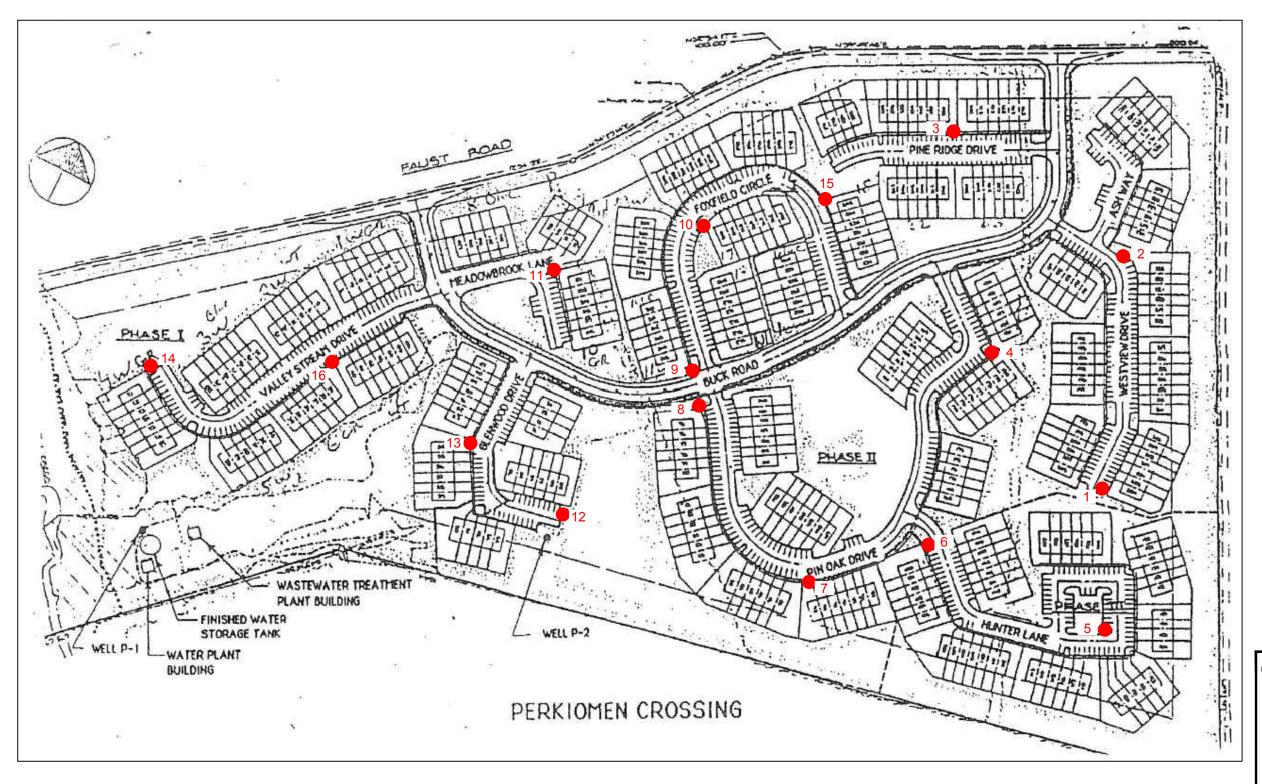
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Water And Wastewater Area					
1	3	12/20/91	Wastewater Treatment Plant Partial Plot Plan		
2	3	12/20/91	Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Plan Detail		
8	3	12/20/91	Water Storage Pump and Control Room Mechanical Details		
8E	2	12/20/91	Water Storage Pump and Control Room Electrical		
9	3	12/20/91	Water Storage Tank 40'-0" Dia. X 12'-0" Deep		
10	4	12/20/91	Potable Water System Building Single Line Diagrams		
11	4	12/20/91	Water System Chlorine Building Single Line Diagrams		
Development Sewer and Water Plans					
2099-1	ı	2/17/93	Perkiomen Crossing Sewer & Water As-Built (Phase I) Sht 1		
2099-2	-	2/17/93	Perkiomen Crossing Sewer & Water As-Built (Phase I) Sht 2		
2099-3	-	2/17/93	Perkiomen Crossing Sewer & Water As-Built (Phase I) Sht 3		
2099-4	-	2/17/93	Perkiomen Crossing As-Built Plan, Plan & Profile Buck Rd.		
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2099-5	-	2/17/93	Perkiomen Crossing As-Built Plan, Plan & Profile Buck Rd.		
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			Sta. 6+46.08 Sht 5		
2099-6	-	2/17/93	Perkiomen Crossing As-Built Sanitary and Water, Profile		
			Foxfield Circle Sta. 0+00 to STA. 8+61.85 Sht 6		
2099-7	-	2/17/93	Perkiomen Crossing As-Built Sanitary and Water Profile		
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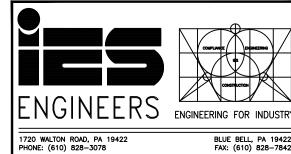
# 6.0 SITE VISITS

The contractor may visit the site during the course of the evaluation to determine existing conditions and observe existing water equipment and structures. To schedule a site visit, please contact Tracy Tackett – Township Manager (610-754-6436).



# ATTACHMENT 1 HYDRANT MAP





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UPPER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP PERKIOMEN CROSSING

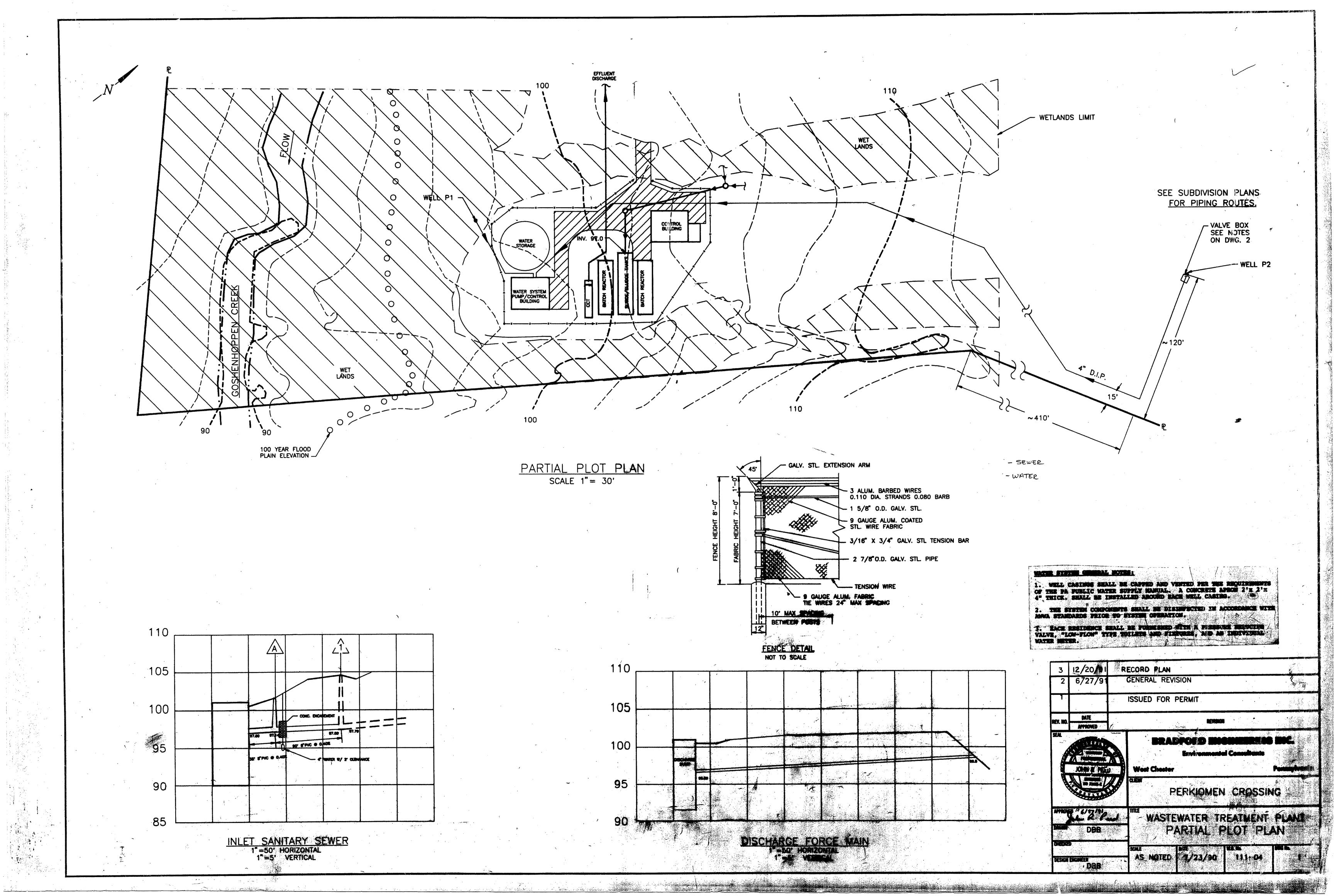
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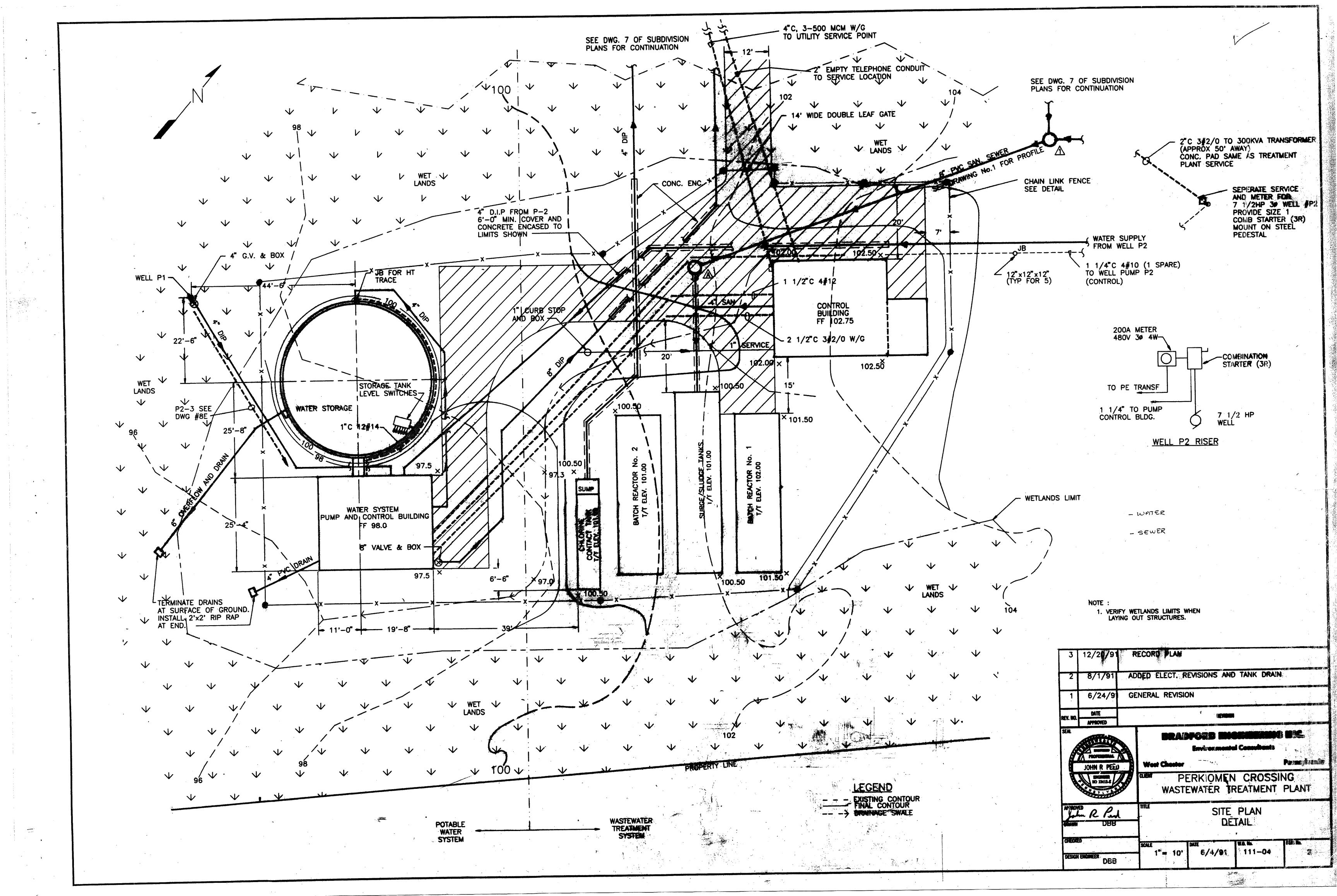
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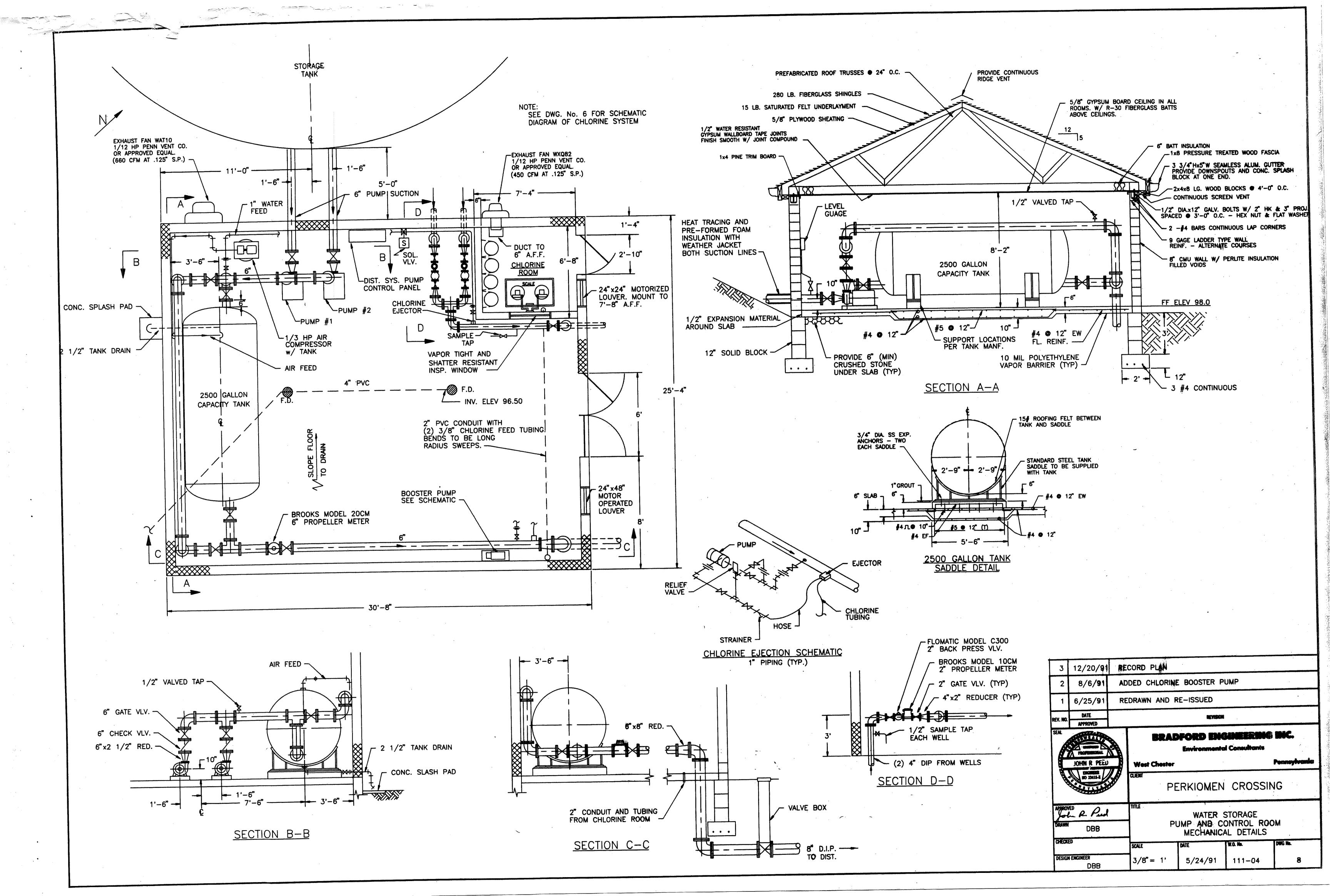
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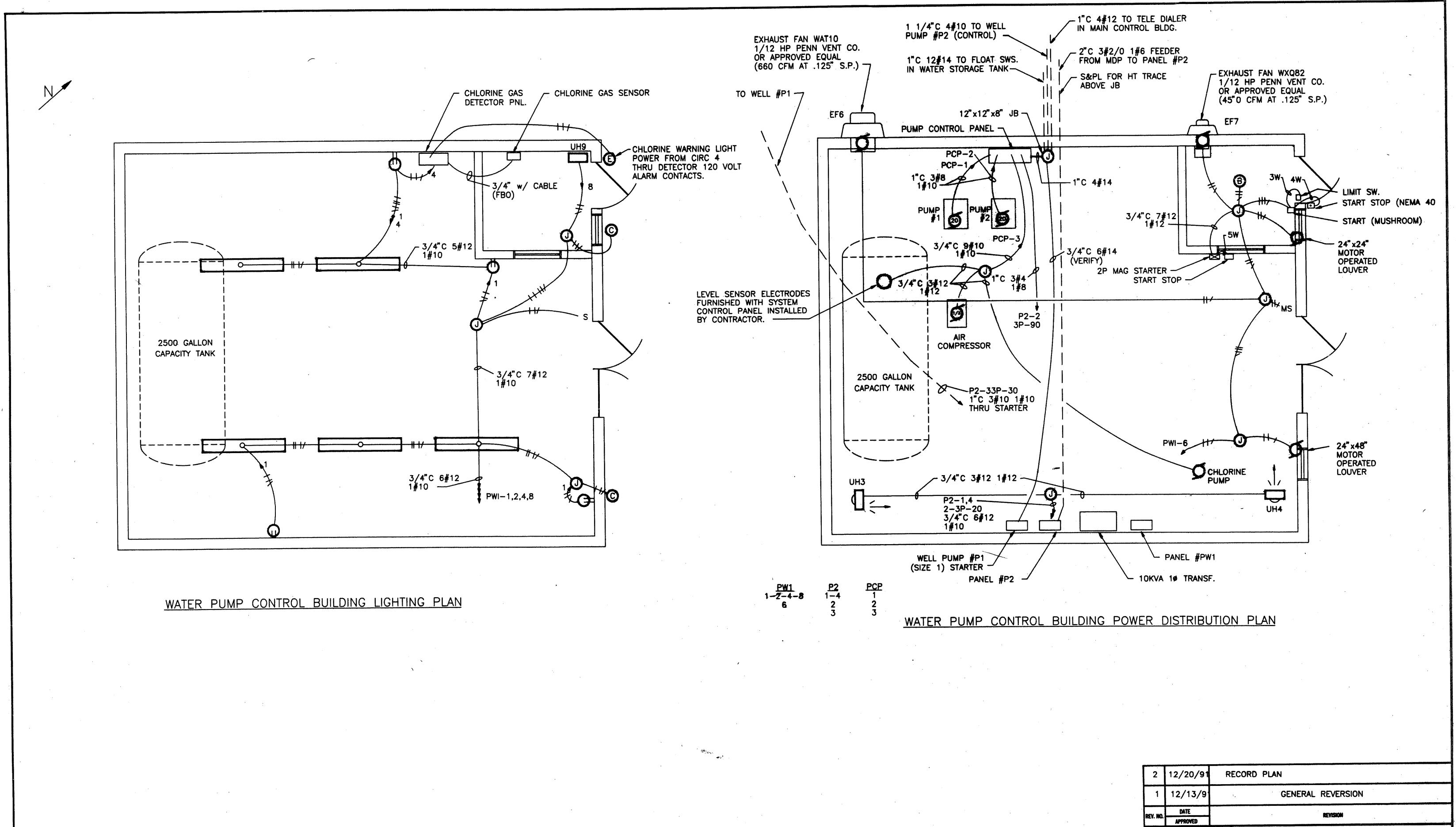


# ATTACHMENT 2 REFERENCE DRAWINGS









2 12/20/91 RECORD PLAN

1 12/13/9 GENERAL REVERSION

REV. NO. DATE REVISION

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APPROVED R. AM DBB

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