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Introduction

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration (WDOA) Division of Facilities Development (DFD) has retained Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC) Skilled Care Unit (SCU) Expansion. The EA is prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter DHS 18. The purpose of this documents is to identify any potential impact of the project on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments

Project Description

This project will remodel in phases the existing SCU and construct a new 2,400 gross square feet (GSF) building addition. The new addition will include resident rooms, program space and a mechanical room. Work will include the internal demolition and remodeling of the existing SCU in Building E. Existing resident rooms will be demolished and reconfigured so that remodeled rooms can be converted from dry cell to wet cell type rooms. This includes adding a sink and toilet to each resident room. Furthermore, the resident rooms will have additional power receptacles and a sprinkler system will be reconfigured throughout the space for fire protection.

The new building addition will be constructed to extend west of the existing SCU. The addition must remain east of the existing baseball field, which will not be impacted. The addition will contain eight new wet cells to offset most of the rooms lost when the existing SCU space is remodeled. Ceiling-mounted patient lifts will be installed in the eight new resident rooms. A new centralized nurse's station will be constructed to allow direct visibility of all sleeping areas, dayrooms, and toilet/bathing areas. The remodeled program space will also include adding two offices, an optometry room, storage room, janitor closet, mechanical room, and exam room to handle minor medical issues on the unit. The final design will include a new negative pressure resident room and anteroom. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems will be modified to bring them up to current design practices.

EA Process

Scoping Letter

A Scoping Letter to solicit input on potential environmental effects of the project was sent to selected parties and agencies on October 11, 2022. A copy of the scoping letter and distribution list is included in Appendix A. No comments for the project were received.

Draft EA

The Draft EA was made available on January 5, 2023, for the required 15-day public review period. A hard copy of the Draft EA is available at the Hatch Public Library, 111 W State Street, Mauston, WI 53948. An electronic version is available via email request and is also available to view online with the following link:

www.sehinc.com/online/wisdoa-dfd

The deadline for comments to incorporate into the Final EA document is January 23, 2023.

A public meeting will be held at the Sand Ridge Skilled Treatment Center, Administrative Building Conference Room, located at 1111 N Rd, Mauston, WI 53948 on Wednesday, January 11, 2022 from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Comments related to the project can be provided at the meeting or be submitted to the project manager via email to Darren Fortney at dfortney@sehinc.com.

A copy of the Notice of Availability for the 15-day public review period is included in Appendix B.

1 Description of Proposed Action

1.1 Title of Proposed Project

Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center Skilled Care Unit Expansion

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1.2 | Project Location

Location: Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, 1111 N Rd, Mauston, WI 53948

County: Juneau County

City, Village, or Town: City of Mauston, WI

The project site is located at the northwestern portion of the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center campus, 1111 North Road, Mauston, WI 53948. The project site is located in the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 2, Township 15, Range 3 East, in the City of Mauston, Juneau County, Wisconsin. Maps of the project are included in Appendix C.

1.3 Project

1.3.1 Description of Proposed Action

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1.3.2 Purpose and Need

The existing Skilled Care Unit (SCU) is located in Building E at SRSTC. The existing Building E contains approximately 25,700 gross square feet (GSF). The western third of the building contains the existing SCU, which encompasses 8,900 GSF. The SCU takes care of the aged residents who have a lack of mobility, diminishing cognitive ability, poor physical health or other impairments that prevent them from being fully independent. The SCU space cannot adequately serve this ageing and increasingly frail population.

1.4 Estimated Cost and Funding Source

Estimated Project Costs

	Project Budget		
	As Enumerated	Pre-Design Estimate	
Construction Cost	\$10,430,000	\$10,430,000	
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Building F Renovation Allowance		\$410,000	
Contingency	\$1,043,000	\$1,043,000	
Design Fee	\$1,043,000	\$1,043,000	
DFD Fee	\$460,000	\$460,000	
Moveable Equipment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Other	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$14,126,000	\$14,126,000	

Funding Source: General Fund Supported Borrowing.

1.5 | Project Schedule

SBC Approval	February 2023
Bid/Mobilization	September 2023
Construction (Start)	November 2023
Construction (Substantial Completion)	February 2025

2 | Existing Environment

2.1 Physical

2.1.1 | Soils and Topography

Existing topography is relatively flat with minimum slope away from existing buildings.

USDA soil data accessed on October 20, 2022 indicates that two soil types exist on the proposed site. These soils include: Korobago sandy loam (0-3 percent slope) and Bilmod sandy loam (0-3 percent slope). Other soils surrounding the site are primarily loamy and sandy with shallow slopes. There are no current issues regarding drainage or groundwater on the proposed site.

A map of soils within the project area is included in in Appendix C.

2.1.2 Utilities

Sanitary Sewer – SRSTC is currently served by the is served by the City of Mauston's sewer utility. Services currently exist for the SCU, which would serve the new and remodeled portions of the SCU.

Stormwater – Stormwater for most of the Institution's grounds is surface drained with ditches and culverts and flows to a large detention pond east of the facility. These facilities would continue to adequately serve the expanded SCU.

Water – SRSTC is currently served by the is served by the City of Mauston's water utility, which would serve the new and remodeled portions of the SCU.

2.1.3 Surface Water and Groundwater

There is no surface water mapped within the proposed project site (WDNR Surface Water Data Viewer, 2022). The nearest surface waters are an excavated pond, located on the east side of the SRSTC facility, and the Lemonweir River and Decorah Lake, located approximately 2,000 feet east of the study area. There are mapped wetlands associated with these waterbodies. Additional wetlands are also located in flatter areas surrounding the developed portions of SRSTC. There are no known or suspected impacts to these wetlands and waterbodies.

The proposed project site is located within the Lower Lemonweir River Watershed. This watershed, which measures 207 square miles, lies within the Lower Wisconsin Basin.

This project is regulated by Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 216 (establishes construction site stormwater discharge permit standards) and NR 151 (runoff pollution performance standards).

2.1.4 Wetlands and Floodplains

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), wetlands are "those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions." A wetland is defined by a dominance of hydrophytic

vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology. All three of these criteria must be met for an area to be delineated as a wetland.

There are no mapped wetlands, wetland indicators, or hydric soils within the proposed project site (WDNR Surface Water Data Viewer, 2022). Additionally, vegetation and hydrology indicative of wetlands has not been observed in the proposed project site. The nearest mapped wetlands immediately surround the developed portions of SRSTC. A wetland map from the Surface Water Data Viewer is included in in Appendix C.

According to flood insurance rate map data prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and incorporated in the WDNR's Surface Water Data Viewer, the proposed project site lies in an area of minimal flood hazard and has less than a 0.2% chance of flooding annually. Floodplains with a 1% chance of flooding annually are well outside of the project area. A floodplain map from the Surface Water Data Viewer is included in in Appendix C.

2.1.5 | Air

Chapters within the NR 400 series of the Wisconsin Administrative Code regulate air pollution. Criteria pollutants regulated by these chapters include particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, organic compounds, nitrous oxides, carbon monoxide, and lead in addition to other hazardous air pollutants and visible emissions.

The EPA maintains a list of all non-attainment counties for air quality standards. As of October 2022, Juneau County does not appear on this list for any criteria pollutants. The project site is not located within a nonattainment area for criteria pollutants according to the WDNR Air Management Data Viewer.

2.2 | Biological

2.2.1 Flora and Fauna

The project site includes manicured lawns, bare areas of exposed soil, and horseshoe pits. There are no trees or plantings present that would need to be removed.

WDNR was included as part of the project scoping process and was sent a project scoping letter on October 11, 2022 to inform them of the project. No initial response was received. An Endangered Resources Preliminary Assessment conducted for the project site on October 31, 2022. This included a search of the NHI Portal within a 1-mile buffer (for terrestrial and wetland species) and a 2-mile buffer (for aquatic species) of the project area. the assessment did not identify any potential impacts to any species or habitats, and as a result, no additional coordination was recommended.

This project is covered under the Broad Incidental Take Permit; although endangered resources may be present within or near the project area, the project would have no/very low impact on these resources. A copy of the Endangered Resources Preliminary Assessment is included in Appendix D.

2.3 Social

According to the 2020 US Census Bureau, SRSTC is located within Census Tract 1005, Juneau County, Wisconsin. The US Census Bureau reports the following for this tract.

Census tract 1005 has a total population of 4,186. The demographic breakdown is as follows: 89.5% white, 3.6% African American, 0.9% Asian, 1.2% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.1% Pacific Islander, and 3.6% some other race. Within the census tract 1005 there is an estimated 16.2% of the population over the age of 17 with a bachelor's degree or higher. This area has 17.3% of the population below the poverty level.

Juneau County has a total population of 26,718. The demographic breakdown is as follows: 90.9% white, 2.7% African American, 0.9% Asian, 3.1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.1% Pacific Islander, and 2.6% some other race. Approximately 14.7% of the population over the age of 17 in Juneau County has attained a bachelor's degree and 14.7% are below the poverty level.

2.4 | Economic

In addition to providing correctional services, SRSTC provides numerous jobs for local residents including, but not limited to, jobs for officers, administrators, and health care professionals. DOC currently employs over 10,000 workers throughout the state.

WDOA annual payments to local municipalities under the Municipal Services Payments (MSP) program. In addition to paying established user fees for water, sewer, and electricity, WDOA makes an annual payment to compensate for police, fire, and solid waste pick-up services. The payment is based on a pro-rated portion of the state building and land value compared to the total building and land value (including state property) in the municipality. The 2023 scheduled MSP payment (adjusted total) to the City of Mauston was \$219,971 for services provided in 2021.

2.5 Other

2.5.1 DATCP Registered Tanks

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) database was searched for sites with registered aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) and/or underground storage tanks (USTs) on November 7, 2022. A search for ASTs and USTs located at 1111 North Rd or owned by WDOA and/or City of Mauston was conducted. A total of three aboveground storage tanks were identified, all of which are currently in use. All tanks are listed as either storing gasoline or diesel fuel. All of these tanks are routinely inspected. These tanks are all associated with the SRSTC as a whole, and are not necessarily associated with the project site. A desktop review of the site did not identify any aboveground storage tanks on site.

Search results are included in Appendix E.

2.5.2 EPA Database Search

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) multi-system database and EnviroMapper was searched on October 31, 2022, for sites listed as Superfund (CERCLIS) sites and generators or handlers of hazardous waste. Superfund sites were not identified within or near the project site. Search results are included in Appendix E.

2.5.3 BRRTS

The WDNR Bureau of Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) database and corresponding RR Sites Map was searched on November 7, 2022. The RR Sites Map is the WDNR's web-based mapping system that provides information about contaminated properties and other activities related to the investigation and cleanup of contaminated soil or groundwater

in Wisconsin. The RR Sites Map is part of the WDNR's Contaminated Lands Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), an inter-linked network of WDNR databases tracking information on different contaminated land activities.

The RR Sites Map shows one site located near SRSTC. This site is located east of the secure portion of SRSTC and is associated with Elsing Oil. The site details include documentation of an oil spill incident in 2014. The spill was listed as being remediated and the activity was closed in 2015. Search results are included in Appendix E.

The site/spill is located outside the project area and would not be disturbed by project activities. No impacts associated with this site are anticipated with the project.

2.5.4 SHWIMS

The Solid and Hazardous Waste Information System (SHWIMS) provides access to information on sites, and facilities operating at sites that are regulated by the WDNR Waste Management program. SHWIMS was searched for applicable sites on May 24, 2022. The search did not identify any entries for SRSTC.

2.5.5 | Asbestos Removal

The project will remodel a portion of the current facility. No asbestos containing materials (ACM) were identified in the program statement and no impacts from asbestos are anticipated. Should ACM's be identified, a separate asbestos abatement consultant, contracted directly by DFD, will be included as part of the design team during the preliminary design phase. The asbestos abatement consultant will incorporate abatement drawings and specifications in the overall project documents. DFD will receive separate asbestos abatement contractor bids that will include both building demolition and abatement. The general prime contractor will be required to coordinate and include the demolition and abatement in the overall construction schedule.

2.5.6 Archaeological and Historic Resources

There are no known archaeological or historical sites located within the project site boundaries. SEH retained the Cultural Resource Management program (CRM) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) To conduct an architecture, history, and archaeology review of the project. CRM reviewed the area of potential effect (APE), defined as the proposed project site and immediately adjacent properties, for historic resources on October 25, 2022. The review did not identify any archaeological or historic sites within the APE.

The project was further reviewed by the DOC historic preservation officer and the finding that no historic properties or archaeological properties would be affected by the project was recommended. This finding was that the project would not impact any archaeological and historic resources. A 44.40 was completed recommending this finding and was sent to SHPO on Date. SHPO concurred with the finding on Date.

2.5.7 | Parking and Transportation

Based on current traffic count map data published by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), the following average annual daily traffic (AADT) volumes occur on roadways within 0.5 miles of the project site:

USH 12 between CTH B and North Road: 4,500 AADT

Parking for SRSTC is located just east of the project site. The lot is accessed from North Rd, which connects to USH 12 just east of the SRSTC facility. Paved access roads connect the parking lot to all facilities at SRSTC.

3 Proposed Environmental Change

3.1 | Manipulation of Terrestrial Resources

While some earthwork would be required to accommodate the proposed improvements for an addition to the existing facility, the existing grade of the proposed project site is not anticipated to be significantly altered during the course of the project.

Groundcover in the area currently includes manicured lawns, bare areas of exposed soil, and horseshoe pits. There are no trees or plantings present. Manicured lawn would be maintained on site surrounding the addition, which is consistent with existing conditions on and surrounding the site. The project would not require the removal of trees or shrubs. The horseshoe pits would be relocated.

3.2 | Manipulation of Aquatic Resources

Aquatic resources and surface water features are not located within the boundaries of the project site. However, site construction activities have the potential to impact stormwater. Where possible, the facility should utilize stormwater best management practices (BMPs). A construction site erosion plan would be developed, as well as site-specific stormwater management plans.

3.3 Structures

The project will include remodeling Building E and construction a new addition to this building. No other structures will be constructed, removed, or modified with this project.

3.4 Other

3.4.1 | Sustainable Design

The project will consider the inclusion of DFD's new Sustainability Guidelines published in October 2020. Per DFD's sustainability guidelines, this project shall achieve a minimum of 1% energy sourced from an onsite renewable source. The new facility will be designed with efficient fixtures which will replace outdated and inefficient systems throughout the building.

3.4.2 Hazardous materials

Adverse impacts associated with hazardous materials or environmental conditions on-site are not anticipated.

3.4.3 Utilities

Sanitary Sewer – It is anticipated that existing sanitary sewer services to the SCU would be able to serve the remodeled Building E and the new addition. The new and remodeled facilities would include new wet cells which would be designed to utilize existing services.

Stormwater – Stormwater for most of the Institution's grounds is surface drained with ditches and culverts and flows to a large detention pond east of the facility. These facilities would continue to adequately serve the expanded SCU.

Water – SRSTC is currently served by the is served by the City of Mauston's water utility. It is anticipated that the existing water services would adequately serve the remodeled SCU with a new addition.

3.4.4 Noise

Short-term noise impacts would occur during the renovation and construction periods. Major elements that would produce elevated noise levels include demolition activities, vibrations, equipment noise, material delivery, hauling, grading, and landscaping. Anticipated noise would most directly impact individuals working near the project, as well as inmates and faculty/staff of the institution.

Outdoor construction noise is expected to be short in duration with hours of operation which comply with the City of Mauston noise ordinance.

To minimize the impacts of construction noise, contractors would be responsible for ensuring that exhaust mufflers and engine enclosures are in place and in good working order for all on-site trucks and equipment. An engine enclosure reduces low-frequency noise coming from the engine, while an exhaust muffler deadens the noise of escaping gases from combustion, similar to a car muffler. On-site workers would also be responsible for hearing protection as necessary to prevent long-term health effects from working near or around these types of construction equipment over extended periods of time.

3.4.5 Air Quality

The project is not anticipated to impact air quality. There is a potential for dust resulting from construction activities. Best management practices would be followed to mitigate dust levels resulting from construction.

3.4.6 Traffic and Parking

Traffic and circulation issues associated with this project are expected to be minimal and of a temporary nature. Construction vehicles with use existing roads and driveways at the facility and may cause temporary minor disruptions to circulation within the facility. Nearby facilities will remain in use during construction. Access to nearby facilities will be maintained throughout the construction process.

3.4.7 Economic

The project is anticipated to provide beneficial a short-term economic impact to the community. Construction projects typically provide short-term job opportunities and result in spending that supports local service and material providers.

4 Probable Adverse and Beneficial Impacts

4.1 Physical Impacts

No significant adverse physical impacts are anticipated with the project. There would be short-term impacts due to noise and dust generated by construction equipment. Temporary disruption to vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle circulation are anticipated. However, these impacts would be temporary and localized to the immediate project site. No long-term impacts are anticipated.

Air emissions would be limited to those from short-term use of equipment and site work during project construction, and there are no significant emission sources in the planned use of the facility once constructed.

All civil utilities (water, storm, and sanitary) will remain in service for the duration of the project. Any unforeseen required will be coordinated with SRSTC staff to ensure that operations and inmate care aren't negatively impacted.

4.2 | Biological Impacts

No significant biological impacts are anticipated with the project. Minimal vegetation would be disturbed with the project and new vegetation would be consistent with current conditions and result in no anticipated loss to potential habitat or biodiversity.

The Environmental Resources Review and additional correspondence from WDNR, along with additional desktop review of the project, have indicated that there would be no direct impacts to wetlands or other waterbodies, public lands, floodplain, or and species which are of Threatened, Endangered, or Special Concern Status.

4.3 | Socioeconomic Impacts

The project is anticipated to have a long-term social benefit for inmates, staff, and visitors at SRSTC. The project would provide an overall improvement to facility, allowing it to better serve inmates and ensuring that staff can provide required services.

In the short-term, temporary disruption to vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle circulation are anticipated, which may provide an inconvenience to inmates and staff. This impact is unavoidable as the construction equipment and deliveries are required for successful completion of the project. However, these impacts would be temporary and localized to the immediate project site. No long-term impacts are anticipated.

The project is also anticipated to provide beneficial a short-term economic impact to the community from construction. Construction projects typically provide short-term job opportunities and result in spending that supports local service and material providers.

4.4 Other

4.4.1 Energy

There would be an initial commitment of energy resources to construct the project, including fossil fuel consumption used by construction vehicles and equipment. Energy that would irreversibly be consumed includes fuel and electricity used to run construction equipment and to

operate construction material manufacturing plants and quarries. Other electrical needs may include lighting, compressors, and tools.

In the long-term, there would be a continued commitment of energy to operate the new facility. This is an unavoidable loss that would be required for any facility that would meet the Needs of SRSTC. To minimize energy consumption, the building will be designed to meet DFD Sustainable Facilities Standards.

4.4.2 Archaeological and Historic Resources

Since the project area does not have any historic resources, the proposed project would have no anticipated impact to these resources. There are also no identified archaeological resources on site, and as a result, no impacts are anticipated. Precautions will be taken during construction to ensure that any potential impacts, although unlikely, would be properly addressed should unexpected resources be discovered.

4.4.3 Hazardous Materials

Adverse impacts associated with hazardous materials or environmental conditions on-site are not anticipated.

5 Probable Adverse Impacts that Cannot be Avoided

Probable adverse impacts that cannot be avoided include temporary disruptions to traffic circulation within the site. short-term noise and dust impacts during construction, and long-term commitments of energy, materials, and financial resources. These are impacts which cannot be avoided with a project which meets the purpose and needs of the project.

Relationship between Short-term Uses of the Environment and the Maintenance and Enhancement of Long-term Productivity.

During the short-term, the local project environment would be adversely affected by construction and construction-related activities resulting in low to moderate degrees of impacts from noise and dust emissions, interference with local vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. However, these impacts are necessary to meet the purpose and need of the project.

The project is anticipated to have a long-term social benefit for SRSTC staff and inmates who would use the updated facility. The project would provide an overall improvement to SRSTC campus, allowing for the better provision of services.

7 Irreversible or Irretrievable Commitments of Resources if Action is Implemented

7.1 Energy

There would be a commitment of energy resources to construct the project, including fossil fuel consumption used by construction vehicles and equipment. Energy that would irreversibly be consumed includes fuel and electricity used to run construction equipment and to operate construction material manufacturing plants and quarries. Electrical needs may include lighting, compressors, and tools.

Long-term consumption of resources to allow project completion, and continued operation of the facility, would not negatively impact or overload existing supplies. The facility would be designed to meet DFD Sustainable Facilities Standards.

7.2 Archaeological and Historic Features or Sites

The project is not anticipated to impact any historic or archeological resources on account of their absence within the project area.

8 Alternatives

Alternatives to the proposed project are described below.

8.1 No Action/Defer the Project Request.

This alternative would make no improvements to the SRSC campus. The Institution would continue to have service deficiencies and would not be able to provide sufficient care for inmates moving forward. This would not meet the needs of SRSTC and would not satisfy the purpose and need of the project.

8.2 Reconstruction

This alternative would remodel Building E and construct a new addition, as discussed previously in this EA. This alternative would update the facility to meet the need of inmates and staff, and would satisfy the purpose and need of the project.

9 | Evaluation

A. As a result of this action, is it likely that other events or actions will happen which may significantly affect the environment? If so, list and discuss. (Secondary effects)

This project is not anticipated to promote or facilitate other actions within or surrounding the study area.

B. Does the action alter the environment so a new physical, biological, or socioeconomic environment would exist? (New environmental effect)

Yes, the proposed action would alter the existing physical environment and socioeconomic environment, as described below:

- Physical changes to the environment would include some ground disturbance to
 previously disturbed area for the new facility. Vegetation may be temporarily disturbed,
 but the proposed site will include vegetation consistent with existing conditions.
- Socioeconomic changes include the potential for temporary job creation and local spending, as well and meeting staff and facility needs of the SCU.

C. Are the existing environmental features which would be affected by the proposed action scarce, either locally or statewide? If so, list and describe. (Geographically scarce)

No, the environmental features anticipated to be affected by the project are not considered to be scarce on a local or statewide scale. Coordination with WDNR has confirmed that no impacts to Threatened, Endangered, or Special Concern Species are anticipated with the project.

D. Does the action and its effects require a decision which would result in influencing future decision? Describe. Is the decision precedent setting?

No, the proposed action and its effects do not require a decision which would result in influencing future decisions. The proposed project involves only the remodeling of and addition to the existing facility. This does not set a precedent for SRSTC or the DOC.

E. Discuss and describe concerns which indicate a serious controversy? (Highly controversial)

Concerns indicative of serious controversy were not identified during the course of this EA. Scoping letters were distributed to potentially interested local officials, agencies, and Native American Tribes. The public was notified of the project and provided an opportunity to express concerns. No additional issues of controversial nature were identified by the public.

F. Does the action conflict with official agency plans or with any local, state, or national policy? If so, how? (Is the action inconsistent with long-range plans or policies?)

The project does not conflict with any known official agency plans or local, state or, national policy. The project would comply with all state and local regulations and all necessary permits would be acquired.

G. While the action by itself may be limited in scope, would repeated actions of this type result in major or significant impacts to the environment? (Cumulative impacts)

No, repeated actions similar to the proposed action would not result in significant cumulative impacts to the environment. The project includes the construction of a new facility on a fully developed urbanized site with no identified significant environmental impacts.

H. Will the action modify or destroy any historical, scientific, or archaeological site?

No, the proposed action is not anticipated to modify or destroy any historical, scientific, or archaeological sites according to research conducted for this EA.

I. Is the action irreversible? Will it commit a resource for the foreseeable future? (Does it foreclose future options?)

The proposed action is not irreversible, but substantial additional funding would be required to reverse this project. It would be possible to revert the site to its current uses or convert the property to another use if necessary.

J. Will action result in direct or indirect impacts on ethnic or cultural groups or alter social patterns? (Social-cultural impacts)

No, the proposed action would not result in direct or indirect impacts on ethnic or cultural groups or alter social patterns. The proposed renovation would ultimately help the SCU to better perform its necessary functions.

K. Other:

The proposed project would not result in other environmental impacts warranting additional evaluation.

10 Conclusion

The recommended alternative of the project is to remodel the existing Building E and construct a new addition as discussed in this EA.

DOC and WDOA will review the Draft EA and comments received during the Draft EA public comment period and prepare a recommendation as to the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project. If these parties conclude that this project is not a "major action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment," a Final EA will be prepared that includes that recommendation. If it is found that this project might have a significant impact, a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be recommended, drafted and final public hearing would be held before the project is authorized for construction.

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AirNow, USEPA and partners https://www.airnow.gov/

DATCP registered Tanks Database

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DOC - About DOC

https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOC/default.aspx

US Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census and 2019 American Community Survey Data https://www.census.gov/data.html

USDA NRCS Web Soil Survey

https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm

USEPA Current Nonattainment Counties for All Criteria Pollutants https://www3.epa.gov/airguality/greenbook/ancl.html

USEPA EnviroMapper

https://enviro.epa.gov/enviro/em4ef.home

WDNR BRRTS on the web database

https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Brownfields/Disclaimers.html

WDNR Surface Water Data Viewer

https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/swdv

WDNR SHWIMS database

https://dnr.wi.gov/sotw/SetUpBasicSearchForm.do

WDOA Municipal Service Payments

https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/Municipal Services Payments.aspx

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RECOMMENDATION (to be completed by institution WEPA Coordinate	ator only)			
☐ EIS Not Required				
Analysis of the expected impact of this proposal is of sufficient scope and detail to conclude that this action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. In my opinion therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required before the board undertakes this action.				
☐ Major and Significant Action: PREPARE EIS				
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his decision is not final until approved by the appropriate Director.				

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Appendices





October 11, 2022

RE: Environmental Assessment
Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center Skilled Care Unit Expansion

DFD Project #21H1L

Dear Agency/Tribal Representative:

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of Facilities Development (DFD) has retained Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) on behalf of the Department of Health Services (DHS) to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC) Skilled Care Unit (SCU) Expansion located in the City of Mauston, Juneau County, WI. The EA will be prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter DHS 18. An initial requirement of the EA is the scoping process. The intent of the scoping process is to identify any potential impact of the project on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments. Because you or your agency or group may have an interest in the project, we are inviting you to participate in the scoping process.

Project Background

The existing SCU is located in Building E at the SRSTC. The existing Building E contains approximately 25,700 gross square feet (GSF). The western third of the building contains the existing SCU, which encompasses 8,900 GSF. The SCU takes care of the aged residents who have a lack of mobility, diminishing cognitive ability, poor physical health or other impairments that prevent them from being fully independent. The current SCU facility space cannot adequately serve this ageing and increasingly frail population.

Proposed Project Action

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negative pressure resident room and ante-room. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems will be modified to bring them up to current design practices.

See attached maps for project location and conceptual site plan.

EA Schedule

The Draft EA report will evaluate the potential positive and adverse environmental impacts of the project in accordance with WEPA and Wisconsin Administrative Code guidelines. Issues identified during the scoping process will be addressed in the report. As part of our standard EA process, SEH will perform research using available databases and resources to collect information pertaining to environmental, social, economic, cultural or historic aspects of the project. The Draft EA report is anticipated to be made available to the public for a 15-day comment period starting in Early January 2023. A notice will be published in state and local media to announce the availability of the Draft EA. It is anticipated that a public meeting will be held during this comment period to present the Draft EA findings. Following completion of the public comment period, any comments received will be considered and a Final EA Report will be published.

If you are interested in this project, we welcome any comments, suggestions, or other input you feel is pertinent. Please submit your comments electronically or in writing by **November 7**, **2022** for consideration in the Draft EA report to:

Darren Fortney Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. 6808 Odana Road, Suite 200 Madison WI, 53719 dfortney@sehinc.com Marty Falk Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. 6808 Odana Road, Suite 200 Madison WI, 53719 mfalk@sehinc.com

Comments received after November 7, 2022 will be addressed at the Draft EA public meeting and incorporated into the Final EA. If no comments are received, we will assume that there are no project issues that negatively impact you or your group. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact Darren Fortney or Marty Falk (contact information above).

Sincerely,

Darren Fortney AICP, NCI, LEED GA Environmental Project Manager

Marty Falk, AICP

Environmental Project Planner

Marty Falk

Attachments: Project Location Map

Conceptual Site Plan

cc: Raivo Balciunas, Wisconsin Department of Administration, Project Manager Eric Engel, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Project Manager

Project Location Map





Conceptual Site Plan



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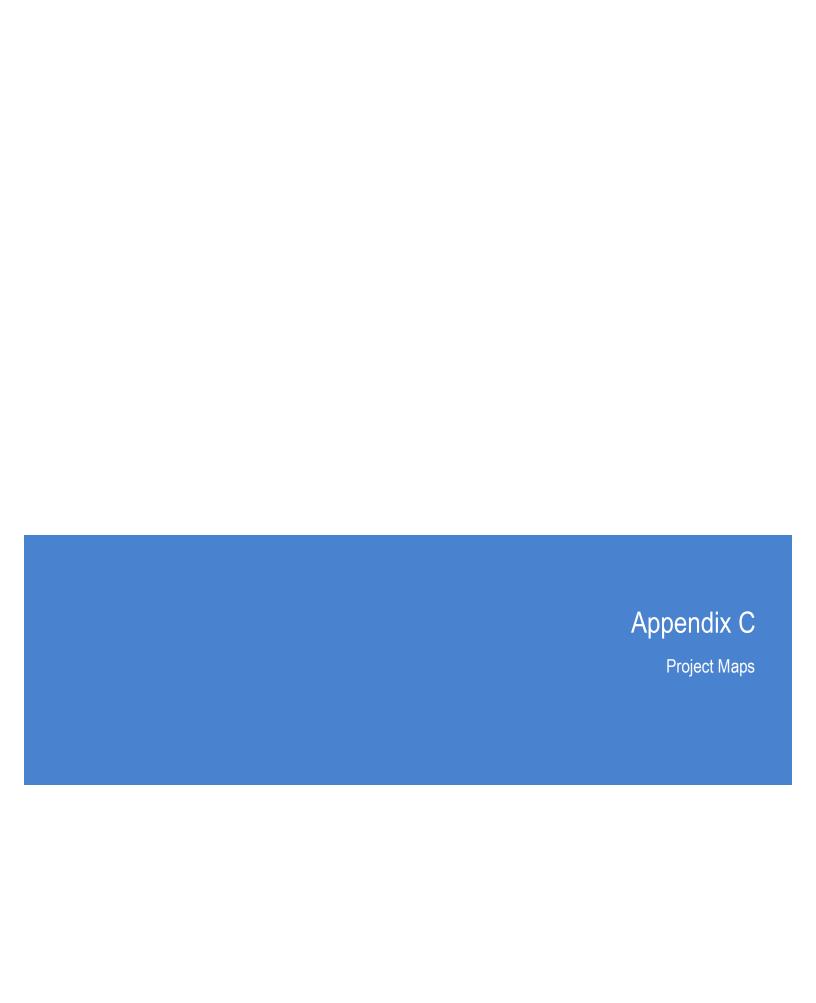
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)
Department of Administration/Division of Facilities Development
Department of Health Services
Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center Health Skilled Care Unit
(Project ID: 21H1L)
Mauston, WI

The Department of Administration (DOA), Division of Facilities Development (DFD), and the Department of Health Services (DHS) announces the availability of a Draft "Environmental Assessment" (EA) and public meeting for the newly proposed expansion of the Skilled Care Unit (SCU) at the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC).

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The DOA/DFD/DOC intends to issue a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) following a fifteen-day public comment period in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS 18 Environmental Policy Implementation providing there are no substantive comments which warrant further evaluation. Interested persons may review the Draft EA report at the Hatch Public Library – 111 West State St., Mauston, WI 53948. Library hours are 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday - Thursday, and 9:00 am -3:00 pm Friday - Saturday. The Draft EA can also be accessed electronically at the following link: sehinc.com/online/wisdoa-dfd or by emailing a request to dfortney@sehinc.com. Written comments on the Draft EA can be submitted via email to dfortney@sehinc.com, or mailed to SEH, Attn: Darren Fortney, 6808 Odana Road, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53719 during the review period from January 5 through January 23. 2023. A public meeting will be held at the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Building H Training Center, located at 1111 North Rd, Mauston, WI 53948 on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm with a short presentation at 5:30 pm. The presentation can also be viewed virtually at 5:30 pm by locating the Teams link at this location (no registration is required): sehinc.com/online/wisdoa-dfd You may also email dfortney@sehinc.com prior to the January 11th public meeting to receive this meeting link electronically.



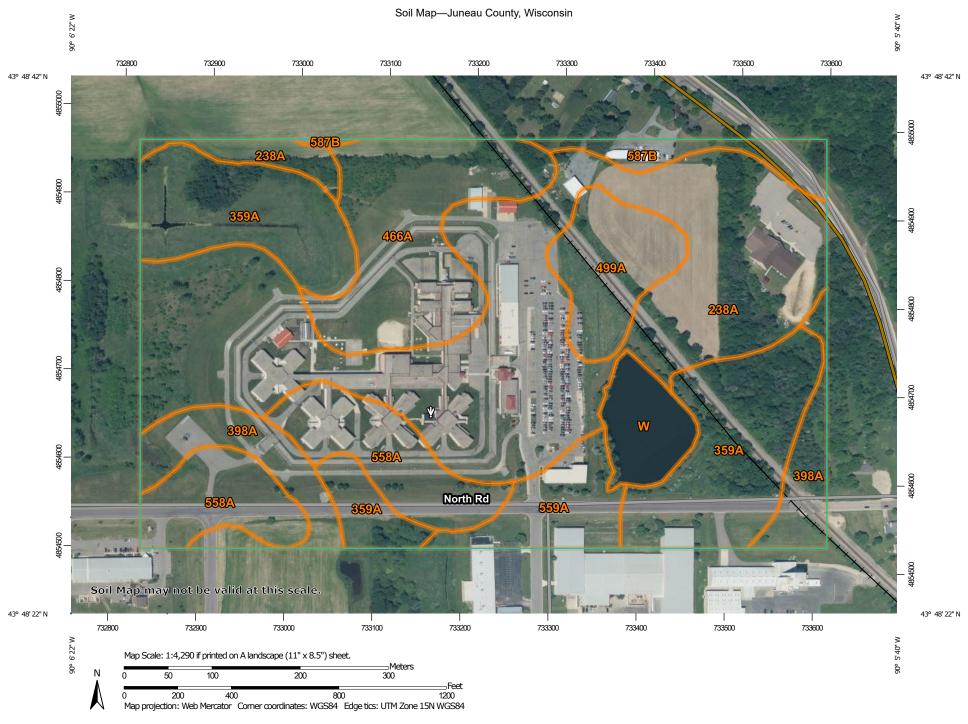
Project Location Map





Schematic First Floor Plan





MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons



Soil Map Unit Lines



Soil Map Unit Points

Special Point Features

Blowout



Borrow Pit



Clay Spot



Closed Depression



Gravel Pit



Gravelly Spot



Landfill



Lava Flow Marsh or swamp





Mine or Quarry Miscellaneous Water



Perennial Water





Saline Spot



Sandy Spot



Severely Eroded Spot



Sinkhole



Slide or Slip



Sodic Spot



Spoil Area Stony Spot



Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot Other



Special Line Features

Water Features



Streams and Canals

Transportation



Rails



Interstate Highways



US Routes



Major Roads



Local Roads

Background



Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15.800.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Juneau County, Wisconsin Survey Area Data: Version 20, Sep 6, 2022

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50.000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Apr 1, 2020—Oct 1. 2020

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Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
238A	Korobago sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	34.4	38.5%
359A	Menasha silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	16.7	18.7%
398A	Neenah silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	6.2	6.9%
466A	Bilmod sandy loam, lake terrace, 0 to 3 percent slopes	10.1	11.2%
499A	Lows loam, lake terrace, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	4.6	5.1%
558A	Wyeville loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	8.7	9.8%
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587B	Tintson sand, lake terrace, 1 to 6 percent slopes	2.3	2.6%
W	Water	2.8	3.1%
Totals for Area of Interest		89.5	100.0%



Sand Ridge Wetlands Map







Wetland Indicators

Wetland Class Areas

Wetland Class Points

____ Dammed pond

Excavated pond

Filled/drained wetland

Wetland too small to delineate

Filled excavated pond

Filled Points

Wetland Class Areas

Filled Areas

Waterway and Wetland Alterations

NRCS Wetspots

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Sand Ridge Flood Zones Map



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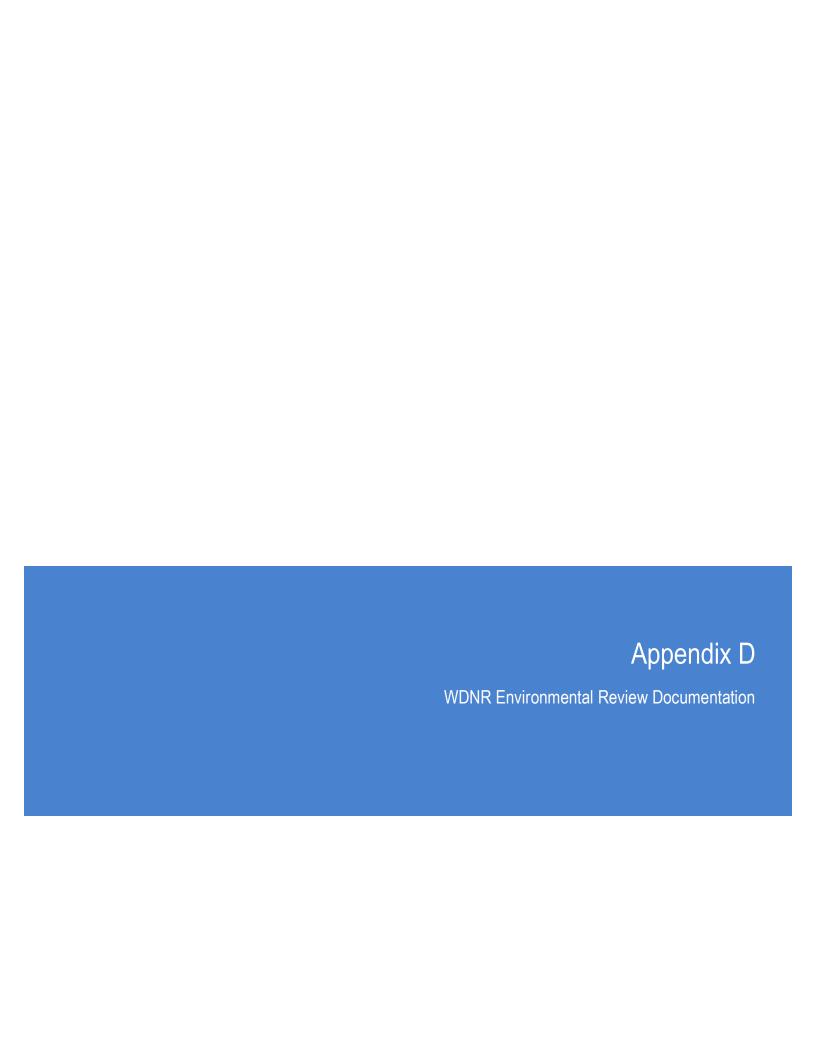
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Endangered Resources Preliminary Assessment

Created on 10/31/2022. This report is good for one year after the created date.

DNR staff will be reviewing the ER Preliminary Assessments to verify the results provided by the Public Portal. ER Preliminary Assessments are only valid if the project habitat and waterway-related questions are answered accurately based on current site conditions. If an assessment is deemed invalid, a full ER review may be required even if the assessment indicated otherwise.

Results

A search was conducted of the NHI Portal within a 1-mile buffer (for terrestrial and wetland species) and a 2-mile buffer (for aquatic species) of the project area. Based on these search results, below are your next steps.

No further action is necessary.

This project is covered by the Broad Incidental Take Permit/Authorization for No/Low Impact Activities (No/Low BITP/A) (https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/ITNoLowImpact.html). This BITP/A covers projects that the DNR has determined will have no impact or a minimal impact to endangered and threatened species in the state. Due to this coverage under the No/Low BITP/A, a formal review letter is not needed and there are no actions that need to be taken to comply with state and/or federal endangered species laws, any take that may result from the proposed project is permitted/authorized.

A copy of this document can be kept on file and submitted with any other necessary DNR permit applications to show that the need for an ER Review has been met. This notice only addresses endangered resources issues. This notice does not constitute DNR authorization of the proposed project and does not exempt the project from securing necessary permits and approvals from the DNR and/or other permitting authorities.

Project Information		
Landowner name	Division of Care and Treatment Services	
Project address	1111 North Rd Mauston, WI 53948	
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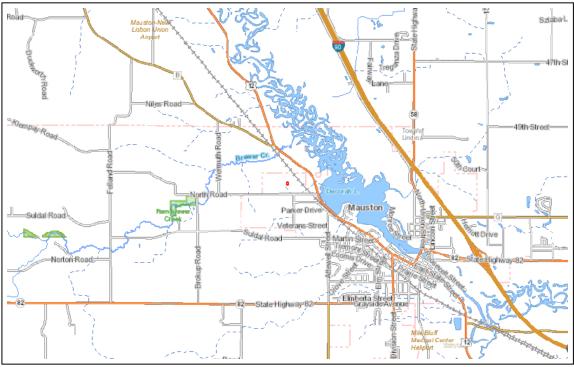
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Does the project involve a public property?	
Is there any federal involvement with the project?	
Is the project a utility, agricultural, forestry or bulk sampling (associated with mining) project?	
Is the project property in Managed Forest Law or Managed Forest Tax Law?	
Project involves tree or shrub removal?	

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Does the project area (including access routes, staging areas, laydown yards, select sites, source/fill sites, etc.) occur **entirely within** one or more of the following habitats?

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Manicured lawn	No
Artificial/paved surface	Yes
Agricultural land	No
Areas covered in crushed stone or gravel	No

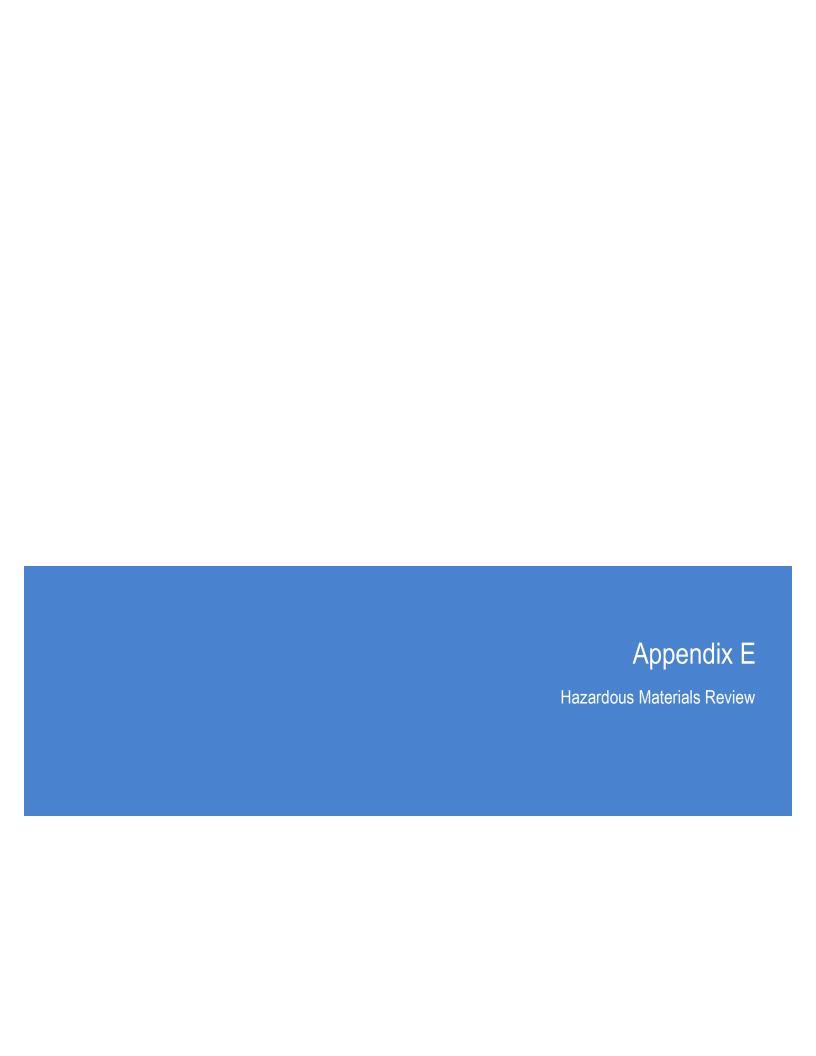


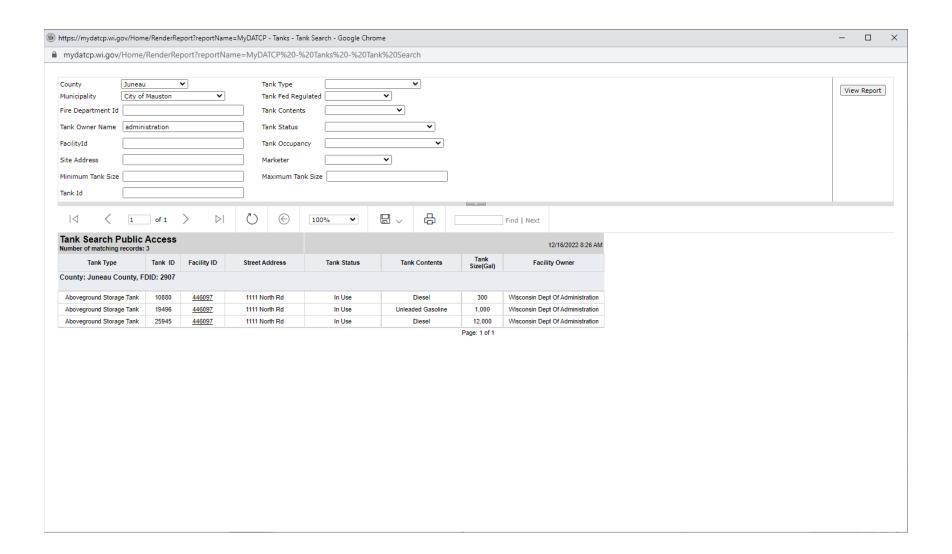


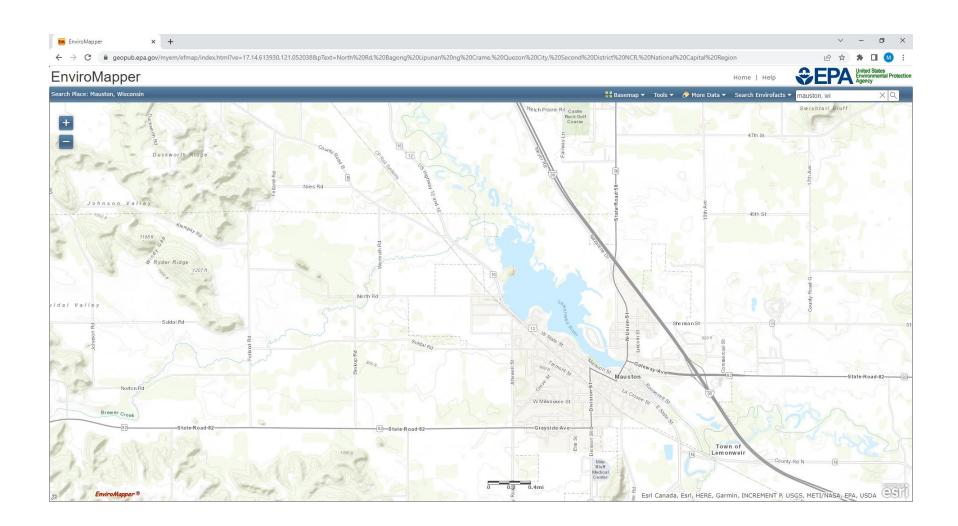
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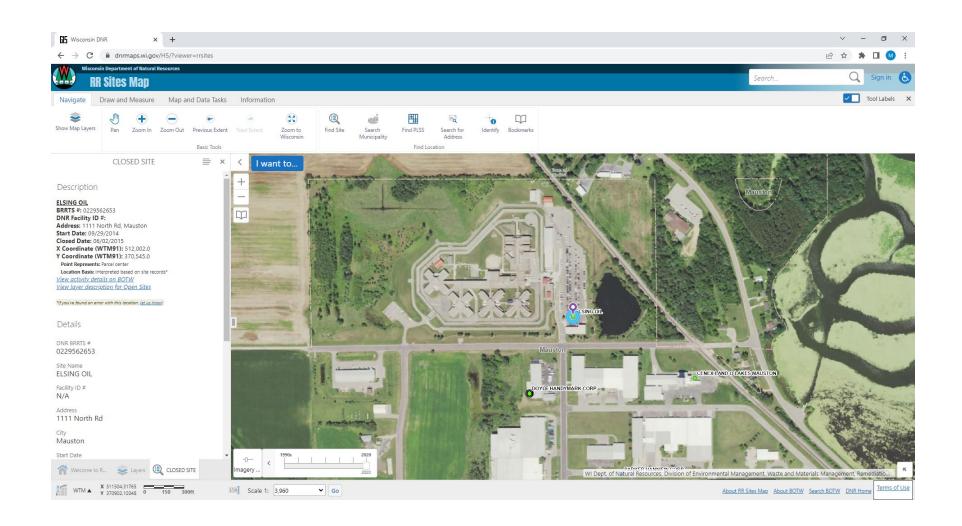
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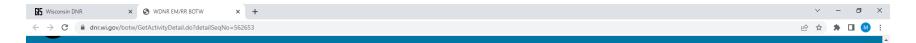
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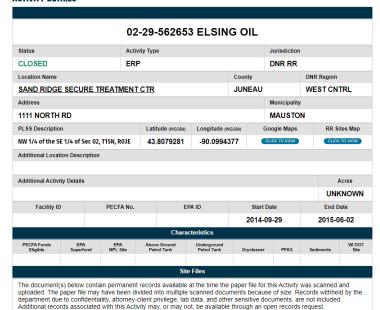


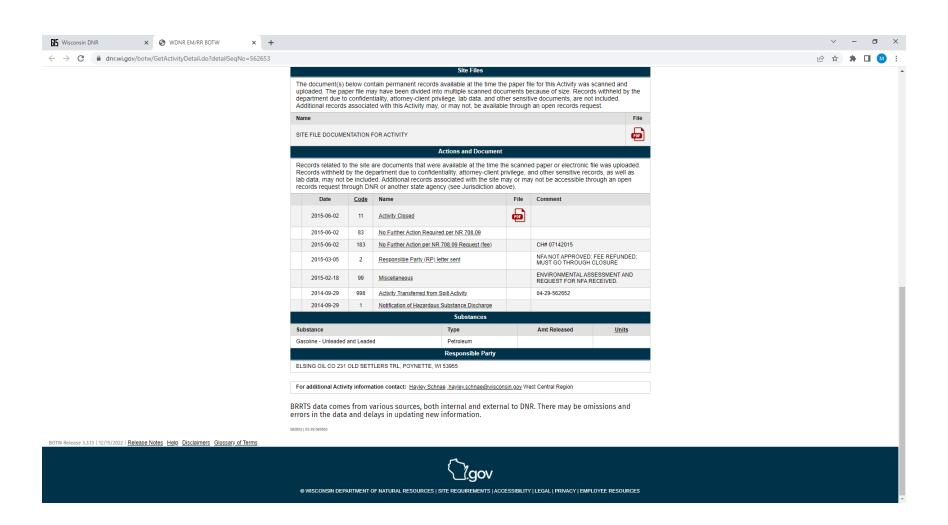
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