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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the environmental review process adopted in the rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 371.41, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 United States Code § 4321, *et seq.*, the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from comprehensive environmental review requirements:

M & M Water Supply Corporation, Angelina County, Texas  
TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62921  
Water System Improvements  
Total Financing Amount: \$1,269,700  
Loan No. L1001507, LF1001508

The M & M Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) provides drinking and wastewater services to a population of approximately 3,189 in Angelina County, about 160 miles southeast of Dallas, Texas. The current drinking water system includes two plant sites, each with a groundwater well. The sites are designated Plant No. 1 - Lightfoot Rd., which is located on County Road 127, and Plant No. 2 - Scotty Beard Road, located on County Road 125. The water system also includes two elevated storage tanks (ESTs), one at Plant No. 2, and one located approximately 460 feet east of Reeves Road and south of State Highway 103.

Currently, the Corporation is experiencing elevated Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) levels in their water supply. In addition, the Corporation’s chlorine system is small, which requires frequent chlorine cylinder changes, a task which is dangerous to the personnel performing it. The Corporation is under an Agreed Order with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) due to failure to comply with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts (Docket No. 2020-0256-PWS-E). The proposed project will bring the system into compliance with TCEQ standards.

The Corporation is proposing to use \$1,195,900 in financing from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to upgrade existing water treatment facilities at the two Corporation-owned water well properties. Specifically, the Corporation intends to: (1) install a charged nanofiltration system and associated yard piping, electrical improvements, and miscellaneous modifications, fittings, and appurtenances at Plant No. 2; (2) install a new tank mixer in the EST at Plant No. 2; and (3) install a new tank mixer in the ground storage tank at Plant No. 1. The new treatment process at Plant No. 2 will produce some backwash

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which will necessitate the disposal of treated effluent by land application (surface irrigation, evaporation, drain fields, or subsurface land application); the Corporation is required to obtain a Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) from TCEQ for Plant No. 2.

All proposed work will be conducted within the existing properties previously developed for water supply infrastructure and routinely maintained by mowing. Environmental impacts will be limited to rehabilitation activities of existing structures and associated on-site pipe installation. The proposed project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands. The proposed project is not located within the 100-year floodplain; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not required. In addition, the proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant archeological sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the proposed project within a protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The Plant No. 1 property is adjacent to the Berry Cemetery, which is designated as a Historic Texas Cemetery by the THC (Cemetery ID No. AG-C122). However, no impact to the cemetery from the proposed project is expected because the planned project activities are limited to aerator installation within an existing ground storage tank. No ground disturbance will take place at this site; yard piping modifications and land application of effluent is only planned for the Plant No. 2 property.

The TWDB may not fund testing, remediation, removal, disposal, or related works for contaminated or potentially contaminated materials. However, the project proponent should ensure that, if found, such materials are tested, removed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

The decision to grant a Categorical Exclusion is allowed because the specified project elements will not cause significant adverse impacts to the quality of the environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination shall be revoked if it is found that

1. the project no longer meets the requirements for categorical exclusion from full environmental review as a result of changes in the project;
2. the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC § 371.41; or
3. the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The proposed project must comply with the following standard environmental conditions :

#### Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the M & M Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.

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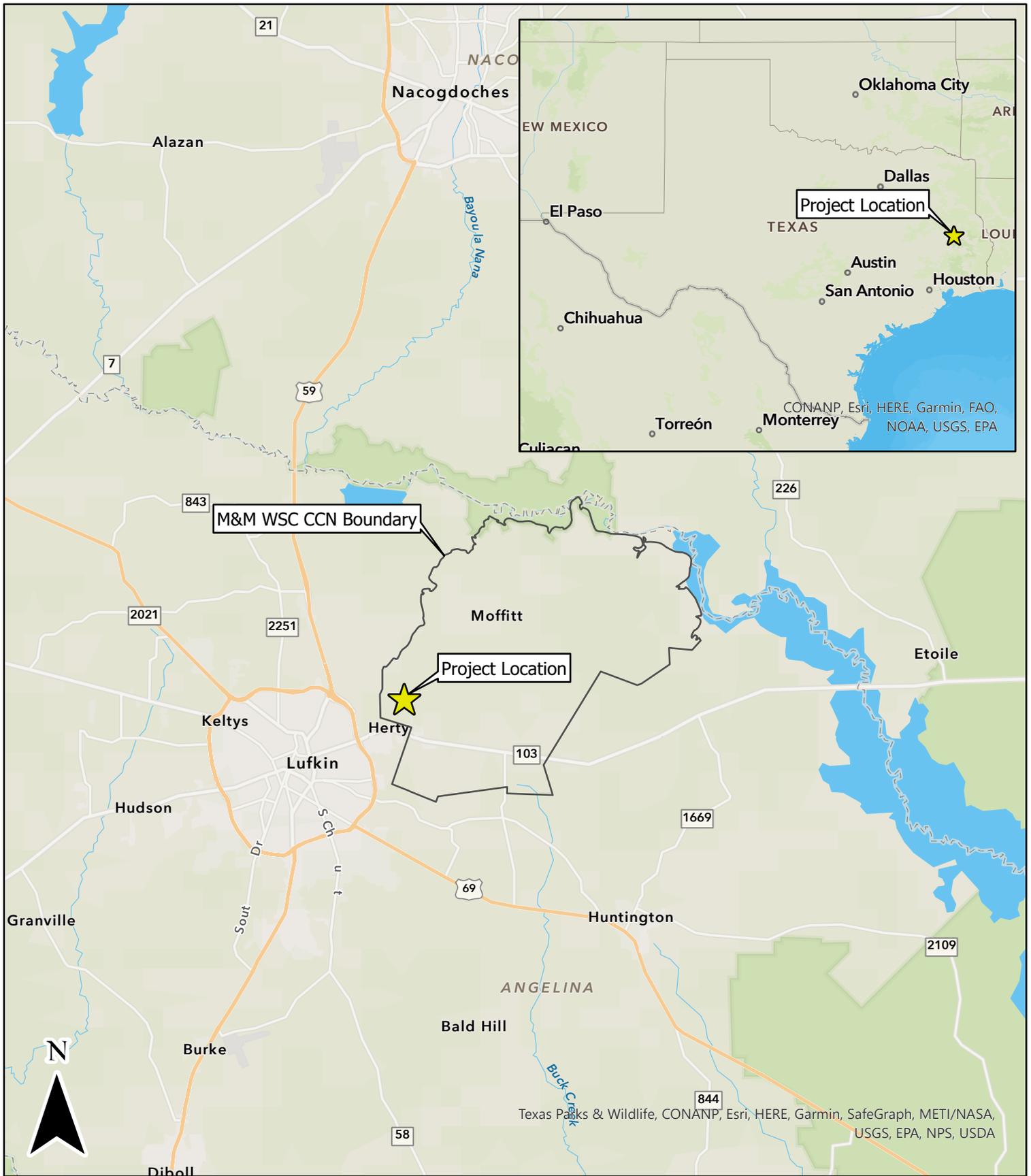
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the Corporation will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at [RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

T. Clay Schultz, Ph.D., Director  
Regional Water Project Development

Enclosures

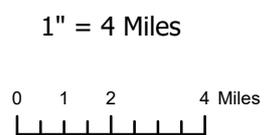


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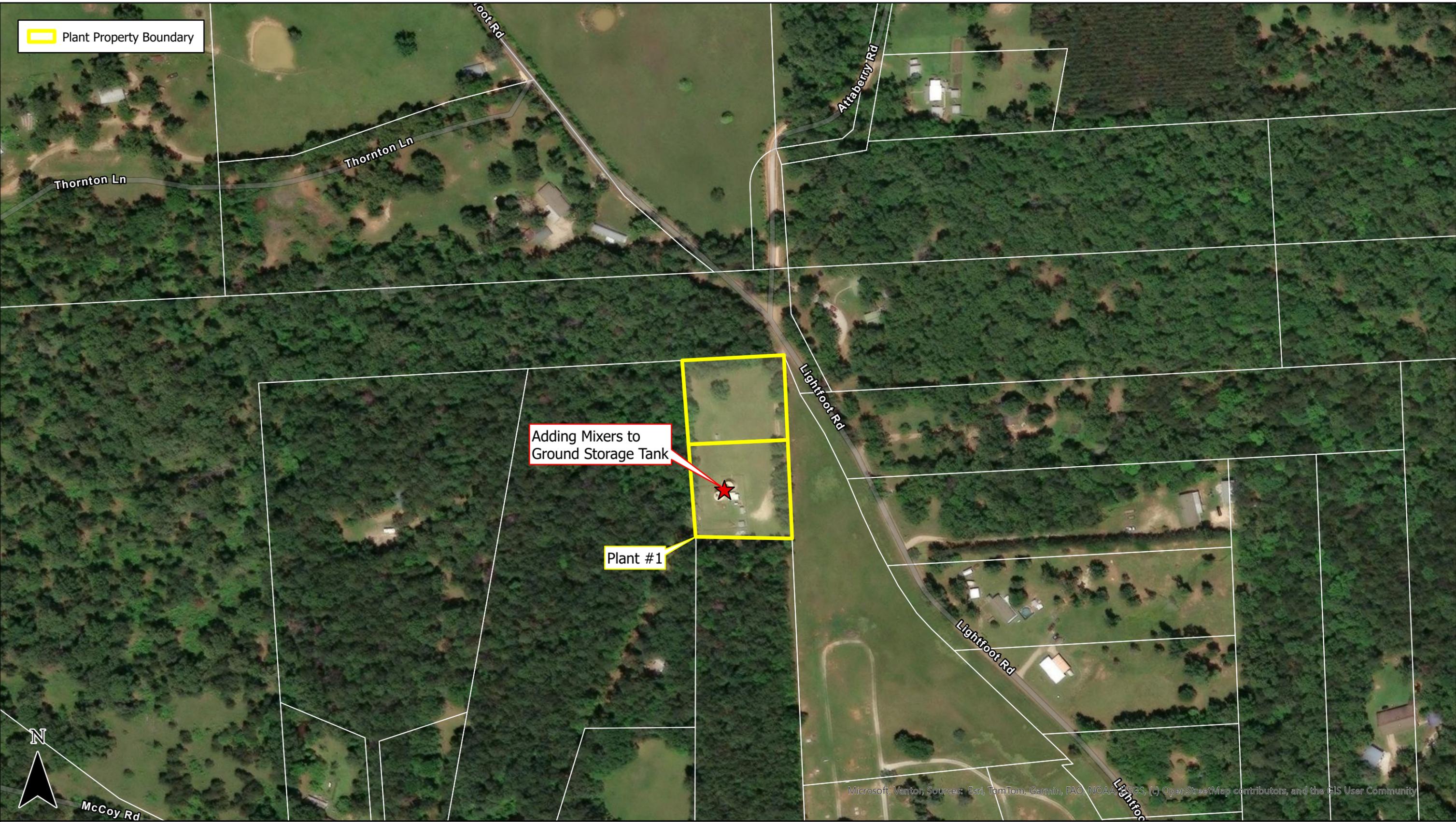
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## Water System Improvements

### General Location Map



Plant Property Boundary



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 Plant #1 - Lightfoot Rd  
 Property Boundary Map

1" = 200'



Plant Property Boundary



Proposed DNF Filtration Systems at Plant #2

Adding Mixers to Elevated Storage Tank

Plant #2



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# M&M WSC Plant #2 - Scotty Beard Rd Property Boundary Map

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