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December 8, 2005

State Historic Preservation Office
Attn: Ms. Aida Belen Rivera Ruiz
State Historic Preservation Officer
Cuartel de Ballaja
Office 336A
Old San Juan
San Juan, PR 00906-6581

Re: Debris Removal at the Former Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD), Vieques, Puerto Rico

Dear Ms. Rivera Ruiz:

The Department of the Navy is currently in the planning stage for removing debris, ordnance, and/or potentially contaminated soil on portions of Vieques where ordnance or waste is present as a result of past Navy practices. The debris/ordnance removal is being conducted under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) program, with the intention of eliminating potential future sources of contamination or explosive hazards. In the course of implementing this program, archaeological resources may be encountered. While it is believed that the removal areas are within previously disturbed locations and in areas where archaeological surveys have been completed, the Navy is submitting the attached information for your review and comment pursuant to Section 106.

There are four sites (AOC J, SWMU 4, SWMU 6, and SWMU 7 on the former NASD) for which we request your review of planned debris/ordnance removal activities. The Navy is anticipating performing the removal activities starting in February 2006 and is therefore requesting a reply to the Navy's determination of no effect on these four areas consistent with the planned removal schedule. The no effect determination is based upon the facts that (1) all four sites were the locations of former Navy activities (i.e., debris disposal at AOC J, SWMU 6 and SWMU 7; and ordnance detonation at SWMU 4) and, therefore, have been previously disturbed, and (2) three of the sites (i.e., AOC J, SWMU 6, and SWMU 7) are located in areas that has been surveyed archaeologically and determined to not contain any cultural resources. An archaeological survey has been conducted at SWMU 4, but because of its large size, the Navy is inquiring whether additional consideration will be required for specific areas at SWMU 4. The locations of the planned removal activities at these four sites are shown on the enclosed figures.

In addition, in the next several months, the Navy will also submit an additional request to review the remaining areas for activities being conducted under CERCLA within the former NASD for your review and comment pursuant to Section 106.

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We appreciate your input in this process and look forward to continue the communication flow between the agencies. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting me at 757-322-4787.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Division
By direction of the Commander

Enclosures

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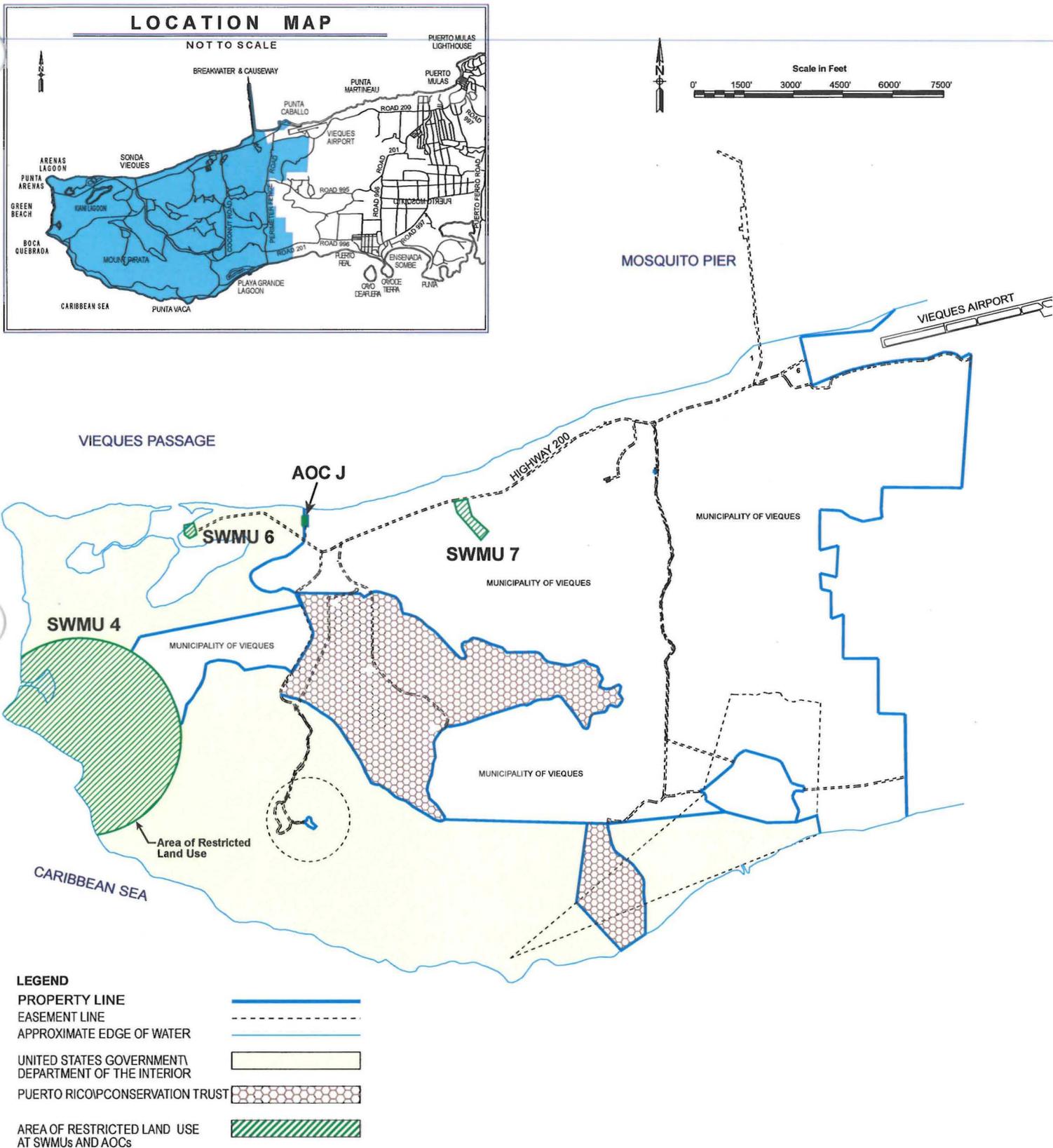


Figure 1-2
AOC J, SWMU 4, SWMU 6, and SWMU 7 Location Map
Former NASD, Vieques, Puerto Rico **CH2MHILL**



1999 Aerial Photography

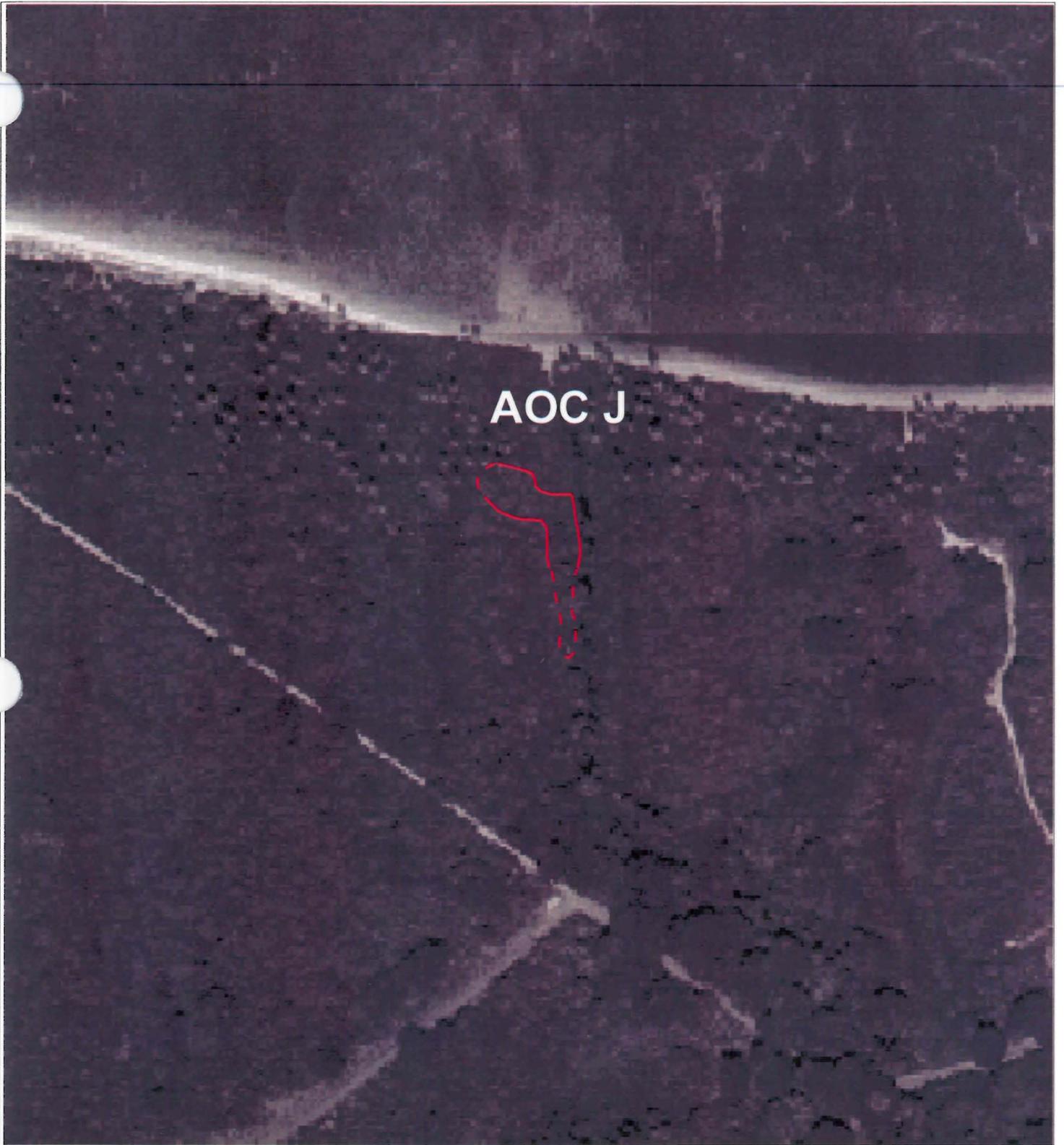


0 1,000 2,000 Feet



AOC J, SWMU 4, SWMU 6, and SWMU 7
Former NASD, West Vieques, Puerto Rico

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AOC J

1994 Aerial Photography

- Interpreted Waste Boundary
- - Visual Waste Boundary



0 100 Meters

AOC J
Former NASD, West Vieques, Puerto Rico

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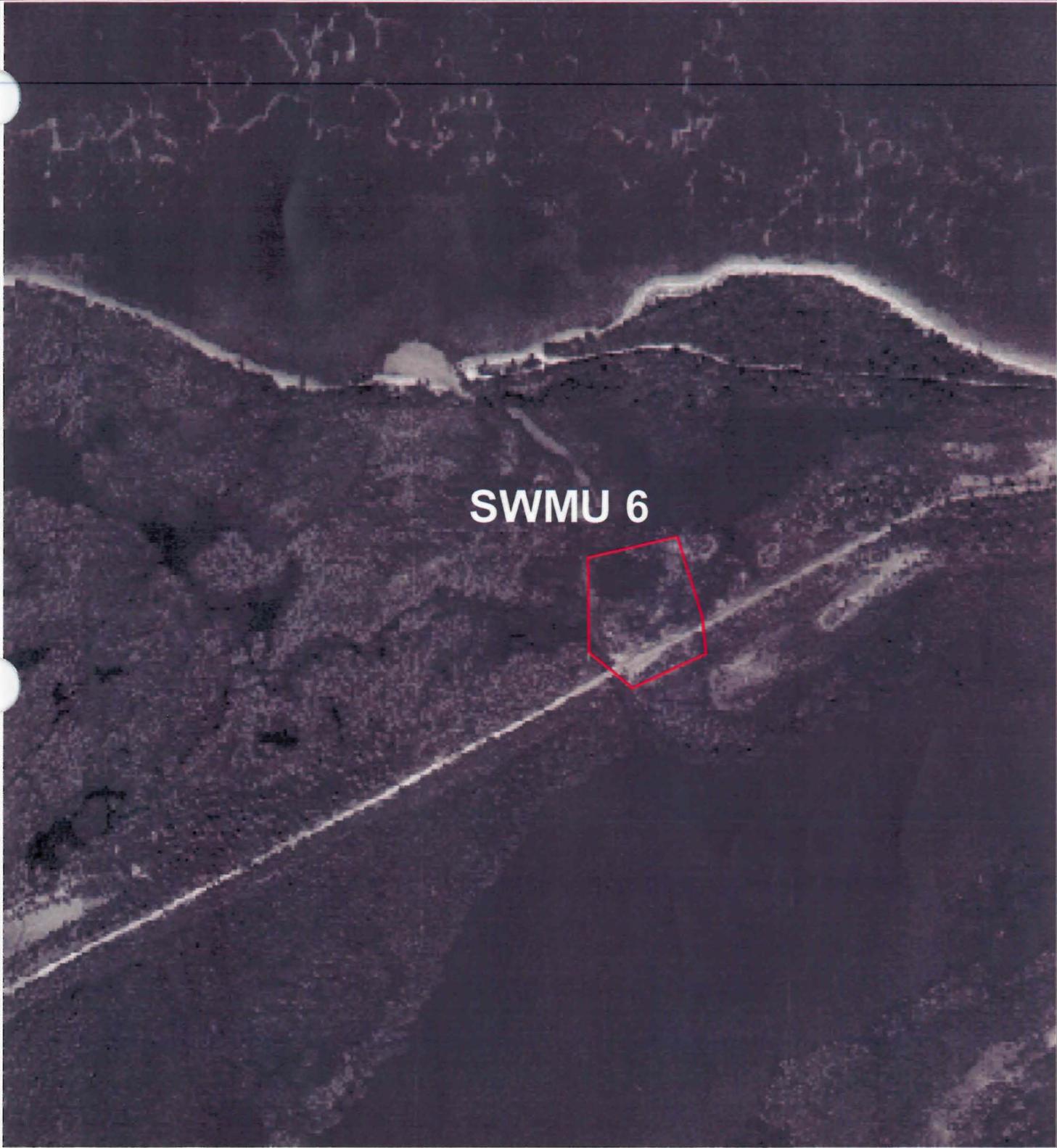


SWMU 4
Former NASD, West Vieques, Puerto Rico

0 200 400 Meters



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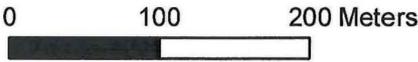


SWMU 6

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SWMU 6
Former NASD, West Vieques, Puerto Rico



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SWMU 7

1994 Aerial Photography

- Interpreted Waste Boundary
- - Visual Waste Boundary



0 100 Meters



SWMU 7
Former NASD, West Vieques, Puerto Rico

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