

Appendix M – Agency Scoping Comments



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If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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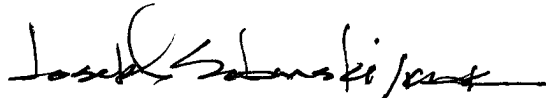
Reference is made to your interagency scoping meeting on September 24, 2009, concerning the subject matter. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) has the following comments for the scoping process:

- Aerial photos of the Locally Preferred Alternative shown at the meeting indicate the proposed alignment running along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at grade adjacent to District property. The District requires access between the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant to the west of Cottage Grove Avenue and its facilities to the east of Cottage Grove Avenue. District access between the two facilities will have to be modified or reconstructed as part of the project.
- The proposed alternative for the station at the end of the line south of 130th Street is adjacent to District property between 130th Street and 130th Avenue and west of the station. Depending on the location of parking, etc., a request to lease or acquire District property may be required.
- The location for the proposed CTA station north of 130th Street is entirely on District property, some of which may be considered wetland. Also, it appears that the rerouted Cottage Grove Avenue utilizes the District road within the plant boundaries. The District understands that the draft plans are preliminary, but we will have to do a complete evaluation as plans are further developed to determine potential impact on the District.

- We recommend an odor study be conducted early in the environmental review process for impacts on the proposed CTA facilities. The area of greatest concern is the final CTA station along 130th Street, which is directly adjacent to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant.
- The proposed alignment crosses the District's 17'6"x14'0" Calumet Intercepting Sewer 6 just east of Indiana Avenue. Attached are Sheets 1 and 5 of this contract. This intercepting sewer should be placed on all future Red Line Extension plans.

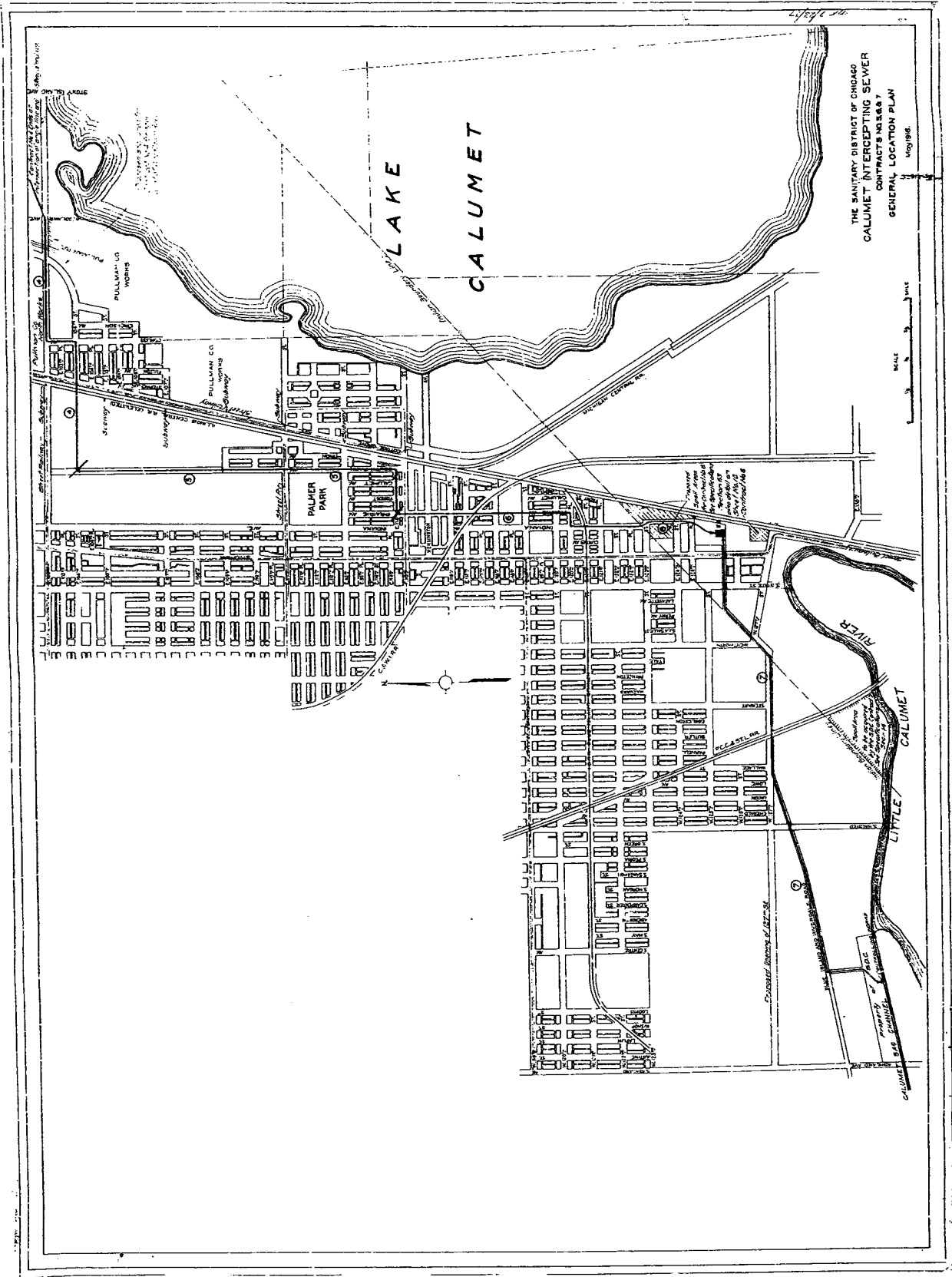
Questions may be referred to Joe Schuessler, 312-751-3236.

Very truly yours,



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Director of Engineering

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Attachment



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