# RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. **Proposed Action:** Western Area Power Administration (Western) plans to demolish a service building located in the Lower 230-kV Switchyard at Davis Dam, because it no longer meets our needs and we do not anticipate finding a use for it in the future. The building is currently vacant and has been for years. We plan to begin the work on April 1, 2011 and complete it by December 31, 2011.

The attached map shows the project area location. Aerial photographs show that much of this area is developed. Western owns the land. The legal description is Section 19, Township 21 North, Range 21 West on the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian (USGS Davis Dam, Ariz. 1983 7.5' map).

B. **Categorical Exclusion Applied:** 10 CFR, Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.23: "Demolition and subsequent disposal of buildings, equipment, and support structures (including, but not limited to, smokestacks and parking lot surfaces)."

C. **Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410 (b):**

1. The proposed action fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to Subpart D.

   a. The proposed action was reviewed for the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, and all applicable Department of Energy Orders.

   b. The proposed action does not require the siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities.

   c. The proposed action does not disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminates, or CERLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled and unpermitted releases.

   d. The proposed action was reviewed and surveyed for impacts to cultural and sensitive biological resources. Cultural and sensitive biological resources have been determined to not be affected.

2. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and

3. The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

**D. Determination:** Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**E. Special Conditions:**

1) Demolition activities shall follow the findings and recommendations listed in "Pre-demolition Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Survey Report: Davis Dam-Lower 230kV Control Room Building Davis Dam Substation, Bullhead City, Arizona," dated May 21, 2010.
2) Demolition activities shall follow the findings and recommendations listed in "PCB sampling Report: Davis Dam-Lower 230kV Control Room Building Davis Dam Substation, Bullhead City, Arizona," dated May 28, 2010.

John R. Holt

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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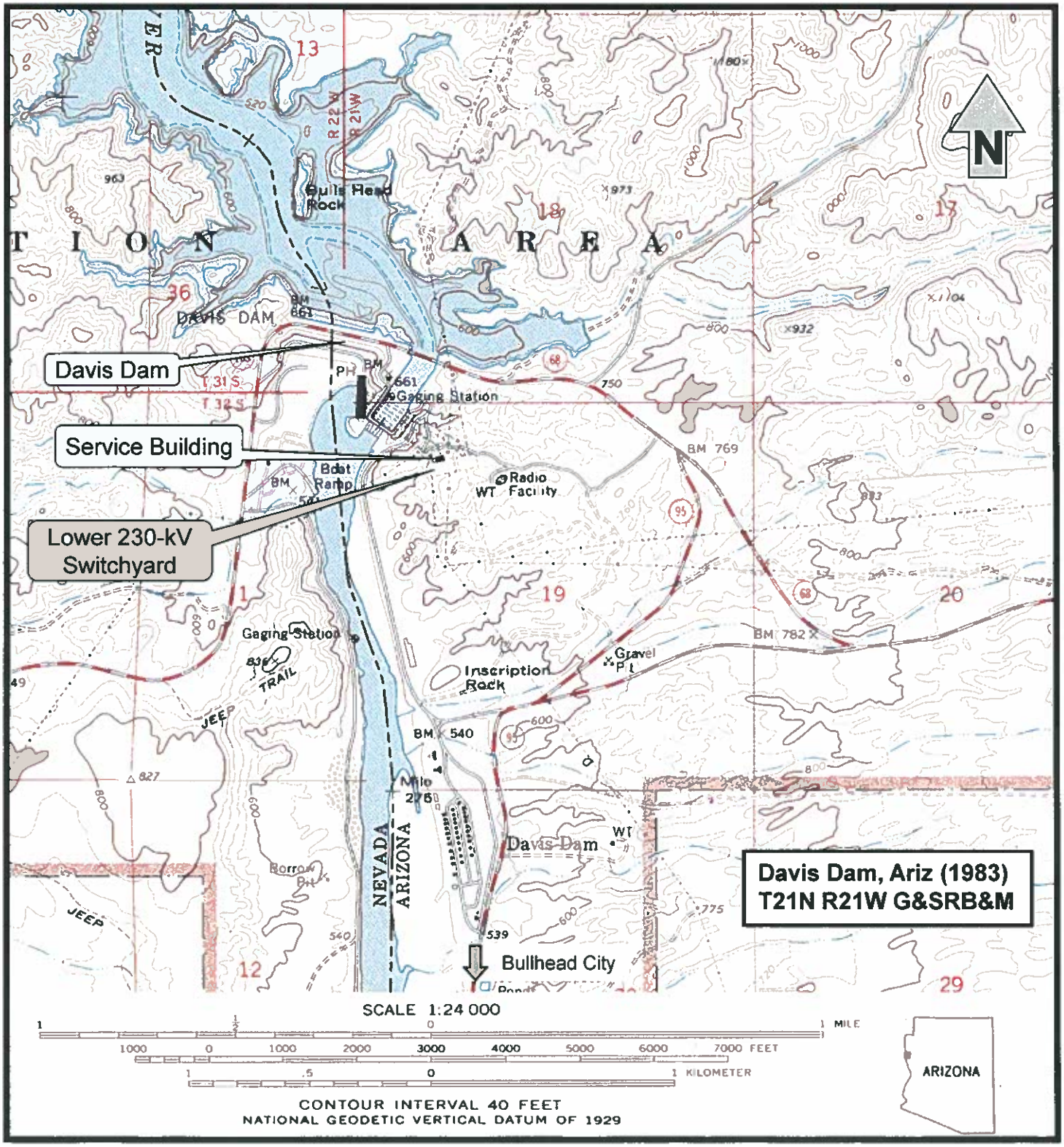
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