# APPENDIX IIG MSW-692A CORRESPONDENCE

APPENDIX IIG-1
WETLANDS

6. Wetlands §330.51(b)(7), §330.53(b)(12)(B), §330.302

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## WETLANDS 30 TAC §§330.51(b)(7), 330.53(b)(12)(B) and 330.302

A field investigation of the Temple Recycling and Disposal Facility was conducted on August 18, 1998 to determine the potential for waters of the United States, including wetlands, to exist on this property. Two tributaries, including Williamson Branch, crossing the northeast corner of the landfill property, and an unnamed tributary of Little Elm Creek, located at the southern boundary of the landfill property, were identified as waters of the United States which exist on the landfill property. No other areas identified as potential waters of the United States, including wetlands, were observed to exist on this property. The results of the August 18, 1998 wetlands field investigation were forwarded to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in correspondence dated September 3, 1998.

In correspondence received from the USACE, dated October 8, 1998, the USACE indicated that this project was reviewed in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The USACE verified that waters of the United States which exist on this site "are limited to between the ordinary high water marks of Williamson Branch, crossing the northeast corner of the landfill, and the unnamed tributary to Little Elm Creek, located on the southern end of the landfill facility." Neither of these tributaries are located within the two expansion areas of this facility.

Supporting information is provided in Part I/II, Appendix B, Section 6.

### **RUST** Rust Environment & Infrastructure Inc.

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September 3, 1998

Mr. Wayne Lea
Regulatory Branch
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Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District
P.O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300

RE:

Temple Recycling and Disposal Facility, Temple, Bell County, Texas

TNRCC Municipal Solid Waste Permit No. MSW 692

Jurisdictional Determination

Dear Mr. Lea:

On behalf of our client, Waste Management of Texas, Inc., Rust Environment & Infrastructure (Rust E & I) is preparing a permit amendment application to be submitted to the TNRCC for the vertical and horizontal expansion of the Temple Recycling and Disposal Facility (Temple RDF), located in Temple, Bell County, Texas. At this time Rust E&I would like to request a jurisdictional determination for this facility.

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Prior to landfilling activities, this site was used for agricultural purposes. Waste Management of Texas, Inc. took over the operation of this facility in August, 1993. Waste Management is currently proposing to add approximately 58 acres to the permitted acreage of the facility for a total permitted area of approximately 273 acres. The proposed permitted boundary, reflecting the 273 acres, is illustrated in Exhibits 1 through 5.

Two stock ponds once existed on this property, as shown on Exhibit 2, Topographic Map. However; these stock ponds have been filled over the years as landfill operations moved into the areas and the ponds were no longer used for cattle. One stock pond, shown in Exhibit 2 as existing just east of the central north-south landfill road and just south of the east-west central landfill road, was filled as

recently as early 1998; however, cattle were grazed on this portion of the landfill as recently as 1997. Therefore, my understanding is that this pond would not have been jurisdictional under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. A sedimentation pond, also used occasionally as a water source for dust suppression and cell construction, is located in the northeast corner of the facility, immediately south of the Williamson Branch floodplain.

In addition, a drainage, used for conveying stormwater runoff from the landfill facility south to the unnamed tributary of Little Elm Creek, exists in this same area of the landfill facility (east of the north-south road and south of the east-west road). This drainage traverses from northwest to southeast across the southeastern most tract of this facility. Although shown as a blue line on the 1965 USGS topographic map (Exhibit 2), this drainage is shown, and still exists, as a perfectly straight line from its origination to the point at which it flows into the unnamed tributary of Little Elm Creek at the southern boundary of the facility. This drainage is believed to have been originally excavated as a ditch for agricultural purposes and has functioned for site drainage during heavy rainfall events since landfilling operations began on this site. As a man-made drainage ditch excavated in an otherwise upland area, it is my understanding that this ditch would not typically qualify as waters of the United States. Exhibit 3, Aerial Photograph - 1972, and Exhibit 4, Infrared Aerial Photograph - 1/19/95, illustrate this ditch as it appeared in 1972 and 1995.

As shown in the attached site photographs (Appendix B), this ditch exists as a broad, flat area at the northernmost point. The ditch then becomes more defined with an approximately 6 foot bottom width and approximately 4 foot side slopes through the middle portion. Toward the lower portion, the ditch becomes narrower and shallower. As shown in the site photographs, various herbaceous plant species were observed to be growing in this ditch during the site visit; however no trees exist along the ditch.

A second smaller ditch, although not as apparent in the aerial photographs, flows east from the north-south central landfill road into the larger drainage ditch. This ditch originates at a culvert under the north south landfill road and functions to direct drainage from the closed pre-1980 landfill area located to the west of the road into the drainage ditch which flows into the unnamed tributary of Little Elm Creek.

No waters of the United States, including wetlands, were observed to exist on portions of the landfill property which will be used for landfill activities in the near future. Neither Williamson Branch, located near the northern boundary of the property, or the unnamed tributary of Little Elm Creek, located near the southern boundary of the property, will be impacted by future landfill activities. As shown in Exhibit 5, Aerial Photograph - 4/10/98, the southeastern most tract is the only remaining primarily undeveloped tract on the landfill property.

At this time, Rust E&I would like to request a jurisdictional determination for the landfill property. If you require any additional information pertaining to the Temple RDF or this jurisdictional determination request, please phone me at (713) 953-5185, or Mr. Glenn Laird, Senior Consultant, at (713) 953-5156. Waste Management of Texas, Inc. would like to fill these drainage ditches toward the end of September, 1998; therefore, a jurisdictional determination at your earliest possible convenience would be very appreciated. As always, we sincerely appreciate your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Chesler Environmental Scientist Life Sciences Department

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Attachments: Appendix A: Exhibit 1, Site Vicinity Map

Exhibit 2, Topographic Map

Exhibit 3, Aerial Photograph - 1972

Exhibit 4, Infrared Aerial Photograph - 1/19/95

Exhibit 5, Aerial Photograph - 4/10/98

Appendix B: Site Photographs

cc: Mr. John Hodge, Temple Recycling and Disposal Facility, Temple, Texas

Mr. Richard Dormier, Rust Environment & Infrastructure, Dallas, Texas

Project File # 103675

# APPENDIX A EXHIBITS



PHOTOGRAPH SOURCE: AIR SURVEY CORPORATION, APRIL 10, 1998.



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TEMPLE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FACILITY
PRELIMINARY WETLANDS INVESTIGATION
CITY OF TEMPLE, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH - 4/10/98

EXHIBIT 5





PHOTOGRAPH SOURCE: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, SOIL SURVEY OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, MARCH 1977.



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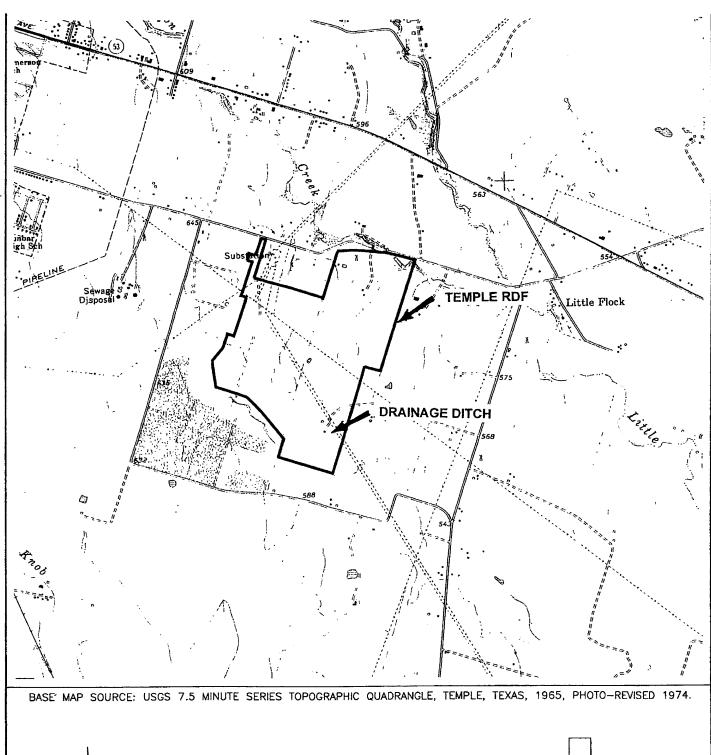
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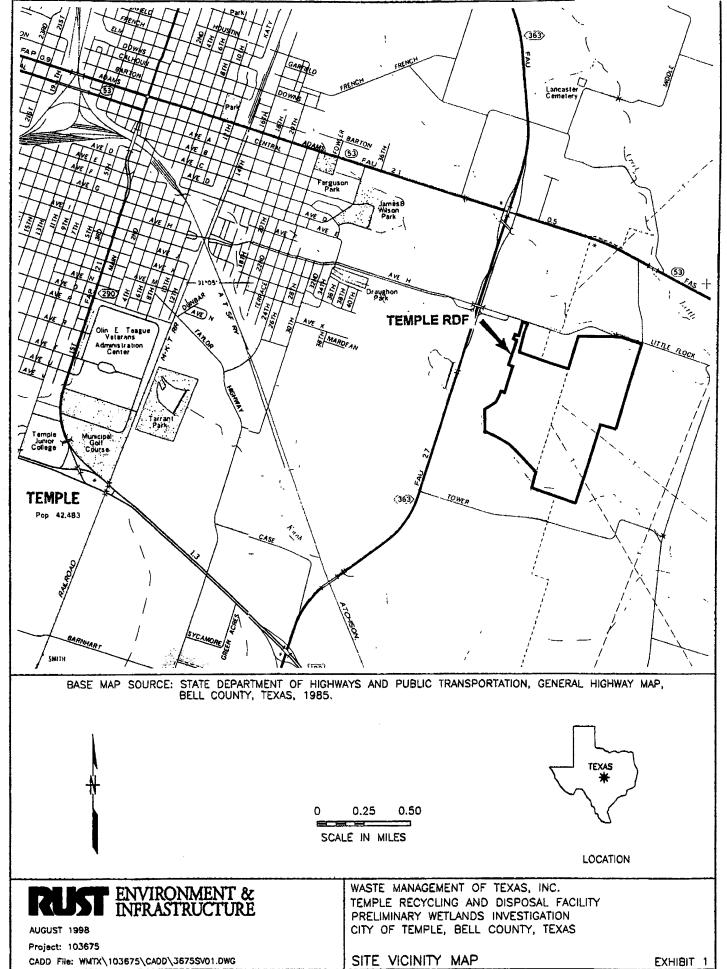
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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

EXHIBIT 2



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## APPENDIX B SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

## LIST OF SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

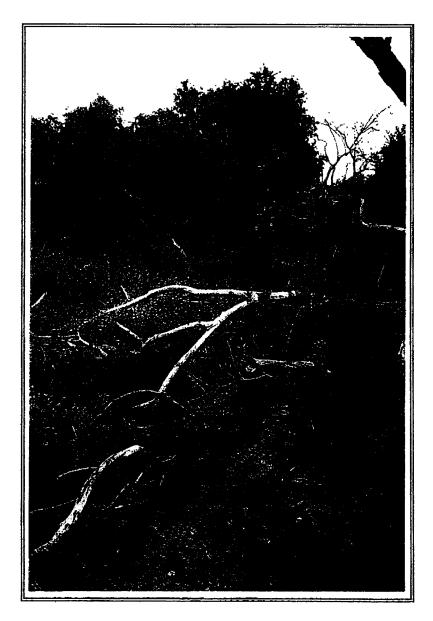
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Photo 5 - View looking east at the northern portion of the sediment pond, located in the northeast corner of the landfill property.	
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**Photo 5** - View looking east at the northern portion of the sediment pond, located in the northeast corner of the landfill property.



Photo 6 -View looking east at the southern portion of the sediment pond, located in the northeast corner of the landfill property.



**Photo 4** - View looking west at the unnamed tributary of Little Elm Creek, located near the southern boundary of the landfill property.

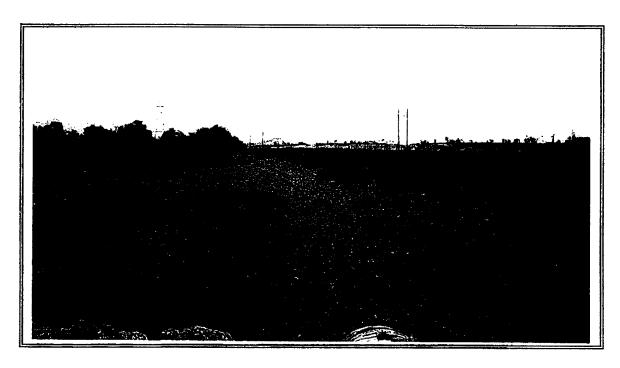


Photo 3 - View looking north-northwest at the southernmost portion of the drainage ditch, immediately before it outfalls into the unnamed tributary of Little Elm Creek.

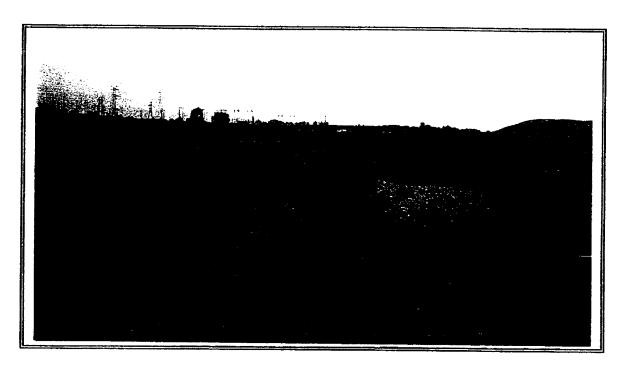


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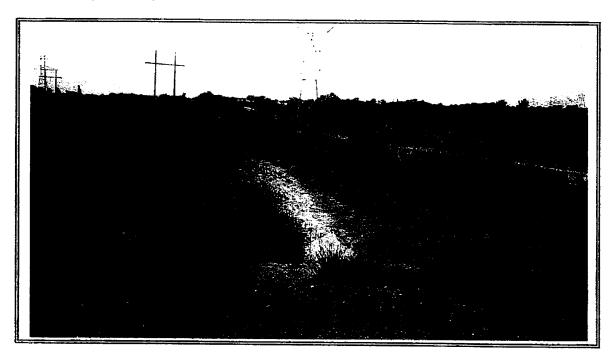


Photo 2 - View looking south-southeast at the middle section of the drainage ditch.



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

October 8, 1998

Environmental Division Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Project Number 199800688

Ms. Kimberly A. Chesler Rust Environment & Infrastructure Inc. 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 600 Houston, Texas 77042-3703

Dear Ms. Chesler:

This is in reference to your correspondence of September 3, 1998, on behalf of Waste Management of Texas, Inc., requesting a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) jurisdictional determination of the Temple Recycling and Disposal Facility located southeast of the city of Temple, Bell County, Texas. This project has been assigned Project Number 199800688. Please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project. Failure to reference the project number may result in a delay.

We have reviewed the site in question in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Under Section 404, the USACE regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. Our responsibility under Section 10 is to regulate any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States. We have determined that this site does not include navigable waters of the United States under Section 10.

Based on your submittal, and other information available to us, it appears that waters of the United States do exist on the site. Waters of the United States are limited to between the ordinary high water marks of Williamson Branch, crossing the northeast corner of the landfill, and the unnamed tributary to Little Elm Creek, located on the southern end of the landfill facility. Department of the Army authorization would be required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into any areas identified as waters of the United States.

If you anticipate a discharge, please provide us with a description of the proposed project, including information on any activities in waters of the United States, the type and amount of material (temporary or permanent), if any, to be discharged, the location of such discharges on a suitable map, and plan and cross-section views of the project.

This jurisdictional determination is valid for a period of no more than five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the delineation before the expiration date. It is incumbent upon the applicant to remain informed of changes in the Department of the Army regulations.

Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please contact Mr. David Madden at the address above or telephone (817)978-4622.

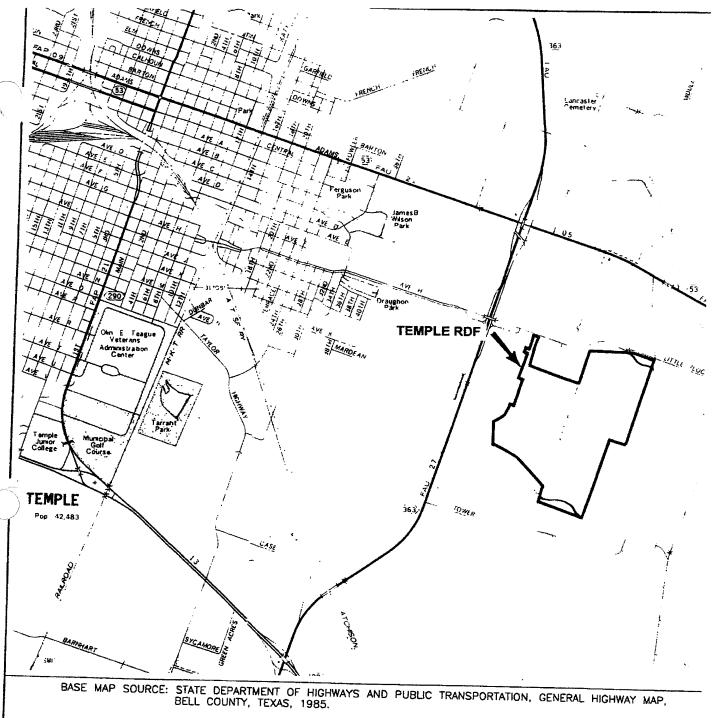
Sincerely,

Wayne A. Lea
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

Copy Furnished:

Mr. Rollin MacRae Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, Texas 78744







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## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION

Project Number:

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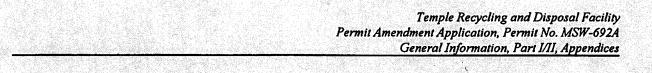


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This jurisdictional determination by the Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is valid for a period of no more than five years from the effective date, unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date. It is incumbent upon the applicant to remain informed of changes in the Department of the Army regulations.

# APPENDIX IIG-2 ENDANGERED SPECIES



6. Endangered Species Demonstration §330.51(b)(8) & §330.53(b)(13)

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September 3, 1998

Mr. Robert W. Spain, Chief Habitat Assessment Branch Resource Protection Division Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, Texas 78744

Re: Sensitive Species and Natural Communities Review

Temple Recycling and Disposal Facility, Temple, Bell County, Texas

TNRCC Municipal Solid Waste Permit No. MSW 692

Dear Mr. Spain:

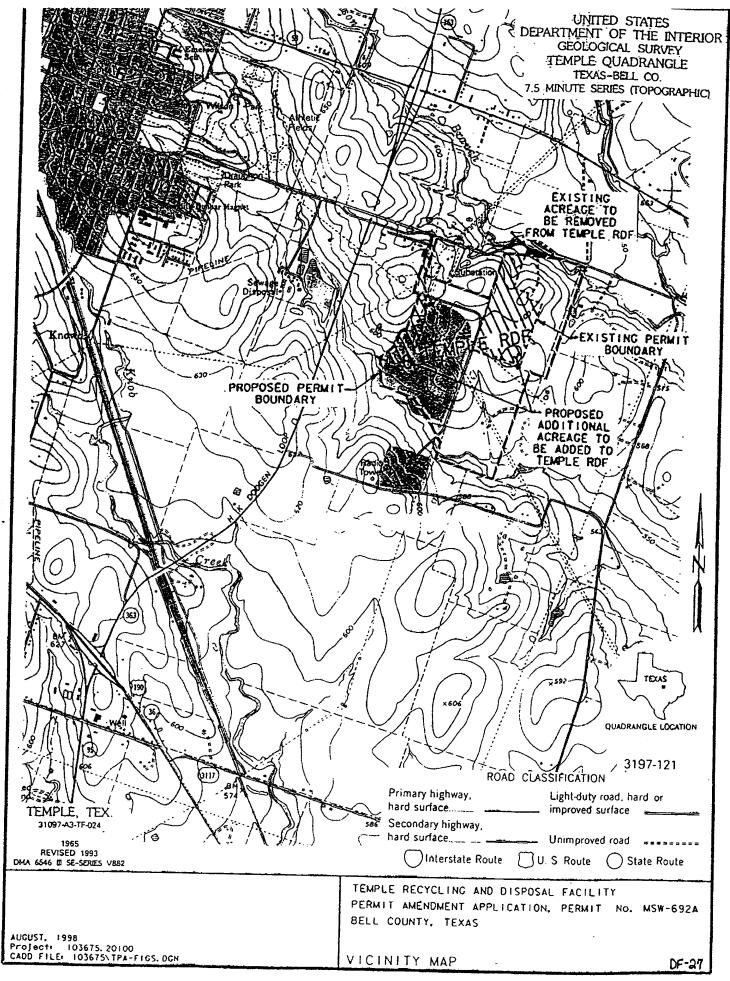
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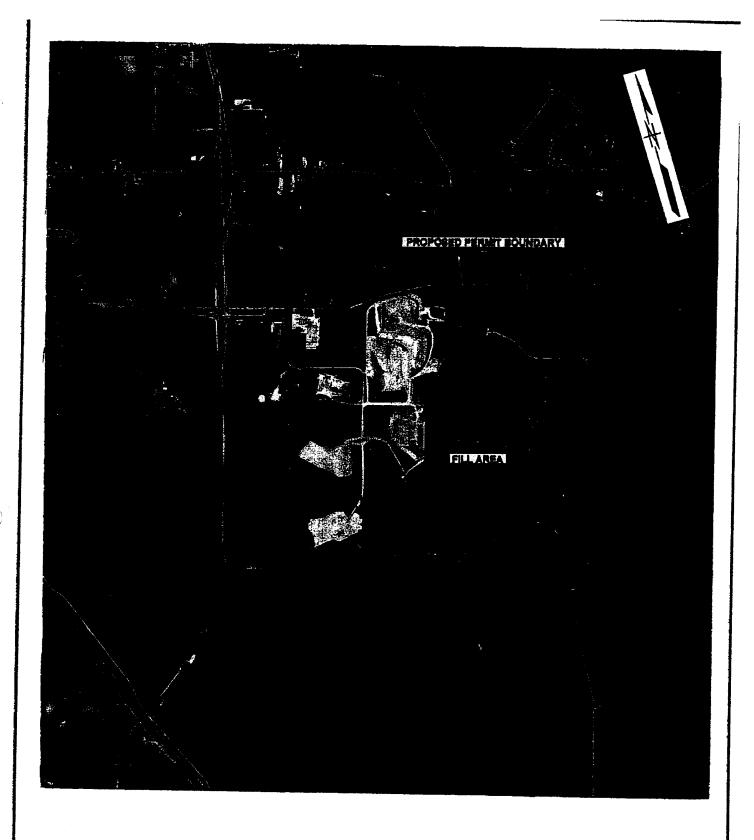
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#### PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

To:

Ms. Debbie Borrego, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

From:

Ms. Kim Chesler

Date:

November 2, 1998

Subject:

Follow up to September 3, 1998 correspondence

Ms. Debbie Borrego of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Habitat Assessment Branch was contacted to follow up on the September 3, 1998 correspondence which was sent to the TPWD Habitat Assessment Branch requesting information on threatened, endangered, or candidate species, and natural communities or habitats which may exist on or near the Temple RDF property. According to Ms. Borrego, Mr. Roy Frye of the Habitat Assessment Branch, reviewed the correspondence and had no comments on the proposed landfill expansion.

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September 3, 1998

Ms. Shannon Breslin
Texas Biological and Conservation Data System
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Resource Protection Division
3000 S. IH-35, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: Sensitive Species and Natural Communities Review

Temple Recycling and Disposal Facility, Temple, Bell County, Texas

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Ms. Shannon Breslin Texas Parks and Wildlife Department September 3, 1998 Page 2

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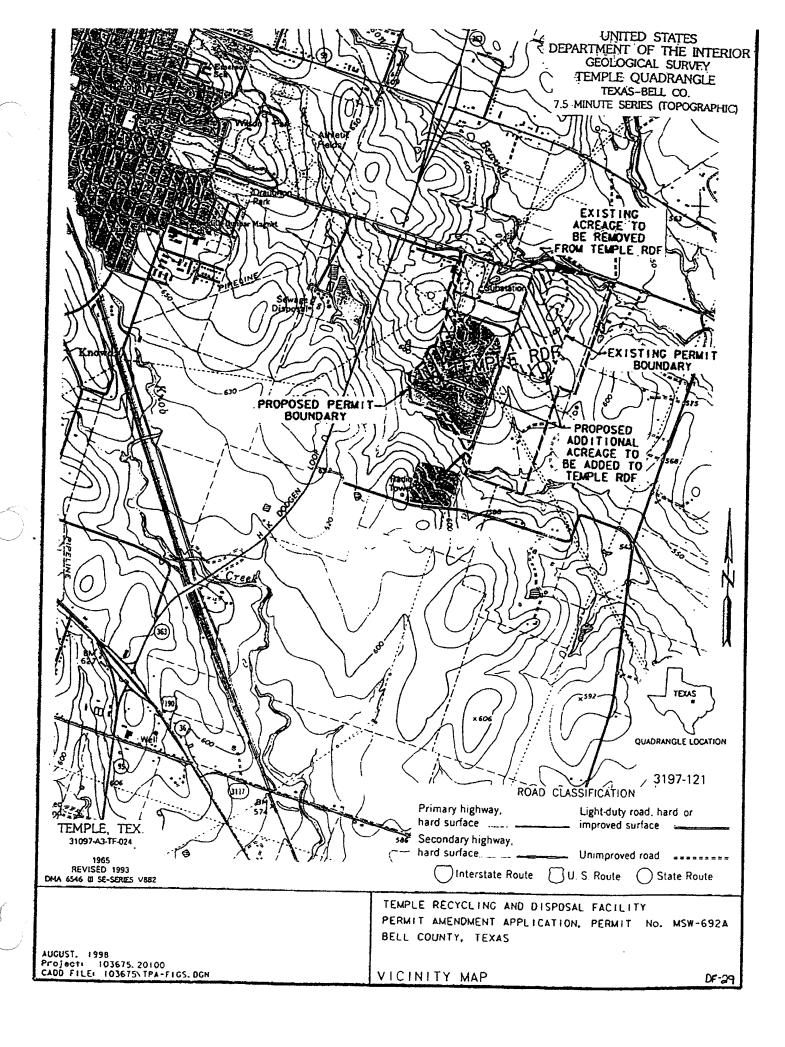
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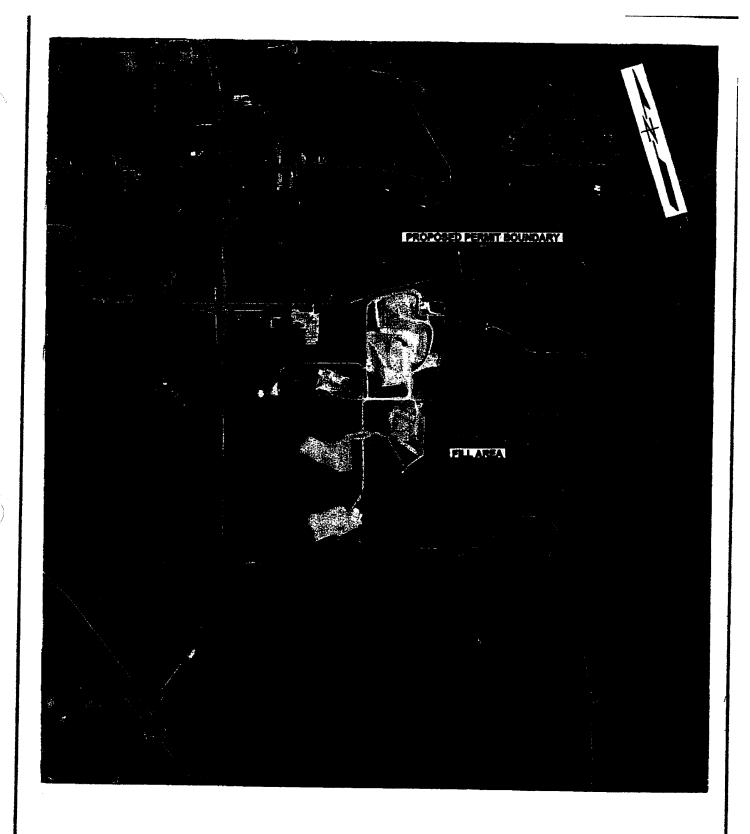
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September 3, 1998

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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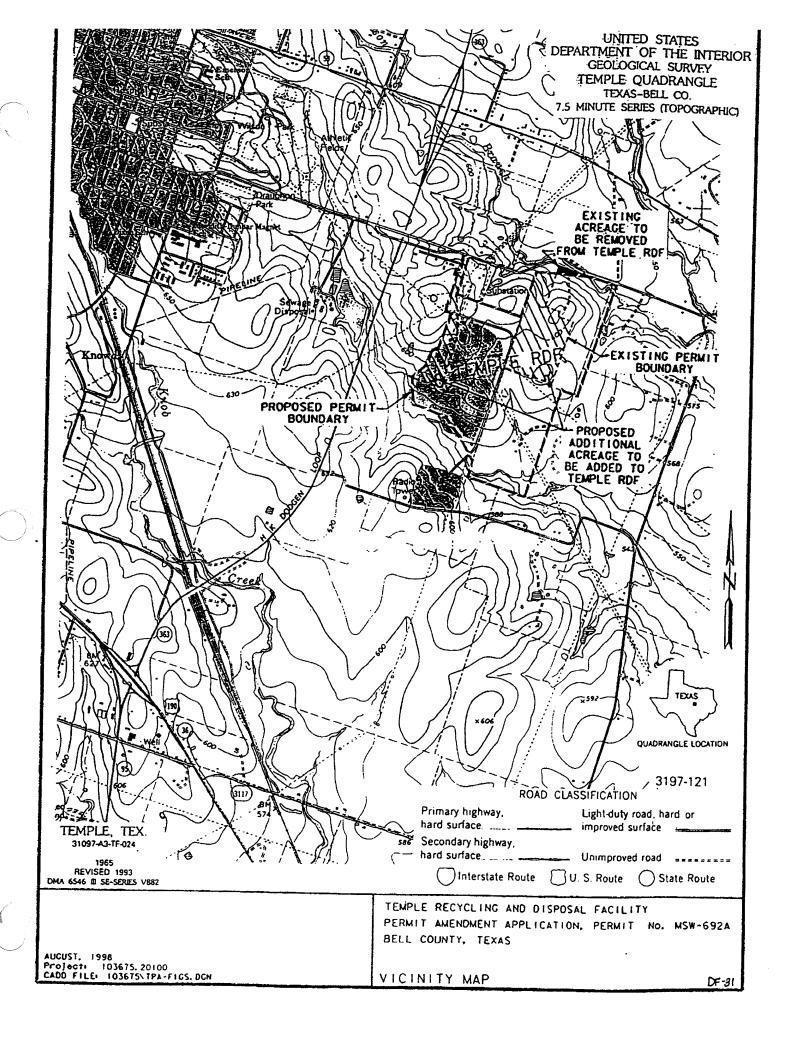
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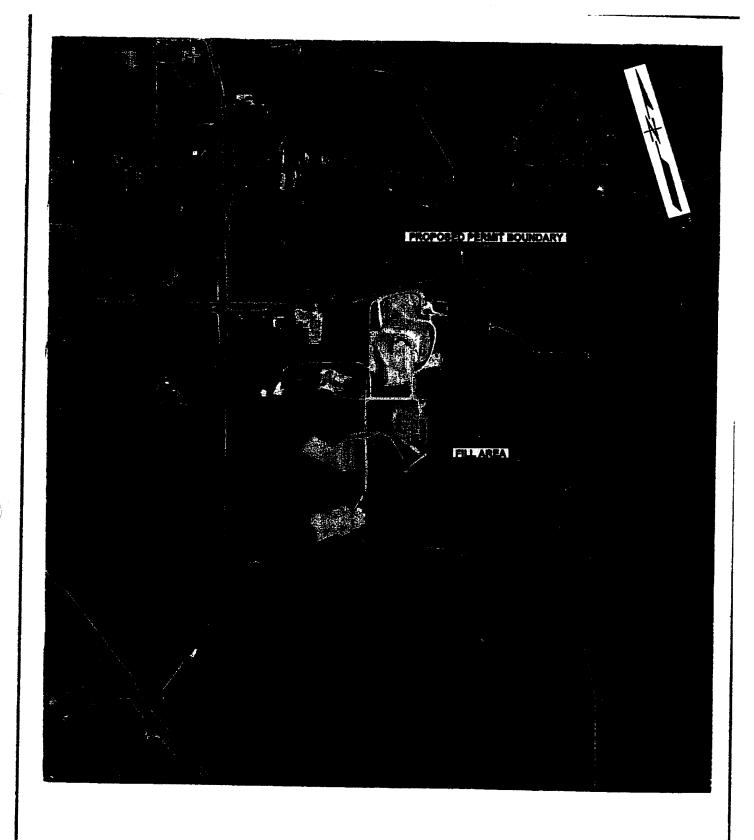
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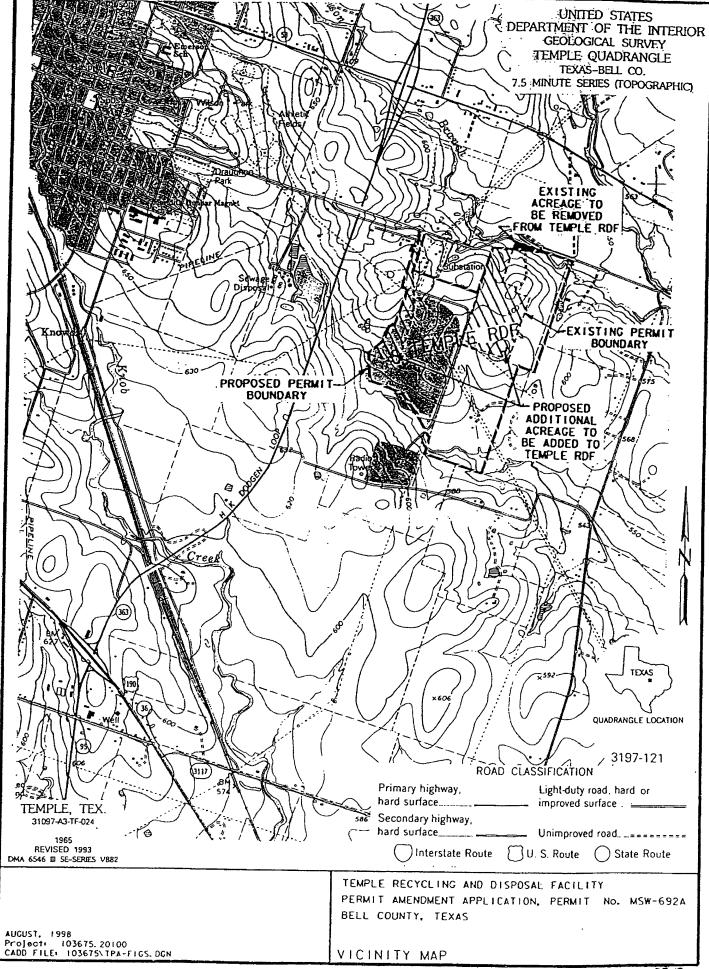
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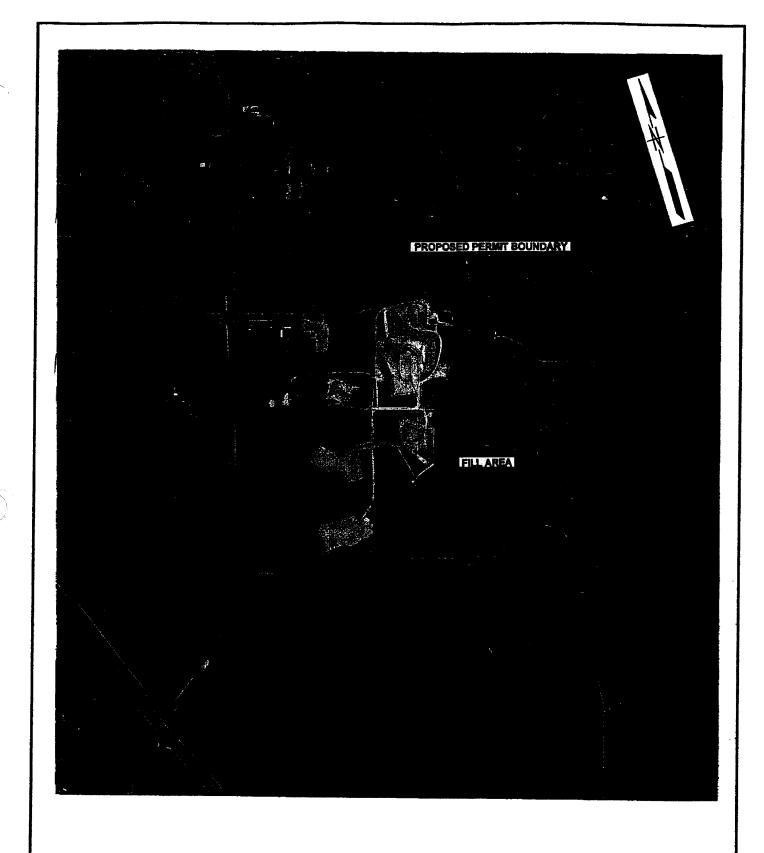
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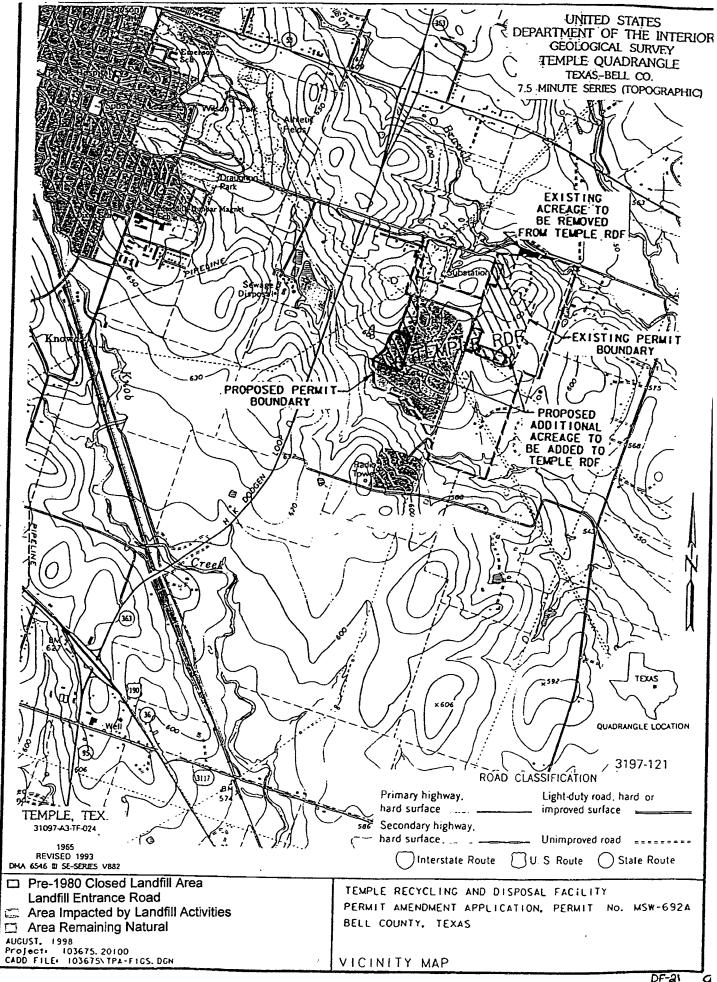
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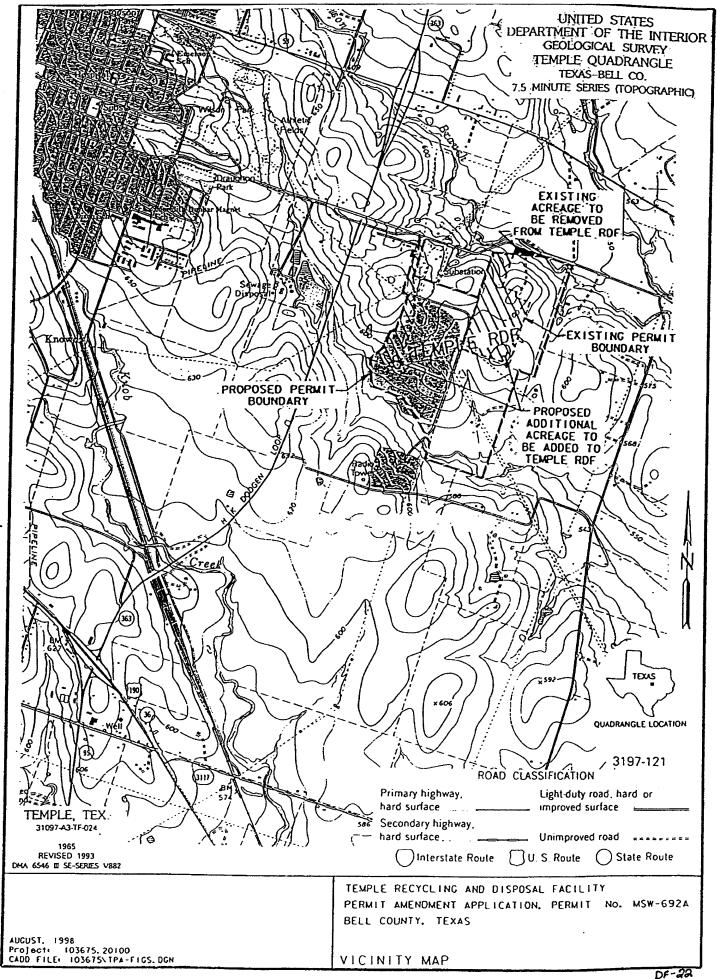
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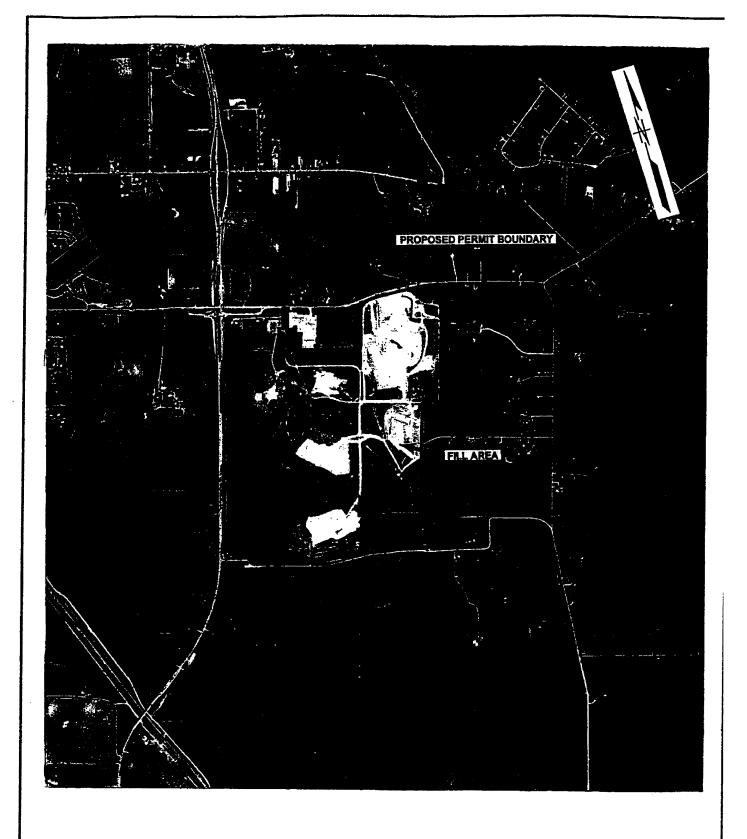
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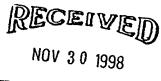
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