

March 2, 2018

Re: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)  
Scoping Letter  
Upgrade Fuel Reliability  
Central Heating Plant: 1925 Maria Drive  
University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point  
DFD Project # 17G1M

Potentially Interested Party,

Ring & DuChateau, LLP has retained Ayres Associates on behalf of the University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) and University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (UWSP) to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed fuel storage upgrade and elimination of coal use at UWSP's central heating plant that is west of Reserve Street, east of Isadore Street, and south of Maria Drive at 1925 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The EIA will be prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, and UWSA guidelines (Board of Regents' Resolution 2508, November 6, 1981). An initial requirement of the EIA is the scoping process. The intent of the scoping process is to identify at an early stage potential beneficial or adverse impacts of the project on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments. Because you or your agency or group may have an interest in the project, we are inviting you to participate in the scoping process.

### **Project Background**

The UWSP Central Heating Plant, located on Maria Drive on the north end of campus, generates all the steam that is used on campus. The steam produced heats campus buildings and is also used for domestic water, food preparation, process heating, campus laboratory applications, and St. Michaels Hospital.

The Central Heating Plant uses natural gas as the primary fuel and utilizes coal as a secondary fuel and fuel oil as the emergency fuel. Gas supplies are subject to interruption and a secondary fuel is necessary. The heating plant operates 24 hours per day, 7 days each week, 356 days per year. The plant shuts down for approximately nine days immediately following spring graduation. During this shutdown, plant operators perform maintenance on equipment that can't be done when the plant is operating.

### **Proposed Project Action**

This project includes the installation of on-site fuel storage, new gas/fuel oil burners on the existing coal/gas boilers and associated equipment in the UW-Stevens Point Central Heating Plant to allow for 72 hours of operation during a natural gas shutdown, outage or curtailment. This is in accordance with the Department of Administration (DOA) and UW System Administration (UWSA) Risk Management recommendations.

This project is targeting a budget of \$4,337,500 related to general construction, HVAC, electrical, hazardous material abatement, and other fees. Funding sources will utilize General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB).

Below is a summary of the targeted project schedule:

### **Project Schedule**

Submission of Documents for Final Review	July 2018
Bid Opening	August 2018
Begin Construction	October 2018
Substantial Completion / Occupancy	December 2020

A project location map and aerial photo of the project site are provided as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

### **EIA Schedule**

The EIA report will evaluate the potential positive and adverse environmental impacts of the project in accordance with the WEPA and UWSA guidelines. Issues identified during the scoping process will be addressed in the Draft EIA report. As part of our standard EIA process, Ayres Associates will perform research using available databases and resources to collect information pertaining to environmental, social, economic, cultural, or historic aspects of the project. The Draft EIA report will be made available to the public for a 15-day comment period anticipated to start on March 21, 2018. A notice will be published in state and local media to announce the availability of the Draft EIA. Following completion of the public comment period any comments received will be evaluated.

Appropriate revisions will be incorporated into a Final EIA document based on comments received during the 15-day comment period meeting.

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If you are interested in this project, we welcome any comments, suggestions, or other input you feel are important. Please submit your comments related to this project in writing by **March 10, 2018**, for consideration in the Draft EIA report. Send your comments to:

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Ayes Associates  
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Madison, WI 53718  
[PeotterB@AyesAssociates.com](mailto:PeotterB@AyesAssociates.com)

If no comments are received from you or your group, we will assume that there are no project issues that negatively impact you, or that you would like to comment on.

Ayes Associates Inc

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Peotter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Ben Peotter, PE  
Project Manager

Enclosure

## RESPONSE FORM

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Process  
Upgrade Fuel Reliability  
University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point  
DFD Project # 17G1M  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

I have the following comments regarding this project and items to be considered as part of the scoping process:

[Please write comment here. Attach additional pages if necessary.]

Please complete the following information and sign if submitting comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

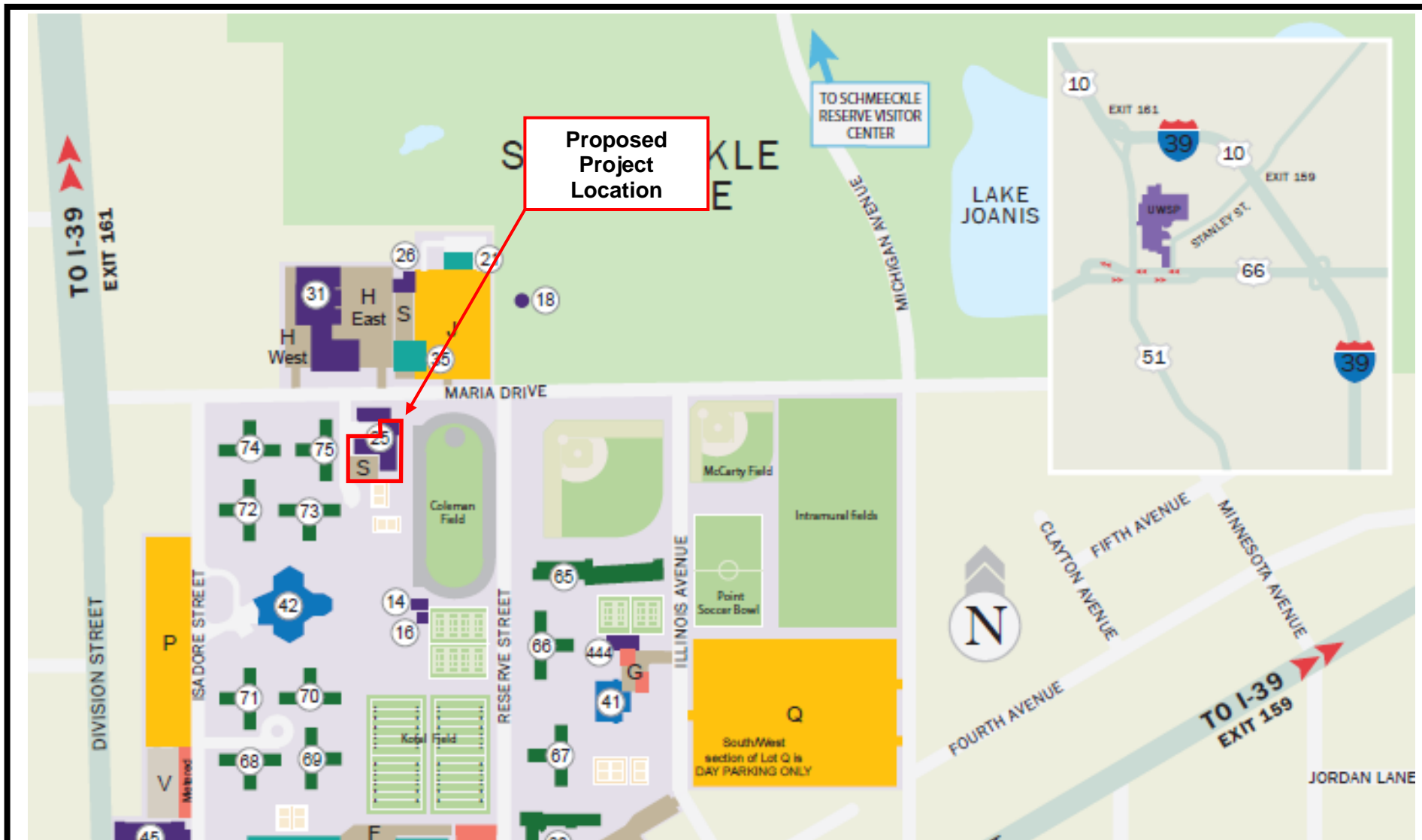
E-mail Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation components of this project. Please continue to send me project notices.
- I am NOT interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation of this project. Please do NOT continue to send me project notices.

Please return this form by March 10, 2018, to:

**Ben Peotter, PE**  
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**Madison, WI 53718**

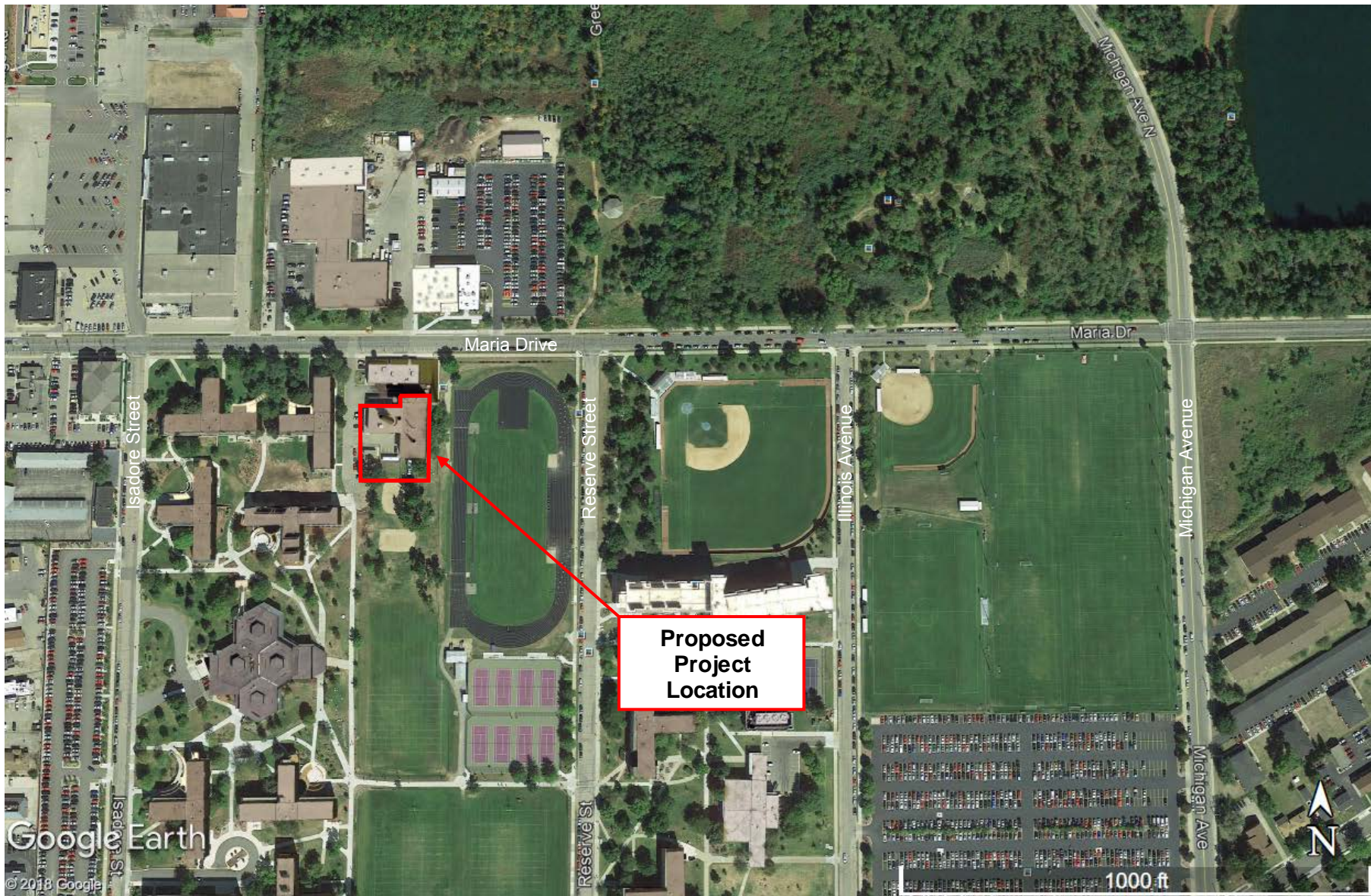


Base Map Source: University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, Campus Map - <https://www.uwsp.edu/about/Pages/campusMap.aspx>

Attachment 1  
Campus Map

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Base Map Source: Google Earth Pro, 2013 aerial photograph

Attachment 2

Aerial Map of the Project Site

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WEPA Compliance Document Distribution List										
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DFD Project #17G1M										
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