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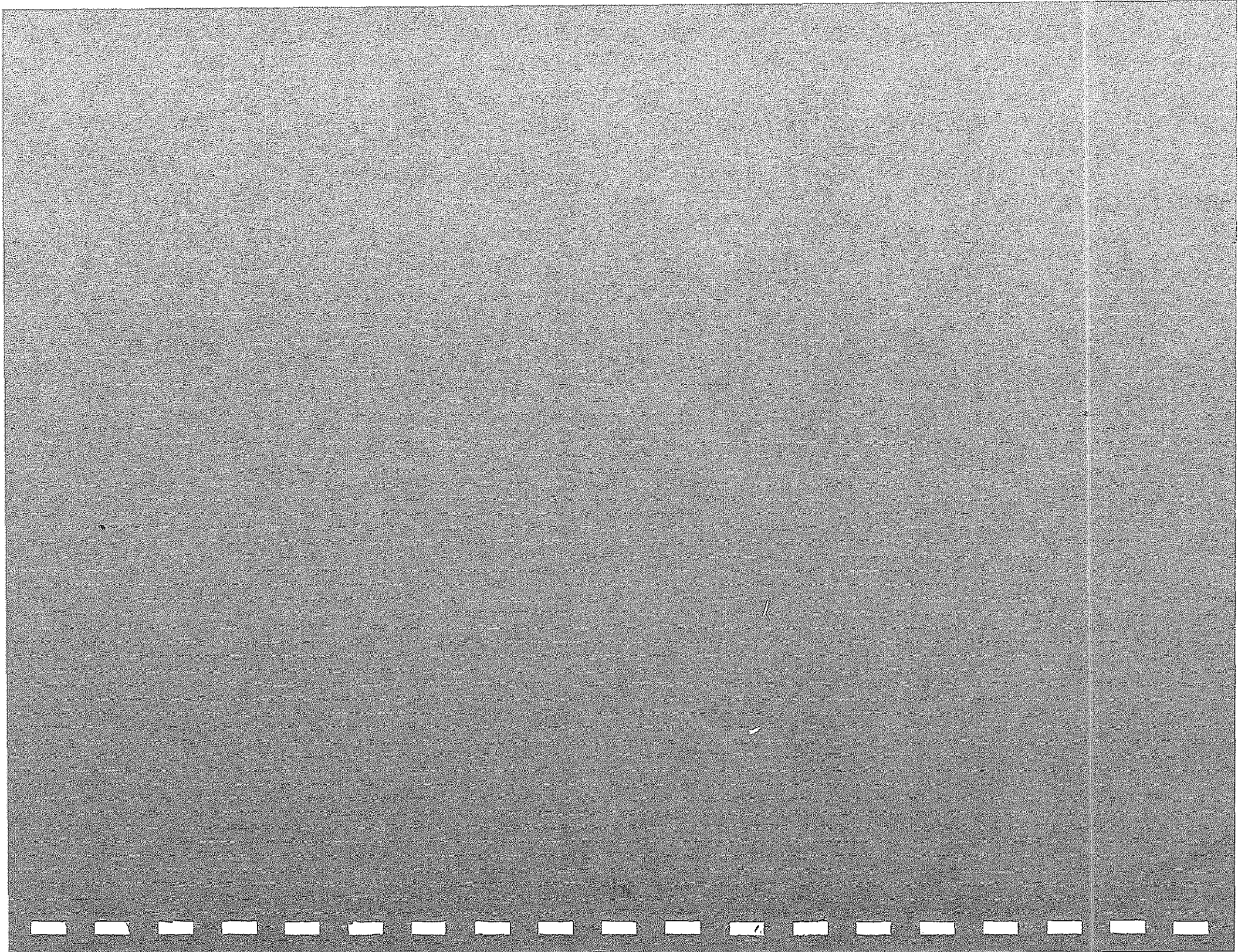
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for  
OFF-CHANNEL MINING PLAN**  
for LOWER CACHE CREEK

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING

### RESPONSE TO COMMENTS on DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the YOLO COUNTY OFF-CHANNEL MINING PLAN

TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals

FROM: Heidi Tschudin, Contract Planner  
Yolo County Community Development Agency

DATE: June 14, 1996

The County of Yolo has prepared and is analyzing the Off-Channel Mining Plan (OCMP), one of two key plans to manage the resources of the mining reach of Cache Creek. The planning area for the OCMP extends approximately 14.5 miles, from the Capay Dam to the Town of Yolo, covering approximately 23,174 acres. The OCMP was developed pursuant to the Statement of Goals, Objectives, and Policies for the Off-Channel Mining Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors in June of 1994.

The Draft OCMP identifies up to 216 million tons of aggregate on 2,887 acres of the 23,174 acre study area, as feasible to mine over the next fifty years. Control of this mining would occur through the OCMP and implementing ordinances, and project-specific conditional use permits for which consistency with the OCMP and CCRMP would be required. A maximum of 179.5 million tons of aggregate could be mined on up to 2,211 acres over the next thirty years. Reclamation of the 2,211 acres would be as follows: agriculture including row crop, tree crop, and pasture land - 988 acres (45%); open water areas - 771 acres (35%); wildlife habitat - 273 acres (12%); and slopes and maintenance roads (8%). It is estimated that 36.5 million tons of aggregate are contained on the remaining 667 acres, which would be rezoned with a Sand and Gravel Reserve (SGR) overlay to delineate properties appropriate for mining in the next 30-50 years.

The draft OCMP is organized into an Introduction and six "elements" including an Aggregate Resources Element, a Water Resources Element, a Floodway and Channel Stability Element, an Agricultural Resources Element, a Biological Resources Element, and an Open Space and Recreation Element. These elements are similar to the organization of the OCMP adopted by the Board of Supervisors in June of 1994. Each of the six "elements" includes an introduction and a list of goals, objectives, actions, and performance standards.

The County and its consultant, EDAW Inc., have prepared a RESPONSE TO COMMENTS document (Volume 2) for the program-level Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) which provides responses to all comments received during the public review period on the DEIR. The Response to Comments volume, together with the Draft EIR constitute the Final EIR (FEIR) for this project.

This RESPONSE TO COMMENTS document is now available for public review at the public counter of the Yolo County Community Development Agency, at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95695. The document is also available for public review at the Davis, Esparto, Woodland, and Yolo Branch County Libraries.

A **public** hearing will be held in front of the County Planning Commission on July 10, 1996 in the Commission Chambers located at 292 West Beamer Street in Woodland, to take action on the OCMP, together with the EIR. A **public** hearing to approve, modify, or deny the project will be held before the Board of Supervisors on July 23, 1996.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Heidi Tschudin at (916) 447-1809 or David Morrison at (916) 666-8041.

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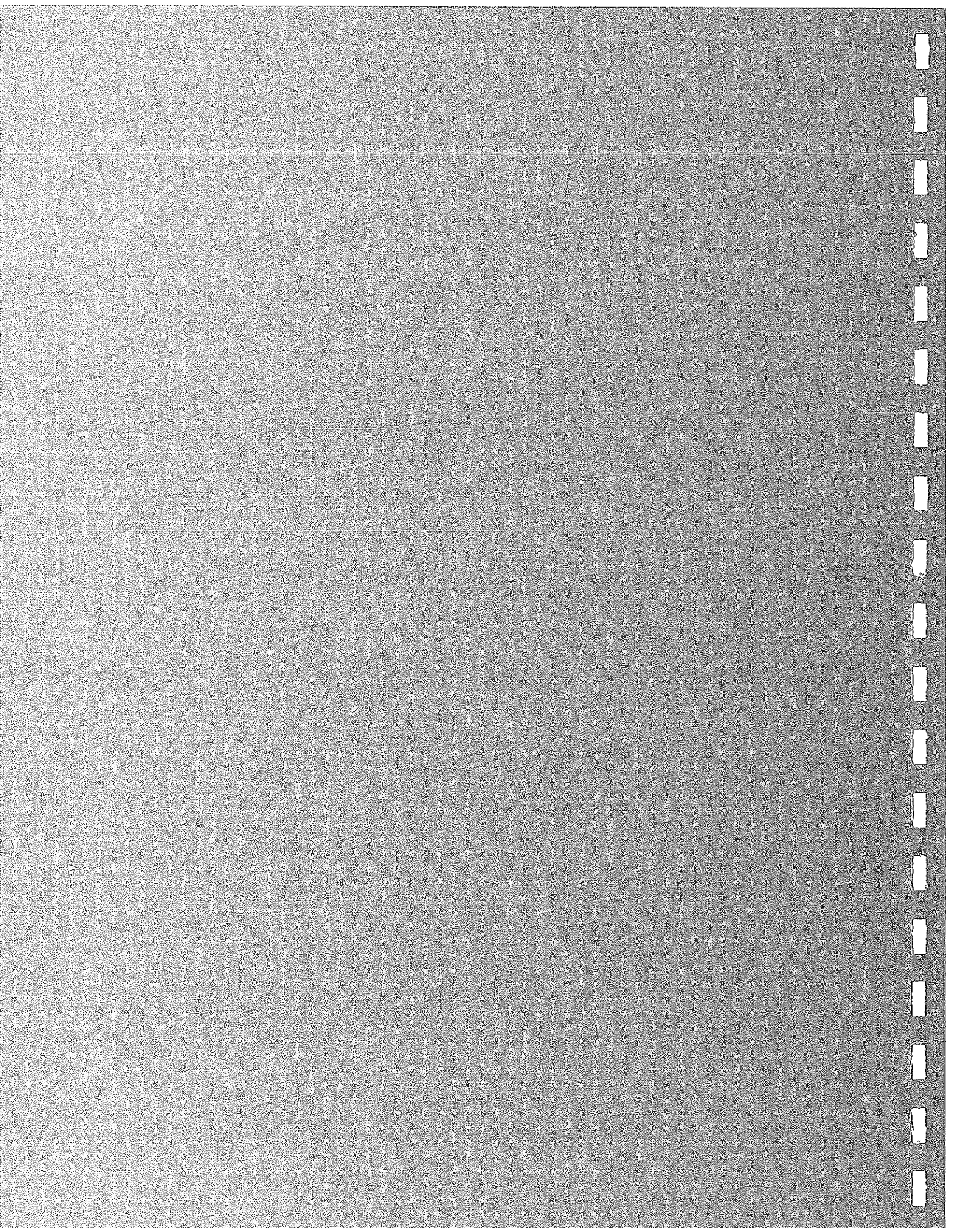
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