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Debris from the World Trade Center attack and collapse on September 11, 2001 was transported by barge from Manhattan island to the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island for forensic investigation. After the attack air space over the New York City metropolitan area was closed to public aircraft. On the first day air space was opened to the public, January 25, 2002, Cryptome hired a helicopter to fly over the Fresh Kills forensic site. This flight was the first public overview of the site for recording of the forensic operations by digital and analogue cameras.

This presents all of the photographs, over 100, taken that day flying from midtown on the Hudson River to the WTC debris transfer location, past WTC and across New York harbor to the Fresh Kills landfill. Analog photos have the date imprinted. Selected photographs of the operations were published by Cryptome on January 26, 2002: http://cryptome.org/info/wtc-fk/wtc-fk-full.htm

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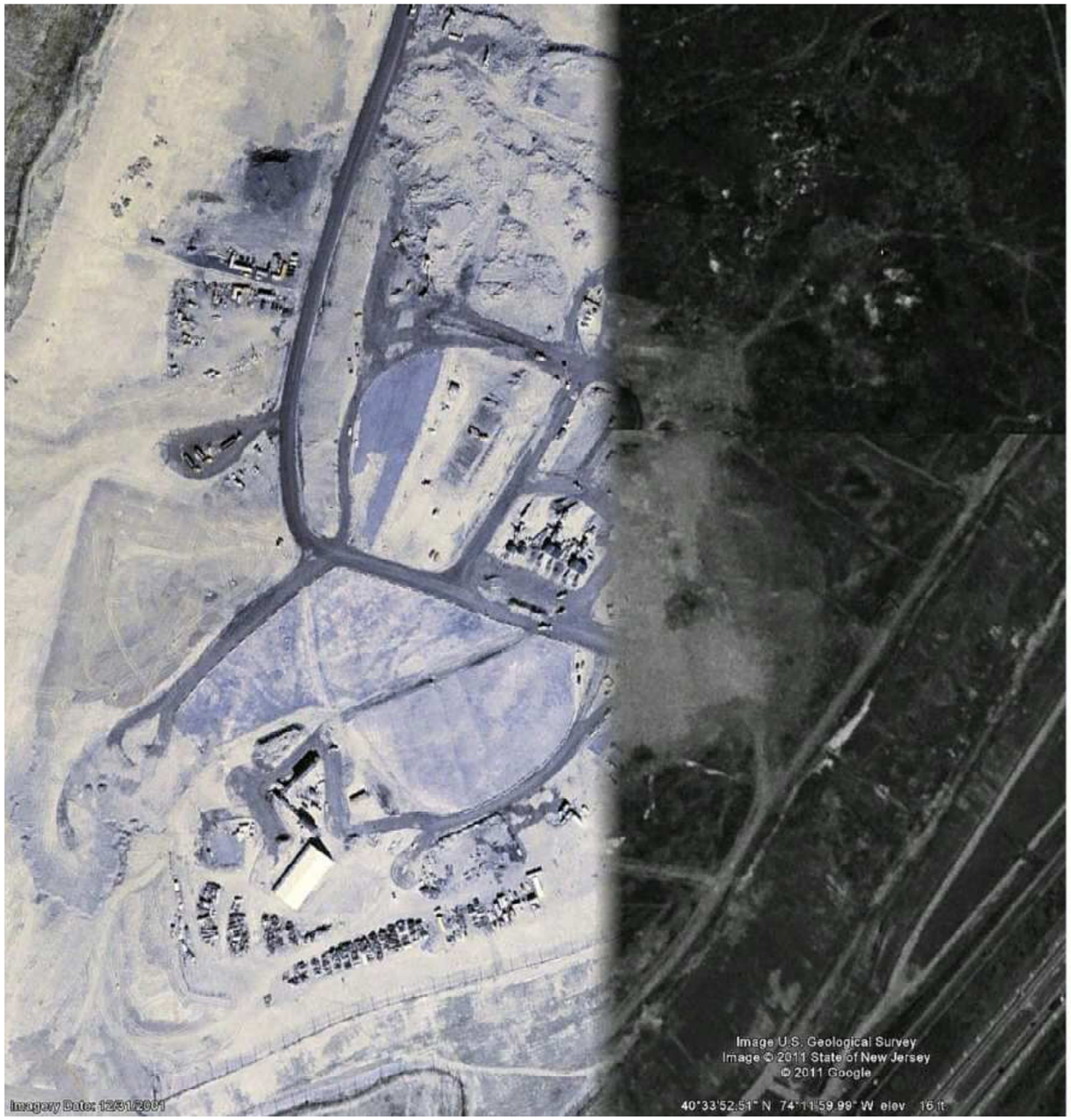



Forensic Site Erased

At left in light color the forensic site in December 2001, dark color in 1995 (Google Earth). The forensic site was cleared after completion of the investigations as shown in the full Fresh Kills landfill in June 2003 photo at right (Getmapping.com). A park is planned for the site, unbuilt in July 2011.

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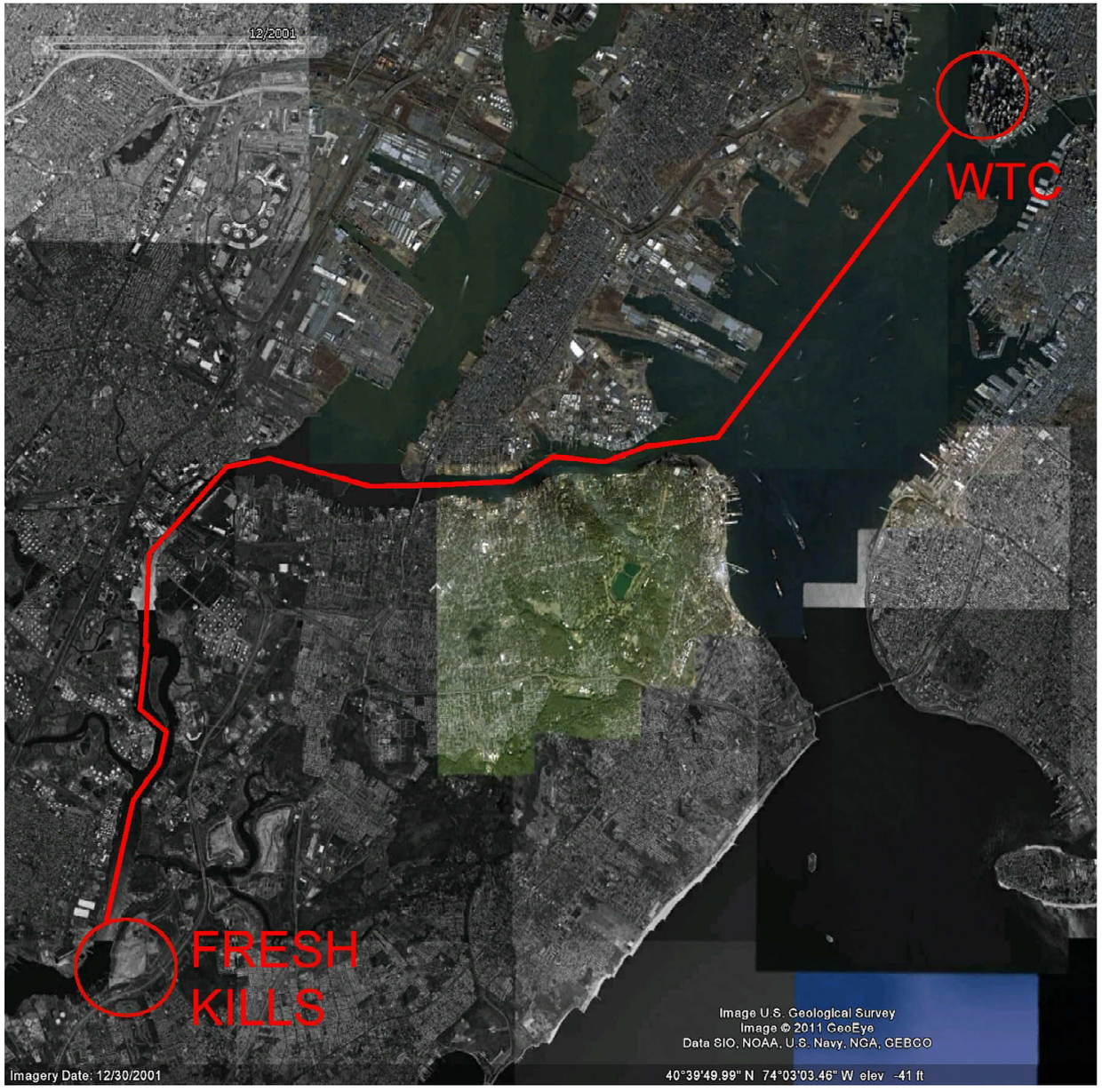

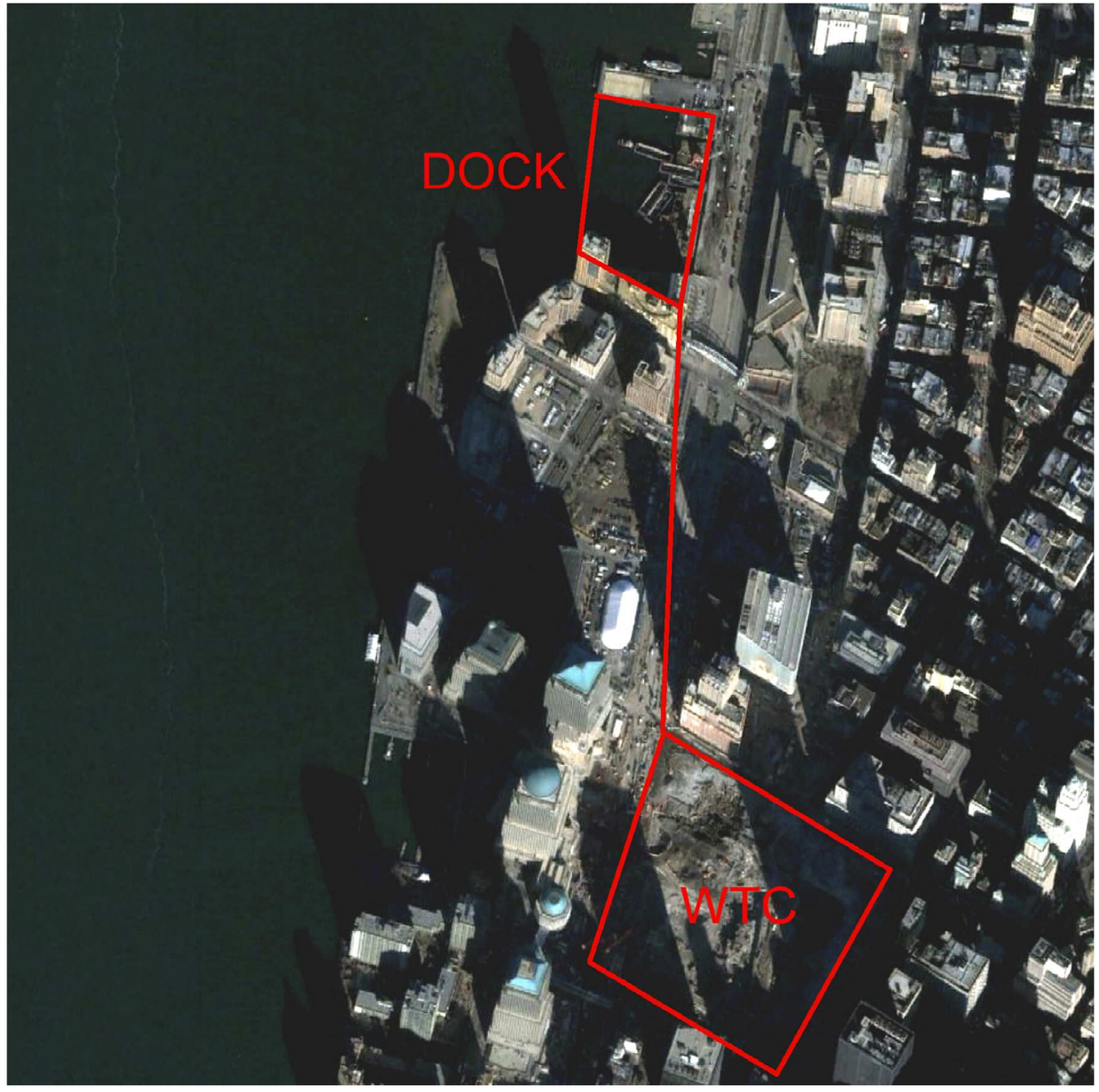

Route of the World Trade Center Debris Transfer and the Photographs

Debris transferred by truck from the WTC site to a dock on the Hudson River, then loaded onto barges. Barges shipped to Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island. Debris offloaded to trucks for placement in several locations for sorting and sifting. Human remains recovered placed in refrigerated containers. Selected structural and architectural materials reserved for additional study. The photographs were taken from a helicopter flying down the Hudson River from the West 30th Street heliport toward the transfer dock and WTC, across New York Harbor passing Governor's Island and the Statue of Liberty. A ship is shown being loaded with WTC debris for shipment overseas. Passing the New Jersey shore docks and the Bayonne Bridge to Staten Island, the first landfill photo shows a methane recovery operation. Balance of the photos show the forensic operation. Satellite photos dated December 2001 (Google Earth).

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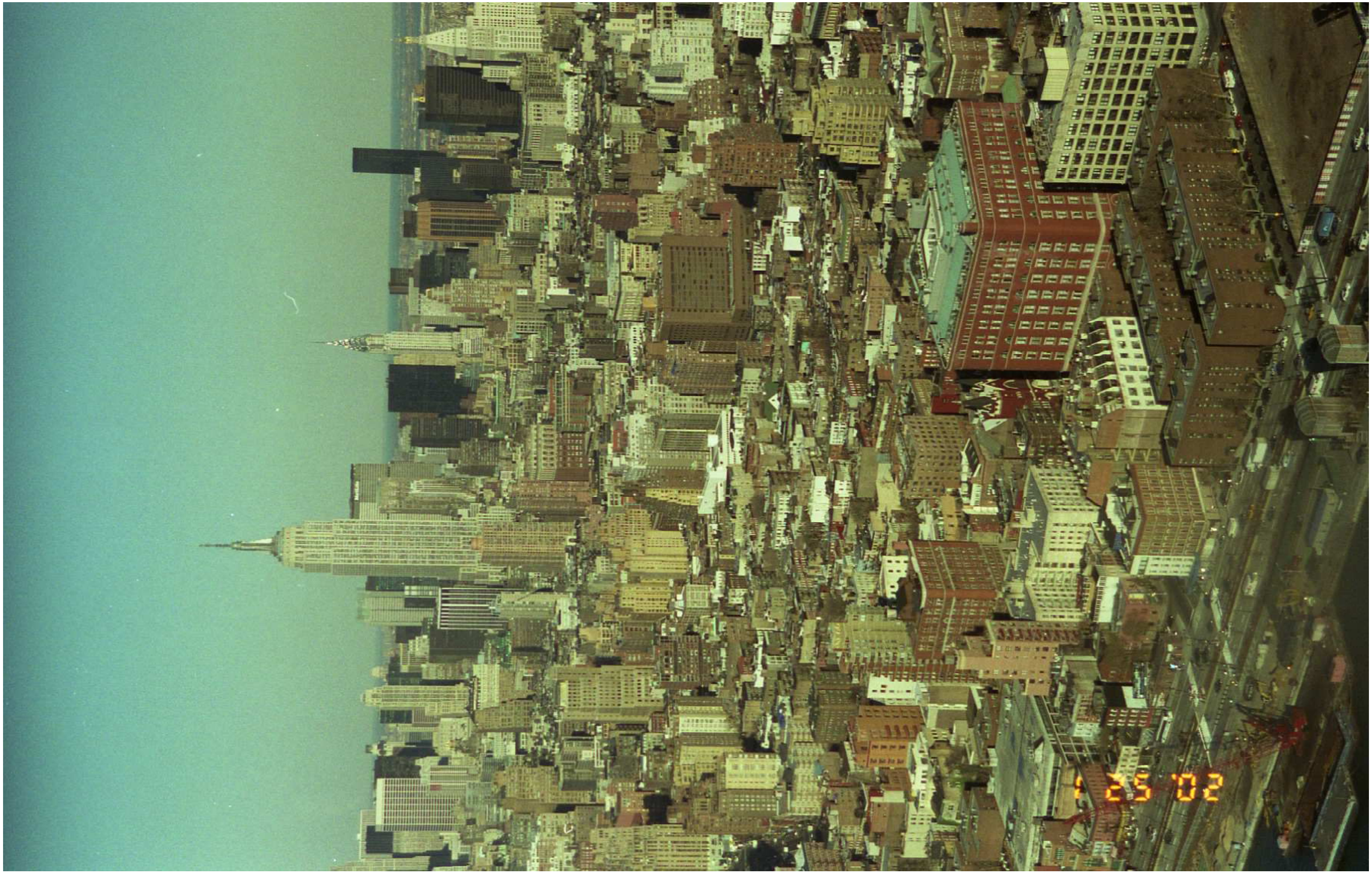

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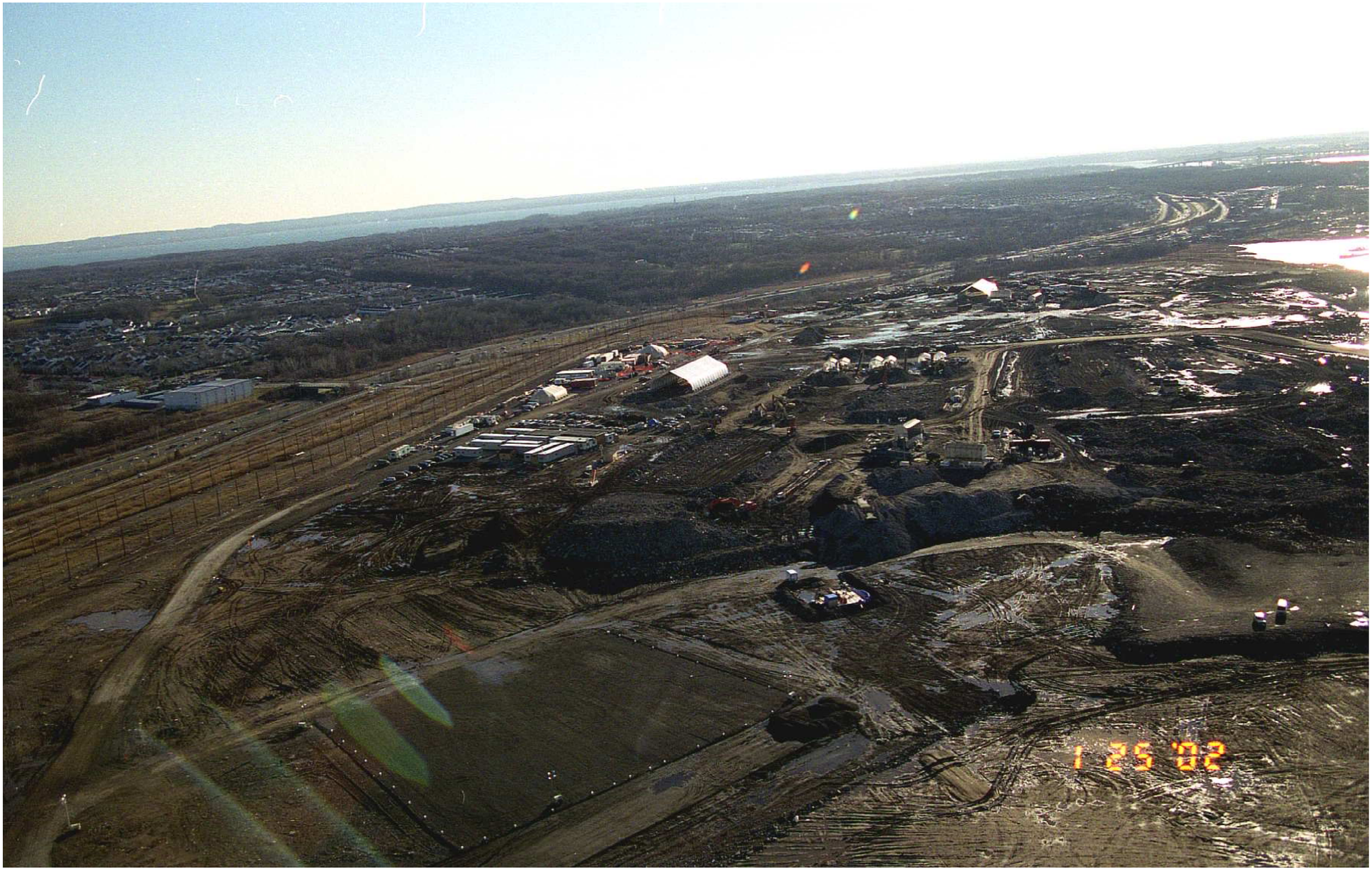

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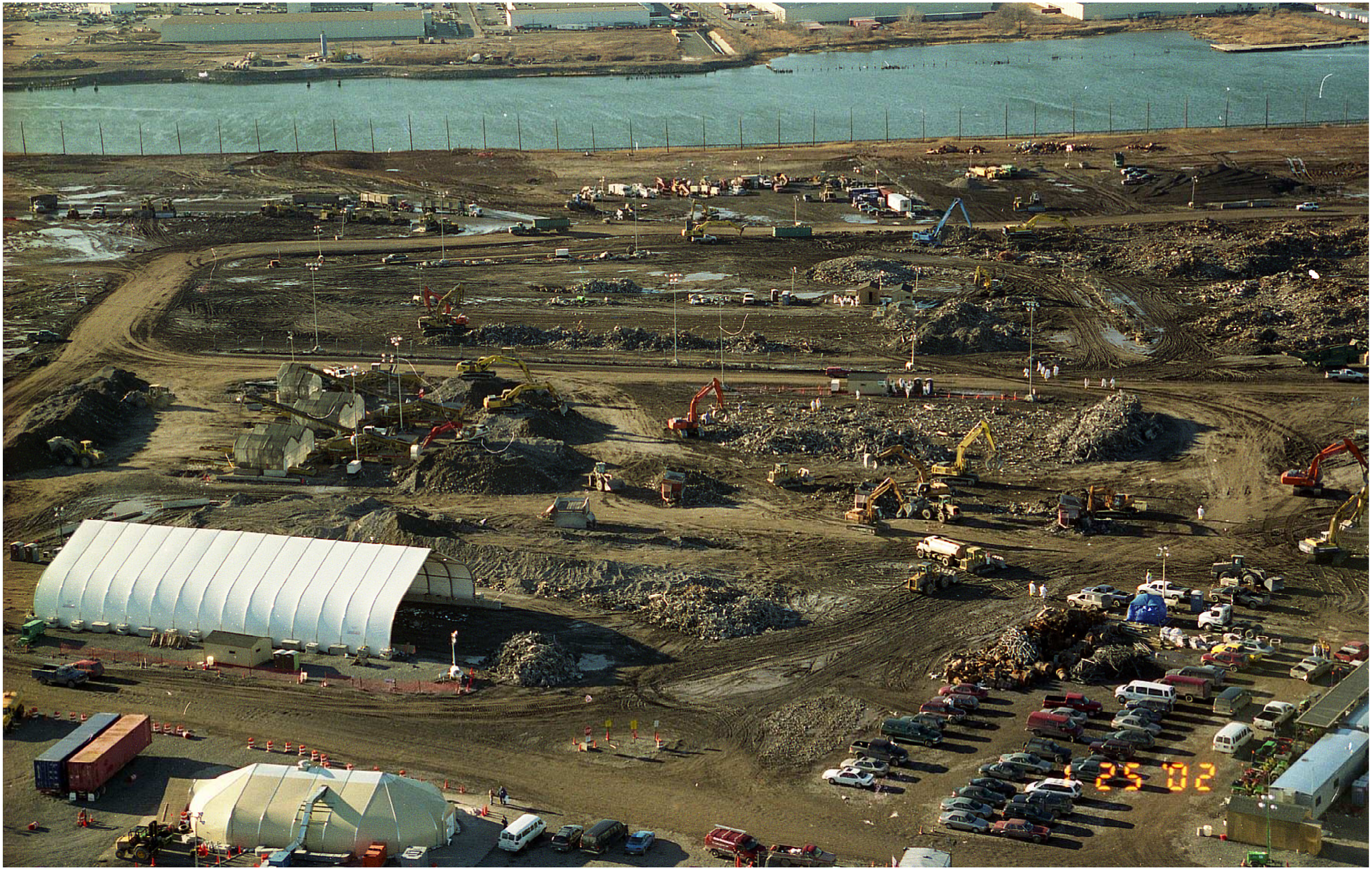

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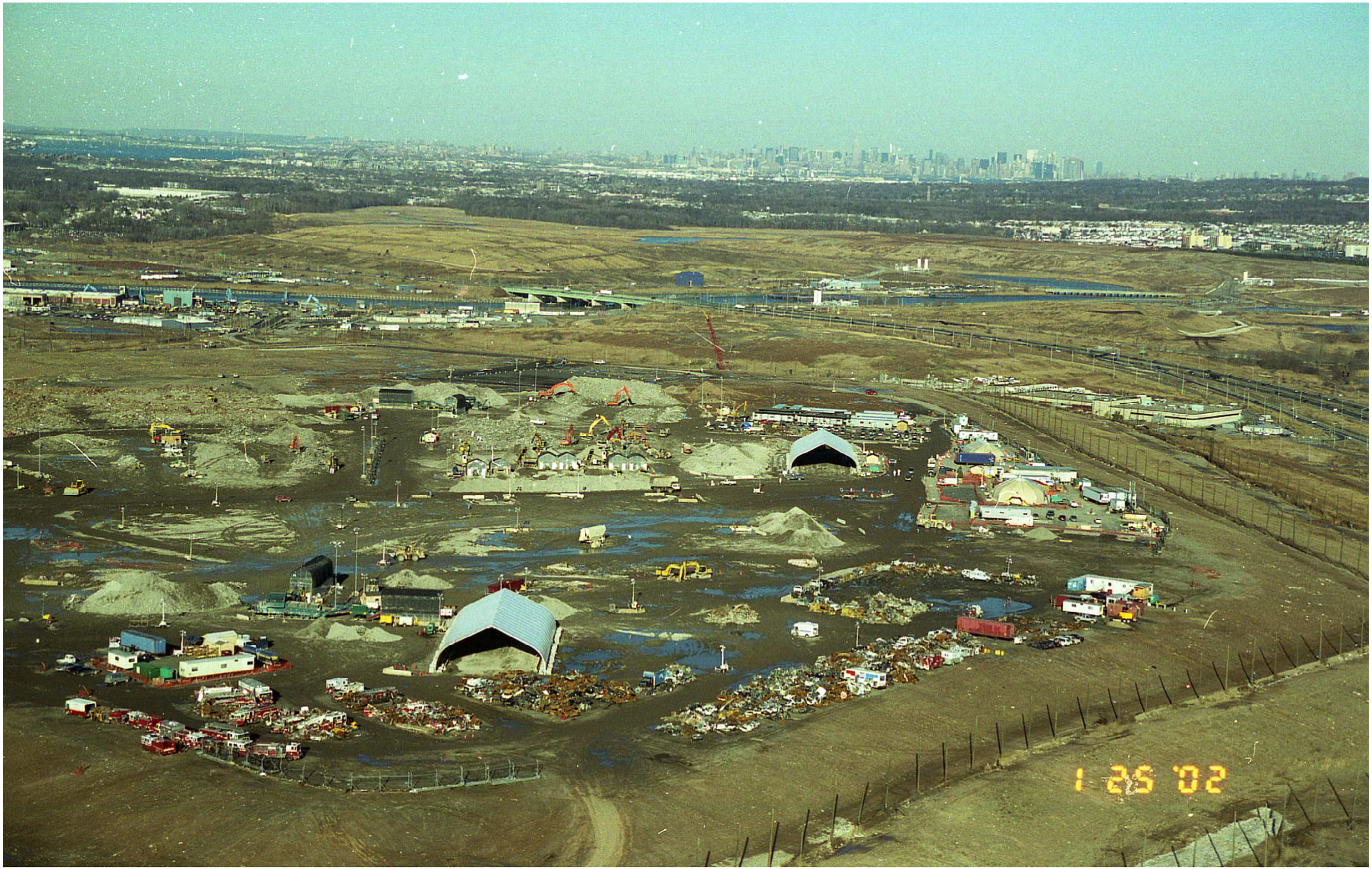

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