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Waterways Section

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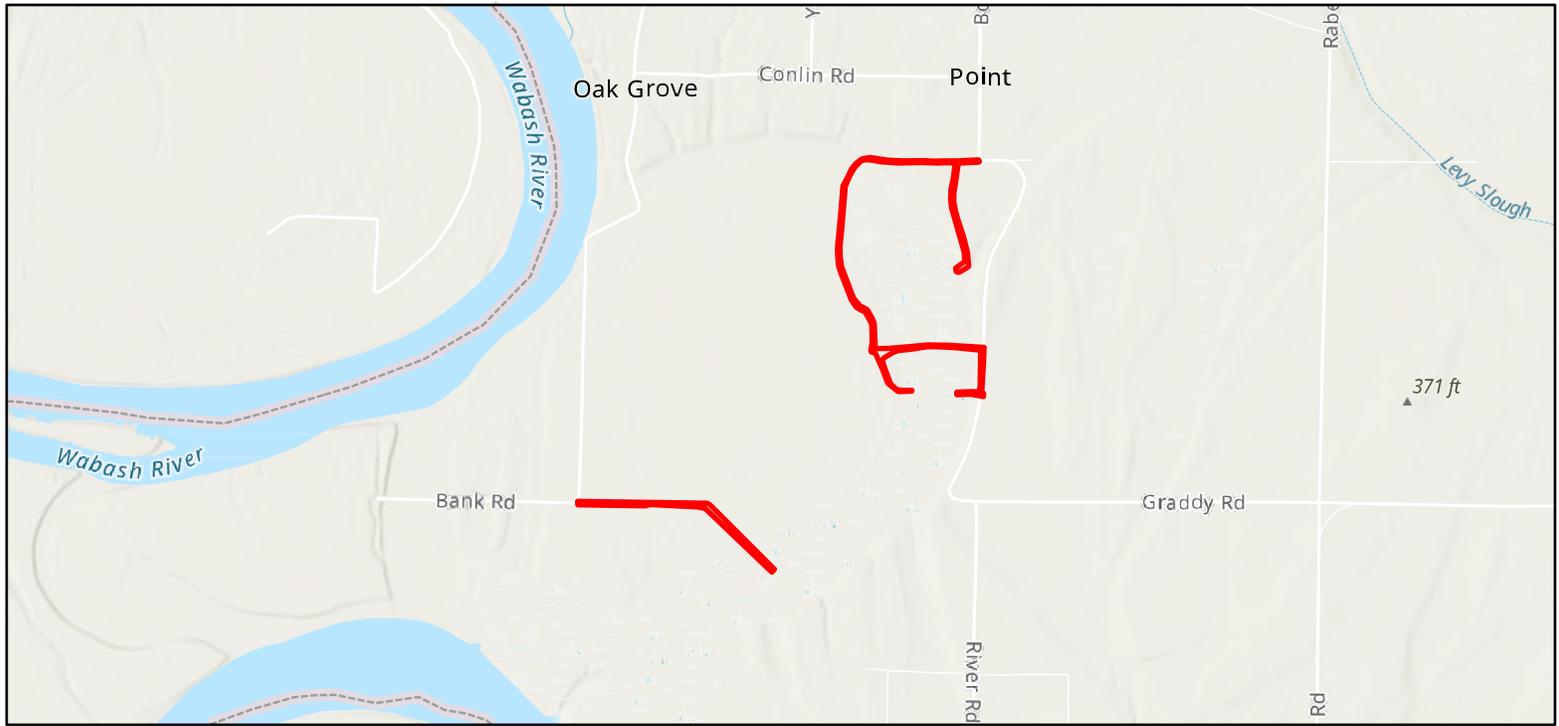
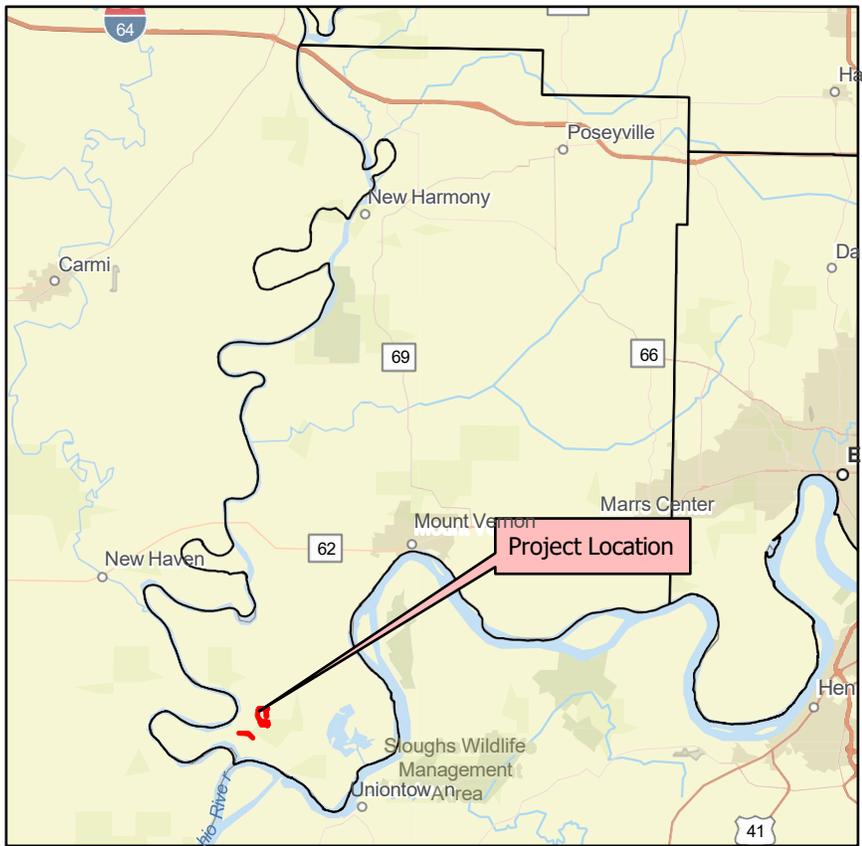
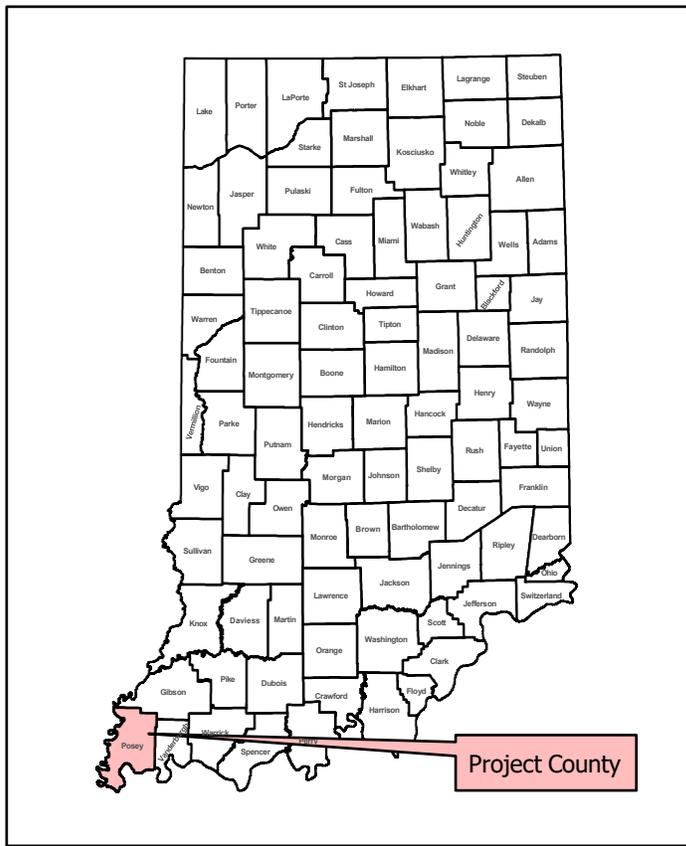
To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

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| 1. Applicant: | Jocelyn Brower
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 W Washington St
Indianapolis, IN, 46204-2243 | 2. Agent: | Brian Shaw
Egis BLN USA Inc.
8320 Craig St
Indianapolis, IN, 46250-3593 |
| 3. Project location: | Mt. Vernon, IN, 47620
Latitude: 37.8251
Longitude: -88.0054 | | |
| 4. Affected waterbodies: | Wetlands A and B regulated under CWA Section 404/401 | | |
| 5. Project Description: | The purpose of this project is to plug the orphaned wells present in the Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area, reducing potential methane emissions and the risk of water contamination within the site. There are eight existing wells that are no longer in production. The existing well shafts will be left in place and the casings will be filled with concrete, the concrete pads around the casing will be left in place, and the aerial steel well platforms where applicable, will be cut off flush with the concrete pad and removed from the site. There will be no permanent wetland impacts associated with the project. There will be 1.00 acre of temporary impact to Wetland A and 0.02 acre of temporary impact to Wetland B for the purpose of accessing the site. | | |

- Comment period:** Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.
- Public Hearing:** Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.
- Questions?** Additional information may be obtained by contacting WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov. In the subject line of the email, please include the IDEM ID Number listed in the top right corner of the first page of this public notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251 FAX: 317/232-8406



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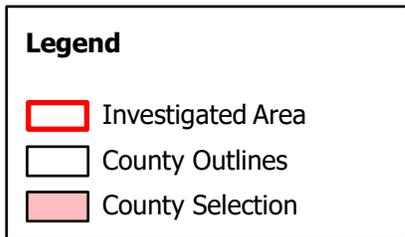
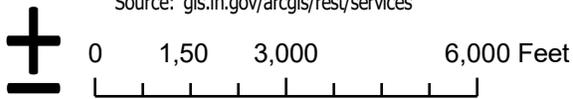
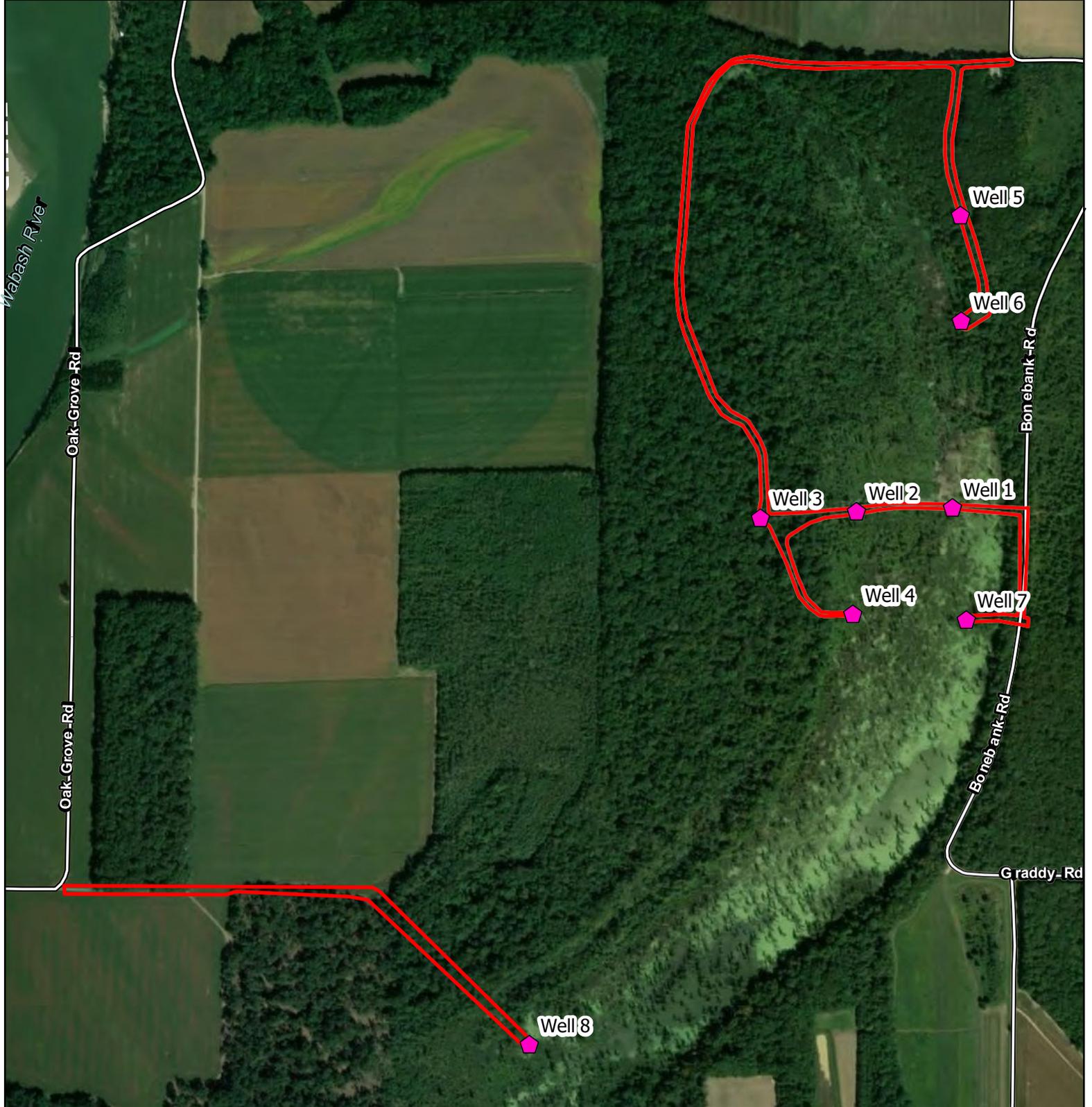
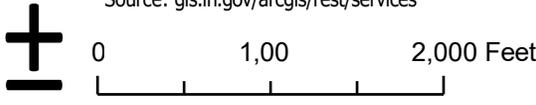


Figure 1. Project Location Map
 Orphan Well Plugging
 Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area
 Posey County, Indiana
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- Investigated Area
- ◆ Well Location

Figure 4. Aerial Map
 Orphan Well Plugging
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