Decommission Abandoned Wells (Minidoka CD)

Program	District Technical Assistance (ISWCC)
Lead Implementer	Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission
Other Organizations	Idaho Department of Water Resources, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Project Stage	Implementation
Duration	2021

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Conservation Support > District Technical Assistance (ISWCC)

The southern portion of Minidoka County has been designated by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality as a Nitrate Priority Area. Recent monitoring has indicated that nitrate levels are increasing. It has been brought to the attention of the Minidoka CD that numerous abandoned water wells exist in the county on private land. The majority of these wells have not been properly abandoned or decommissioned and act not only as a safety hazard, but also as a conduit to the aquifer for contaminants such as nitrates, phosphate, and bacteria. The district seeks assistance in locating these wells and funding to properly decommission them.

Abandoned irrigation well; poses safety and environmental hazard.
Credit: Idaho Department of Water Resources

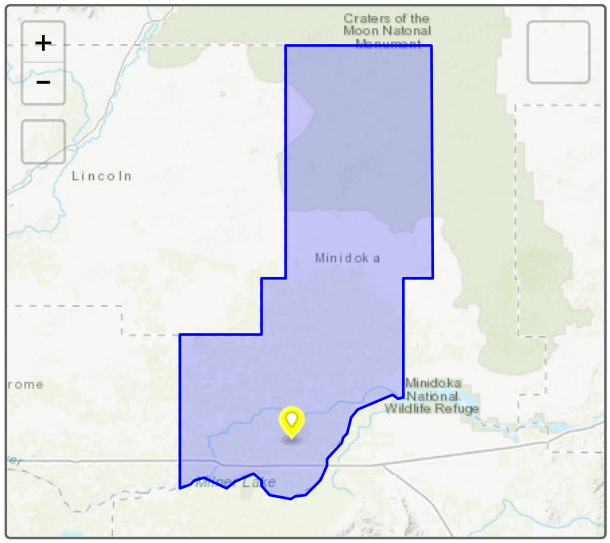
Key Accomplishments

- Engineering & Technical Assistance Hours Requested: **30**
- Engineering & Technical Assistance Hours Allocated: **30**
- Engineering & Technical Assistance Hours Provided: **13**
- Engineering & Technical Assistance Value: **$842.92**

Project Themes

- Agricultural Lands
- Water

Location



Expenditures

No expenditures provided

Photos

No additional photos provided

Tracker tells stories at a broad-brush level. Individual project performance measures and expenditures should not be relied upon for complete and total accuracy and should be confirmed with a project's lead implementer. Project locations subject to confidentiality provisions under state and federal law specify the location of a local conservation district or USDA service center office.

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