

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

351 – WELL DECOMMISSIONING
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Sponsor/Land user: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Location GPS Coordinates Map Datum: _____ E _____ N _____

Quad Sheet Name _____ SEC _____ T _____ R _____

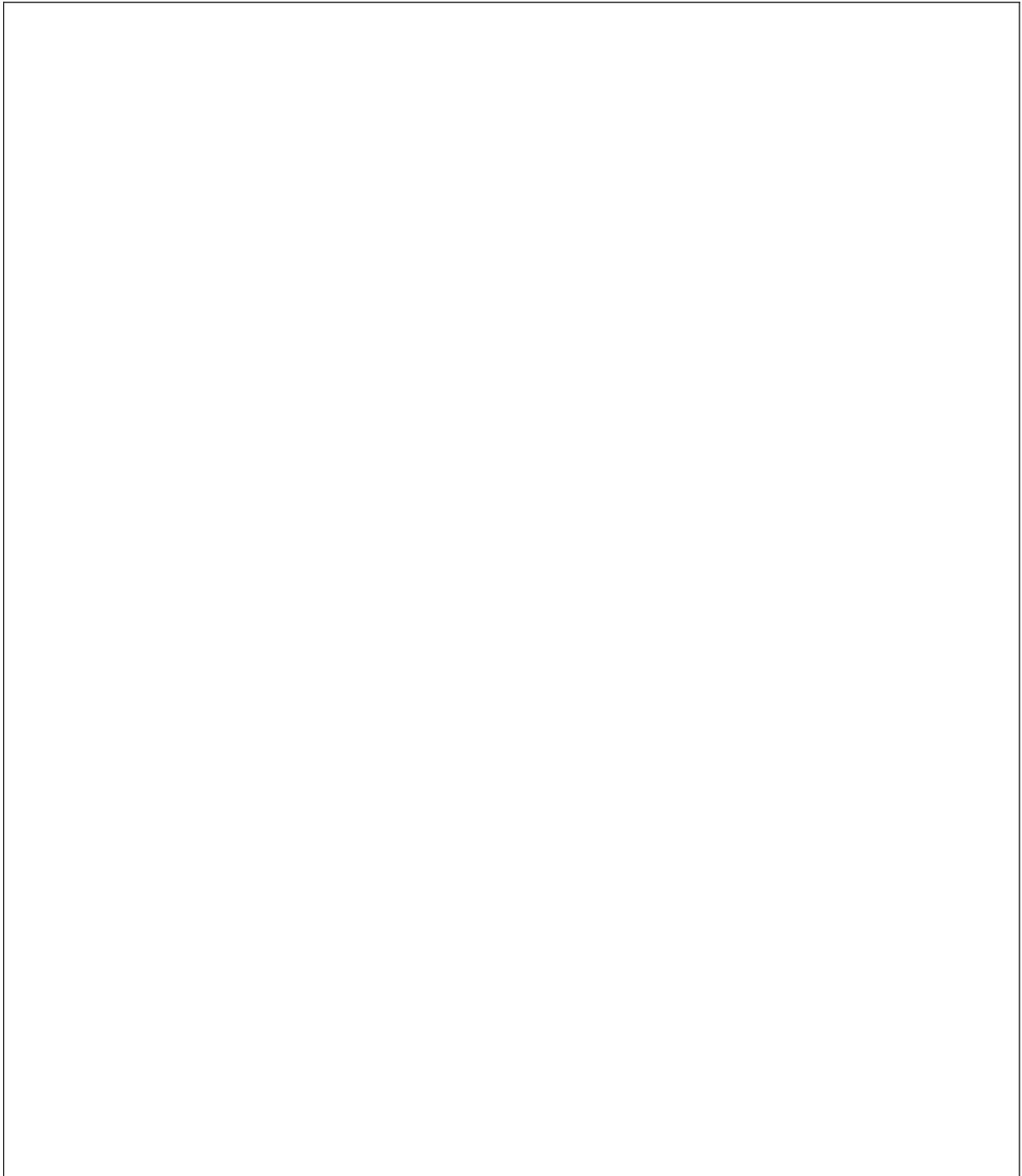
This well has been decommissioned as it is no longer in use. Decommissioning will prevent entry of animals, debris, or other foreign substances into the well or well bore hole; eliminate the physical hazard of an open hole to people, animals, and farm machinery; prevent entry of contaminated surface water into well and migration of contaminants into unsaturated (vadose) zone or saturated zone as well as prevent the commingling of chemically or physically different ground waters between separate water bearing zones. The life of this installation can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation to maintain satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program:

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Annually inspect the site to ensure that the decommissioned well and the adjacent area have not settled, eroded, or been otherwise adversely disturbed. Promptly repair and re-vegetate bare spots and eroded areas.
- Prevent surface ponding by localized grading or addition of gravel to remove depressions.
- Maintain installed fences to provide warning and/or unauthorized human or livestock entry.
- Immediately repair any damages due to vandalism, vehicles, or animals including rodents and livestock.
- Maintain vegetated areas in adequate cover. Re-seed and mow as needed.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR DECOMMISSIONED WELL



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR YOUR DECOMMISSIONED WELL.