



2022 Environmental Services, Groundwater Monitoring, & Corrective Measure Assessment Update

Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency Site 2

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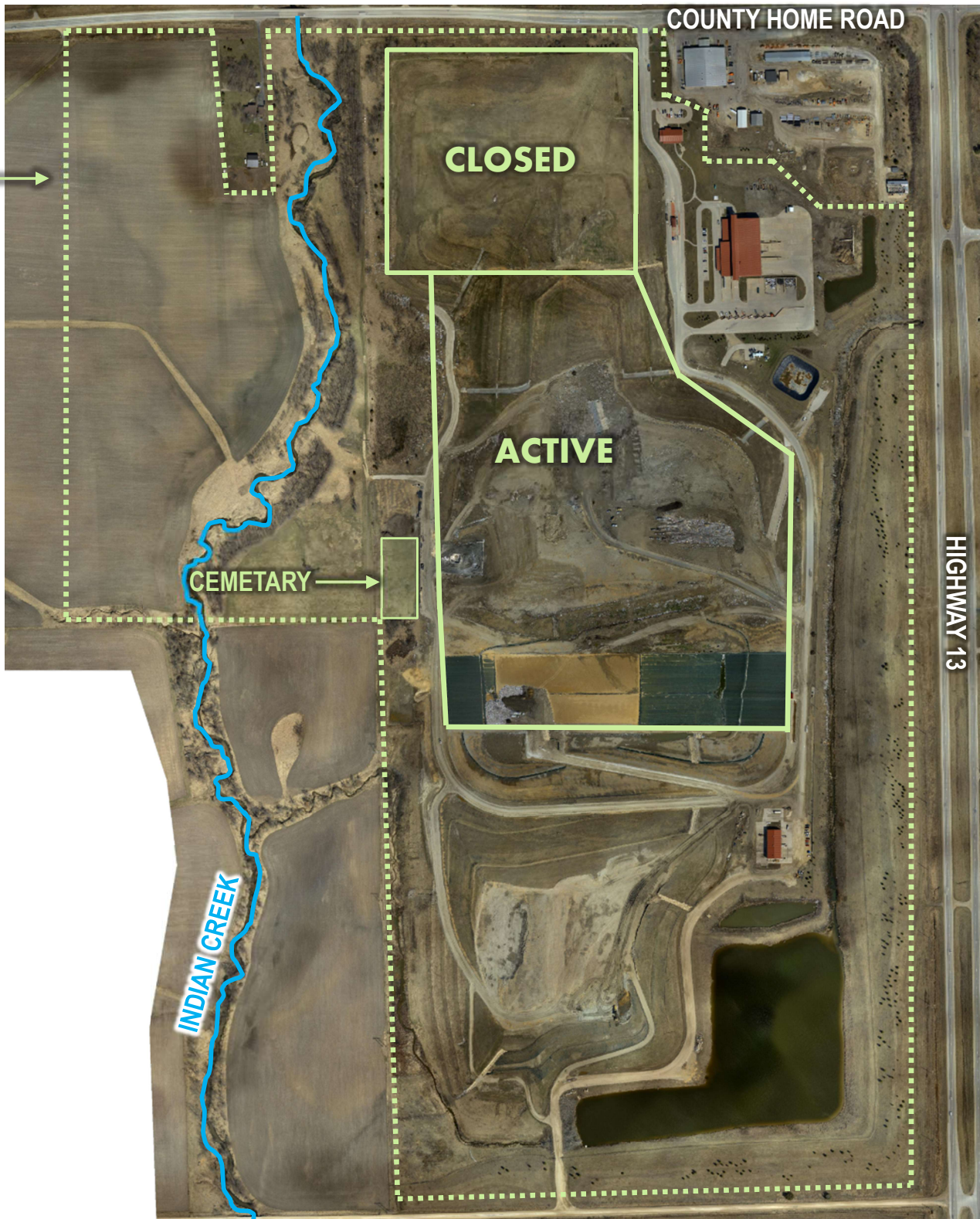
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Introduction & Background

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BOUNDARY →



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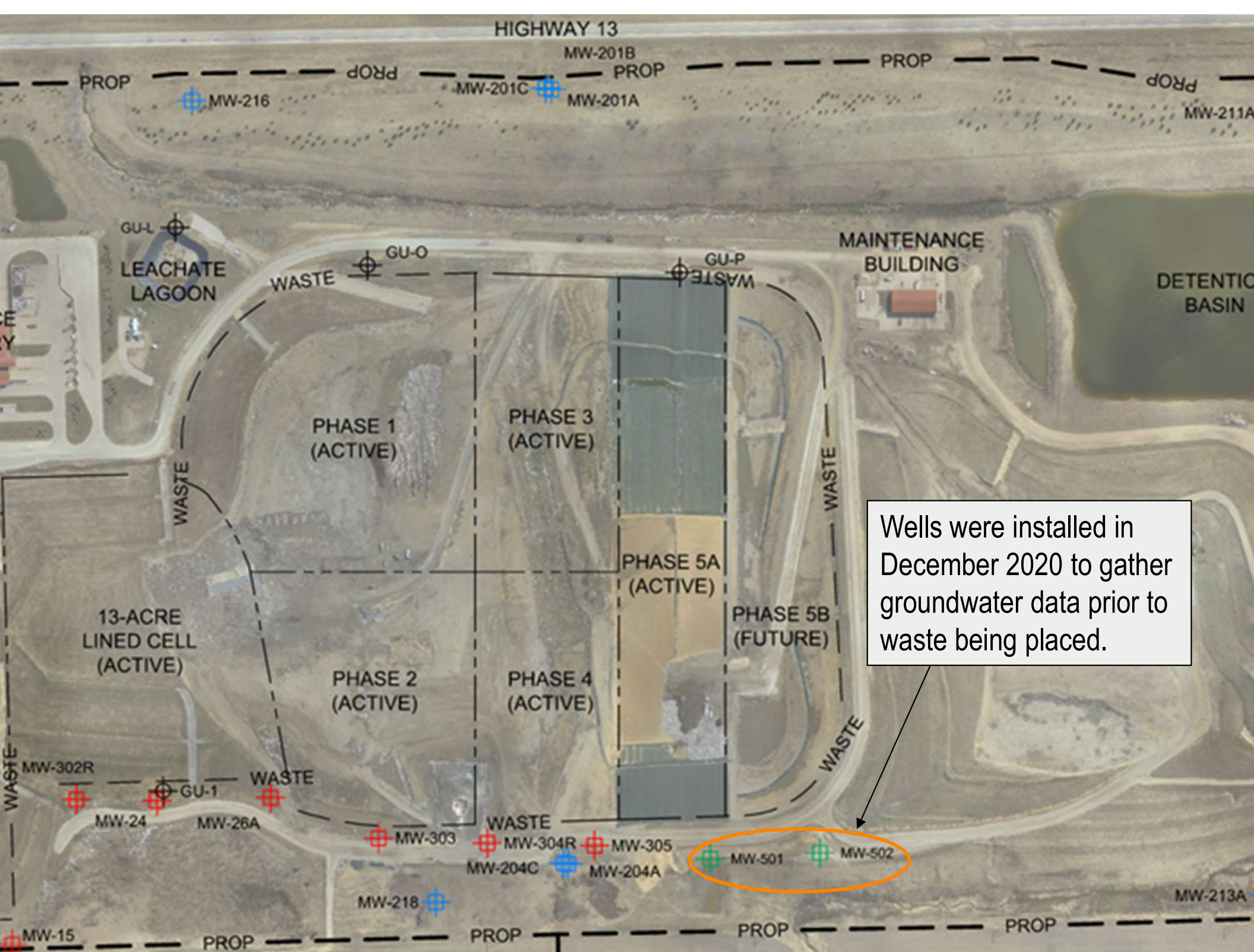
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INDIAN CREEK

COUNTY HOME ROAD

HIGHWAY 13

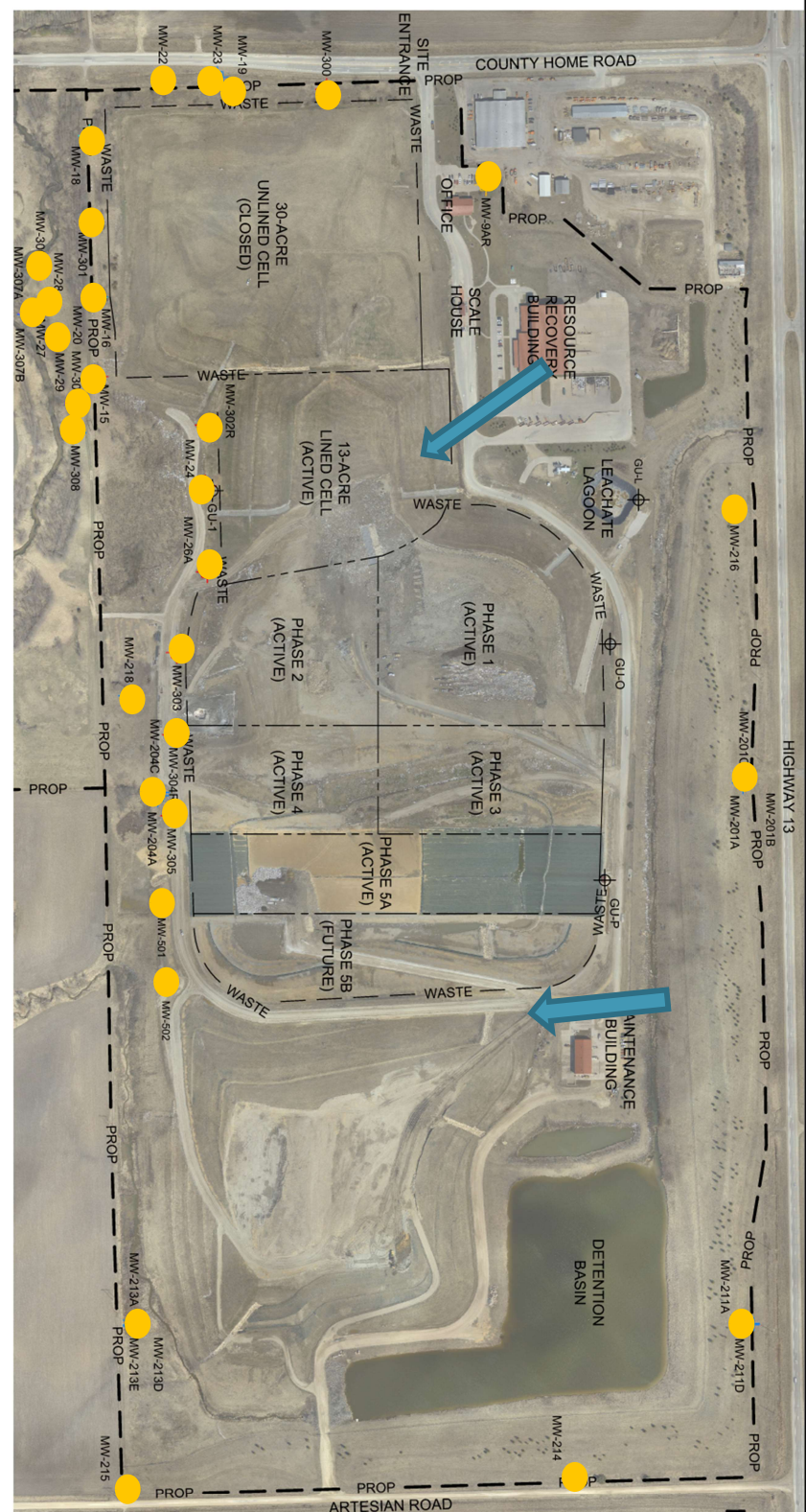


Wells were installed in December 2020 to gather groundwater data prior to waste being placed.

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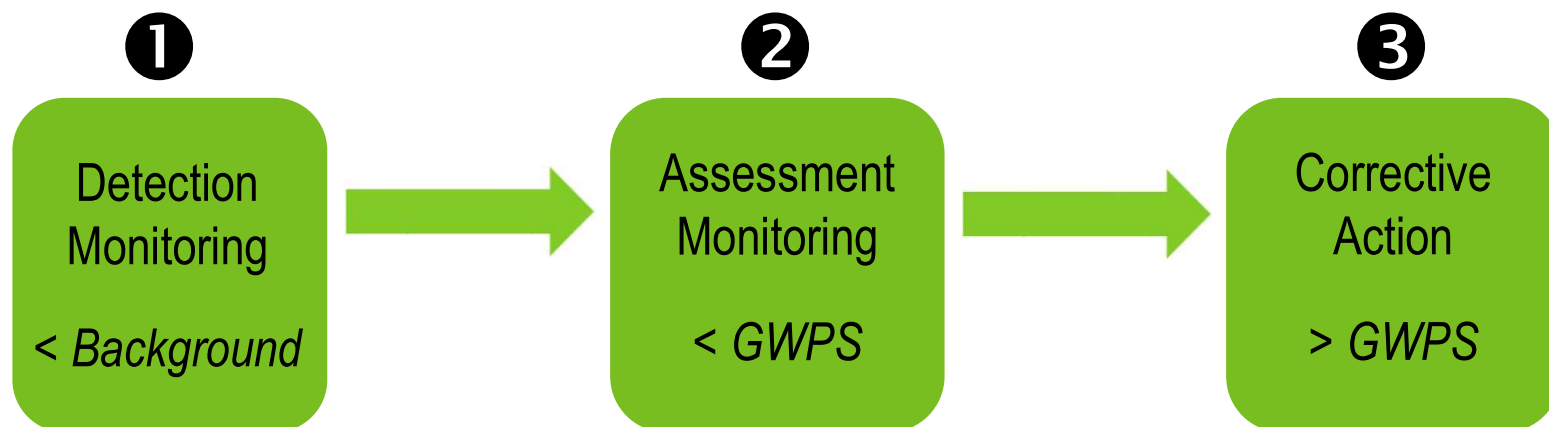
Groundwater Monitoring Network

- Groundwater monitoring network is set up by installing monitoring wells in the uppermost source of groundwater (uppermost aquifer)
 - 19 monitoring wells sampled
 - 4 groundwater underdrains
 - Water level measurements collected in 40 monitoring wells
 - Wells are approximately 15-60 feet below the ground surface
- Evaluate groundwater upgradient and downgradient of the landfill
- Semiannually monitored (at a minimum) for IAC program required constituents.



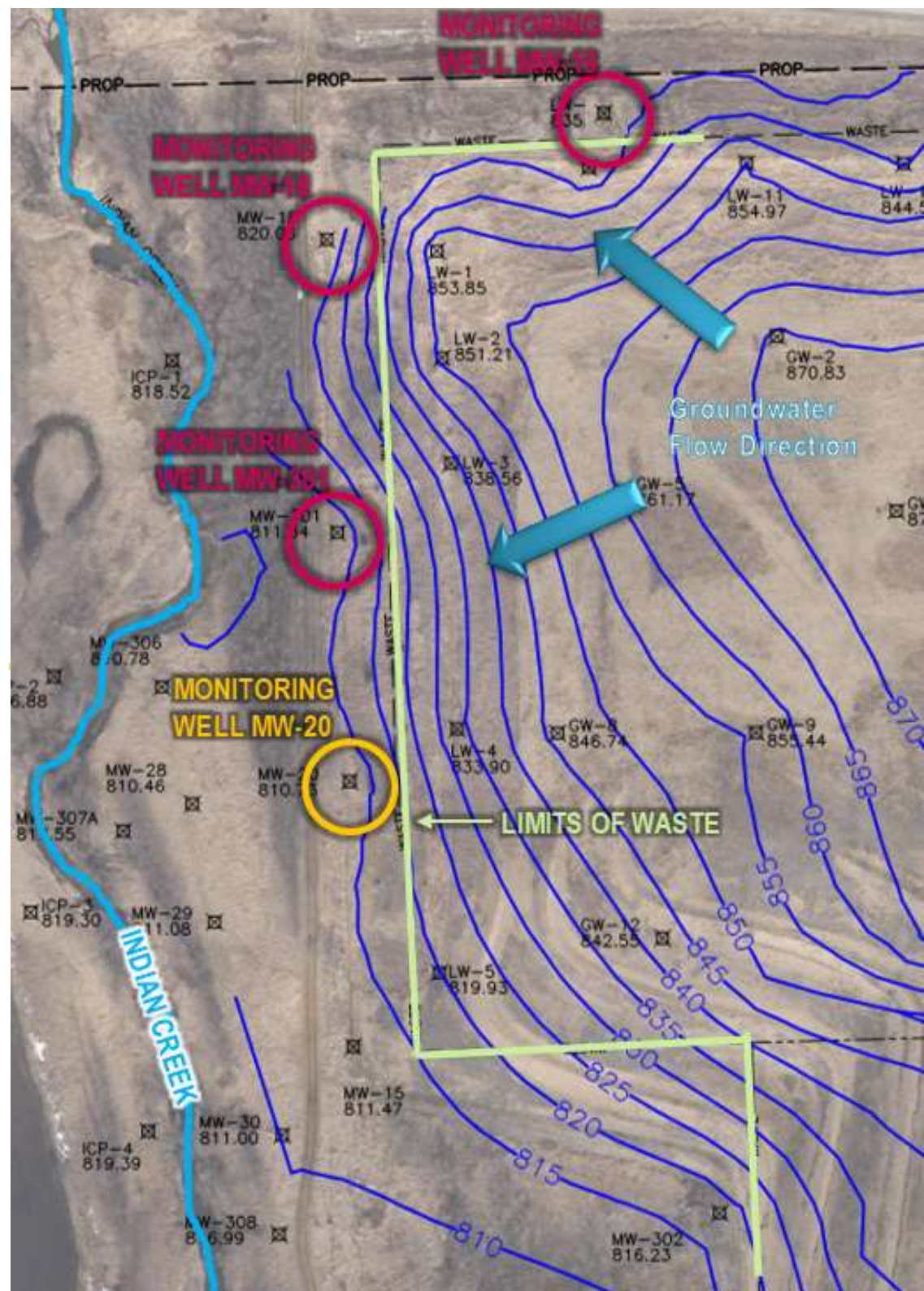
Groundwater Monitoring Program

- **Phase I: Detection** – Compare concentrations found in downgradient monitoring wells to background concentrations (completed semiannually).
- **Phase II: Assessment** – Begins when a concentration is detected above the background concentration (completed semiannually).
 - Compare concentrations to groundwater protection standards (GWPS) to determine if concentrations exceed the GWPS at a statistically significant level (SSL).
- **Phase III: Corrective Action** – Begins when a constituent concentration is detected above the GWPS at an SSL.
 - Action begins to control the source of the release and prevent further release
 - Current status of MW-20 for Benzene and MW-18, 19, MW-20, & 301 for Cobalt



Review Past Findings – Benzene & Cobalt

- Exceedances are proximal to the old closed landfill
 - Benzene at MW-20
 - Cobalt at MW-18, MW-19, MW-20 and MW-301
- Implementation of Assessment of Corrective Action Program
 - Reduction through natural processes & control of source by reducing leachate within old landfill
 - Long-term groundwater monitoring to provide evidence of improvement

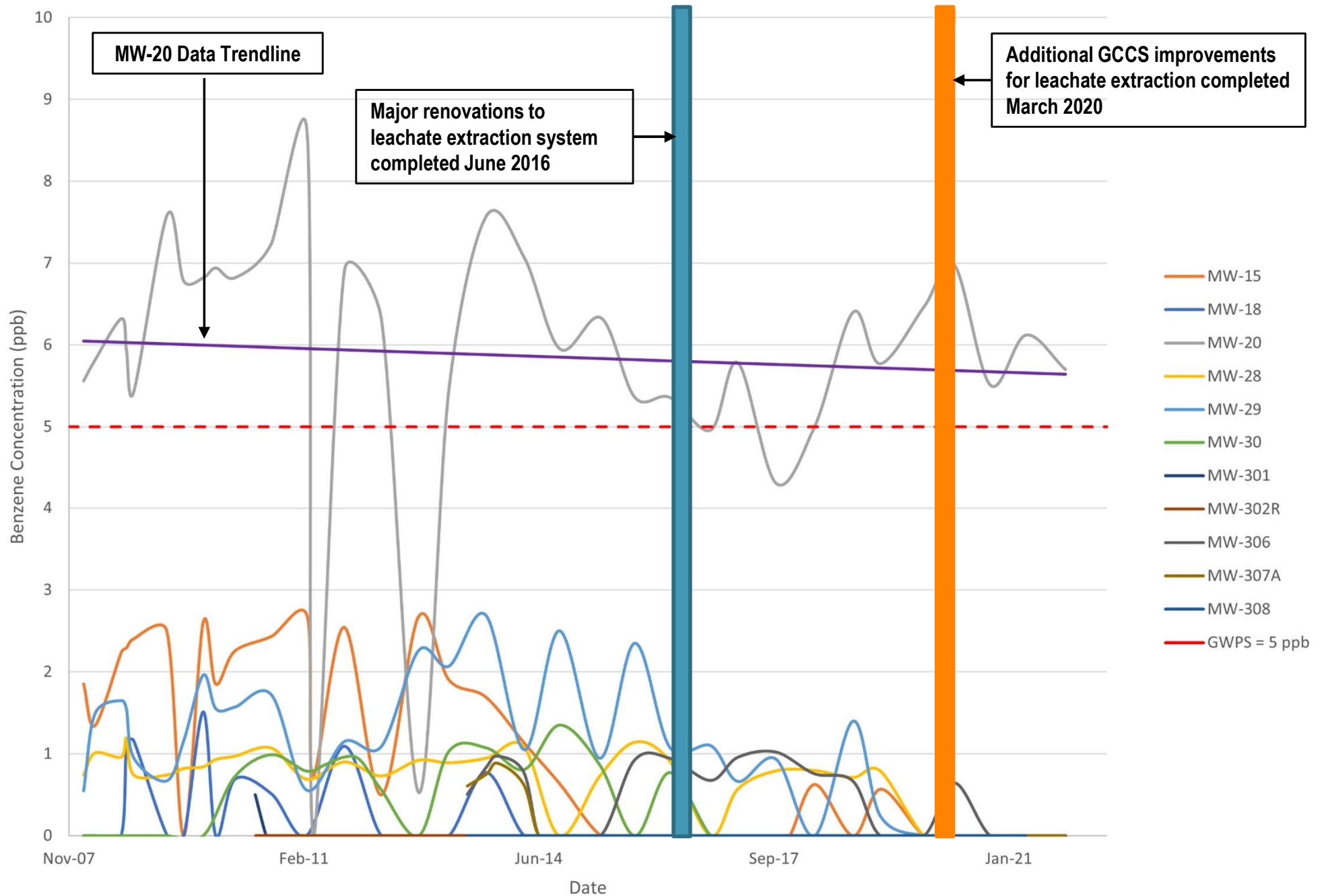




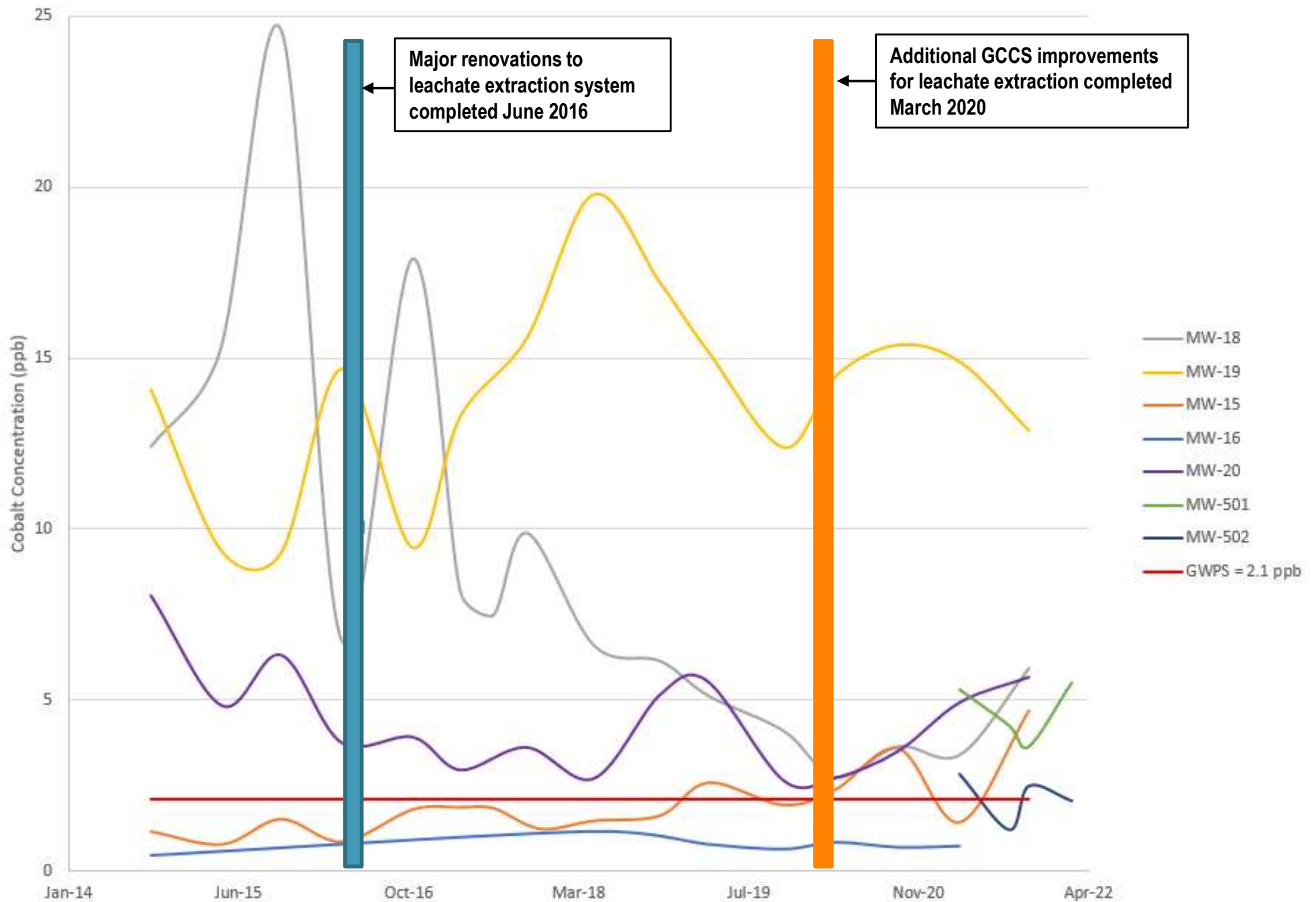
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Update on Corrective Action Progress & Findings

Semiannual Benzene Concentrations (2008-2021)



Semiannual Cobalt Concentrations (2014-2022)



Ongoing/Future Compliance Monitoring

- Continuation of Benzene & Cobalt monitoring until concentration remains below the MCL/GWPS at all monitoring points for 3 consecutive years.
- Evaluate Cobalt levels across the site
 - Evaluate additional data collected from upgradient and cross-gradient monitoring wells and look for trends in the data
 - Determine if a site-specific cobalt level can be established based on higher concentrations observed at new wells onsite

Key Takeaways: Benzene & Cobalt

- 1. Limited to shallow groundwater table – not a source of drinking water.**
- 2. Benzene concentrations exceeding the EPA and Iowa DNR MCL/GWPS for drinking water are only measured in groundwater samples collected from MW-20.**
- 3. Benzene & Cobalt plume is receding and is contained on Agency property east of Indian Creek.**
- 4. Corrective action measures implemented in the old, closed landfill appear to be reducing the extent of the plume. Additional work done to help speed up the process.**