

June 3, 2008

Mr. Mitch Shields  
HDR, Inc.  
701 Xenia Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

**Re: Supplement to the Biological Assessment and Wetland Delineation Report  
Pillsbury to Fargo Generation Outlet Project**

Dear Mr. Shields

McCain and Associates, Inc. (McCain) is pleased to present a supplement report to the Biological Assessment and Wetland Delineation Report (McCain, May 20, 2008) for the Minnkota Power Pillsbury to Fargo Generation Outlet project. McCain conducted a field review of a proposed transmission line reroute (Rush River Reroute) in portions of Sections 4, 9, 14, and 15, T141N, R051W on May 30, 2008.

Two wetland areas were identified and delineated during the field visit. The wetland areas are located along a natural drainage in Section 15. The wetlands are identified as 15141051-1 and 15141051-2 on the attached figures (Figures 23 and 24). Each wetland area is found on the edge of the proposed corridor and will likely not be affected by construction activities. Observation points sampled during the field visit are described in detail in the enclosed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Data Forms and depicted in the photographs in Attachment A.

The Rush River Reroute will not affect threatened and endangered species or species/habitats of concern identified in the May 20 report.

Please call me at 701-255-1475 if you have any questions or need additional informational.

Sincerely,



Todd Hartleben, PE  
Senior Engineer

Attachment: Photographs  
Data Forms  
Figures 23 and 24

cc. Jerome Kettleon, Pearce and Durick

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***Attachment A***

***Photographs***



Photograph 1. Shallow drainage that crosses the proposed corridor. This area of the drainage has non-hydric soils and no hydrophytic vegetation present (15141051-1 wet-1 field data form).



Photograph 2. This area is flooded due to recent precipitation but was determined to be a non-wetland area due to non-hydric soils.



Photograph 3. Wetland area 15141051-1 has hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology. The surface water may be due to recent precipitation.



Photograph 4. Wetland area 15141051-2 is a low area along a drainage. Surface water may be due to recent precipitation.

**Attachment B**

**Data Forms**

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region**

Project/Site: 15141 051-1 City/County: Cass Sampling Date: 5/30/08  
 Applicant/Owner: McCain and Associates, Inc. State: ND Sampling Point: Wet-1  
 Investigator(s): Greg Meyer + Dr. Bruce Seelig Section, Township, Range: 15/141/051  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): drainage Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): F Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Bearden S1C1 NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: <p align="center"><u>Recent rainfall caused surface water near point</u></p>	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:																
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): <u>0</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A/B)																
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>5</u>																				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)																				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
_____ = Total Cover																				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)																				
1. <u>Glycine max (Soybean)</u>	<u>10</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>UPL</u>																	
2. <u>2ea Mays (Corn)</u>	<u>20</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>UPL</u>																	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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9. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
_____ = Total Cover																				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)																				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
_____ = Total Cover																				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>70</u> _____ = Total Cover																				
Remarks: <p align="center"><u>Drainage formed through with corn residue present and newly emergent soybeans</u></p>																				

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**  
 \_\_\_ Dominance Test is >50%  
 \_\_\_ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>  
 \_\_\_ Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  
 \_\_\_ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

SOIL

Sampling Point: Wet-1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (Inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-10	2.5Y 2.5/1	100					sic/	reaction - n
10-24	2.5Y 2.5/1-2 3/4	100					sic/	reaction - Sc
24-33	2.5Y 4/2+4/3	80/20					sic/	reaction - n

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5) (LRR F)
- 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR F, G, H)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G, H)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR F)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- High Plains Depressions (F16) (MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)
- Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)
- High Plains Depressions (F16) (LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73)
- Reduced Vertic (F18)
- Red Parent Material (TF2)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if present):

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Remarks:

non-hydric - no redox features in 4/3 matrix

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Salt Crust (B11)
- Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (where not tilled)
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (where tilled)
- Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (LRR F)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Depth (Inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Depth (Inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturation Present? (Includes capillary fringe) Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (Inches): 0-6

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

aerial photograph - indicates a natural drainage

Remarks:

Recent rainfall may have caused upper level saturation + nearby surface water

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region**

Project/Site: 15141051-1 City/County: Cass Sampling Date: 5/30/08  
 Applicant/Owner: M<sup>c</sup>Cain + Associates, Inc. State: ND Sampling Point: wet-2  
 Investigator(s): Greg Meyer + Dr. Bruce Seelig Section, Township, Range: 15/141/051  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): drainage Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): F Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Bearden S1c1 NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks: <p align="center"><i>Recent rainfall caused surface water in drainage</i></p>	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:																
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<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ _____ = Total Cover																				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u> <u>40</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>FACW<sup>1</sup></u> 2. <u>Bromus inermis</u> <u>40</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>FACU</u> 3. <u>Urtica dioica</u> <u>15</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>FAC</u> 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ _____ = Total Cover																				
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<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:  
*Phalaris arundinacea in bottom of natural drainage, Bromus inermis and Urtica dioica grows along the edge of the drainage,*

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: Wet-2

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-13	2.5Y 2.5/1	100					sicl	reaction - n
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20-28	2.5Y 4/2+4/3	80/20					cl	reaction - n

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  - Other (Explain in Remarks)
- <sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If present):

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Remarks: non-hydric due to lack of redox features

**HYDROLOGY**

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
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Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (inches): 14"  
 Saturation Present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (inches): 0  
 (Includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Natural drainage on aerial photograph.

Remarks: Recent rainfall may have caused nearby surface water in bottom of drainage.

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 Applicant/Owner: McCain and Associates, Inc. State: ND Sampling Point: wet-3  
 Investigator(s): Greg Meyer and Dr. Bruce Seely Section, Township, Range: 15 / 141 / 051  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): drainage Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): F Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Bearden S1cl NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
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2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
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2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
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1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW<sup>1</sup></u>	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
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Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
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% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____				
Remarks: <u>Phalaris arundinacea is the dominant species within the wetland area,</u>				

SOIL

Sampling Point: Net-3

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-25	5Y 2.5/1	100					sic1	reaction - n
25-30	5Y 3/1	100					sic1	reaction - e
30-35	5Y 5/2	90	7.5YR 4/6	10	C	M	sic1	C2P reaction - e <sub>s</sub>

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)	<input type="checkbox"/> High Plains Depressions (F16)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5) (LRR F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR F, G, H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Vertic (F18)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	<sup>3</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G, H)	<input type="checkbox"/> High Plains Depressions (F16) (MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR F)		

Restrictive Layer (if present):  
 Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes  No

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

<u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)</u>		<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (where tilled)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) (where not tilled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)		<input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (LRR F)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)		

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depth (inches): _____	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (inches): <u>9</u>	
Saturation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Depth (inches): <u>0</u>	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Natural drainage on aerial photograph.

Remarks:

Recent rainfall may have caused nearby surface water.

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Great Plains Region**

Project/Site: 15 141 051-2 City/County: Cass Sampling Date: 5/30/08  
 Applicant/Owner: McCain and Associates, Inc. State: ND Sampling Point: wet-1  
 Investigator(s): Greg Meyer and Dr Bruce Seely Section, Township, Range: 15/141/051  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): drainage Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): F Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Bearden Sil NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
Remarks: <p align="center"><i>recent rainfall may have caused nearby surface water</i></p>	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC (excluding FAC-): <u>1</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species <u>95</u> x 2 = <u>190</u> FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: <u>95</u> (A) <u>190</u> (B)  Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>2</u>
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b>				
1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW<sup>1</sup></u>	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>95</u> = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b>				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<b>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ = Total Cover</b>				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
Remarks: <p align="center"><i>Phalaris arundinacea is the dominant vegetation, Corn residue also occurs in area.</i></p>				

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (Inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-30	Sy 2.5/1	100					sicl	reaction - n
30-37	Sy 3/1	98	10YR 3/4	<2	C	m	sicl	reaction - e / f g f
37-41	Sy 4/2	95	2.5YR 4/6	5	C	m	sicl	reaction - e / C Id

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Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)		Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :	
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 cm Muck (A9) (LRR I, J)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR F, G, H)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) (LRR G)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)	<input type="checkbox"/> High Plains Depressions (F16)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5) (LRR F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	(LRR H outside of MLRA 72 & 73)	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S2) (LRR G, H)	<input type="checkbox"/> High Plains Depressions (F16)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR F)	(MLRA 72 & 73 of LRR H)		

Restrictive Layer (if present):  
 Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes  No

Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)		<input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) (LRR F)	

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes  No  Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Table Present? Yes  No  Depth (inches): 12

Saturation Present? Yes  No  Depth (inches): 0

(Includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes  No

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

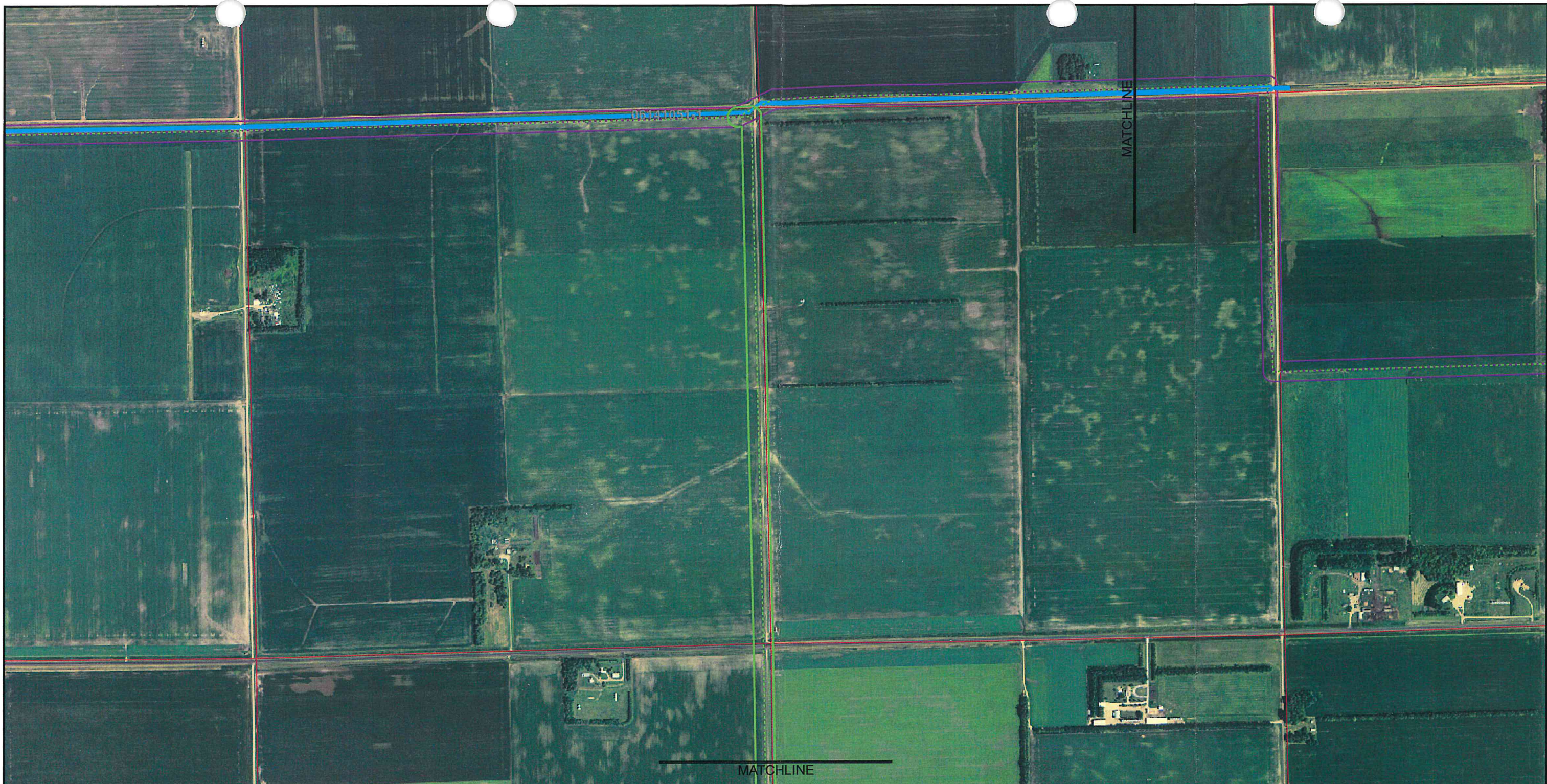
*low area along natural drainage - shows on aerial photograph*

Remarks:

*recent rainfall may have caused nearby surface water,*

***Attachment C***

***Figures***



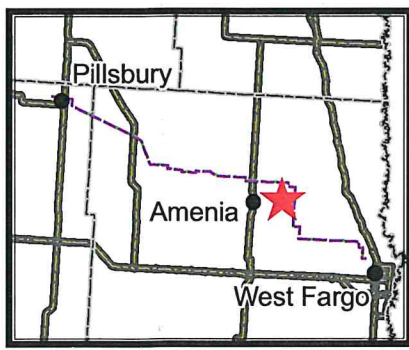
**Legend**

- - - Rush River Re-route Centerline (5/28/08)
- Survey Corridor (200 ft)
- - - Route Centerline (5/13/08)
- Survey Corridor (200 ft)
- Delineated Wetland

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 1 inch equals 1,000 feet  
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Basemap : 2005 NAIP Orthophoto, Cass County



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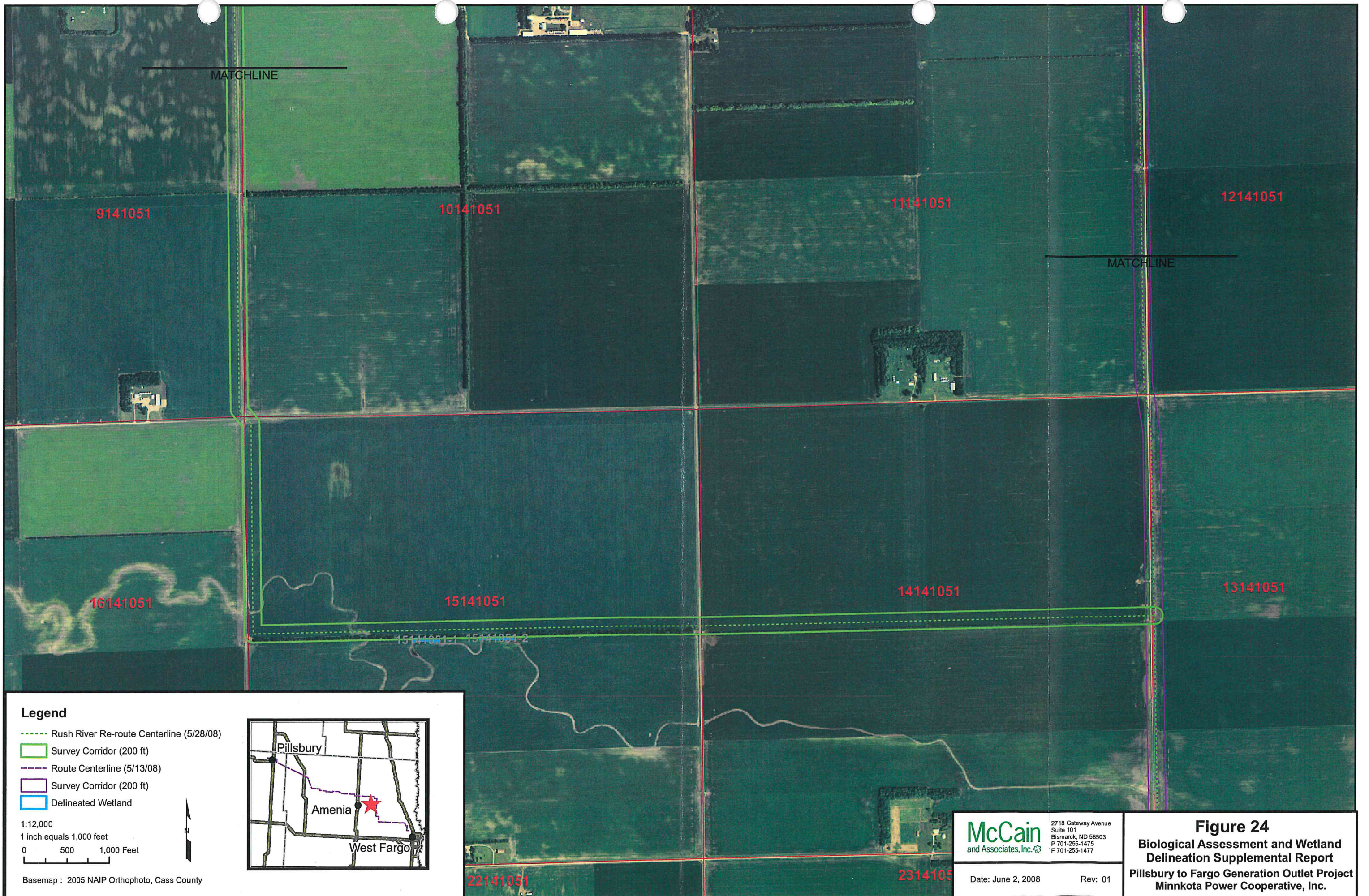
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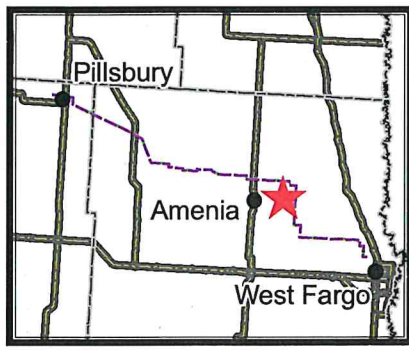
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