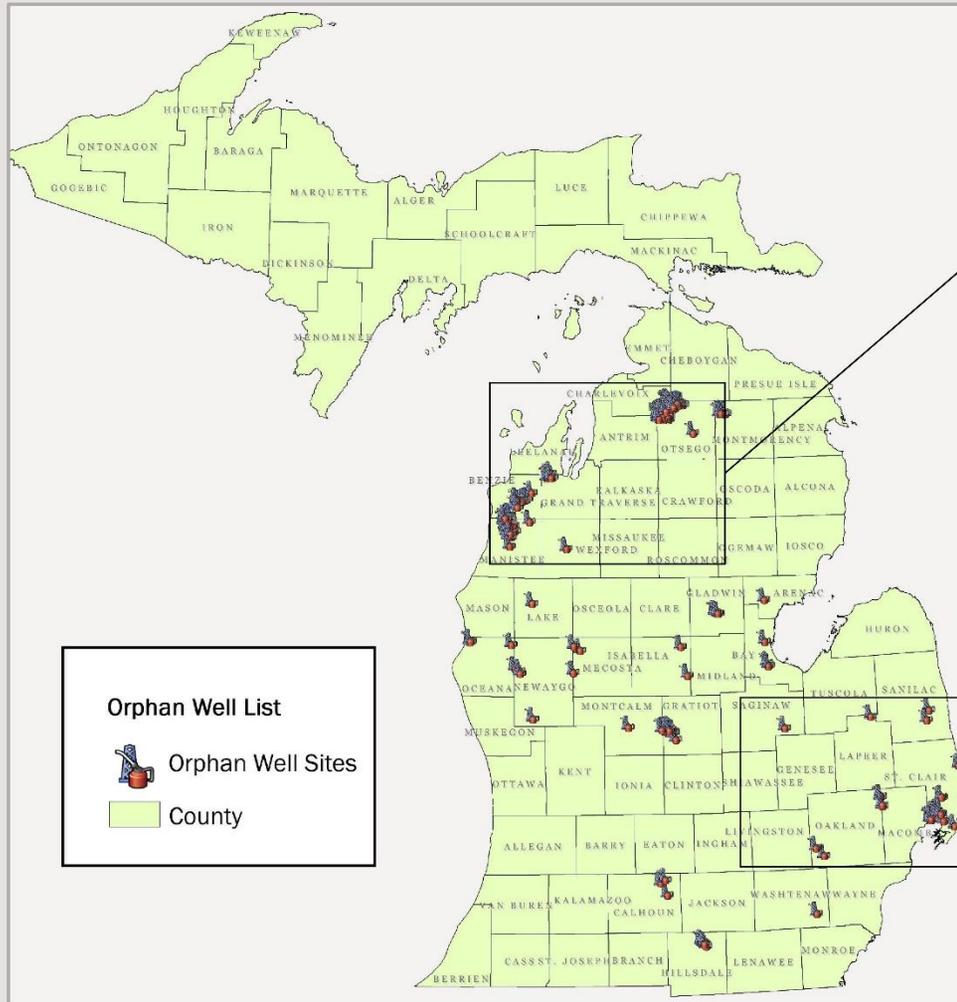
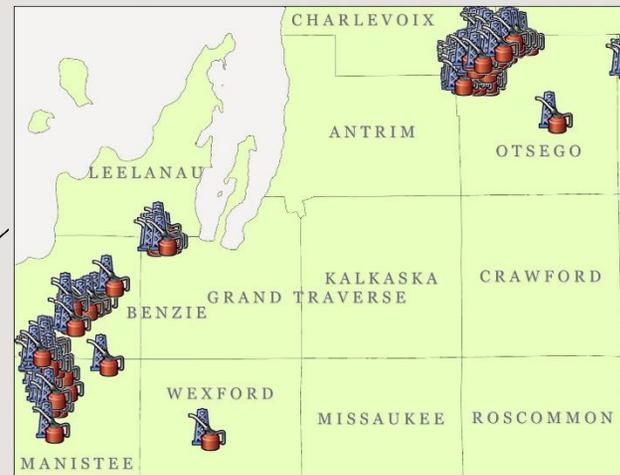


Michigan's Current Orphan Wells List

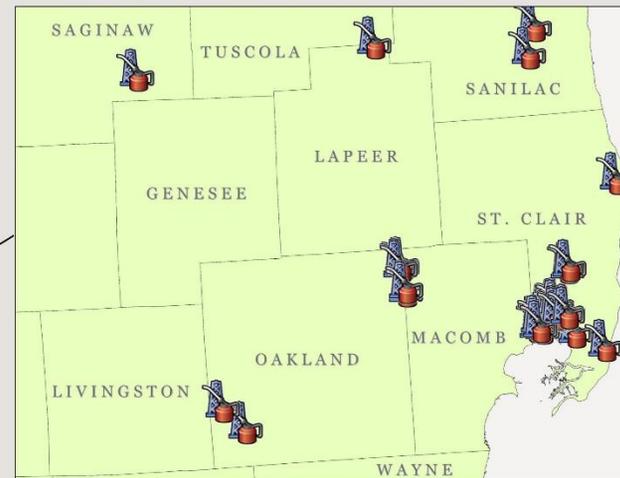
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Northwest Region



Southeast Region



Orphan Wells by County – Reference Table

County Name	Orphan Well Count
Arenac	1
Bay	4
Benzie	42
Calhoun	3
Charlevoix	147
Cheboygan	24
Gladwin	5
Gratiot	41
Hillsdale	12
Isabella	2
Lake	1
Leelanau	10
Macomb	2
Manistee	37
Mecosta	2
Montcalm	2
Montmorency	11
Newaygo	6
Oakland	7
Oceana	6
Otsego	13
Saginaw	1
Sanilac	2
St. Clair	65
Tuscola	1
Washtenaw	1
Wexford	1

State Total	449
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Notes: An orphan well is as an abandoned or improperly closed oil, gas, or brine disposal well where the owner is unknown, insolvent, or the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (DEGLE) determines an imminent public health and safety threat exists. DEGLE issues an annual report that includes a list of all current orphan wells that require action by the State; this map is an illustration of that record for fiscal year 2022.

The Orphan Well Fund was first established with the passage of Act 308, P.A. 1994, which created an Orphan Well Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The Orphan Well Fund is used to support the DEGLE Orphan Well Program (OWP). The OWP is administered by the Oil, Gas, and Mineral Division at DEGLE. The OWP performs plugging, interim responses, remedial investigations, remediation, and site restoration.

Source: Oil, Gas, and Mineral Division at the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

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