

# **An ArcGIS Server-based framework for oil and gas E&P decision support**

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# IPAS: Infrastructure Placement Analysis System

- LINGO Low Impact Natural Gas and Oil
- DOE funded
  - NETL (National Energy Technology Laboratory)
- Integrates current technologies and practices to minimize adverse environmental impacts



# IPAS: Infrastructure Placement Analysis System

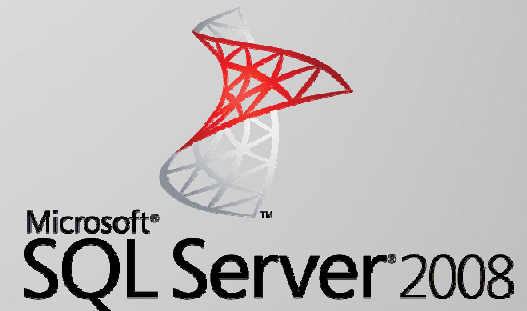
“Closed” web-based decision support system

- Drillers and regulators share:
  - Geographic view of proposed infrastructure
  - Environmental and sensitive area data
  - Models of potential impacts
  - Secure environment
- Increases communication efficiency
  - Speeds up permitting
- Increases transparency – regulators/producers

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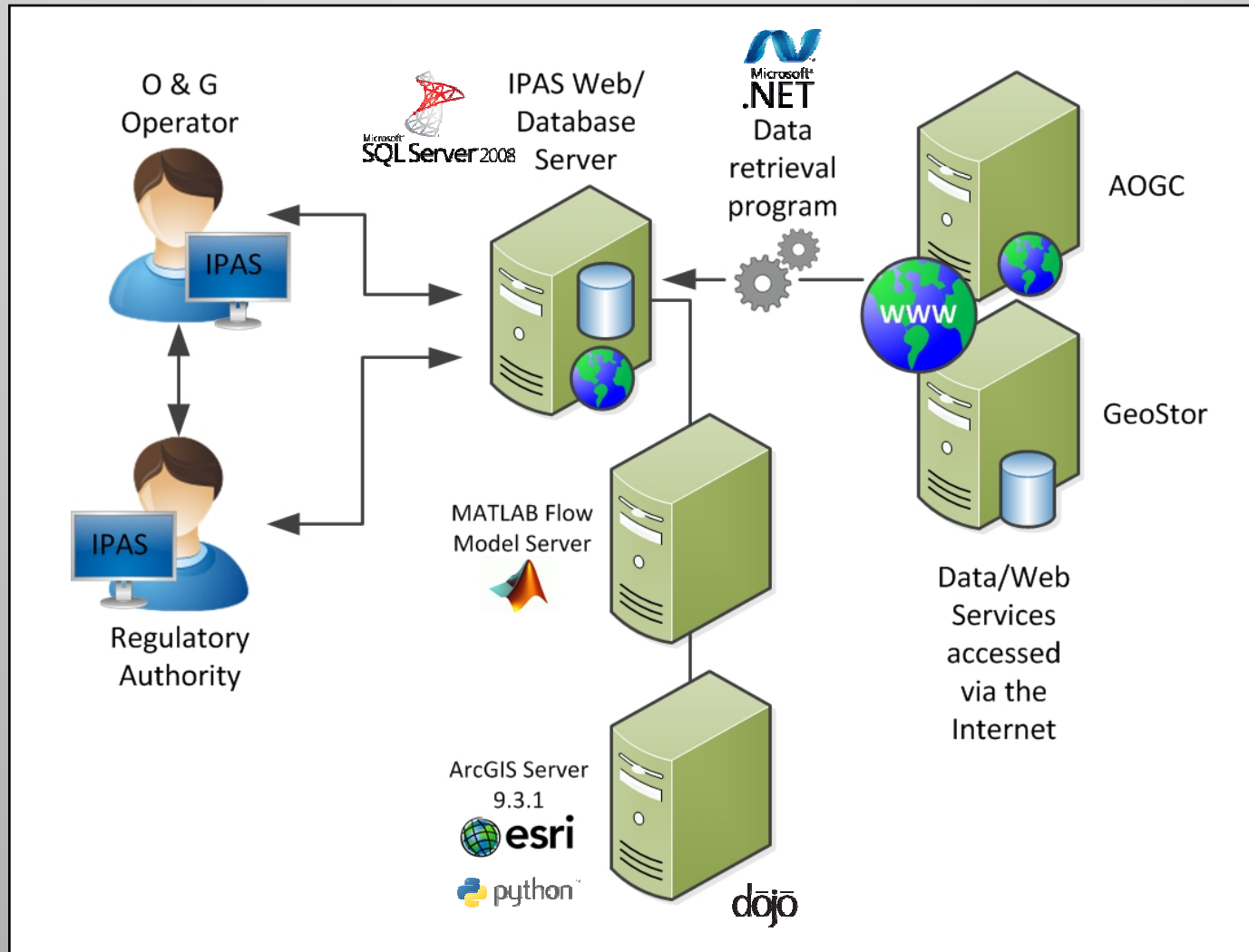
## Architecture

- Ver. 1: 9.2 Web ADF
- Ver. 2: 9.3.1 ArcGIS Server
  - JavaScript API
    - Lots o' custom code
  - SQL Server 2008 Spatial
    - Spatial datatypes
  - Python – geoprocessing
  - Matlab – spill modeling
- Will be ported to AGS 10.x





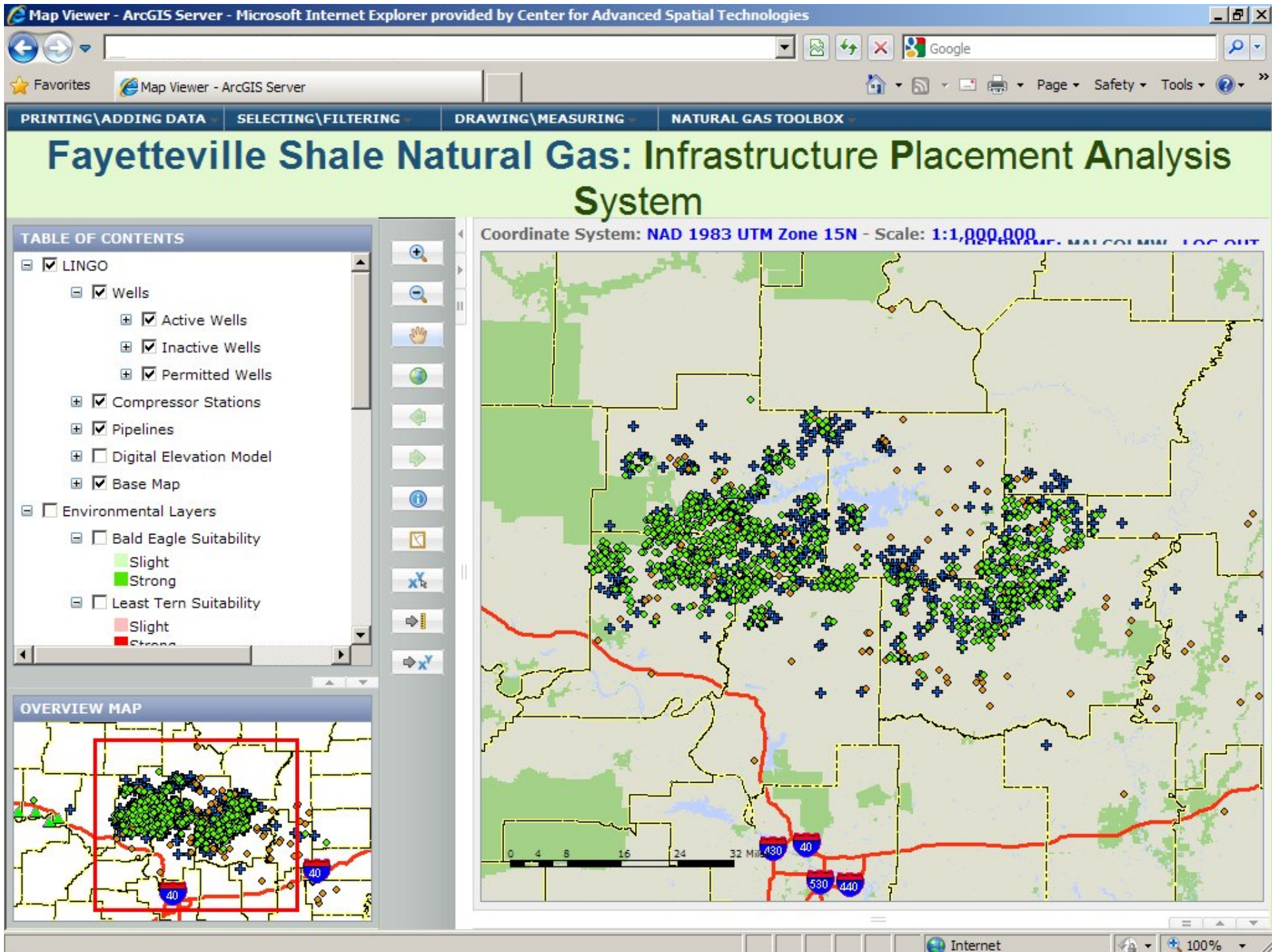
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## Required datasets

- Wells (we harvest *some* well data)
- Sensitive areas/species
- Hydrography – NHD high-res preferably
- Soils – SSURGO (must be preprocessed)
- DEM
- Pipelines
- Typical cultural/base layers





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# Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas: Infrastructure System

## Element Analysis

Coordinate System: NAD 1983

RESPONSE: MALCOLM LOG OUT

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OVERVIEW MAP

T12 N R13 W Shirley T12 N R12 W Fairfield Bay T11 N R13 W T11 N R12 W James Ave

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**Place a Feature on the Map**

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- Place Standard Well Pad
- Place Irregular Well Pad
- Place Gathering Line
- Place an access road

**Preview**

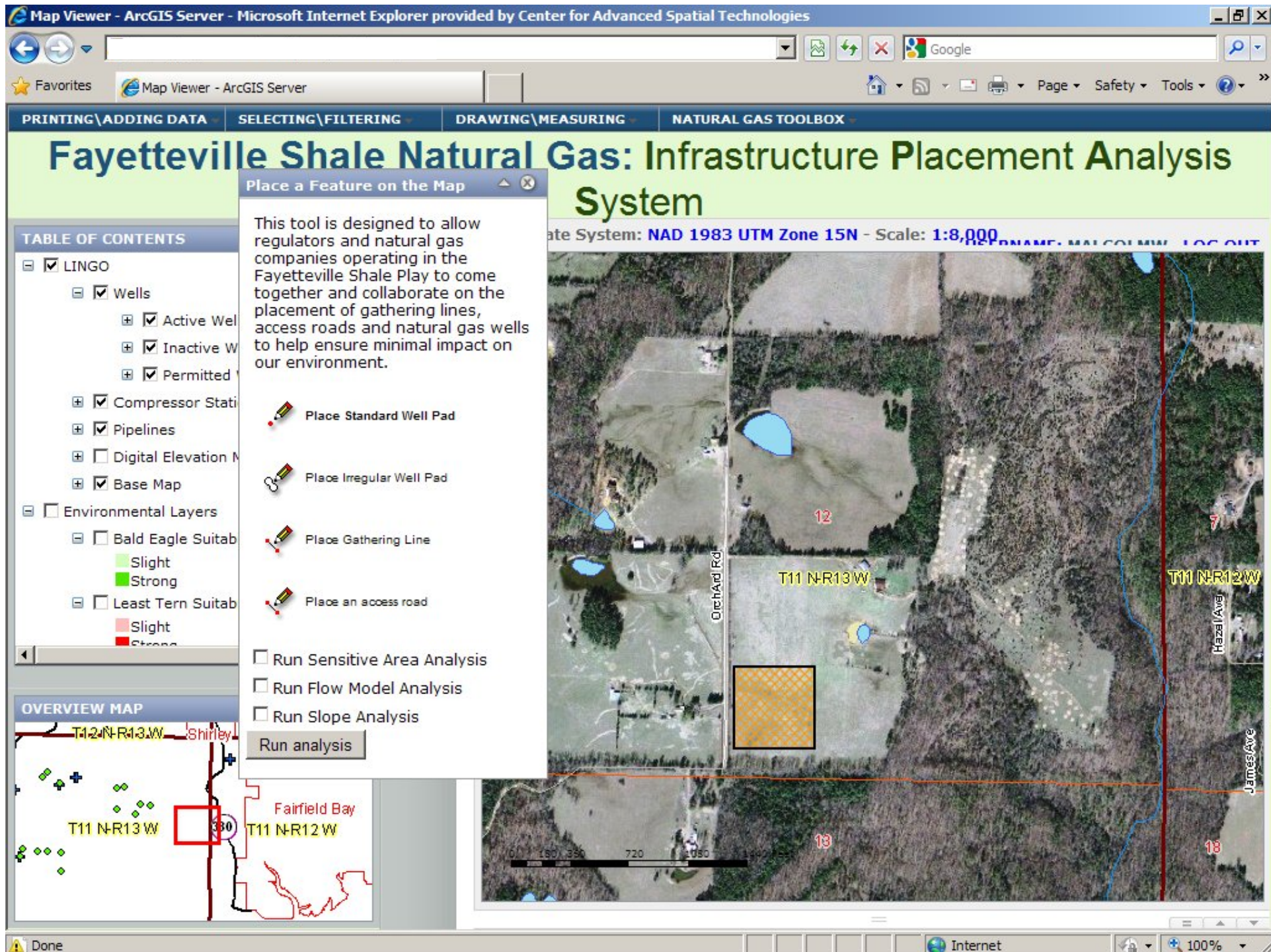
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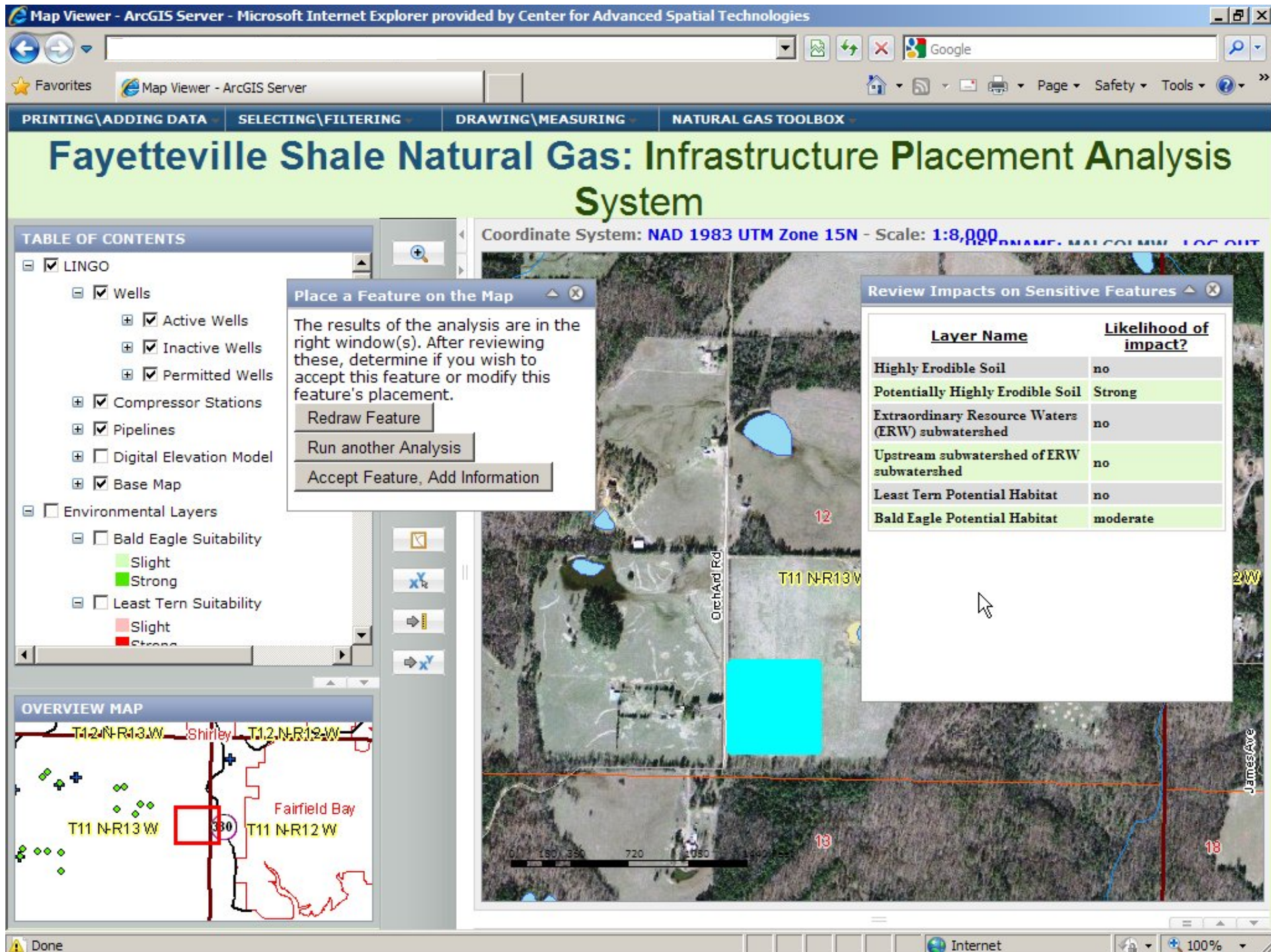
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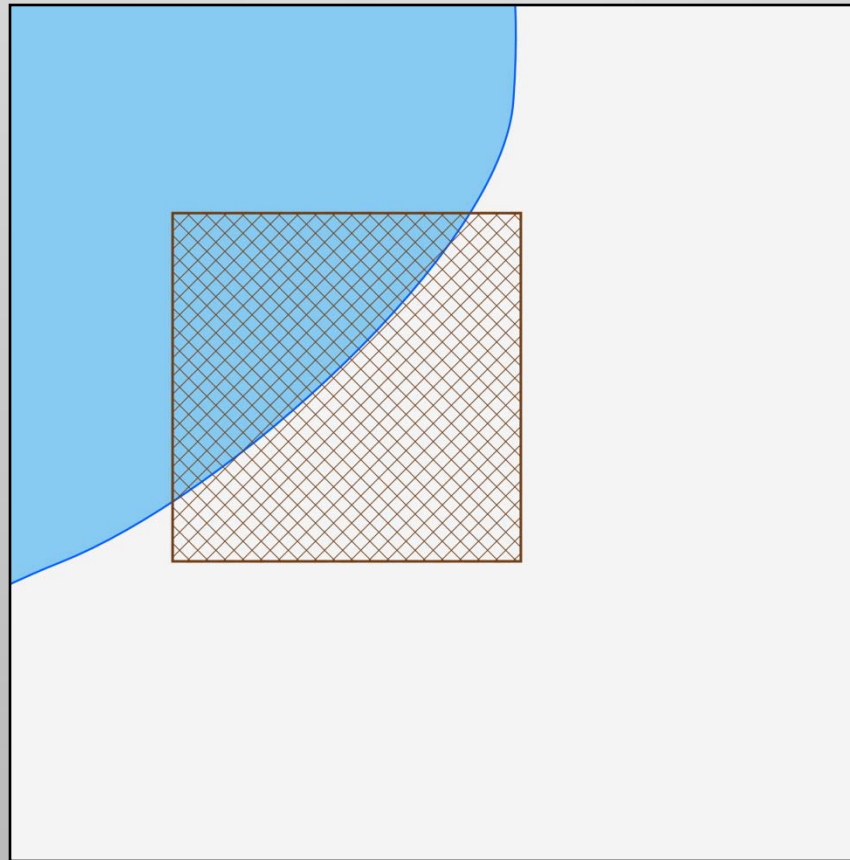
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  - Used in sensitive area analyses and feature digitization
  - 90% confidence interval as defined by National Map Accuracy Standards
    - Created as inner and outer buffers



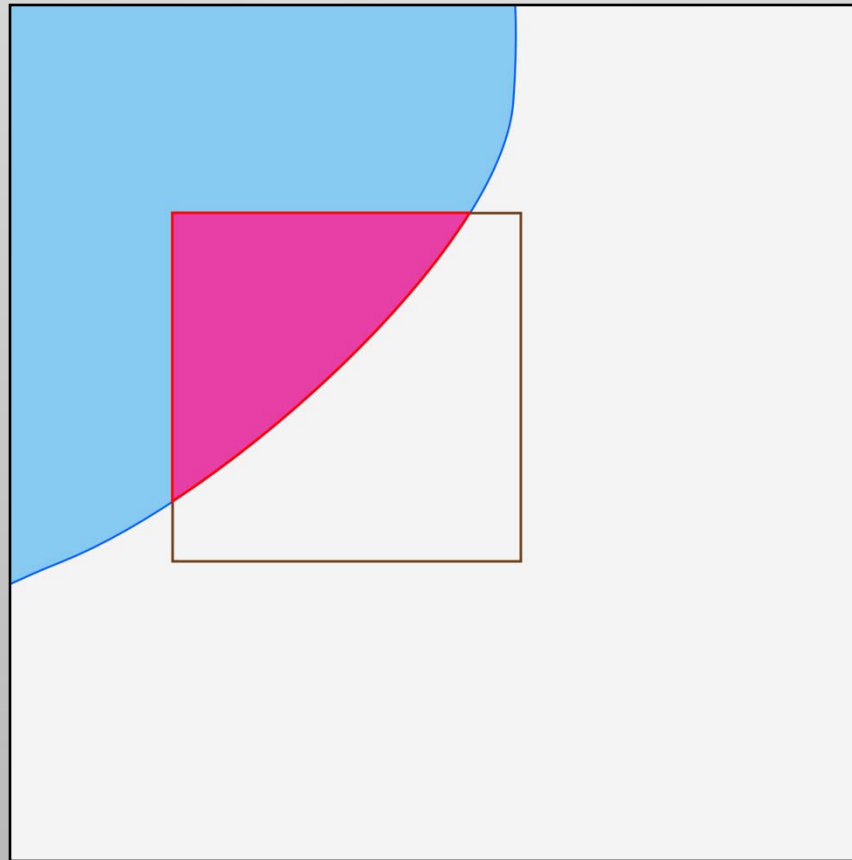
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- Uncertainty
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  - Soils: digitized at 24K  $\rightarrow$  40 foot inner and outer buffer
  - For digitized features, further zoomed out, greater the uncertainty

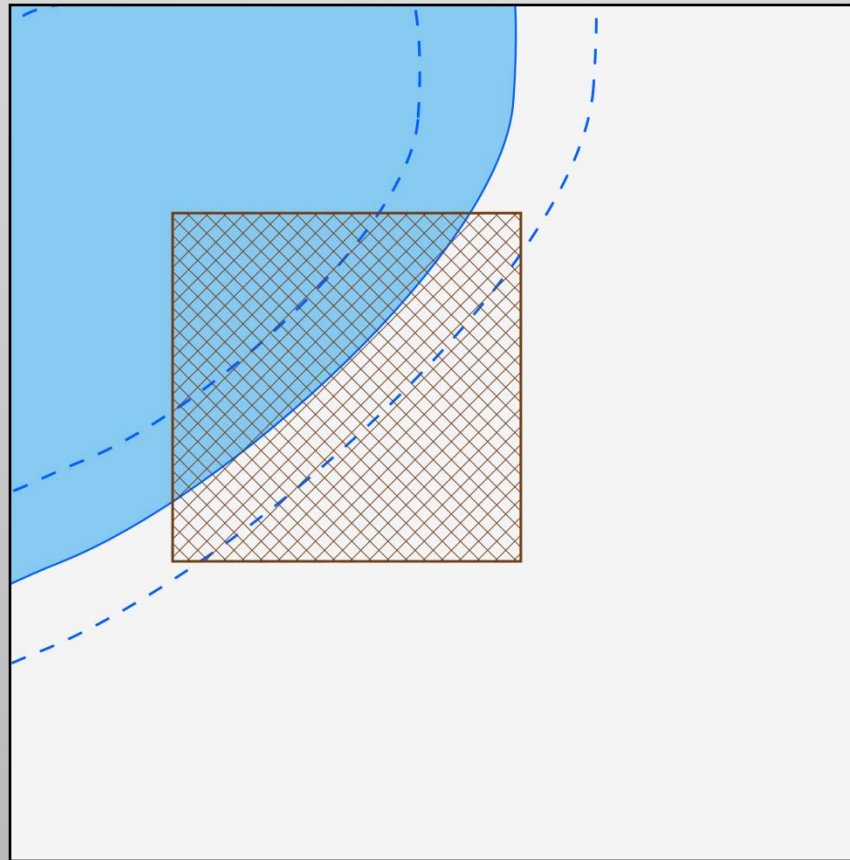
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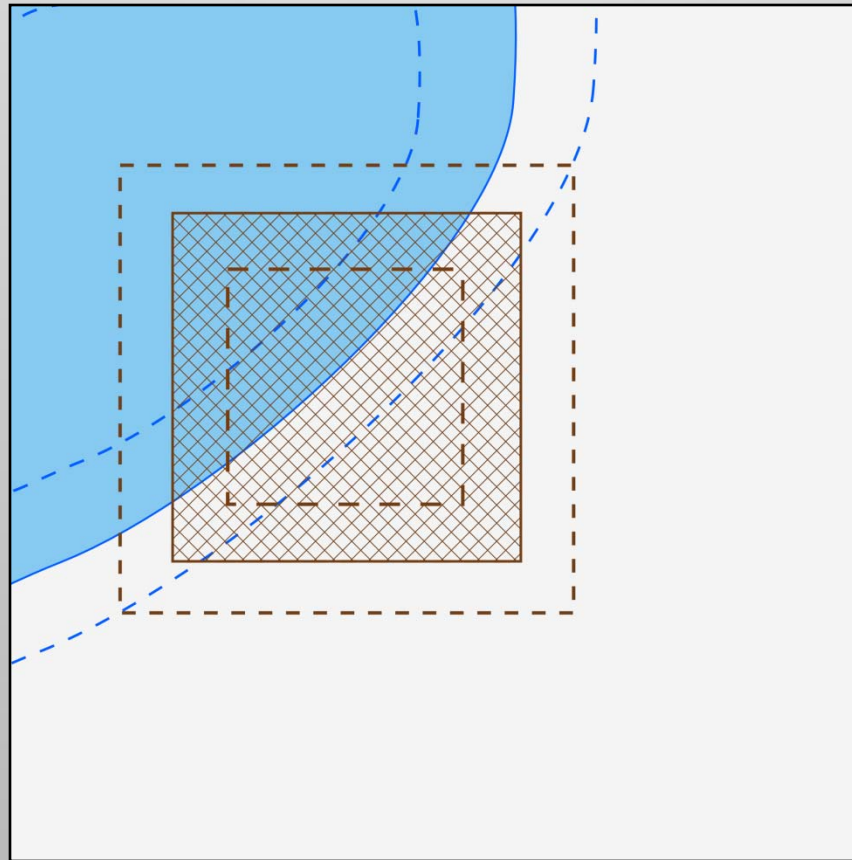
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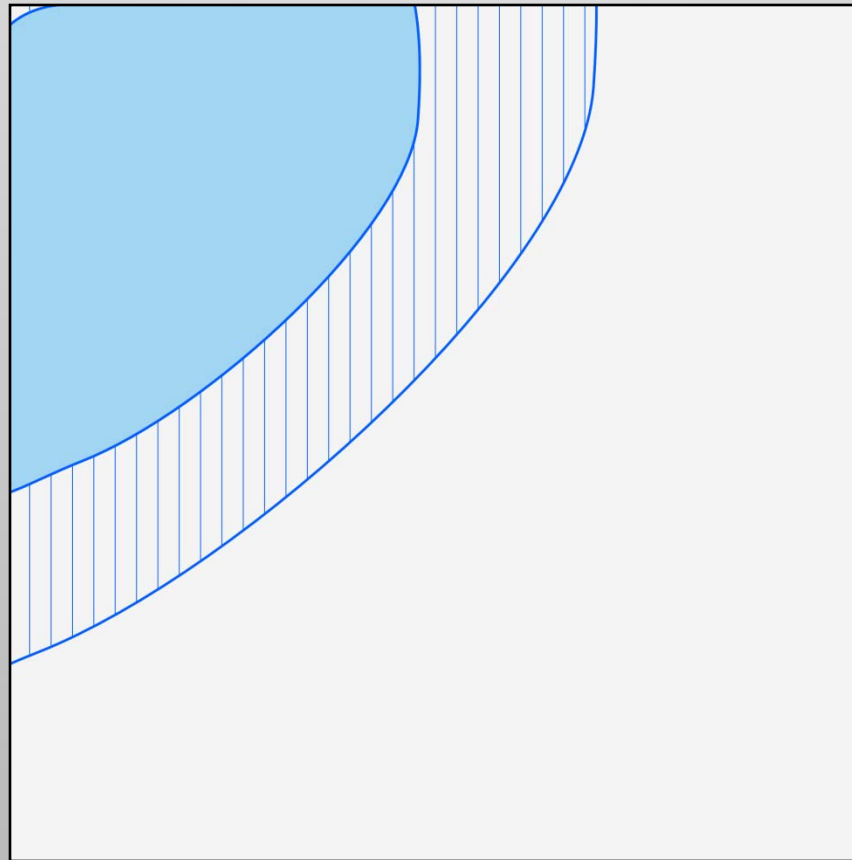
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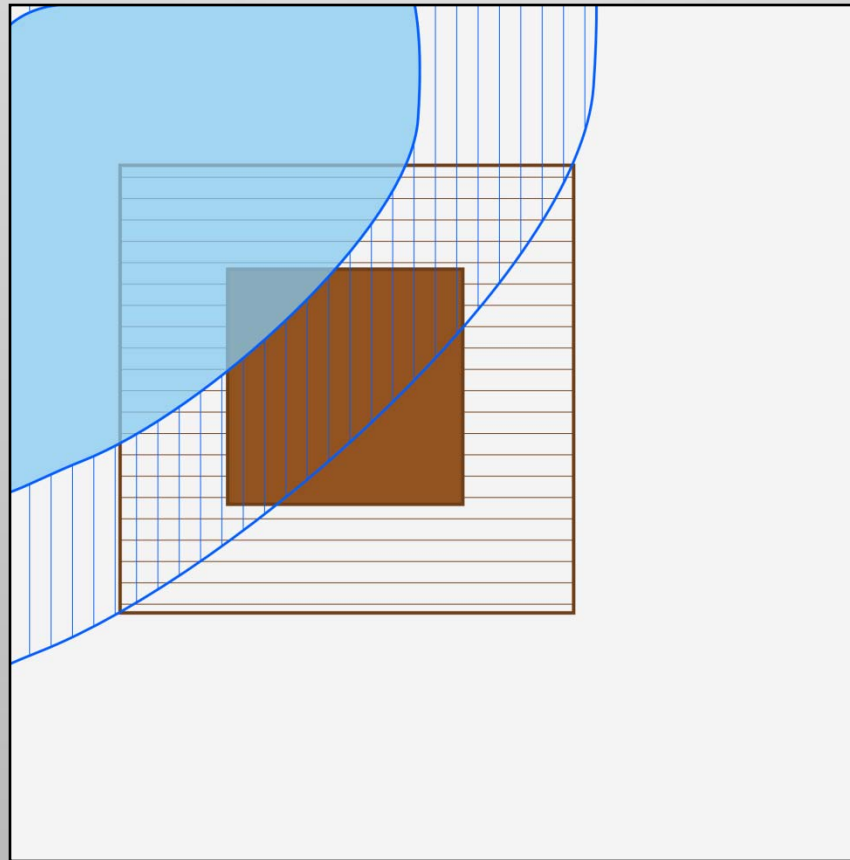
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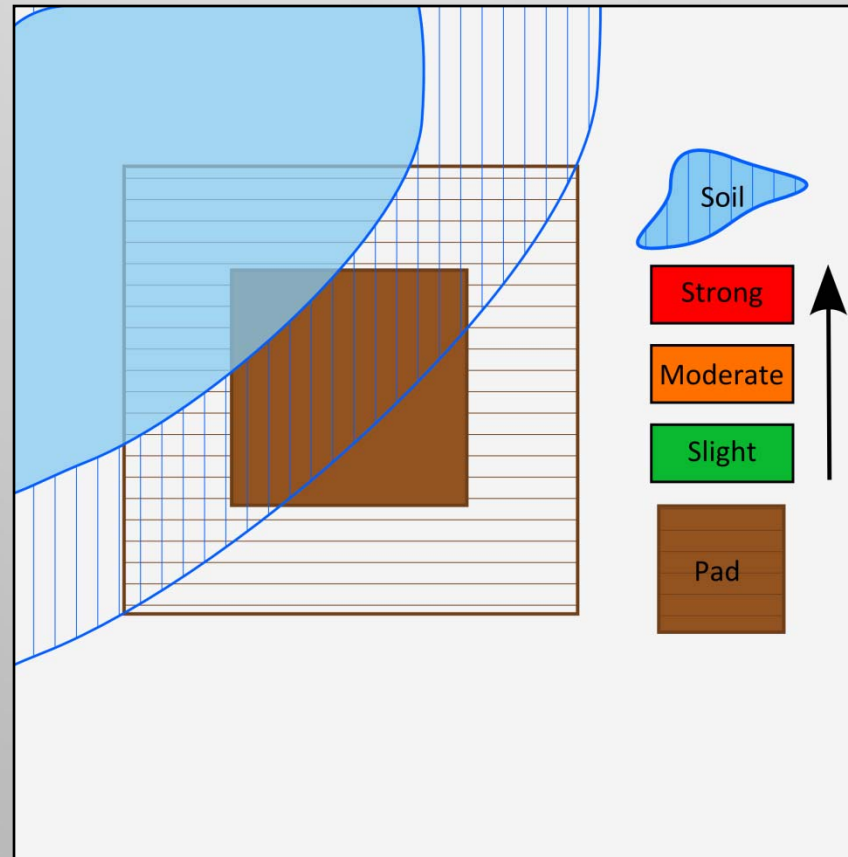
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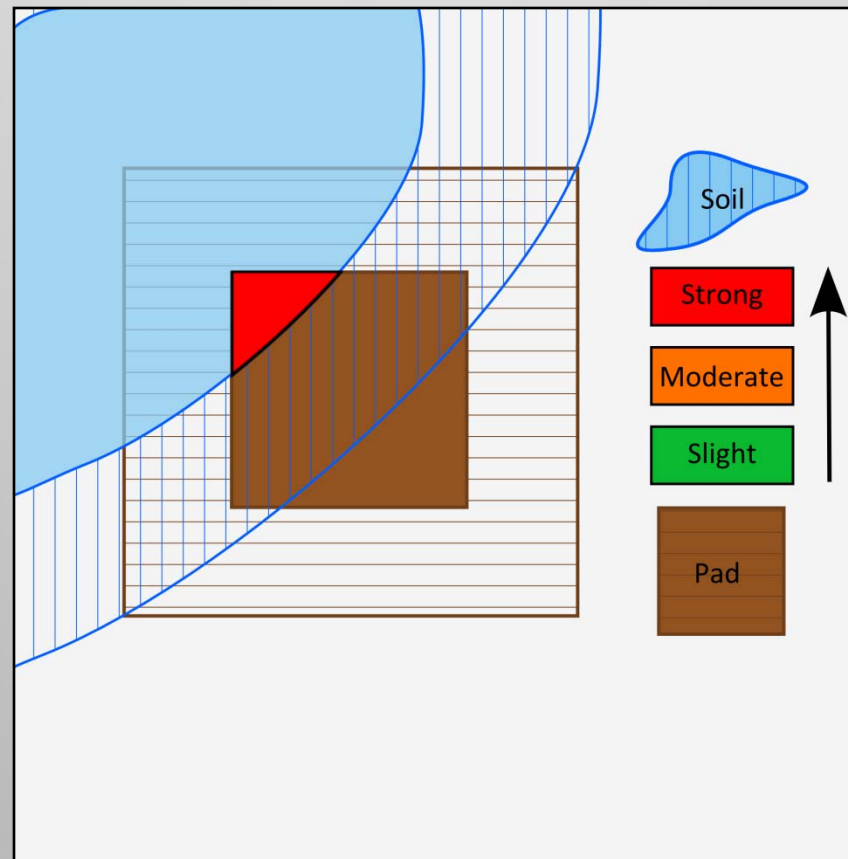
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Likelihood of  
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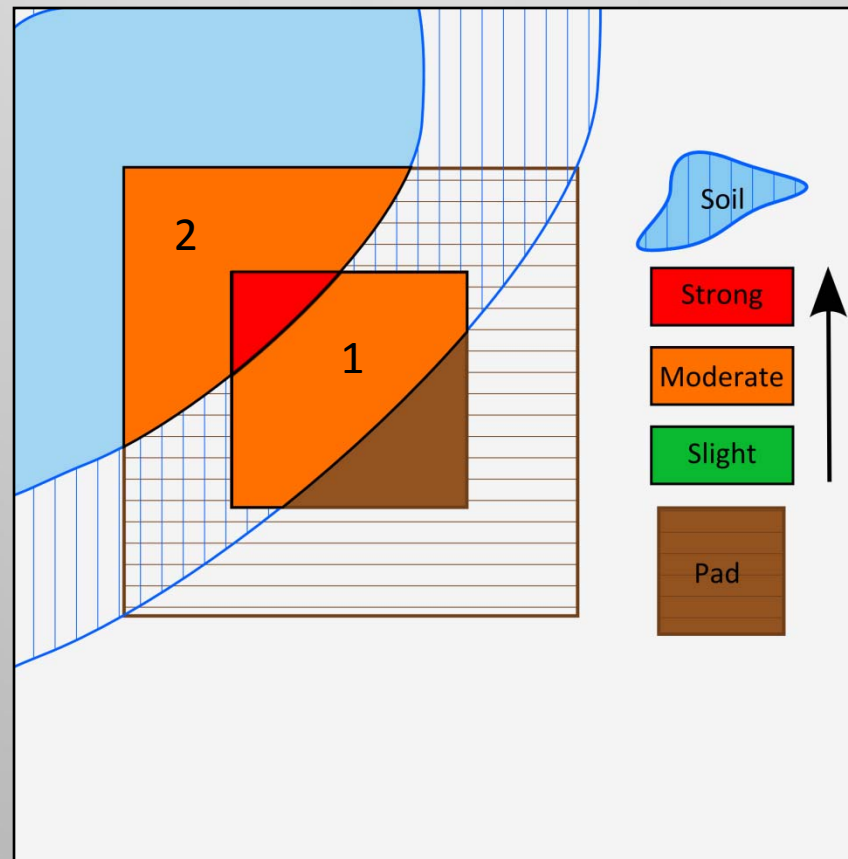
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Likelihood of  
impact:

**Strong** —  
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feature and  
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sensitive area

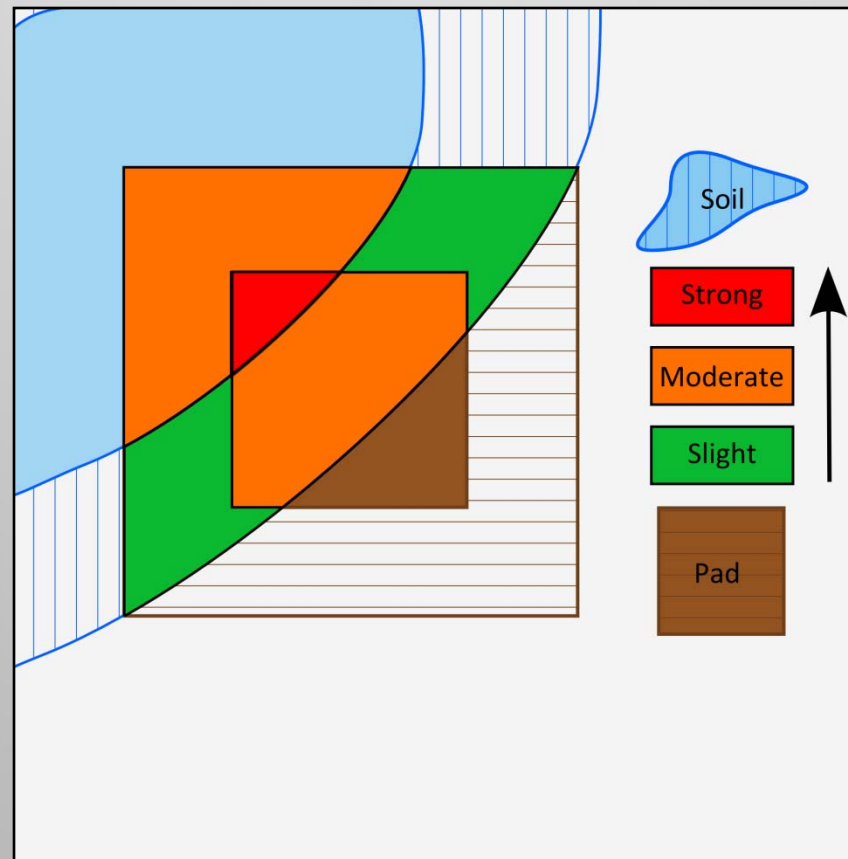
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Likelihood of impact:

**Moderate** — “certain” area of feature and “uncertain” sensitive area (1), or “uncertain” area of feature and “certain” sensitive area (2)

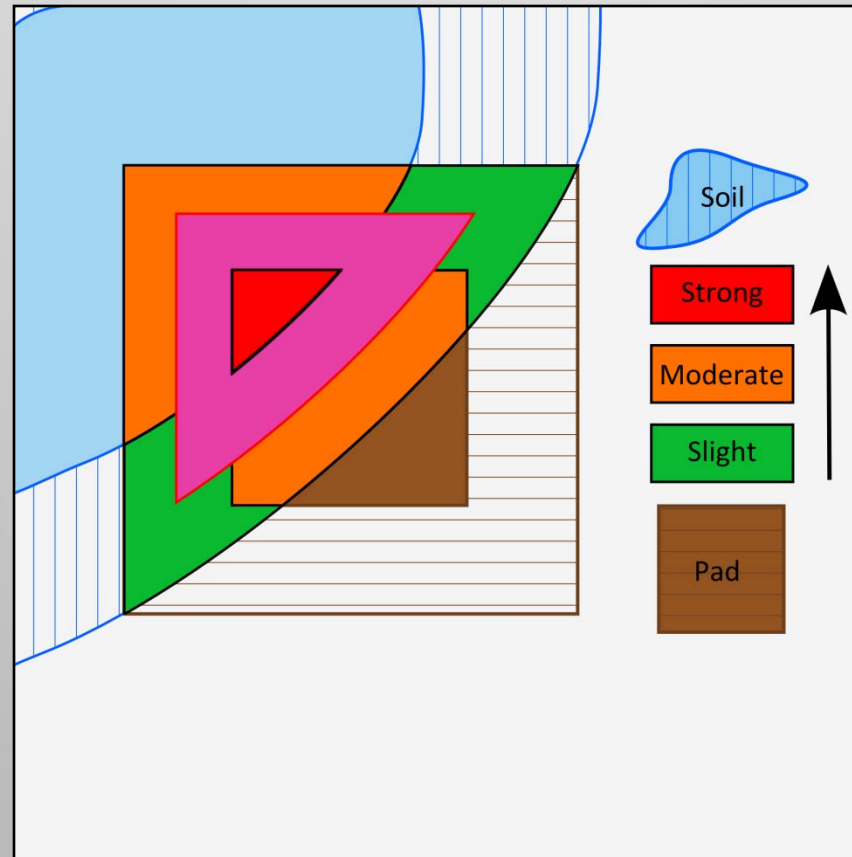
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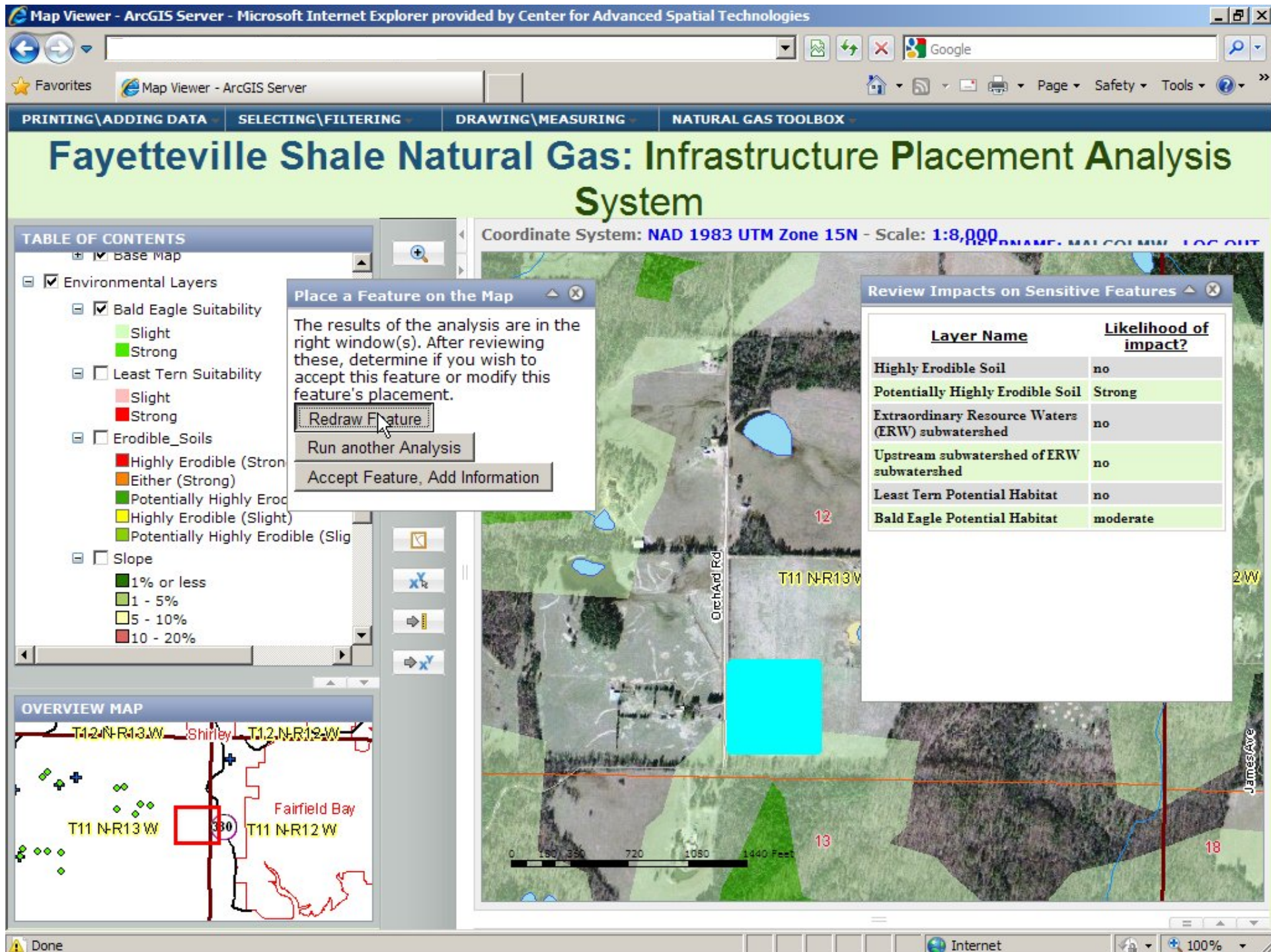


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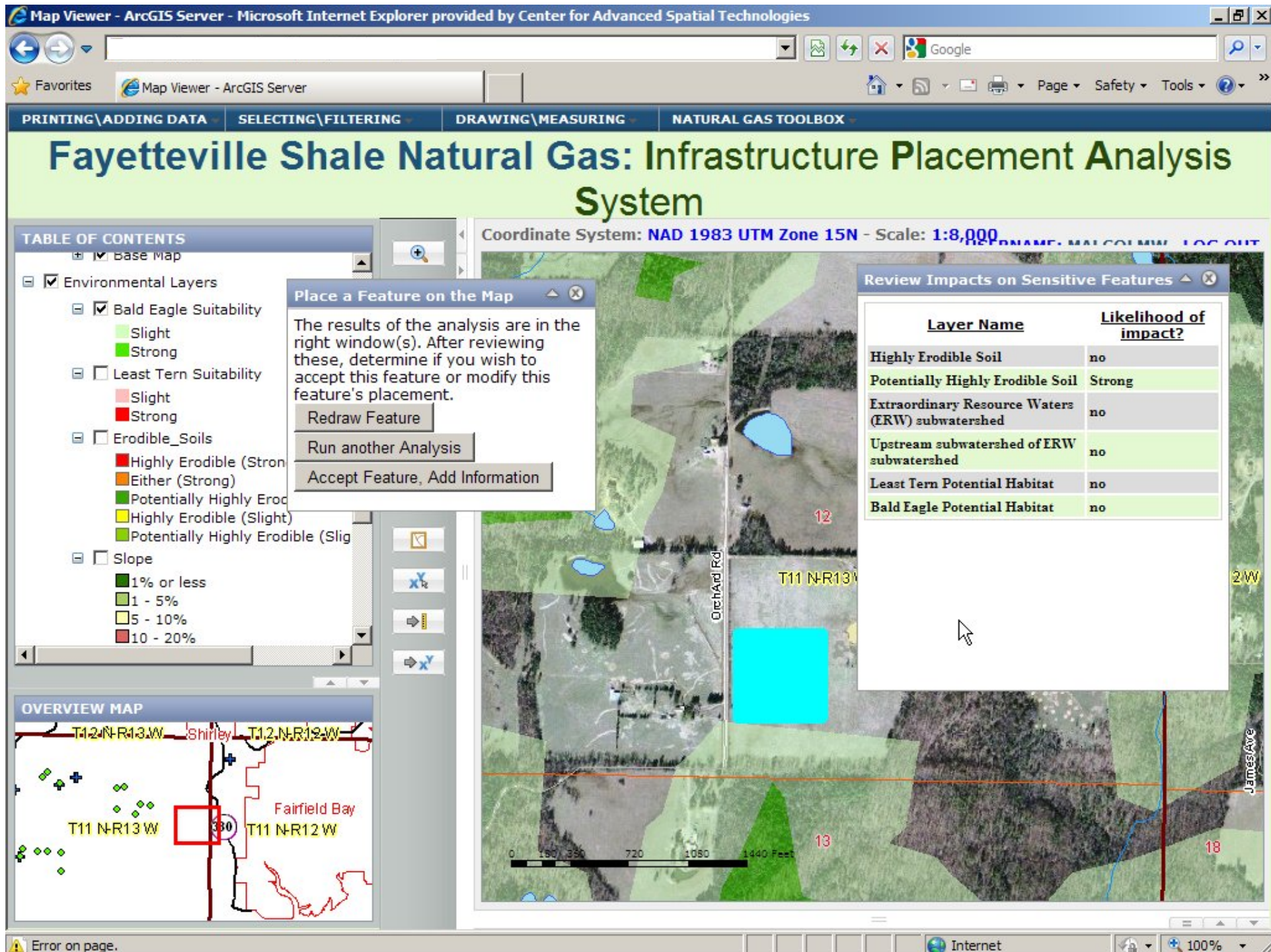
**Slight** –  
“uncertainty  
zones” of both  
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sensitive area

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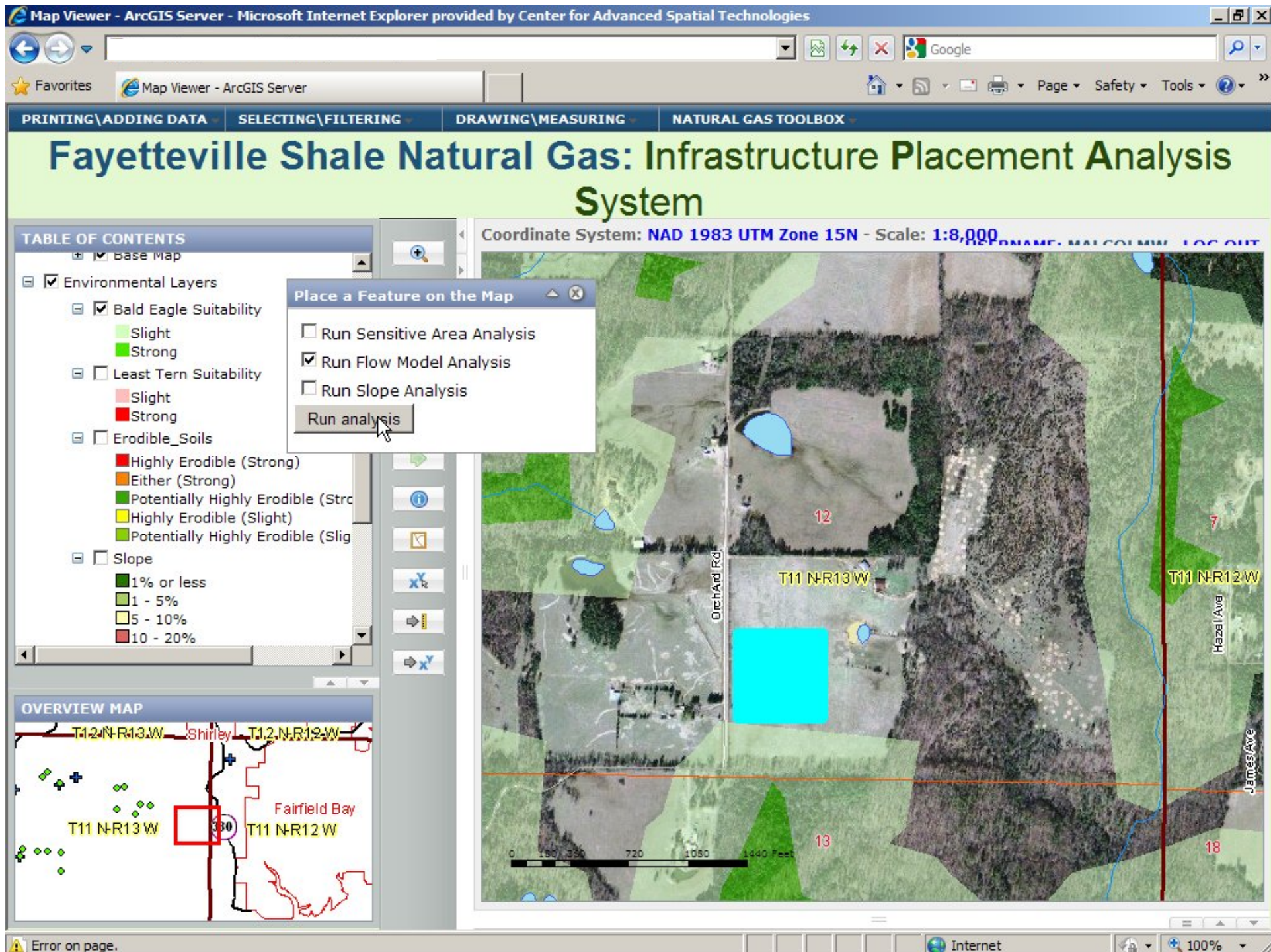




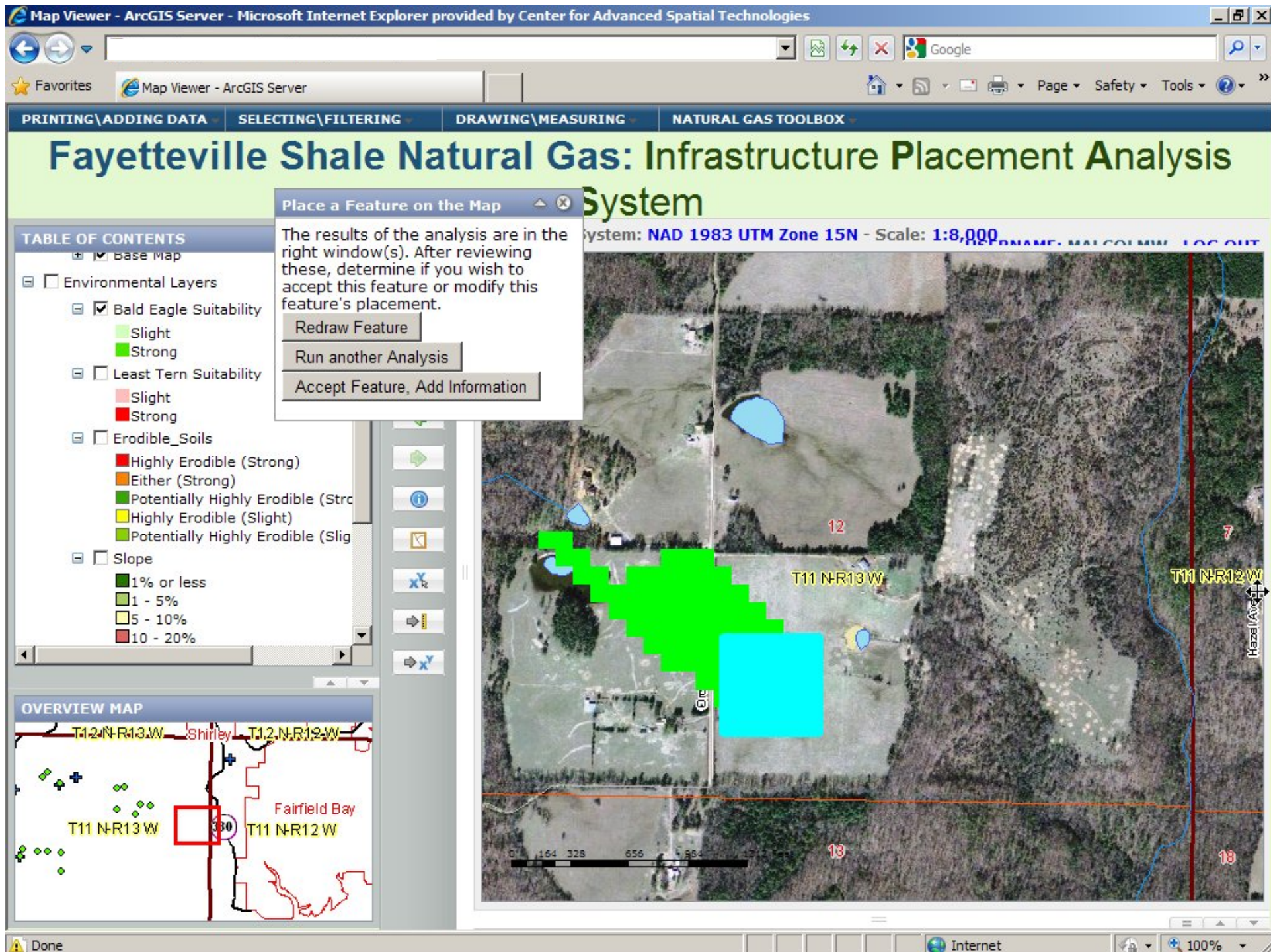




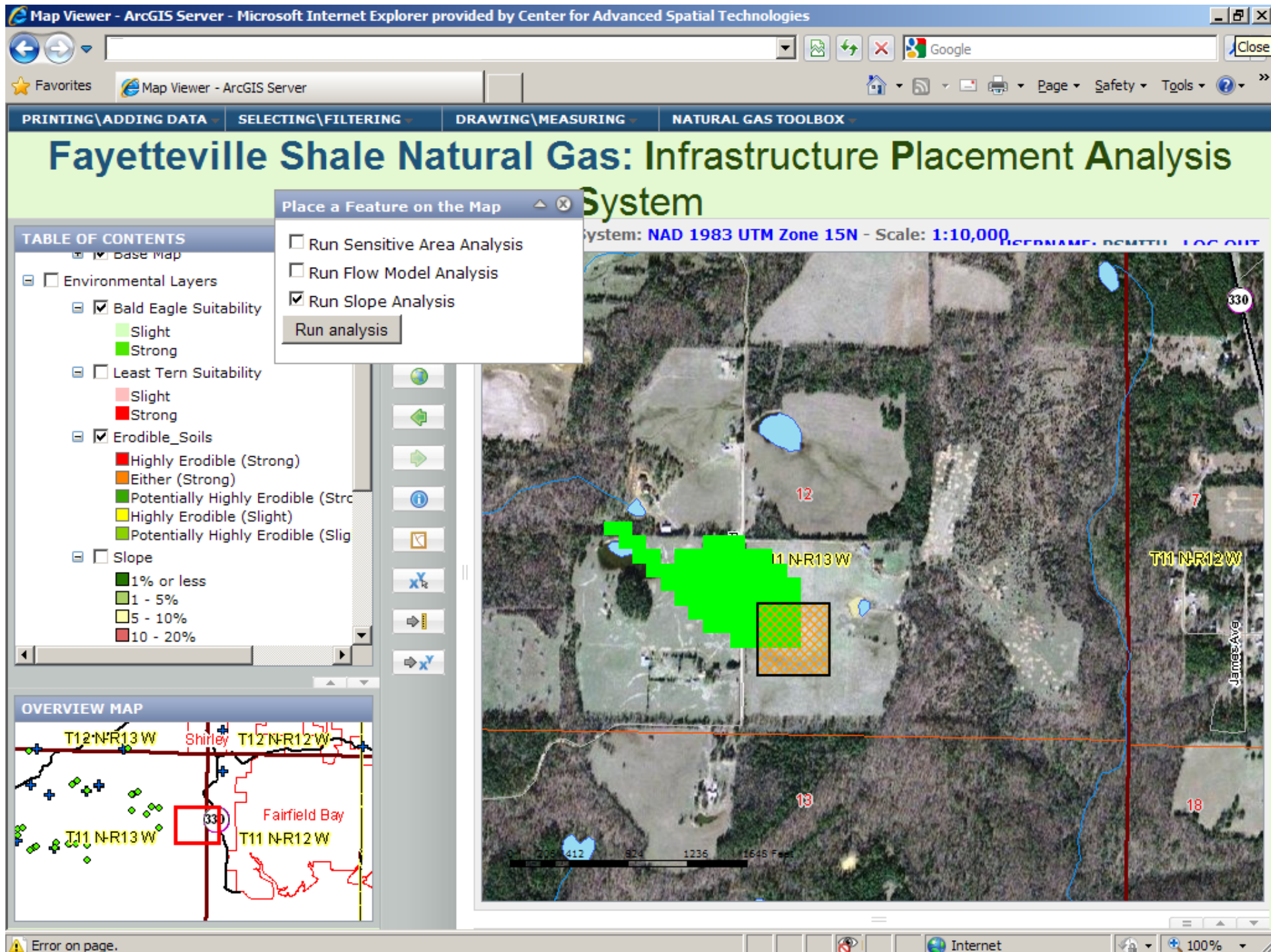


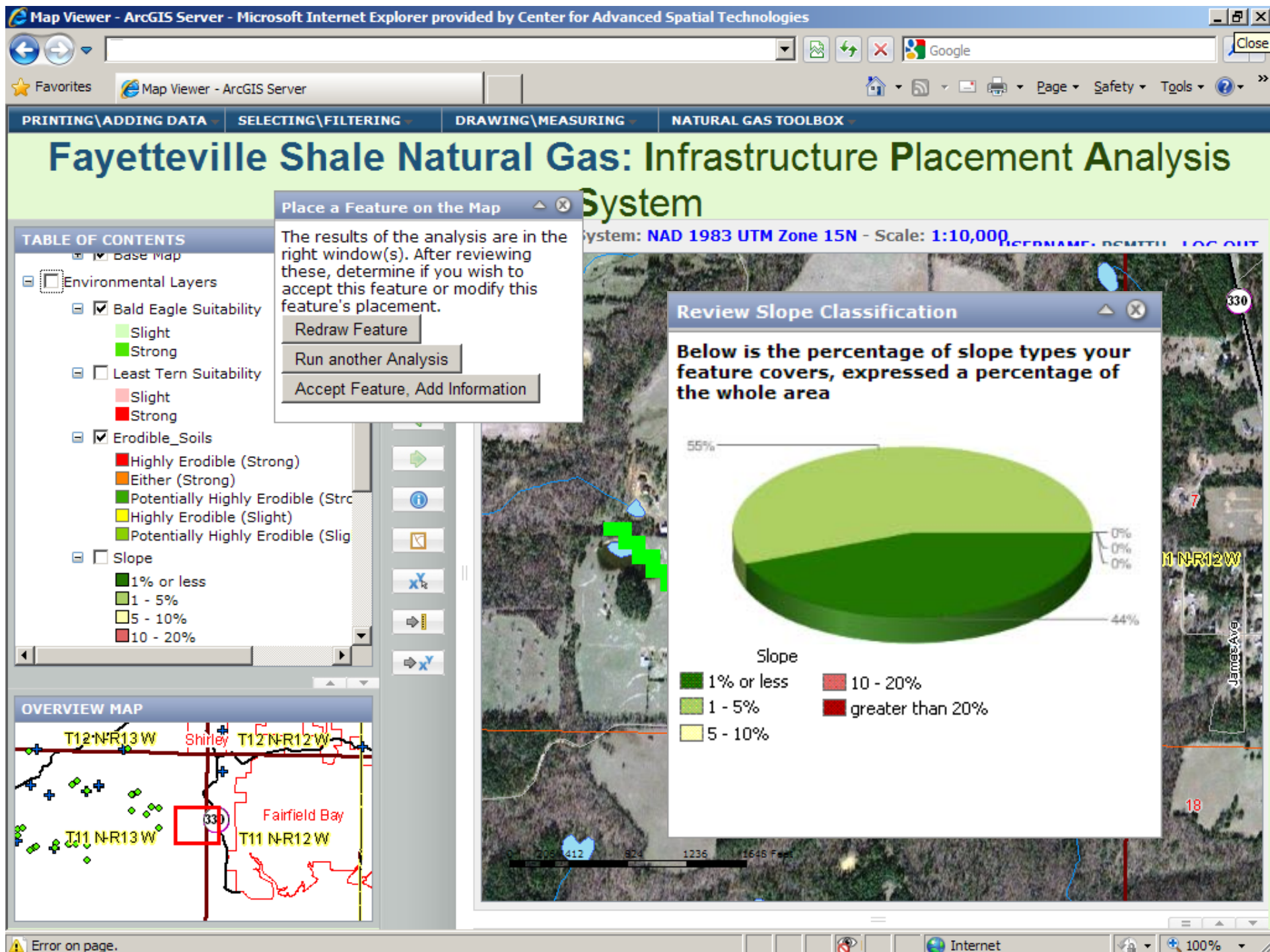














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## OVERVIEW MAP

Shirley Fairfield Bay

T12-NR13-W T12-NR12-W T11-NR13-W T11-NR12-W

## Place a Feature on the Map

Attributes Comments

Well Name: Wilco 429

Well Number: 93746

Well Type: Directional

Will this well be using an oil based drilling mud?  
☐ Yes ☒ No

Nearest Town: Fairfield Bay

Distance (mi.): 1.2

Direction (degrees of Town): 90

Nearest Active Well: 74920

Distance (mi.): 0.5

Direction (degrees of Town): 285

Section - Township - Range: 12 11 N 13 W

County: Van Buren

Save To Drafts

The results of the analysis are in the right window(s). After reviewing these, determine if you wish to accept this feature or modify this feature's placement. Redraw Feature

Run another Analysis

## Infrastructure Analysis

T11-NR12-W James Ave

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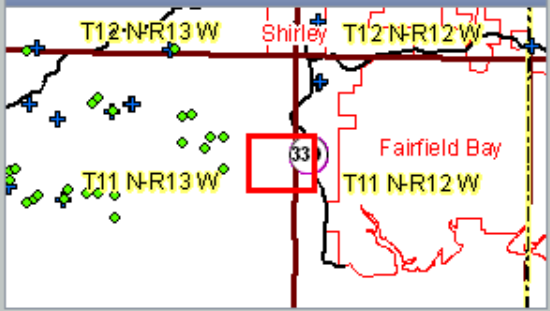
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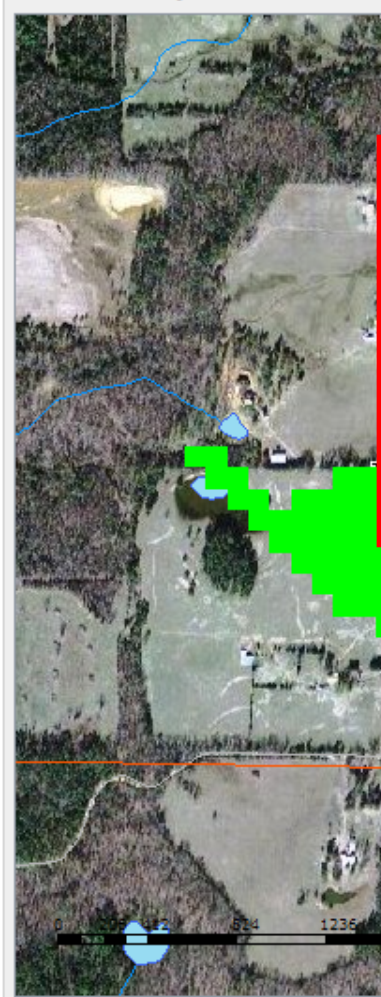
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Will this well be using an oil based drilling mud?  
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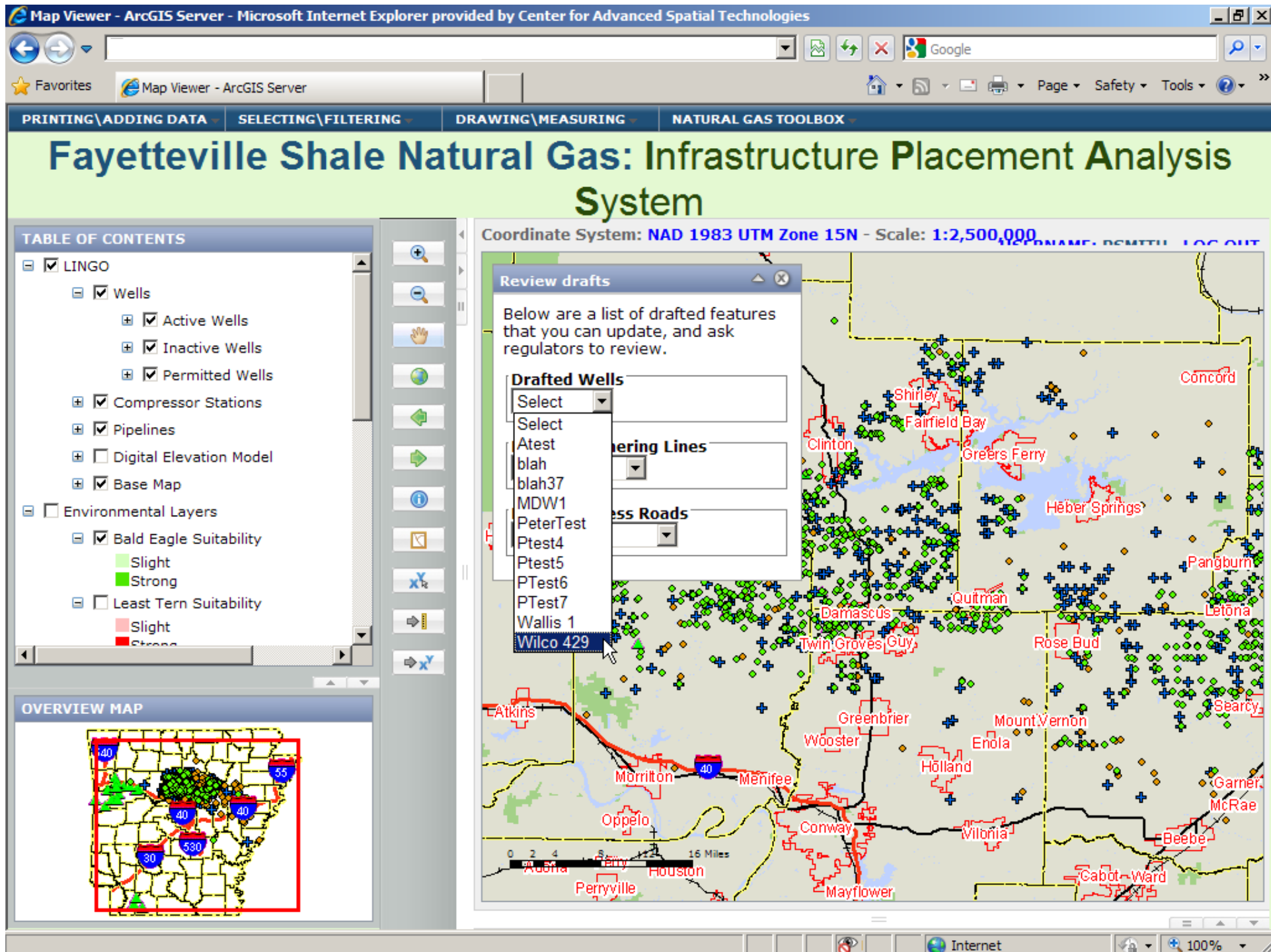
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## Infrastructure Analysis





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# Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas Infrastructure Planning System

Well Name: Wilco 429

Well Number: 93746

Well Type: Directional

Will this well be using an oil based drilling mud?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

Nearest Town:

Distance (mi.):

Direction (degrees of Town):

Nearest Active Well:

Distance (mi.):

Direction (degrees of Town):

Section - Township - Range:  
1 - 1N - 1W

County: Van Buren

Last Edited By: Peter Smith from CASTDrillingCo

Update Draft Feature

Submit To Regulators

## Review Feature Geometry

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### OVERVIEW MAP

0 41 82 164 246 328 Feet

12 T11 NR13 W

11 T11 NR12 W

14 13 18

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# Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas Infrastructure Placement Analysis System

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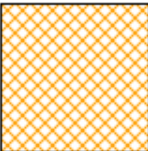
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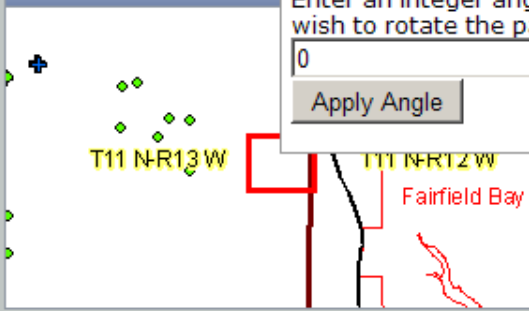
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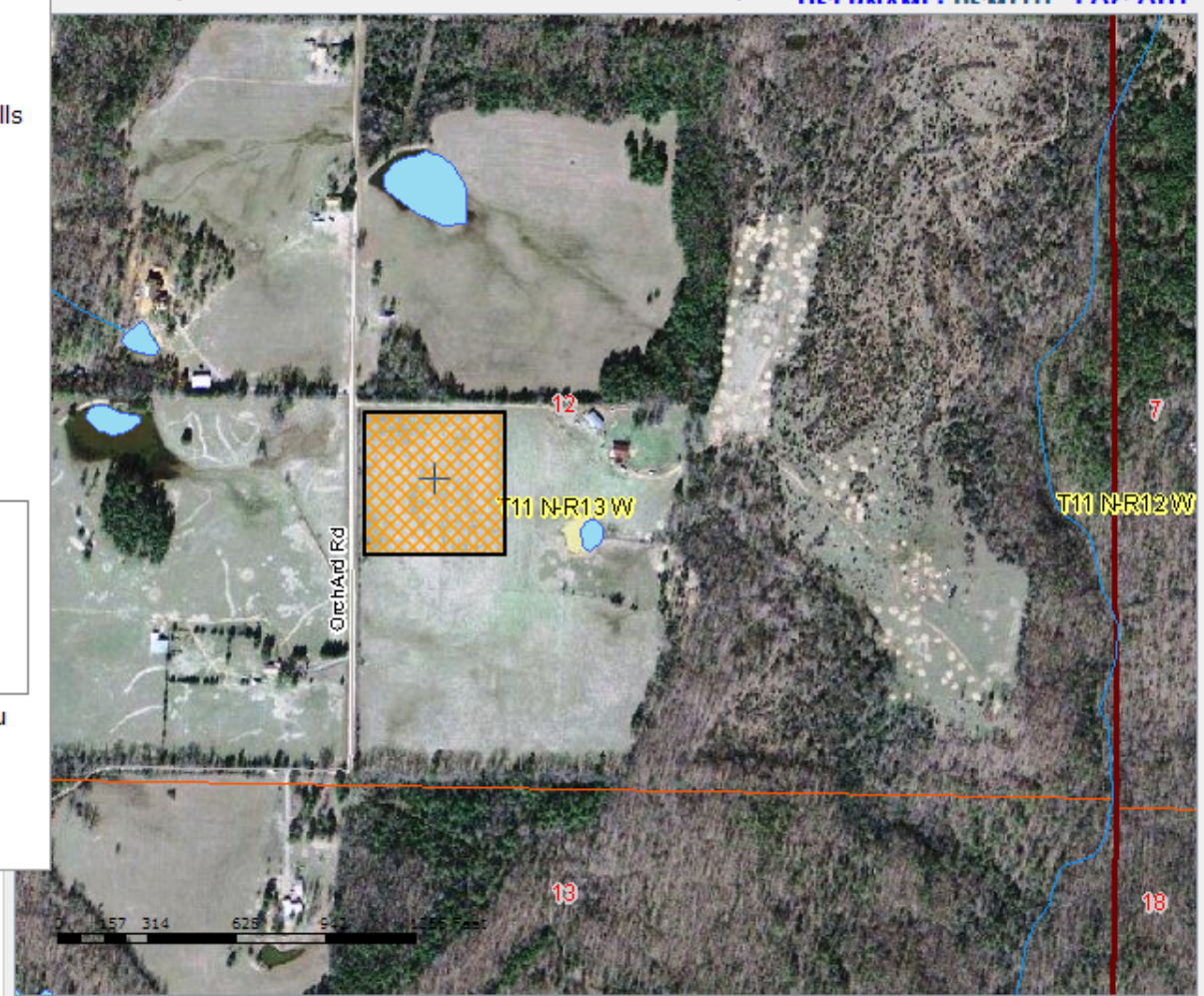
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# Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas Infrastructure Plan System

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 15N - Scale: 1

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## OVERVIEW MAP

T11 NR13 W

T11 NR12 W

Fairfield Bay

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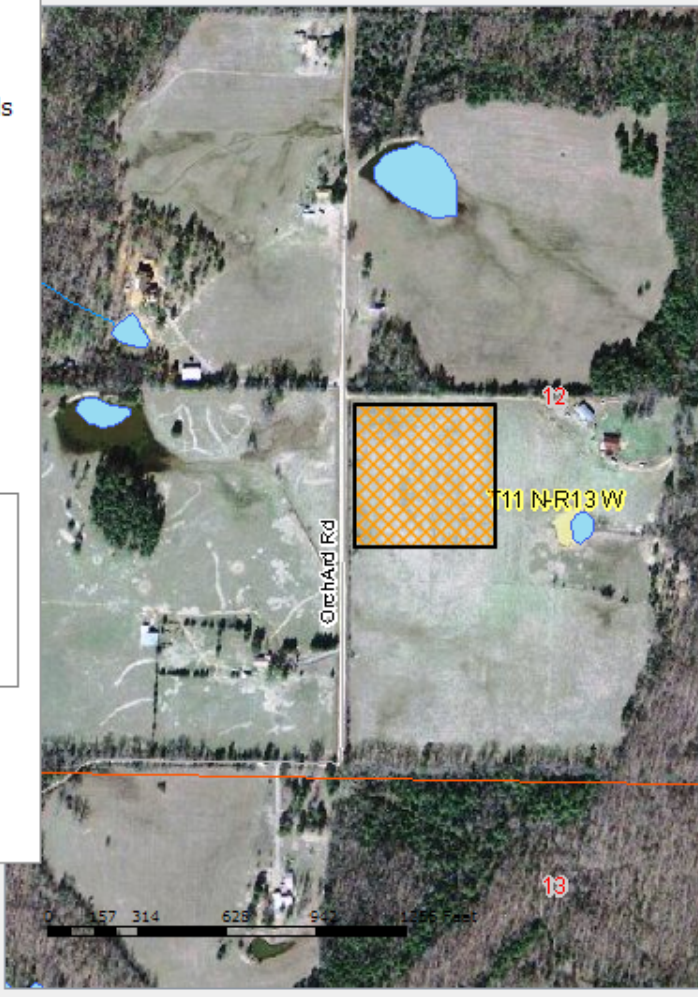
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Leave Comment





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# Fayetteville Shale Play

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### OVERVIEW MAP

T11 NR13 W

T11 NR12 W

Orchard Rd

0 41 82 164 246 328 Feet

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# IPAS: Infrastructure Placement Analysis System

- Other features
  - Collaboration system
    - Operator to regulator
    - Emailing
    - Could be for internal use only as well
  - Audit tracking
  - Public informational sites



## Fayetteville Shale Natural Gas: Reducing Environmental Impacts

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### About the Fayetteville Shale

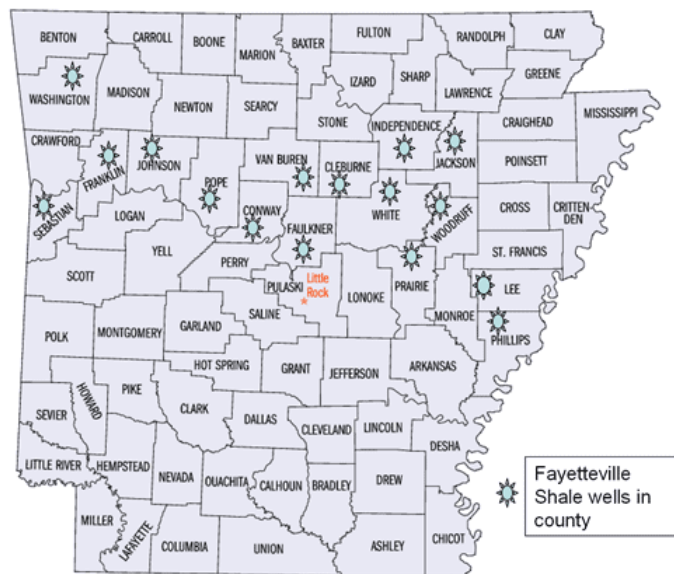
An introduction to the Fayetteville Shale including its location and geographic extent, economic importance, and physical characteristics.

The Fayetteville Shale is an unconventional natural gas reservoir located on the Arkansas side of the Arkoma Basin, ranging in thickness from 50 to 550 feet and ranging in depth from 1,500 to 6,500 feet. The shale is a Mississippian-age shale that is the geologic equivalent of the Caney Shale found on the Oklahoma side of the Arkoma Basin and the Barnett Shale found in north Texas.

### Location

The Fayetteville Shale play stretches across Arkansas from approximately Fort Smith east to beyond Little Rock, Arkansas. It is approximately 50 miles wide from north to south. The figure shows those counties that have some wells drilled to the Fayetteville Shale formation.

The most active area of natural gas development is from western Conway County through eastern White County. Development further to the east is anticipated to proceed very slowly because the shale is considerably deeper, making gas extraction less economical.



### Economic Importance

The Fayetteville Shale is important to Arkansas because it holds large quantities of natural gas. Unlike more traditional oil and gas fields that contain hydrocarbons in porous rock formations, shale holds natural gas in a fine-grained rock matrix. Until recent years, most shale formations were not considered profitable areas for gas production. With new technology and elevated natural gas prices, companies have made the Barnett Shale play in north Texas one of the hottest production fields in the country. Encouraged by the success in the Barnett Shale formation, operators looked at other large shale formations, including the Fayetteville Shale.

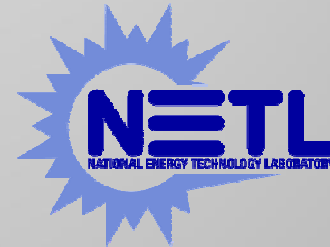
# IPAS: New Directions

- Haynesville Shale play
  - Funded through Houston Advanced Research Center/Environmentally Friendly Drilling program
  - Port the app across plays
  - Challenges of multi-state regulations *and* data



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- Water modeling in the Fayetteville play
  - Blacklands Research & Extension Center, Texas A&M – (modified) SWAT model
  - DOE funding through NETL
  - Focus on surface water
    - AR Natural Resources Commission
  - Improved understanding of available water
    - Faster permitting with peace of mind

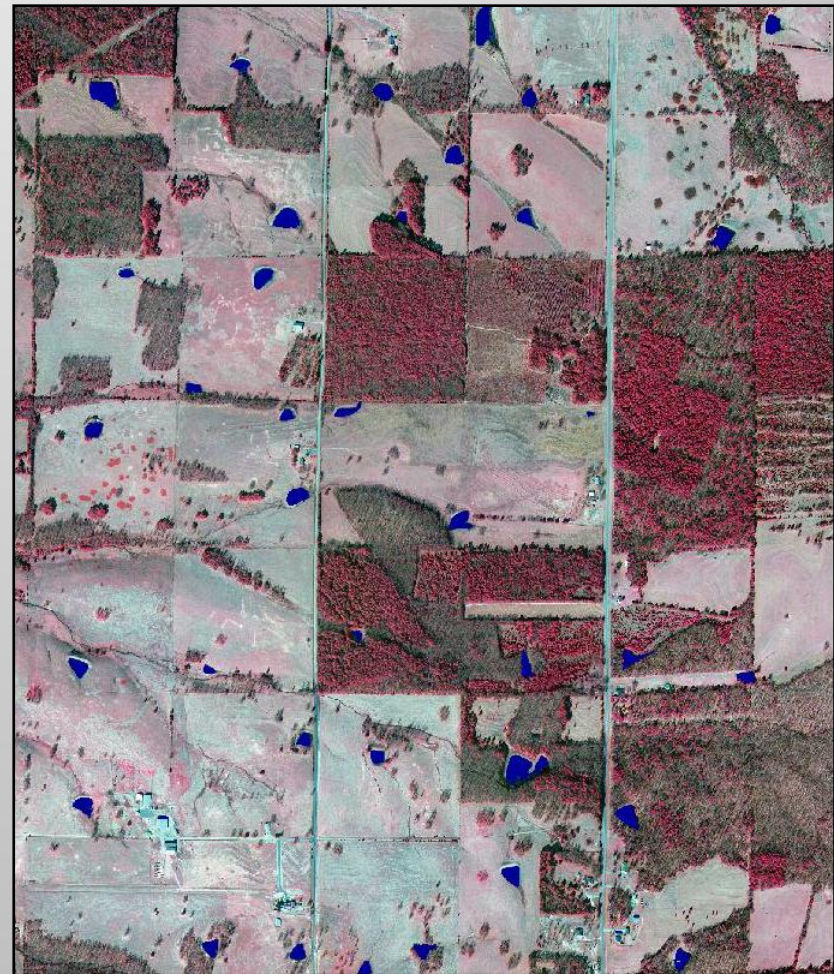




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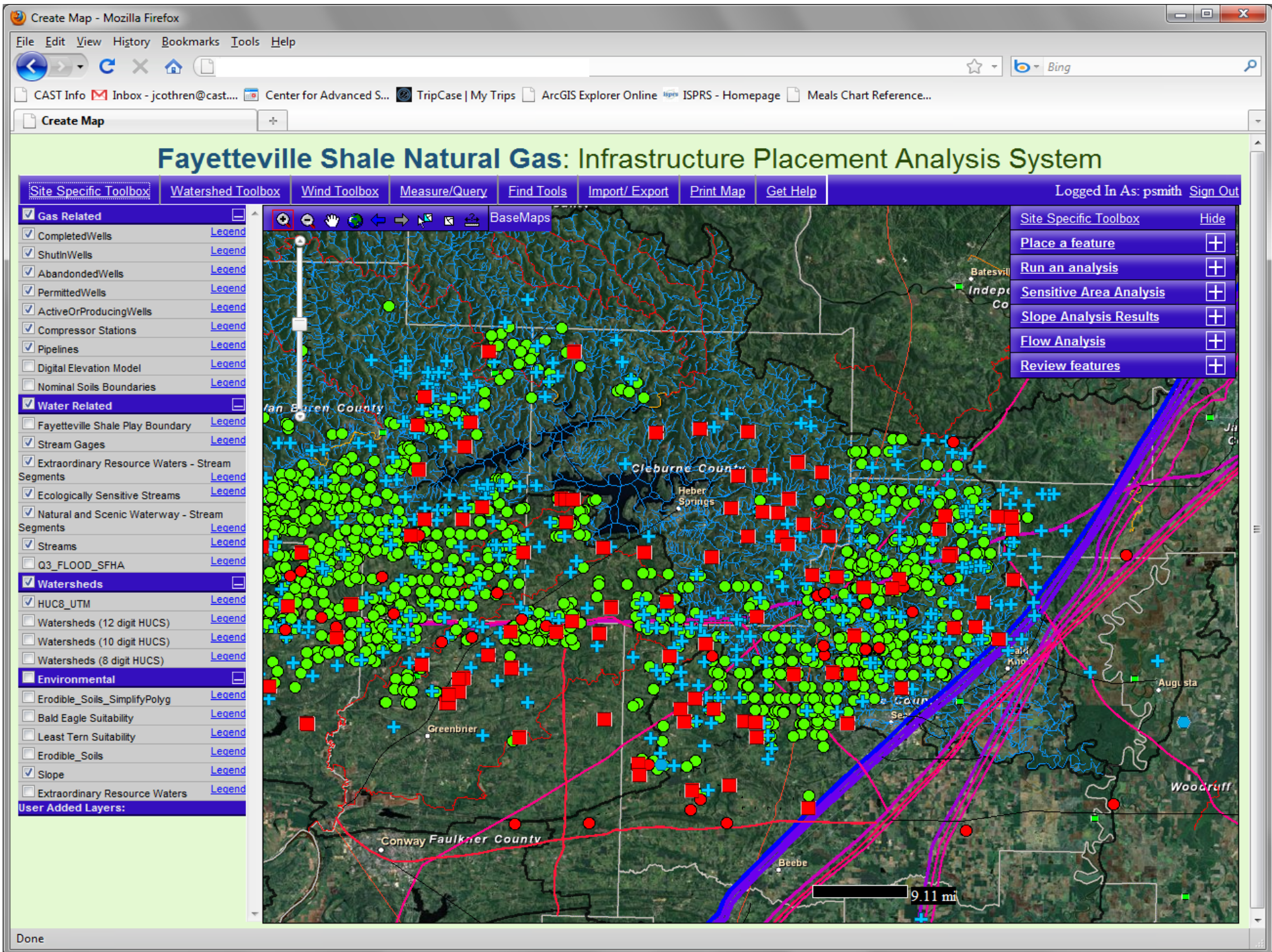


NHD high-resolution water layer (yellow).



Water (blue) extracted from the color-infrared imagery. Object-based classification using Trimble eCognition.





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