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DEVELOPING AND VALIDATING RESERVOIR PRESSURE MANAGEMENT AND PLUME CONTROL STRATEGIES IN THE WILLISTON BASIN THROUGH A BRINE EXTRACTION AND STORAGE TEST (BEST) – PHASE II

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ACTIVE RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT (ARM)

Why ARM?

- Reduce stress on sealing formation
- Divert pressure from leakage pathways
- Reduced area of review (AOR)
- Improve injectivity

Why Brine Treatment?

- Alternate source of water
- Reduce disposal volumes
- Salable products for beneficial use

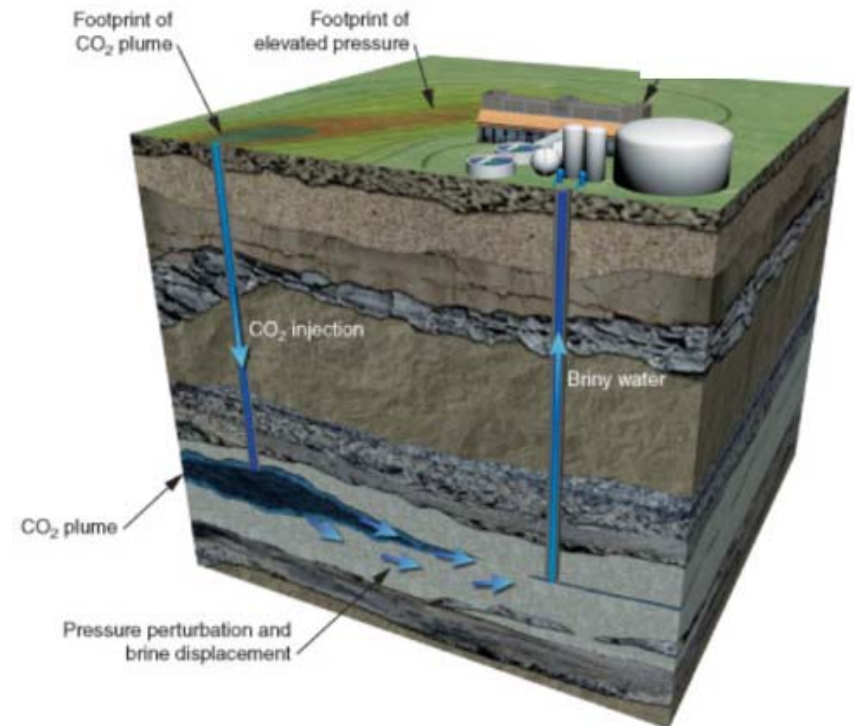


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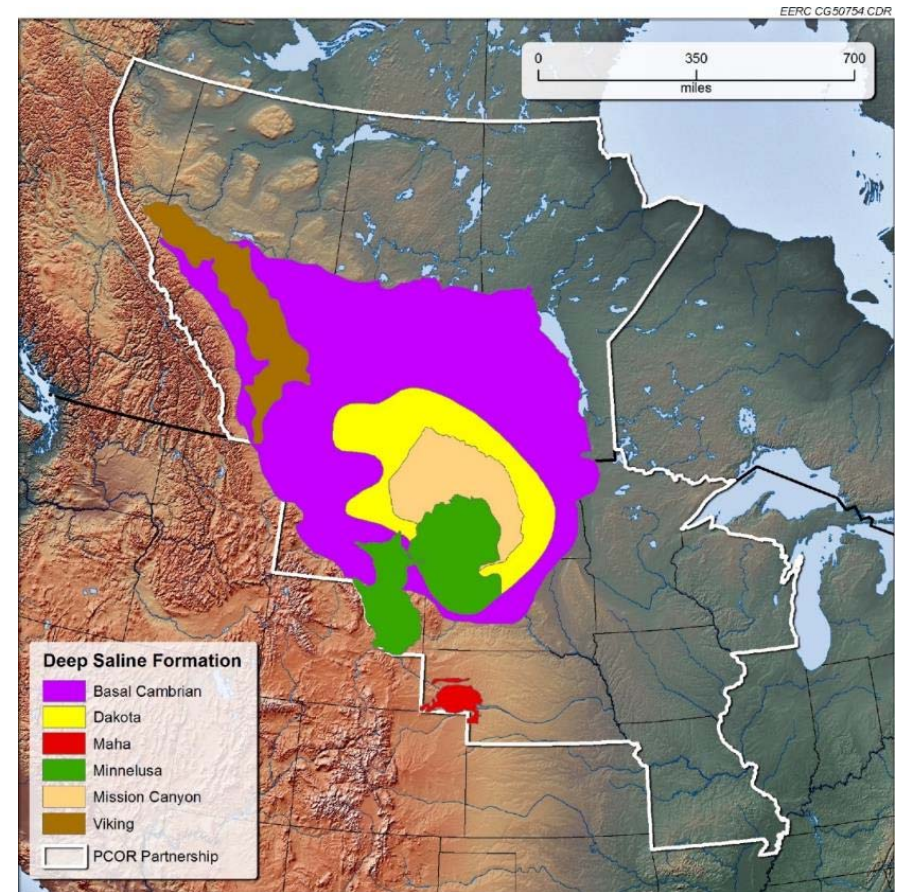
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BENEFITS STATEMENT

This project is expected to result in the development of engineering strategies/approaches to quantitatively affect changes in differential formation pressure and to monitor, predict, and manage differential pressure plume movement in the subsurface for future CO₂ saline storage projects. Additionally, the brine treatment technology evaluation is expected to provide valuable information on the ability to produce water for beneficial use. The results derived from implementation of the project will provide a significant contribution to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Carbon Storage Program goals. Specifically, this project will support **Goals 1 and 2** by validating technologies that will improve reservoir storage efficiency, ensure containment effectiveness, and/or ensure storage permanence by controlling injected fluid plumes in a representative CO₂ storage target. Geologic characterization of the target horizons will provide fundamental data to improve storage coefficients related to the respective depositional environments investigated, directly contributing to Goal 3. In addition, this project will support **Goal 4** by producing information that will be useful for inclusion in DOE best practices manuals.

PHASE I

- Regional characterization
- Site screening and feasibility study
- Site selection
- Geologic modeling
- Reservoir simulation resulting in ARM schema
- Site infrastructure design and field implementation plan
 - Permitting plan
 - Risk assessment
 - Monitoring, verification, and accounting (MVA) plan
 - Site operations plan
 - Costing analysis
 - Brine treatment technology screening and selection process



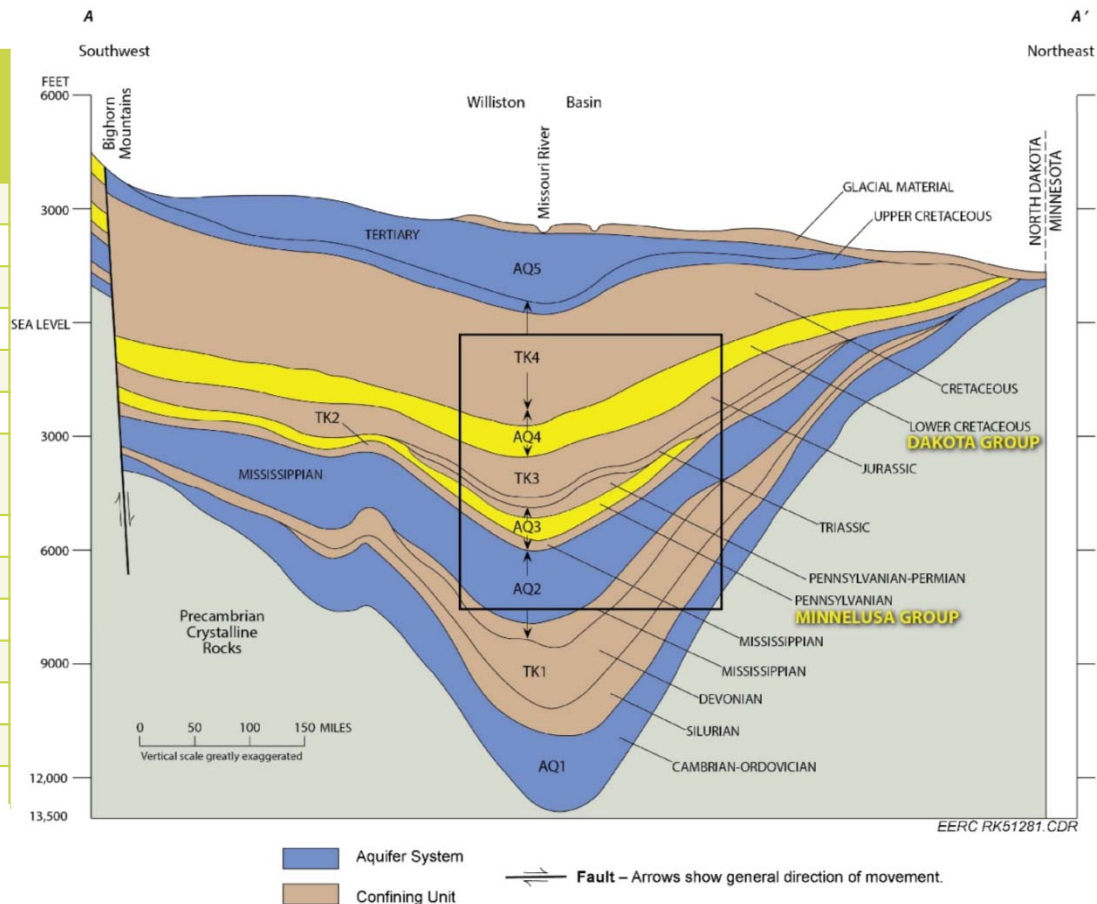
PHASE II GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Confirm efficacy of the ARM approaches developed during Phase I
 - Manage formation pressure
 - Predicting and monitoring plume movement
 - Validating pressure and brine plume model predictions
- Implement and operate a test bed facility for the evaluation of selected brine treatment technologies
- Three development stages over 48 months
 1. Site preparation and construction
 2. Site operations including ARM and extracted brine treatment technology testing and demonstration
 3. Project closeout/decommissioning and data processing/reporting

THE WILLISTON BASIN

Saline Formation	CO ₂ Storage Volume, billions of tons
Basal Cambrian	222–720
Beaverhill Lake Group	<1–5
Minnelusa (Williston Basin)	124–451
Elk Point Group	1–12
Dakota	135–438
Maha	21–68
Minnelusa (Powder River Basin)	10–35
Mission Canyon	65–210
Red River	2–6
Rundle Group	1–8
Viking	20–65
Winterburn Group	1–6
Woodbend Group	1–5
Total	604–2031

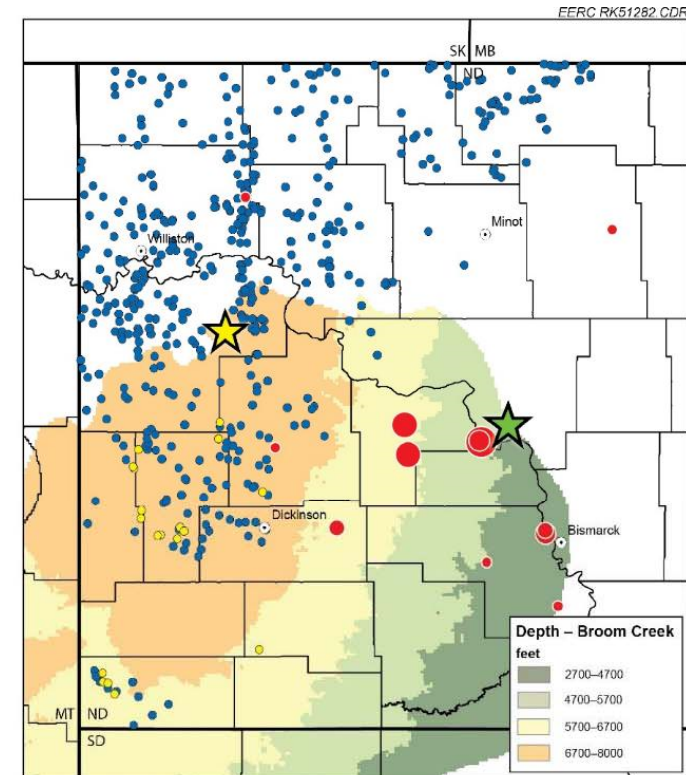
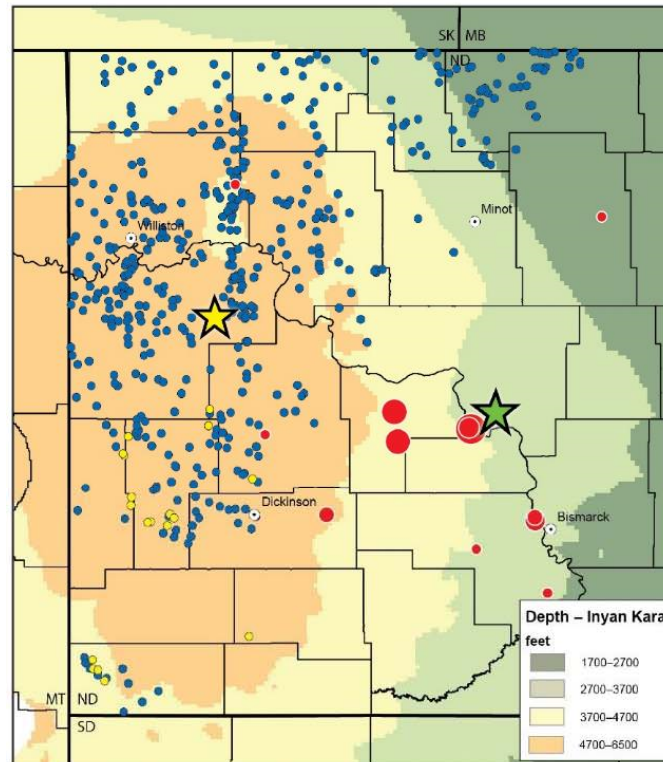
CO₂ Storage in Saline Formations in the PCOR Partnership Region (in billions of tons of CO₂) (modified from Glazewski and others, 2015)



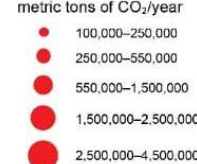
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DAKOTA AND MINNELUSA GROUPS

- Regional injection targets (CO₂ and saltwater)
- Demonstrated capacity
- Excellent proxy for CO₂ injection into deep saline formations (DSFs)
 - Distributed well network.
 - Open DSF system.
 - ARM will influence multiple square miles of formation.



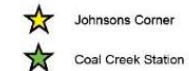
Large Stationary Sources



Saltwater Disposal Wells

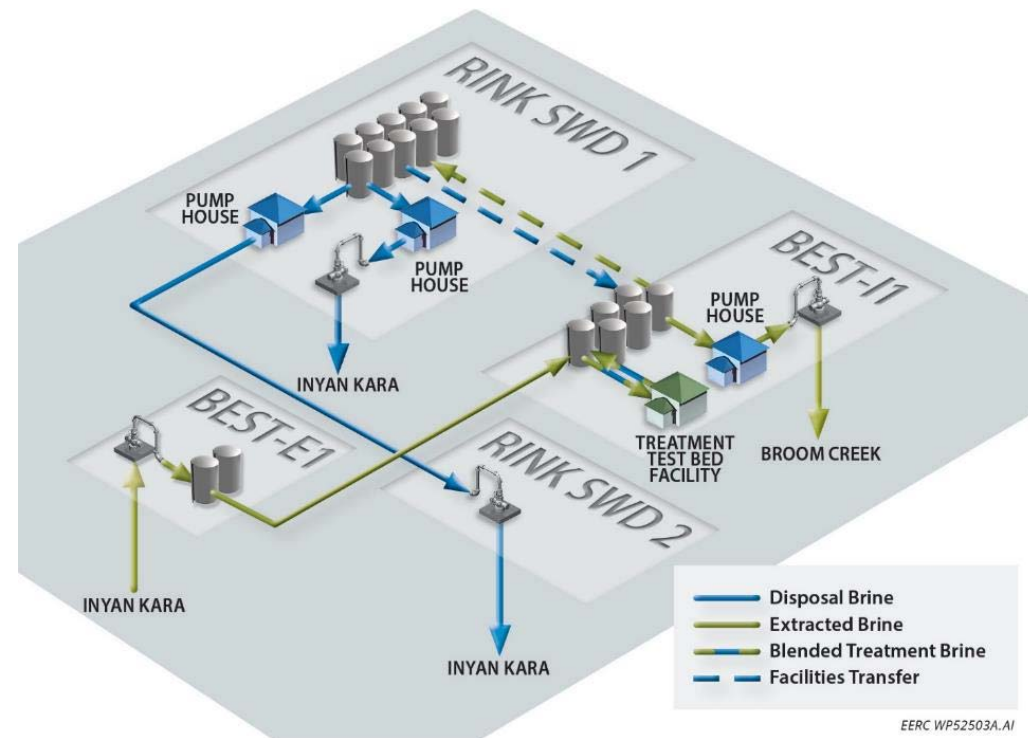


Site Location

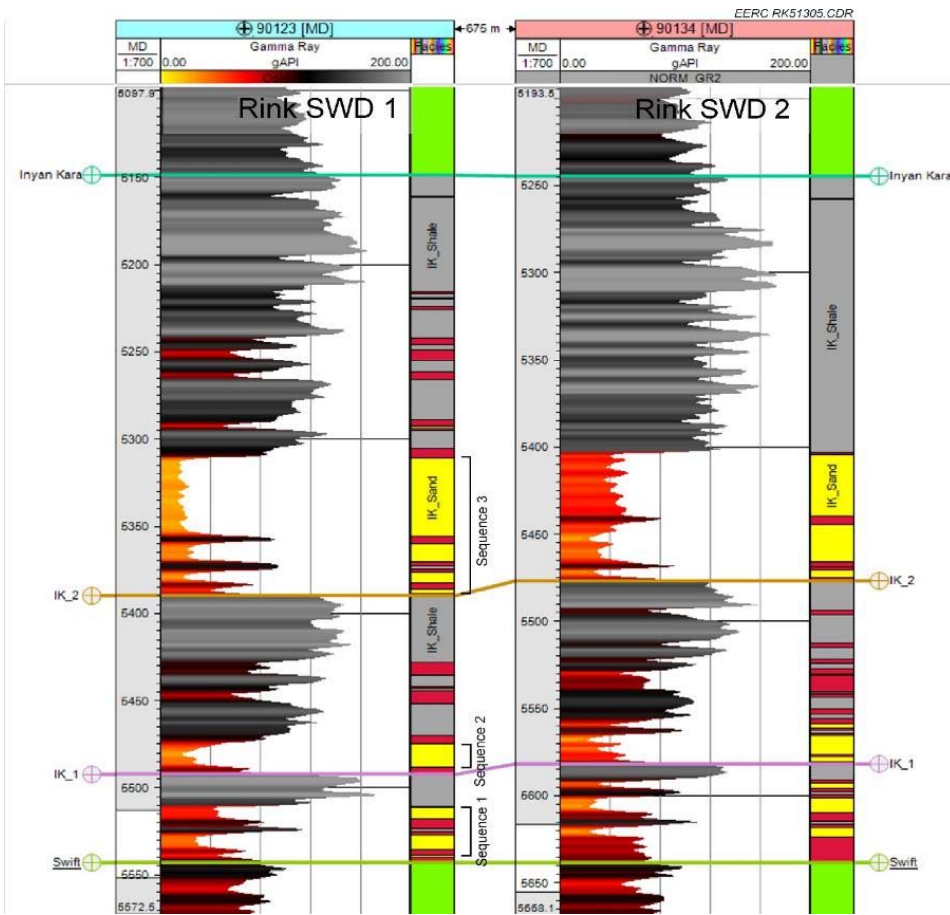


FIELD IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (FIP)

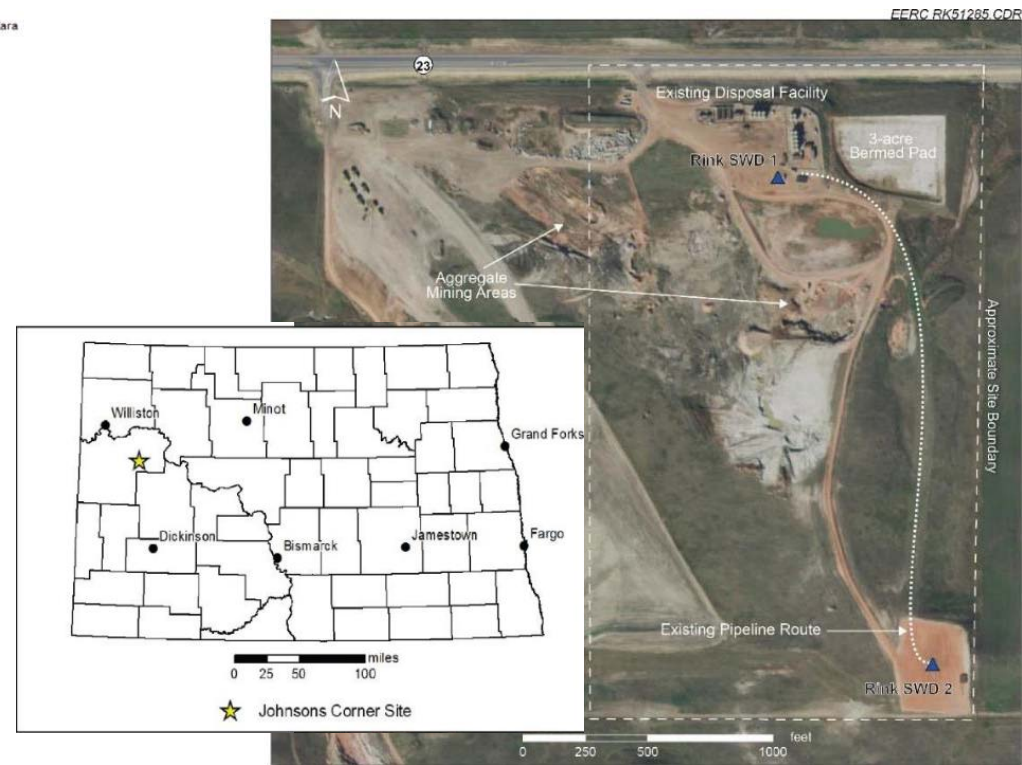
- Develop ARM strategies
- Validate performance against forecasts
- ARM economics
- Monitoring techniques
- Brine treatment technology test bed
- Demonstrate ARM implementation and operations



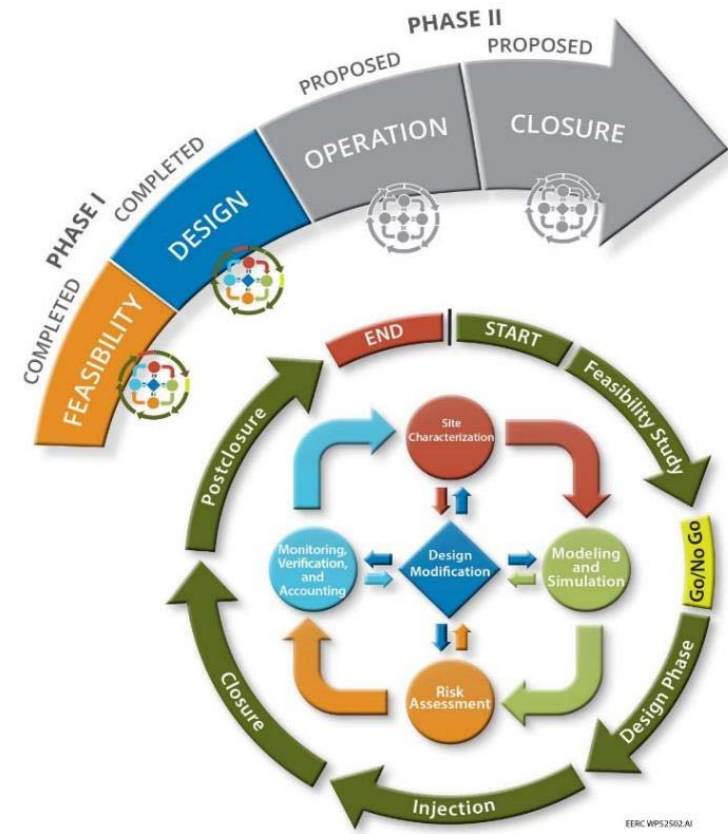
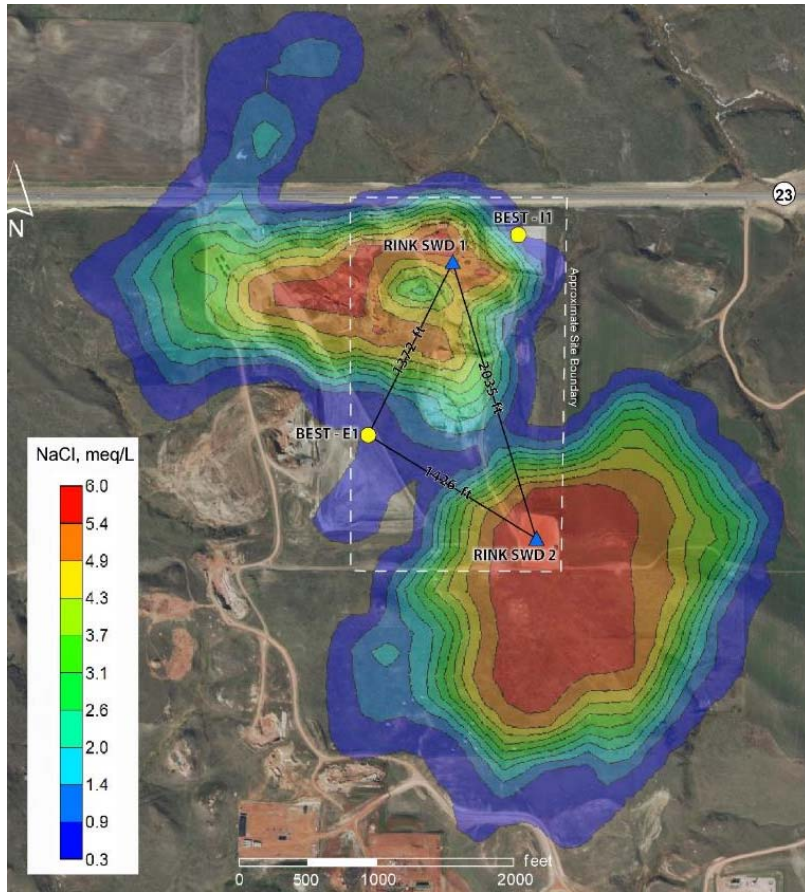
THE SITE



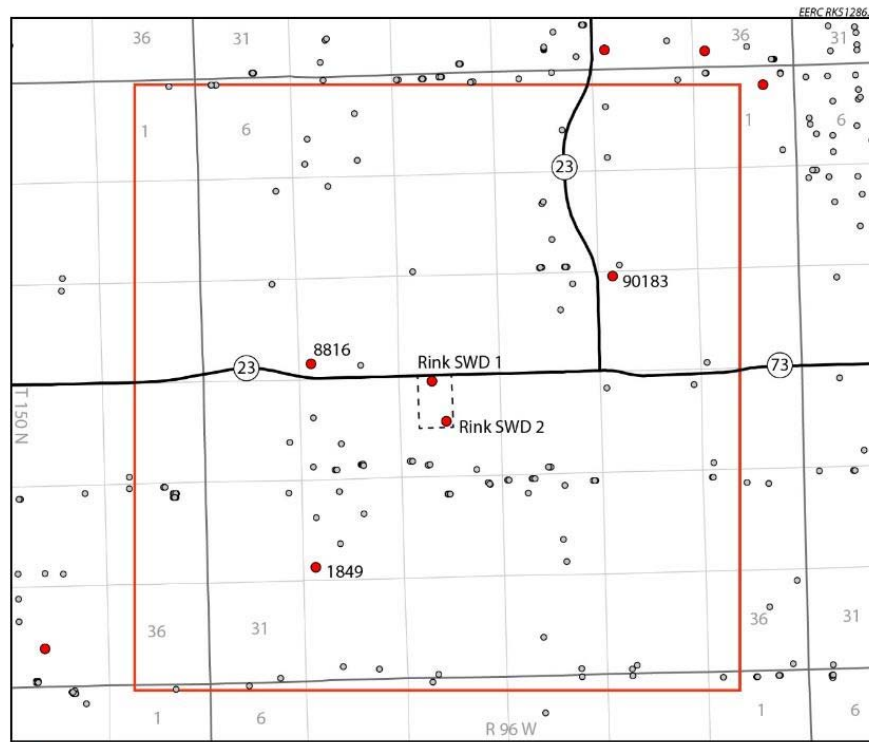
Formation	Inyan Kara	Broom Creek
Depth, ft	4927–5359	7248–7630
Thickness, ft	338–475	46–113
Average Thickness, ft	390	76



THE DESIGN (BALANCE)



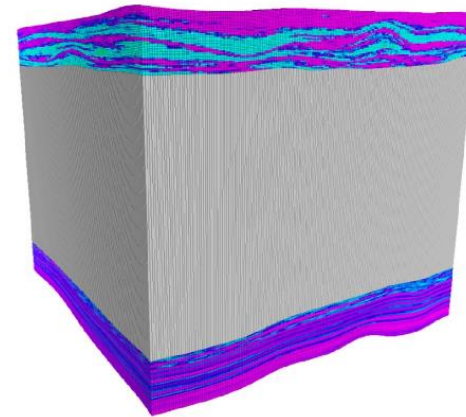
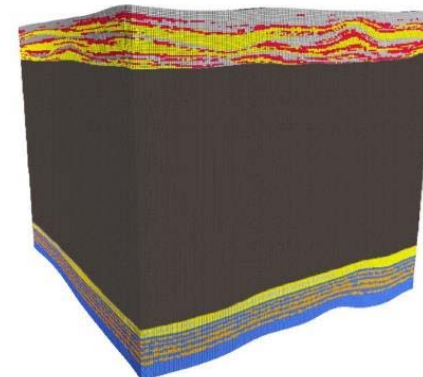
GEOMODELING



- Saltwater Disposal Well
- Oil/Gas Well
- ⊠ Johnsons Corner Site
- ▭ Modeling and Simulation Extent

- Facies**
- Inyan Kara Sand
 - Inyan Kara Silty Sand
 - Inyan Kara Shale
 - Interburden
 - Broom Creek Sand
 - Broom Creek Shale
 - Amsden Reservoir
 - Amsden Nonreservoir

- Porosity, %**
- 40
 - 35
 - 30
 - 25
 - 20
 - 15
 - 10
 - 5
 - 0
 - No Data

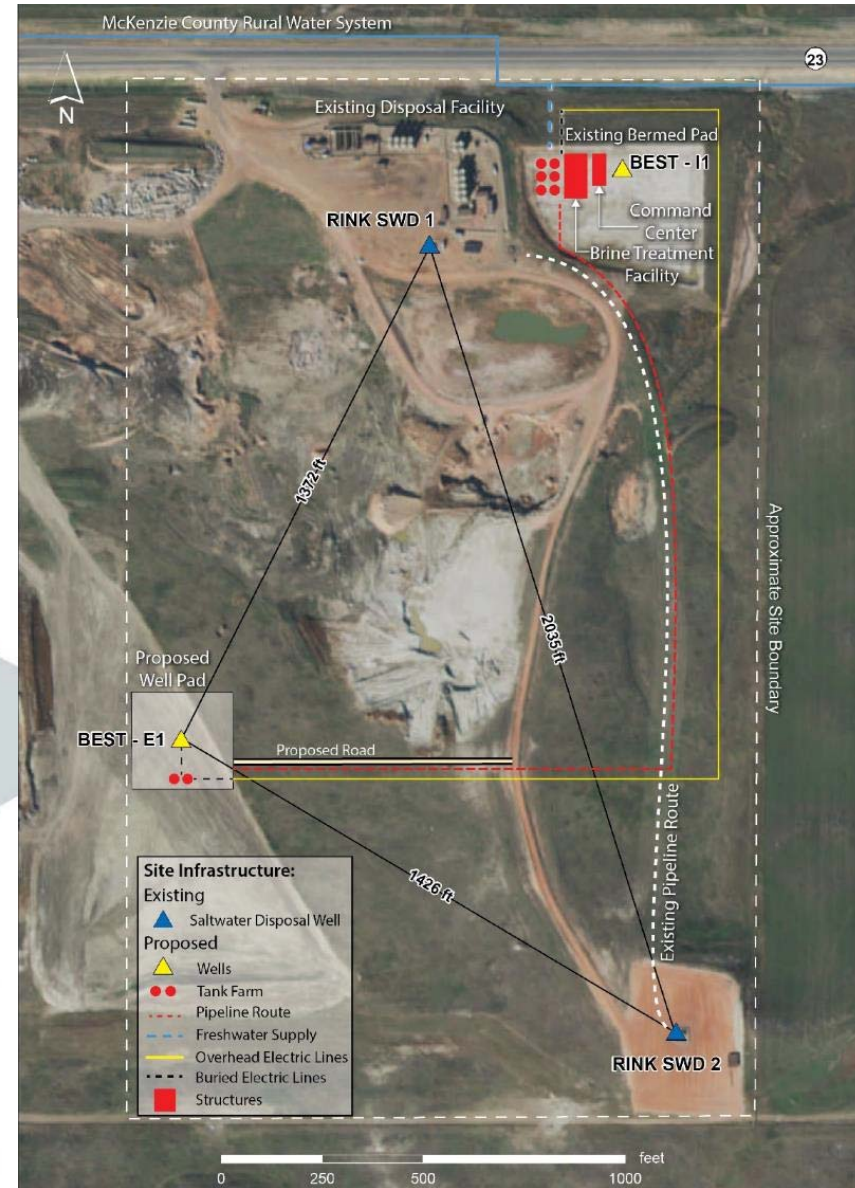
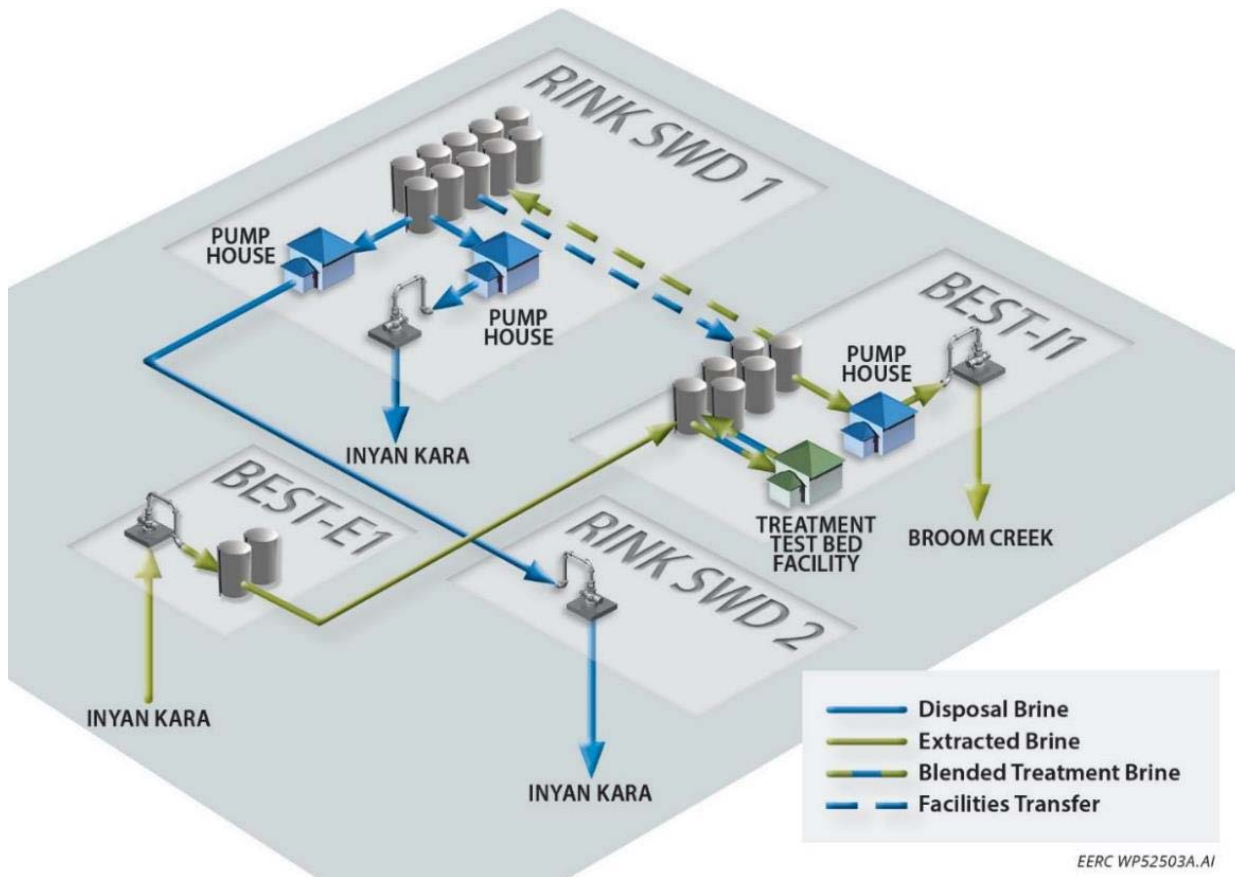


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INFRASTRUCTURE



WELL COMPLETIONS

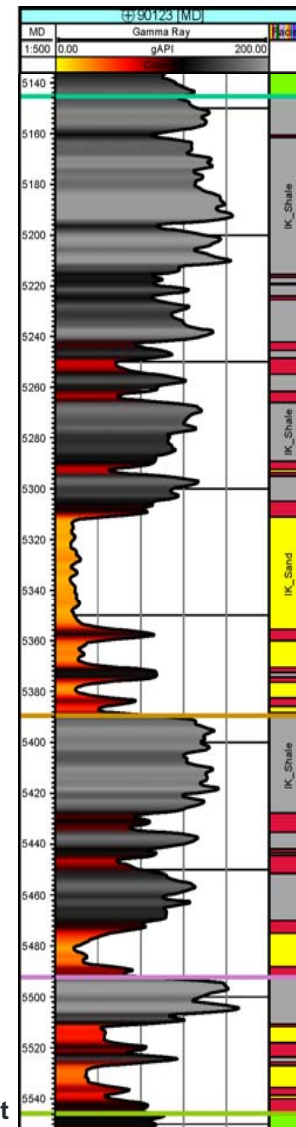
Inyan Kara

SYSTEM	ROCK UNIT			ROCK COLUMN	MAXIMUM THICKNESS FEET (METERS)		
	SERIES	GROUP	FORMATION			MEMBER	
CRETACEOUS	Lower	DAROTA	MOWRY		300 (91)		
			NEWCASTLE		150 (46)		
			SKULL CREEK		140 (43)		
			INYAN KARA		625 (191)		
JURASSIC		SWIFT			725 (221)		
			RIERDON		100 (30)		
		PIPER	BOWES		625 (191)		
			FIREMOON				
			TAMPICO				
			KLINE				
		TRIASSIC		SPEARFISH	SAUDE		750 (229)
					PINE		
		PERMIAN		MINNEKAHTA	BELFIELD		70 (21)
					OPECHE		500 (152)
BROOM CREEK					375 (114)		
PENNSYLVANIAN	MINNELUSA	AMSDEN			450 (137)		
			ALASKA BENCH				
		TYLER		270 (82)			

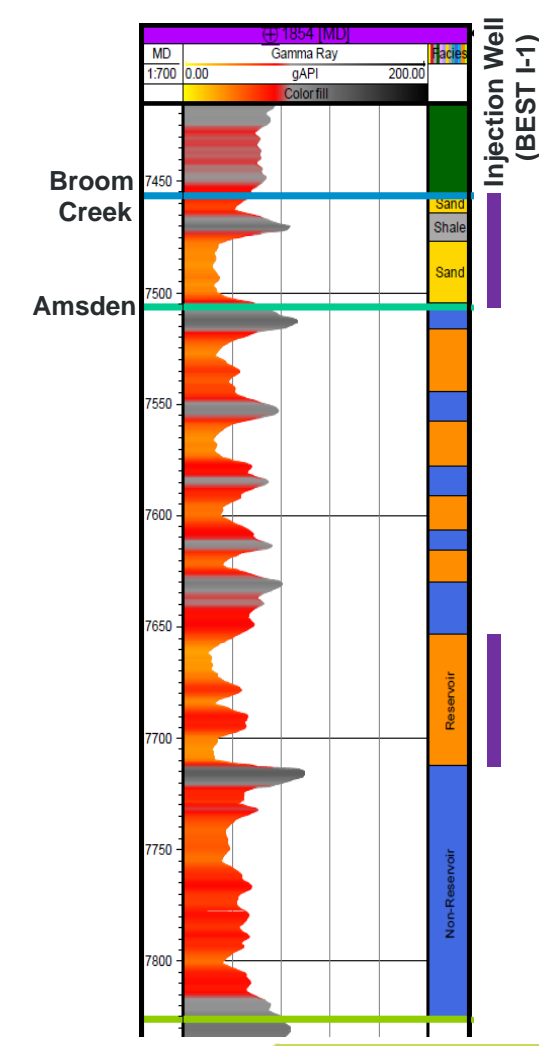
Estimated Perforated Intervals

BEST-E1

BEST-I1



Extraction Well (BEST E-1)

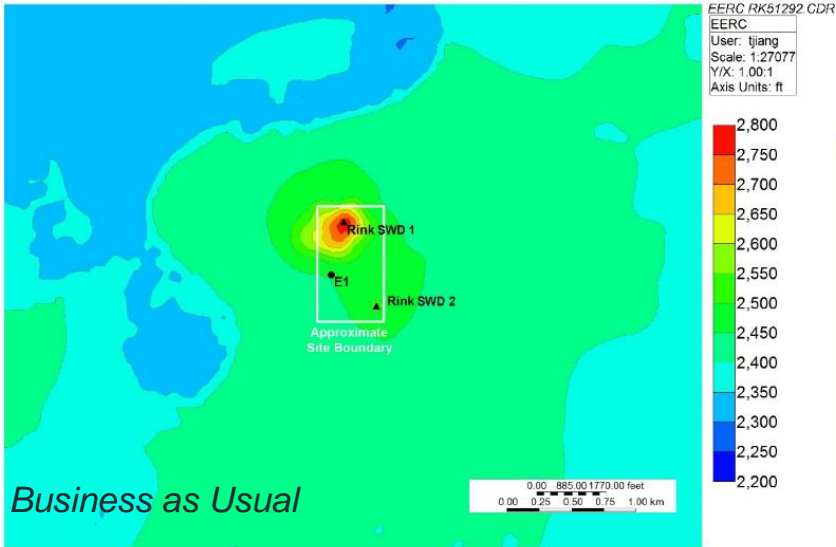


Injection Well (BEST I-1)

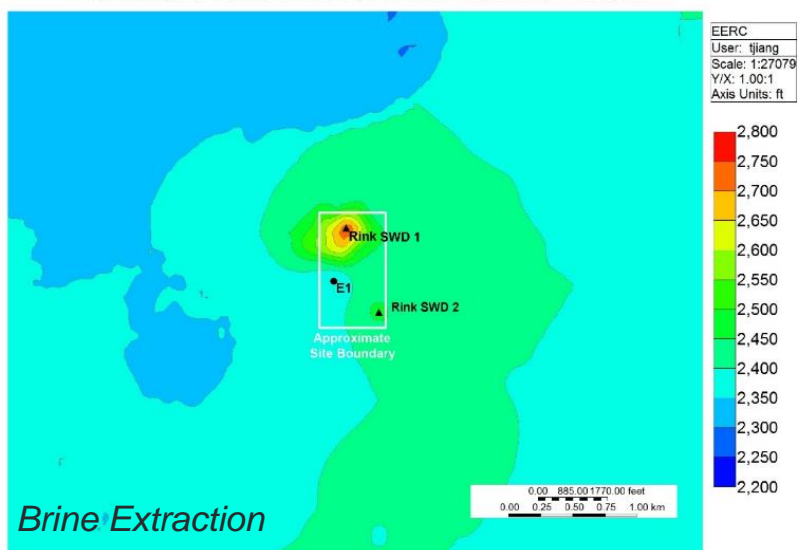


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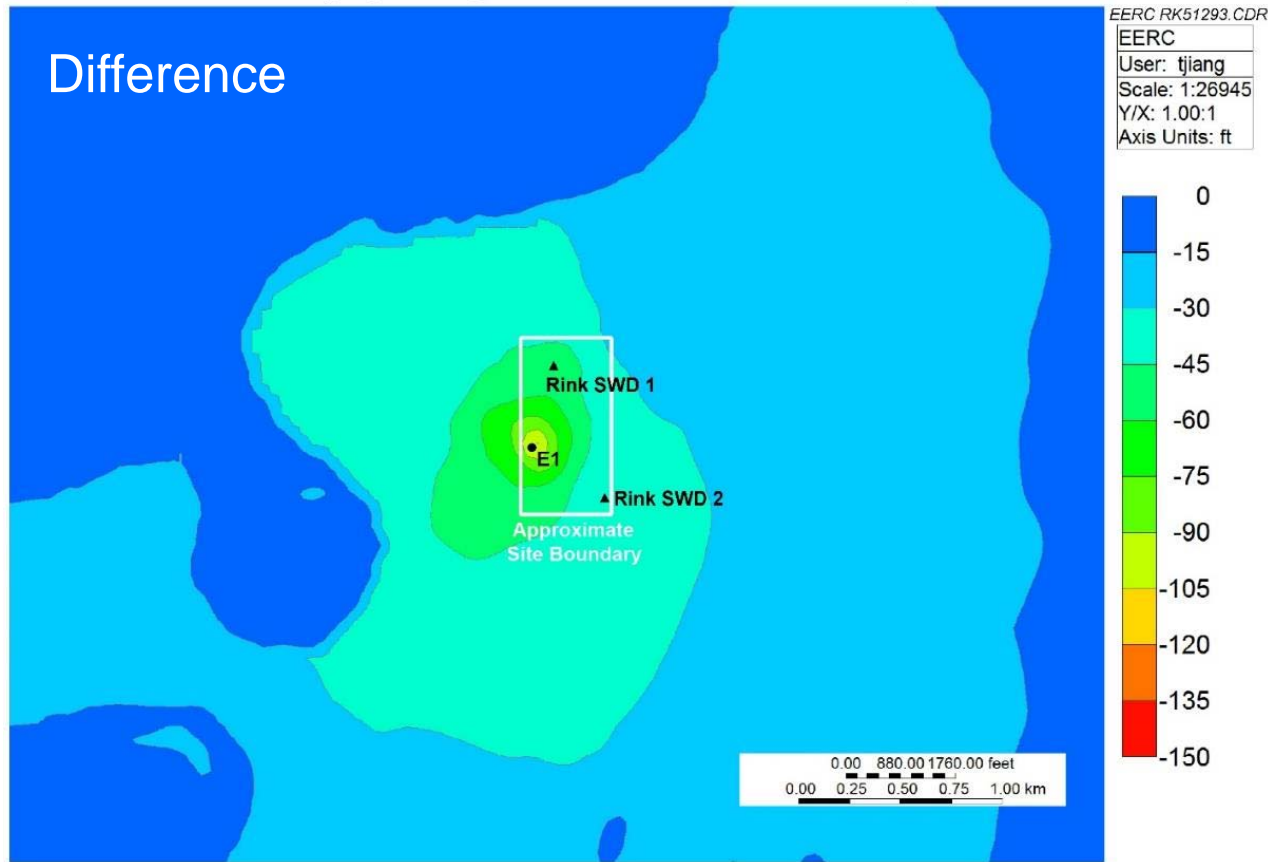
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Pressure (psi) Plume at 2020 (with brine extraction) K Layer: 21

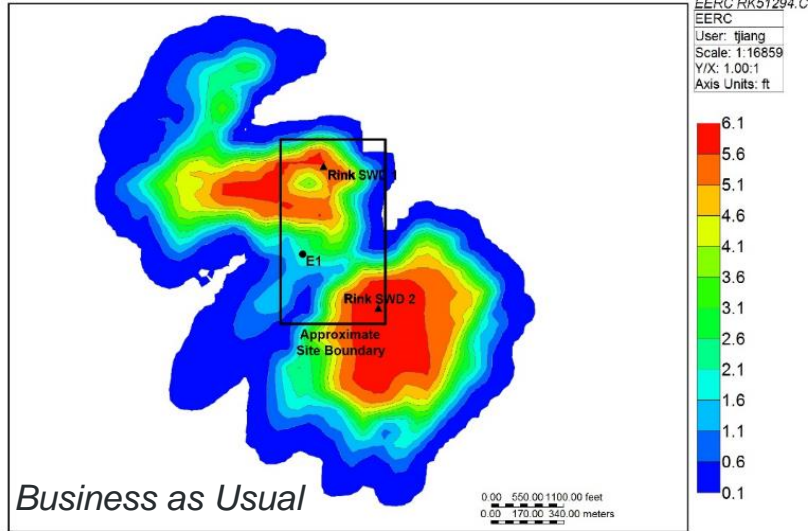


Pressure (psi) Change from Brine Extraction K Layer: 21

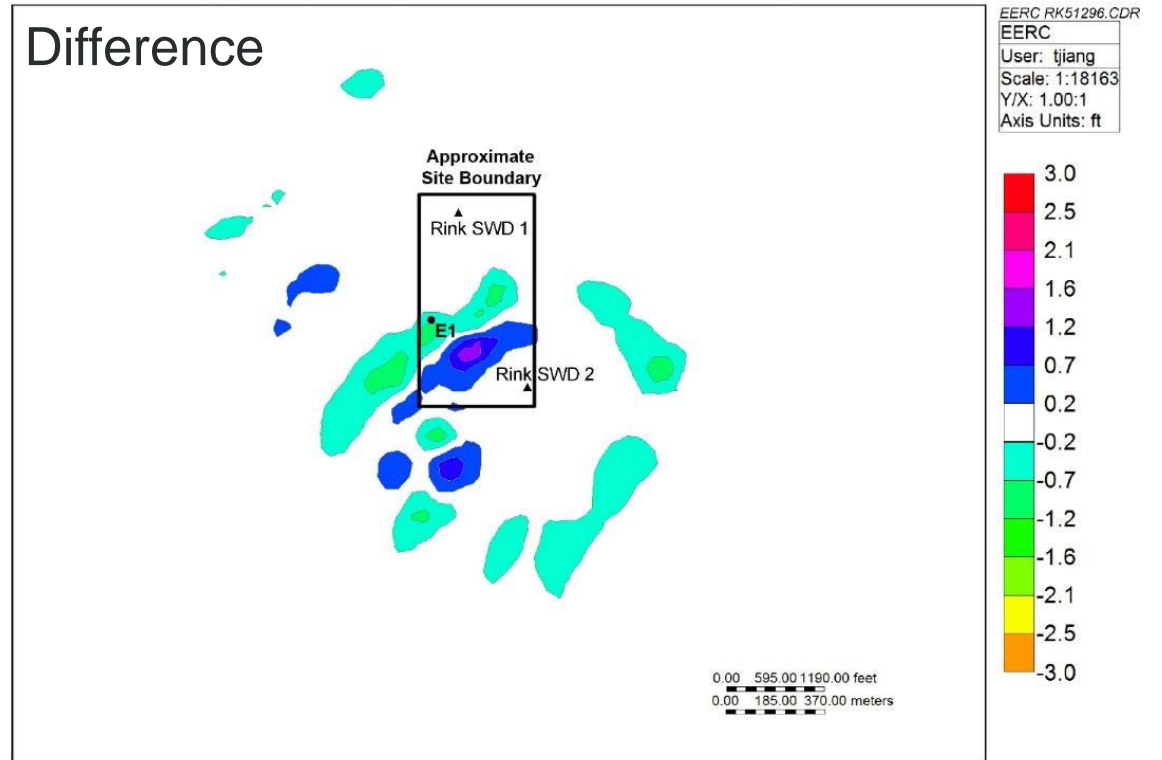


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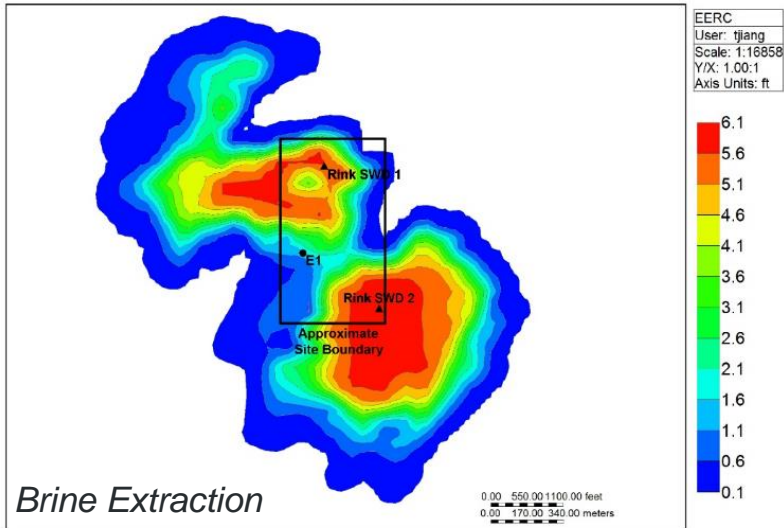
Salinity (molar) Plume at 2020 (no brine extraction) K Layer: 21



Salinity (molar) Change from Brine Extraction K Layer: 21



Salinity (molar) Plume after Brine Extraction K Layer: 21

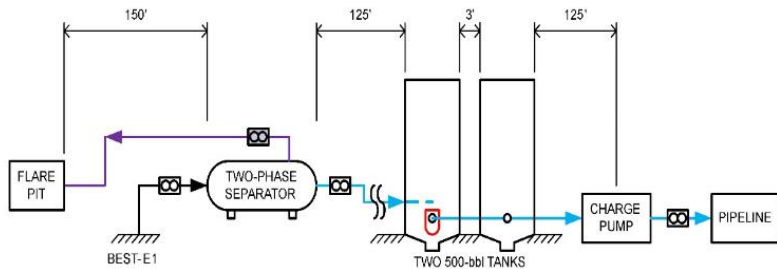


BRINE HANDLING

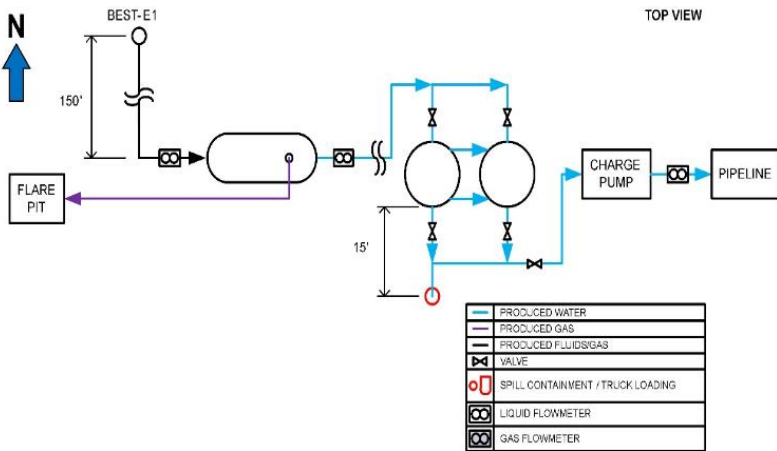
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SIDE VIEW

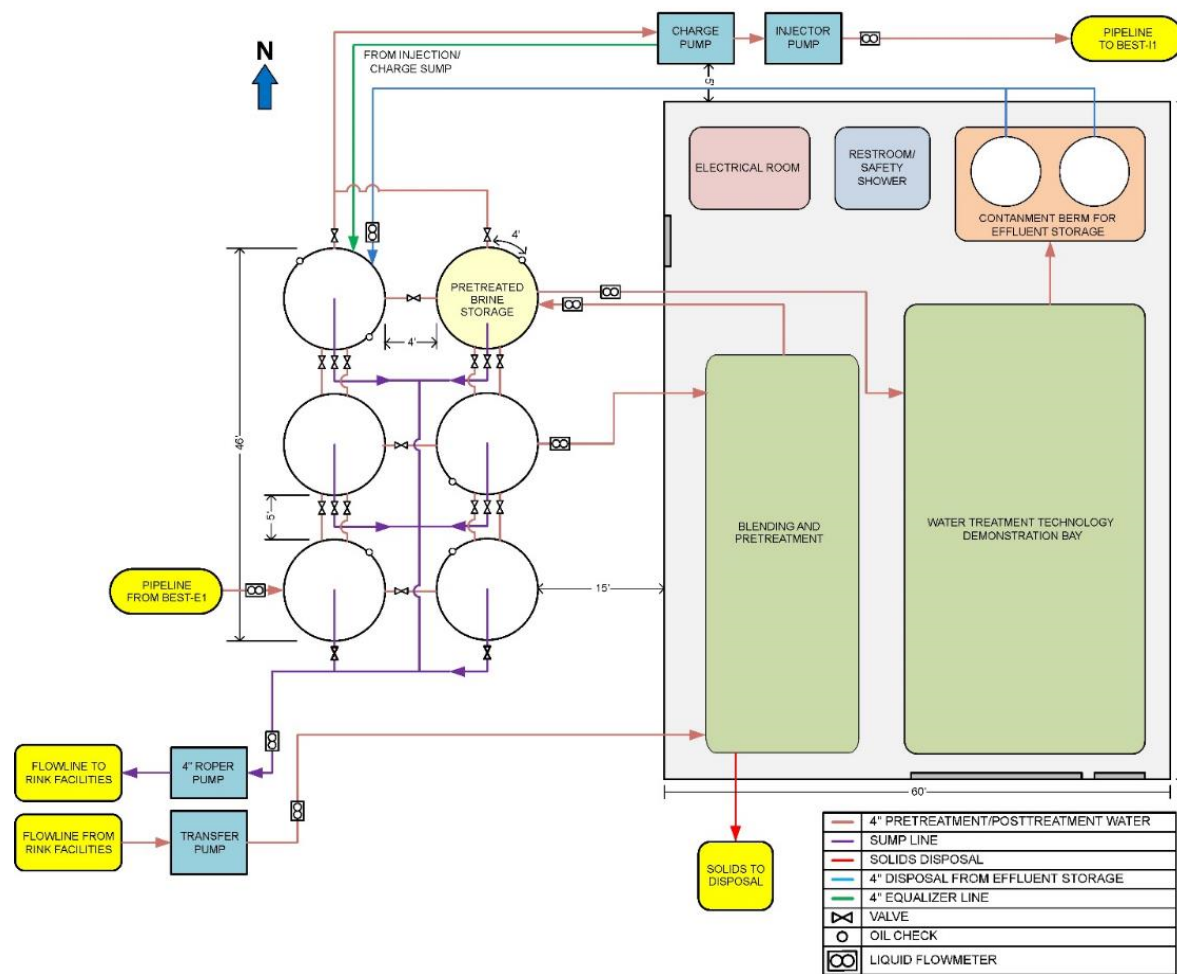


TOP VIEW



BEST-I1

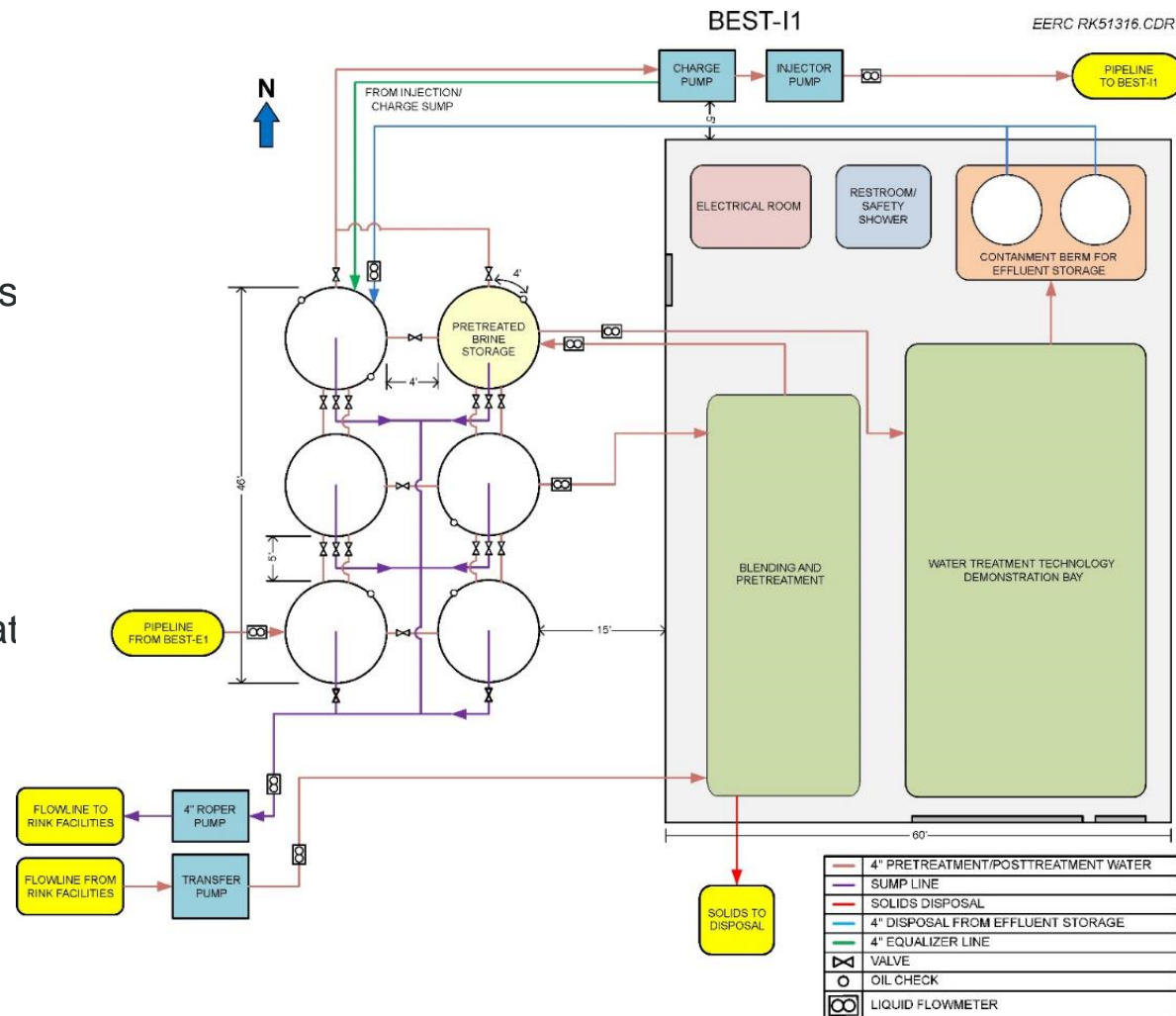
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BRINE TREATMENT TEST BED

- Environmentally enclosed facility
 - 24/7, 365 operational capable
- Tailored brine compositions
 - ~5000–300,000 mg/L total dissolved s (TDS)
- Tailored rates
 - 5–25 gpm
- 30–60-day extended-duration tests
- Pretreatment provided
- Monitoring
 - Energy, flow rates, pressure, temperature, chemicals, etc.
- Waste management

Multiple technology demonstrations



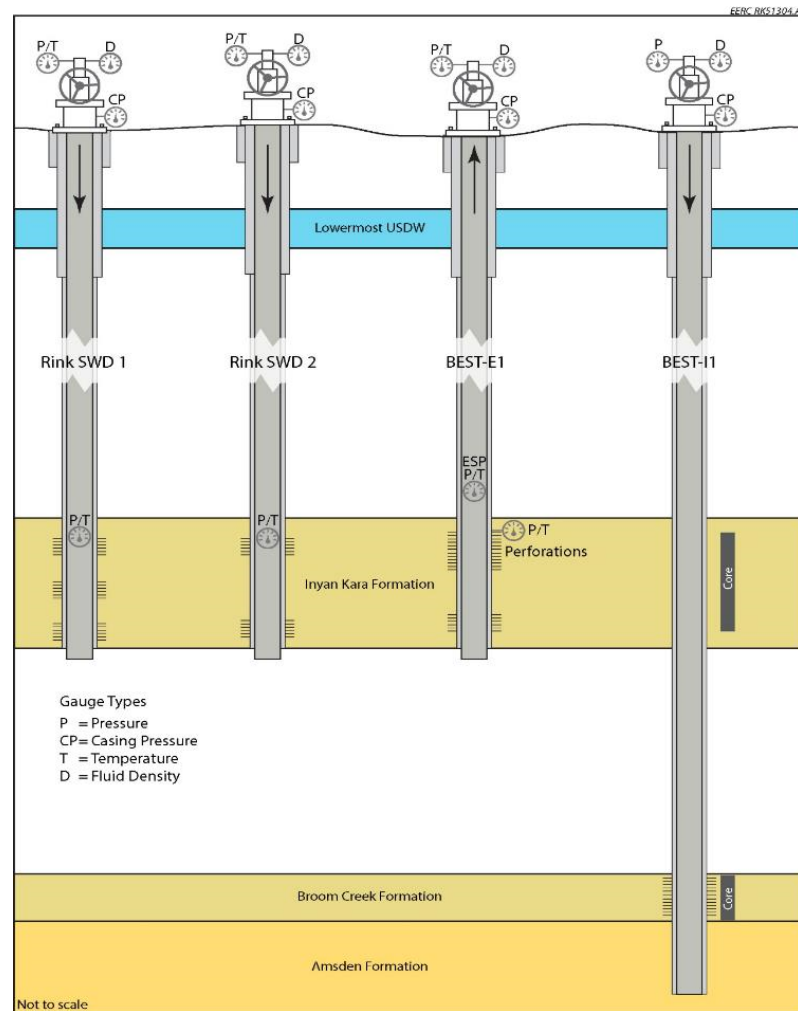
MVA PROGRAM

Reservoir Surveillance

- Well evaluation
 - Logging, coring, testing
- Borehole to surface electromagnetic (EM) survey
- Active reservoir surveillance
 - Pressure, temperature, flow rates, fluid density
- Tracer survey
- Fluid sampling

Safety and Performance

- Tank and pipeline monitoring
- Flow and density meters
- Power and chemicals
- Pipeline monitoring
- High-level/low-level shutdown
- Remote sensing



RISK ASSESSMENT

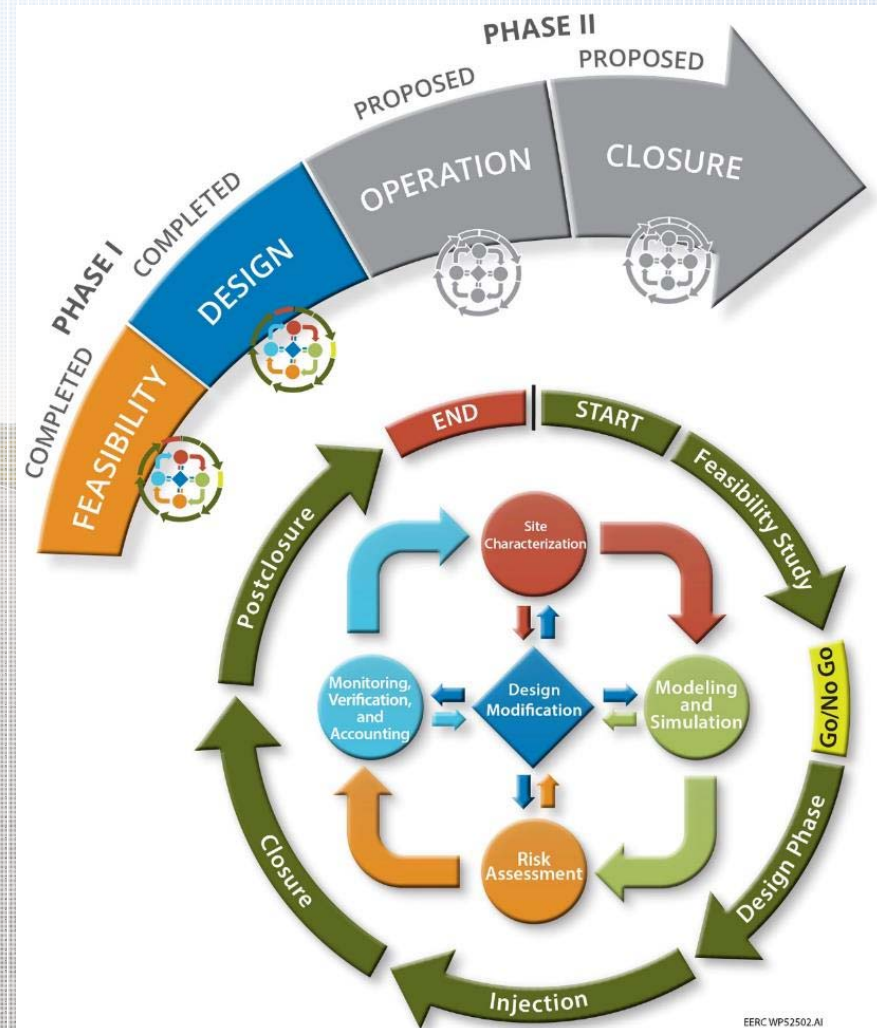
- 58 potential risks
 - Technical
 - Resource availability
 - Health, safety, and environment (HSE)
 - Site access
 - Management
- Mitigation measures built into design and implementation plan



Ready for Implementation

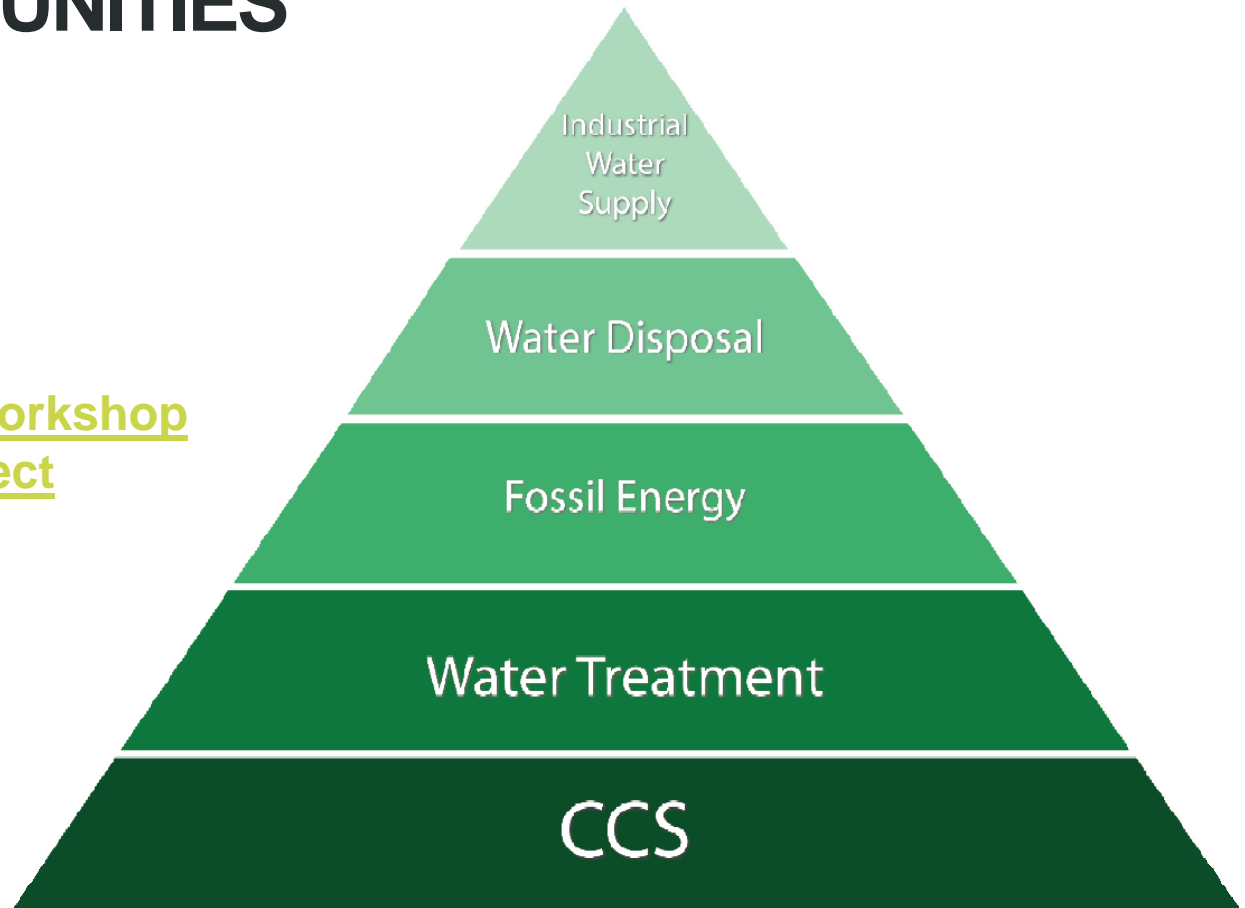
- ☑ Strong partnerships/extensive experience
- ☑ Site secured
- ☑ Established injectivity/injection history
- ☑ Existing pressure plume/confidence in ability to influence through brine extraction
- ☑ Operational flexibility (four-well design)
- ☑ Brine treatment test bed
- ☑ Commercial-scale test
- ☑ MVA plan (performance and safety)
- ☑ Permitting plan (several in place)
- ☑ Costing
- ☑ Risk assessment

Developing fundamental data and demonstrating the steps necessary to design and implement ARM for large-scale CCS projects.



SYNERGY OPPORTUNITIES

Joint Knowledge Sharing Workshop
with Sister BEST Project



SUMMARY

- Benefit future CO₂ saline storage projects through development of engineering strategies which:
 - Reduce stress on sealing formations
 - Mechanism for controlling pressure and injected fluid plume
 - Reduce AOR
- Provide evidence for increased storage capacity and improved storage efficiency
- Demonstrate a means of managing risk which will contribute to increased public and regulatory acceptance
- Best Practices

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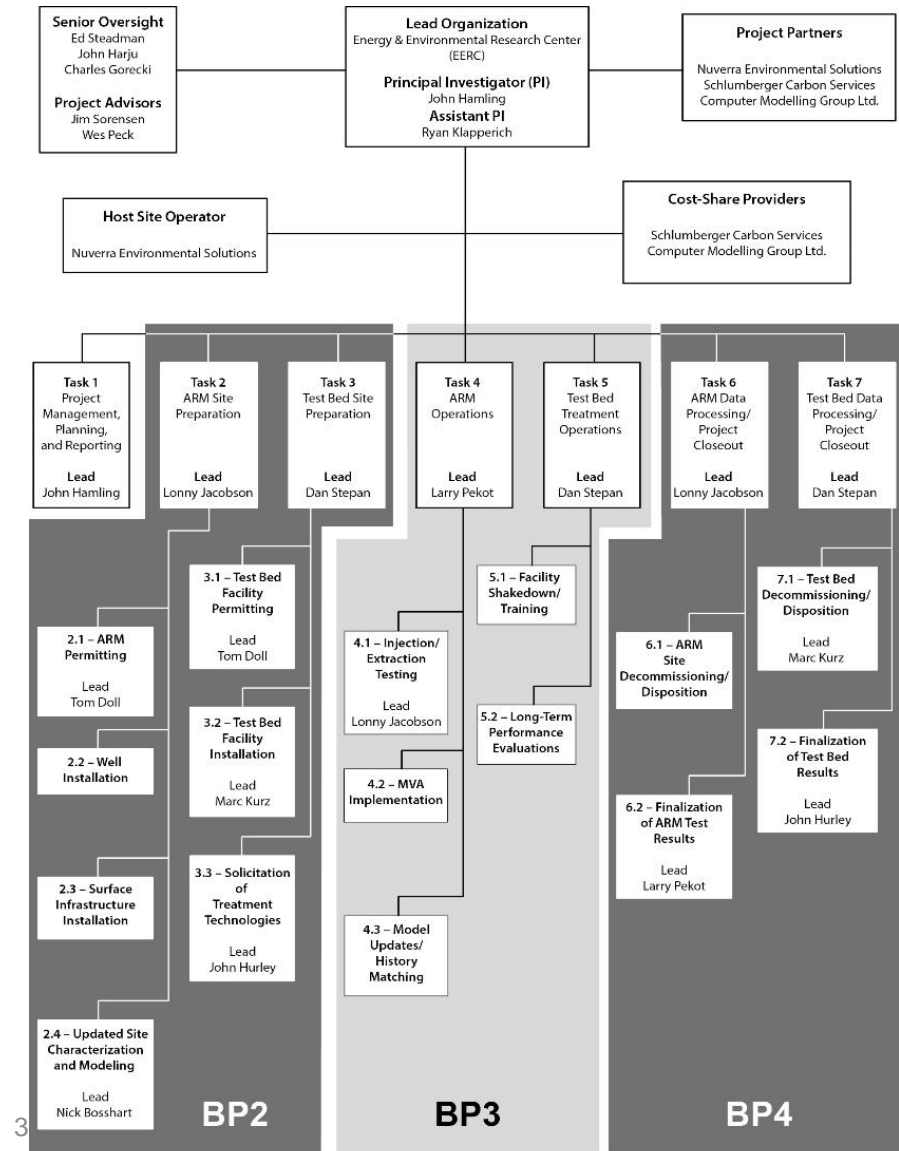
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Introduction
- Goals and Benefits
- Project Overview & Implementation
- Summary



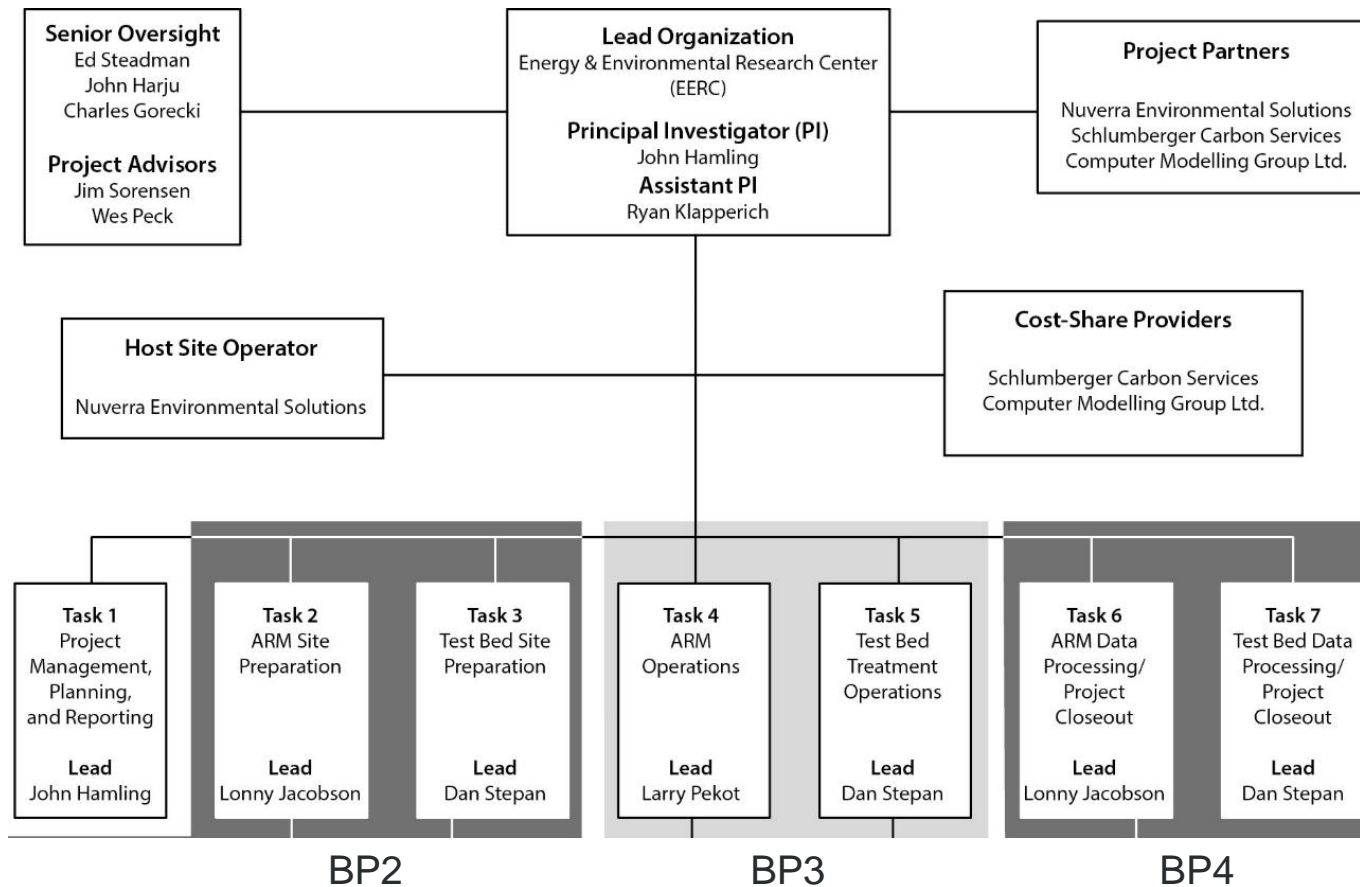
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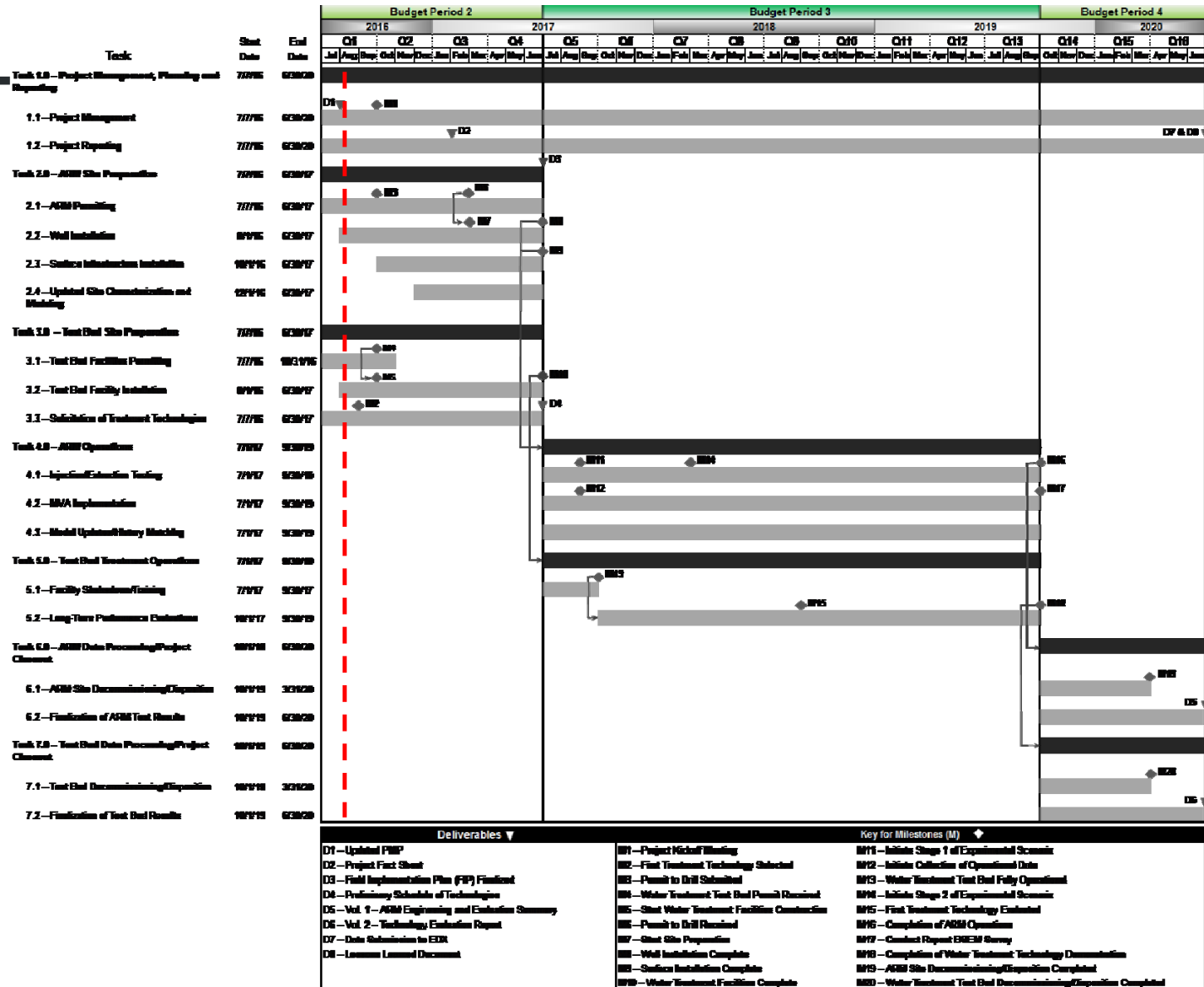


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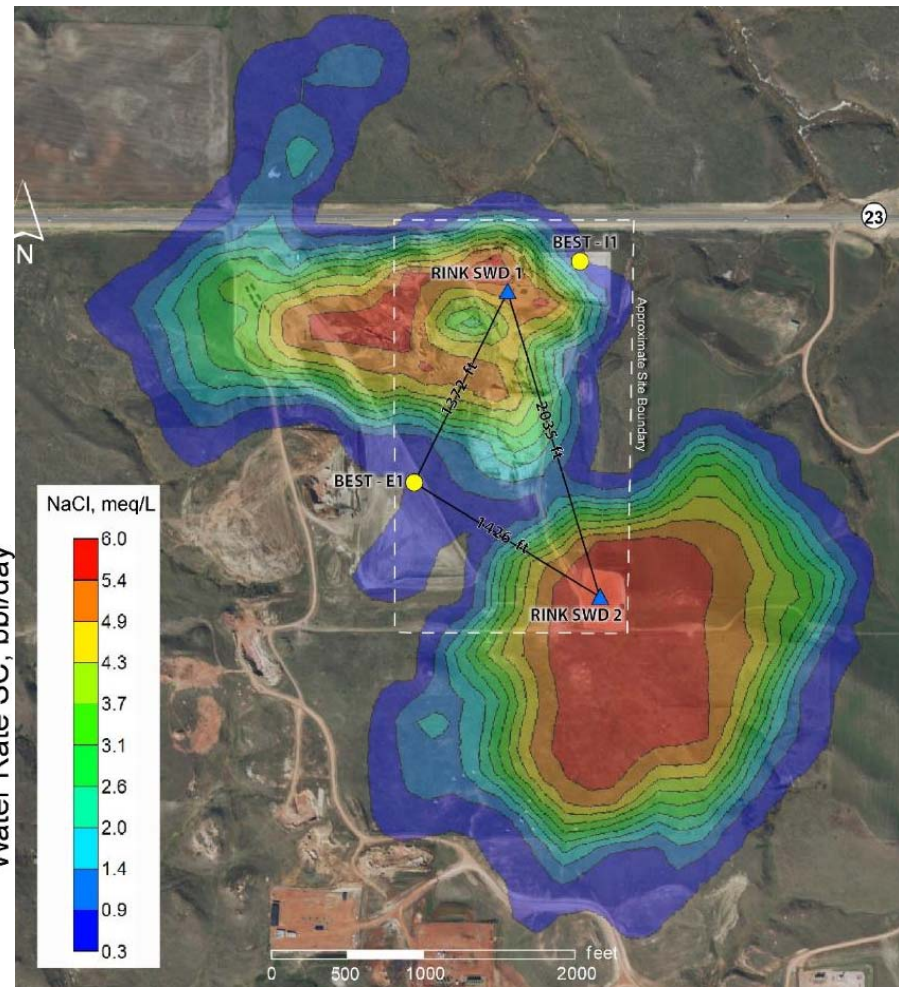
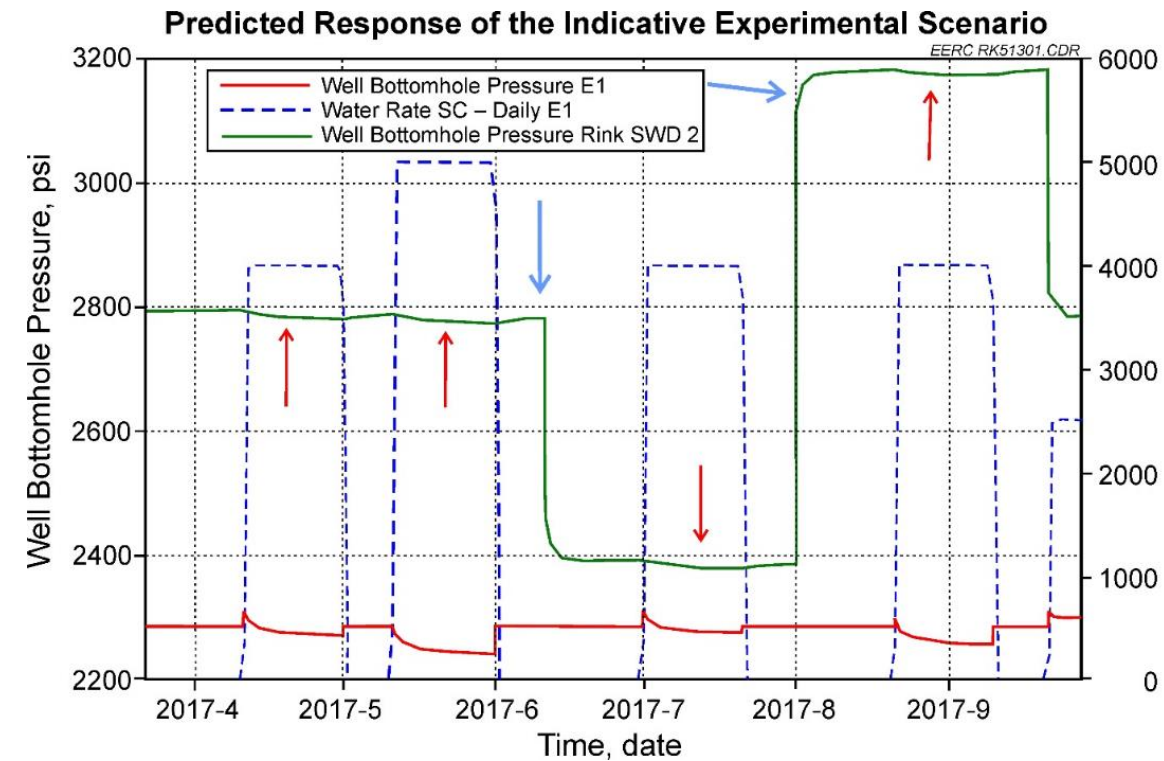
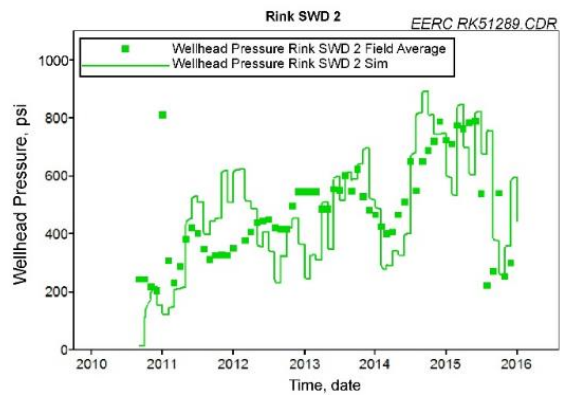
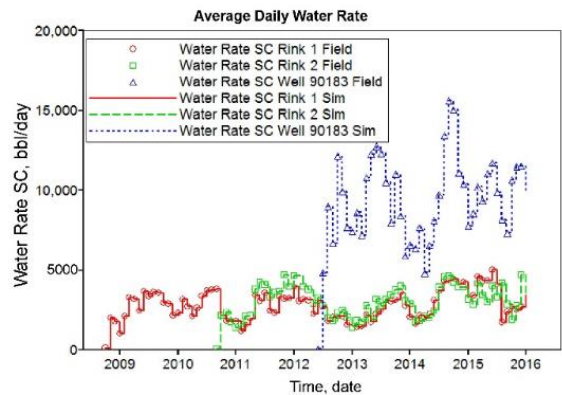
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PRODUCTS

- Data and project-related information were uploaded to DOE's Energy Data eXchange (EDX) site. The submission of these files corresponds to D3. Uploaded content included the following:
 - Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) Conference abstract and presentation
 - Phase I topical report
 - Porosity and permeability crossplot data for the Broom Creek, Amsden, and Inyan Kara Formations
 - Anticipated Phase II well schematics for the injection and extraction wells
 - Image of the Williston Basin stratigraphy and hydrogeologic systems
 - Image of the Williston Basin formational cross section

DYNAMIC SIMULATION



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