



NORTH DAKOTA BRINE EXTRACTION AND STORAGE TEST AND WATER TREATMENT TEST BED FACILITY

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Critical Challenges. **Practical Solutions.**

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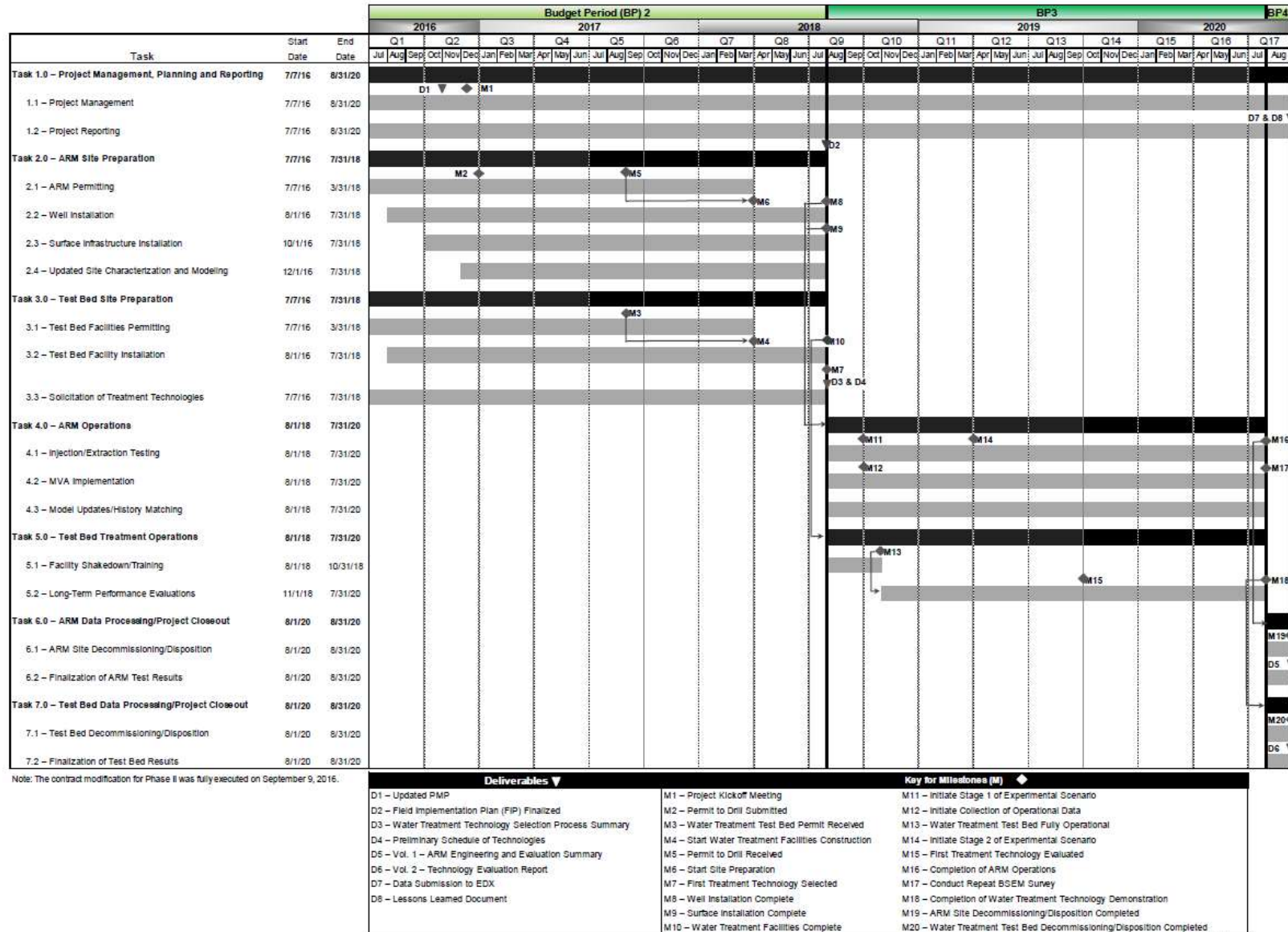
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PROJECT OVERVIEW – GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Confirm efficacy of Active Reservoir Management
 - Brine extraction as a means of managing formation pressure and the injected fluid plume
 - 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

Gantt Chart, Deliverables, and Milestones



Note: The contract modification for Phase II was fully executed on September 9, 2016.

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CONSIDERATIONS OF COMMERCIAL GEOLOGIC CO₂ STORAGE SITES

- Buoyant fluid
- Large volumes = large footprint
- Regulatory compliance, liability, cost
- Conformance and utilization efficiency
- Access to pore space
 - Leasing, unitization/amalgamation, trespass
- Assuring permanence and credits



Because of a host of technical, social, regulatory, environmental, and economic factors, brine disposal tends to be more accessible and generally quicker, easier, and less costly to implement compared to dedicated CO₂ storage.

BRINE EXTRACTION FOR PRESSURE MANAGEMENT

- Incremental cost
 - Wells and infrastructure
 - Operating and energy
- Disposal of extracted brine
 - Treatment and discharge
 - Reinjecting into a different suitable geologic formation
- Efficiency losses
 - $bb_{out} > \text{incremental } bb_{in}$
- Complicates project
- Additional health, safety, and environmental risk



An aerial photograph of an industrial facility, possibly a refinery or chemical plant, situated in a vast, flat, and hazy landscape. The facility features several large, cylindrical storage tanks and various industrial buildings. A dirt road or path leads towards the facility from the right side of the frame. The overall atmosphere is misty or foggy, obscuring the horizon and distant structures. In the top-left corner, there is a black rectangular graphic element with a white border.

Brine extraction can enable dedicated CO₂ storage and improve the geologic CO₂ storage potential of a site.

TWO COMPLEMENTARY COMPONENTS

ARM Test

- Reduce stress on sealing formation
- Geosteer fluid plume
- Divert pressure from leakage pathways
- Reduce area of review (AOR)
- Improve injectivity, capacity, and storage efficiency
- Validate monitoring techniques, and forecast model capabilities

Brine Treatment Test Bed

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

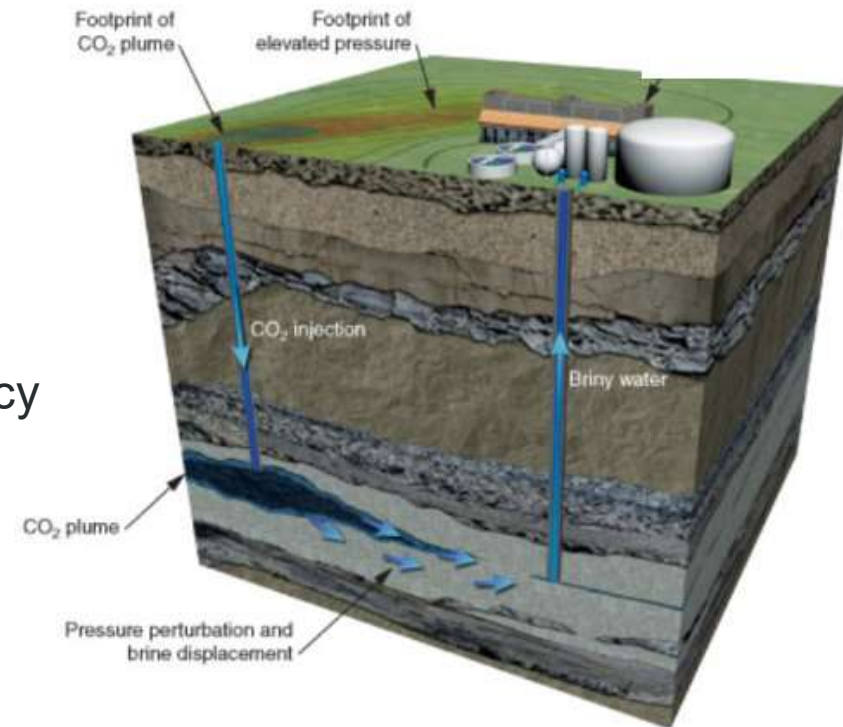
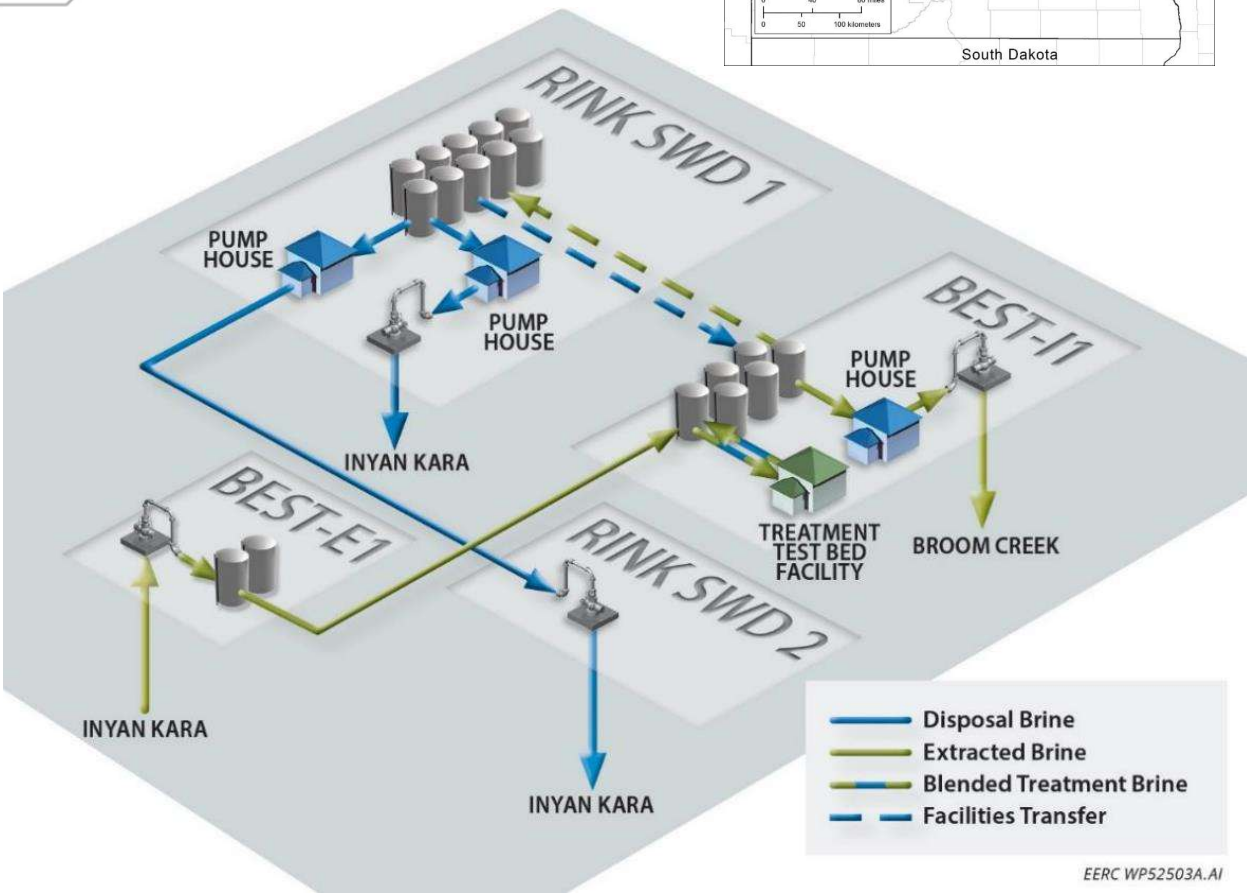


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ACTIVE WATER DISPOSAL SITES AS A PROXY FOR DEDICATED CO₂ STORAGE



THE SITE



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TECHNICAL STATUS

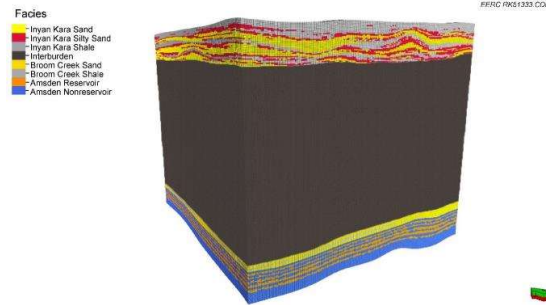
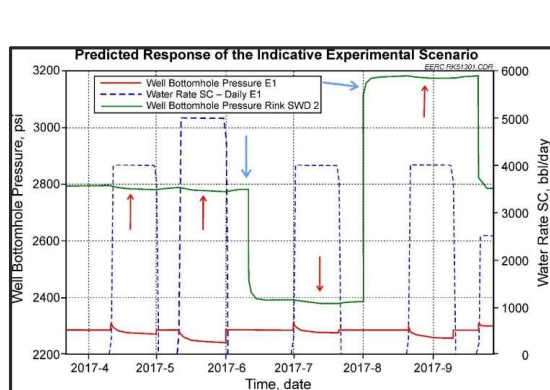
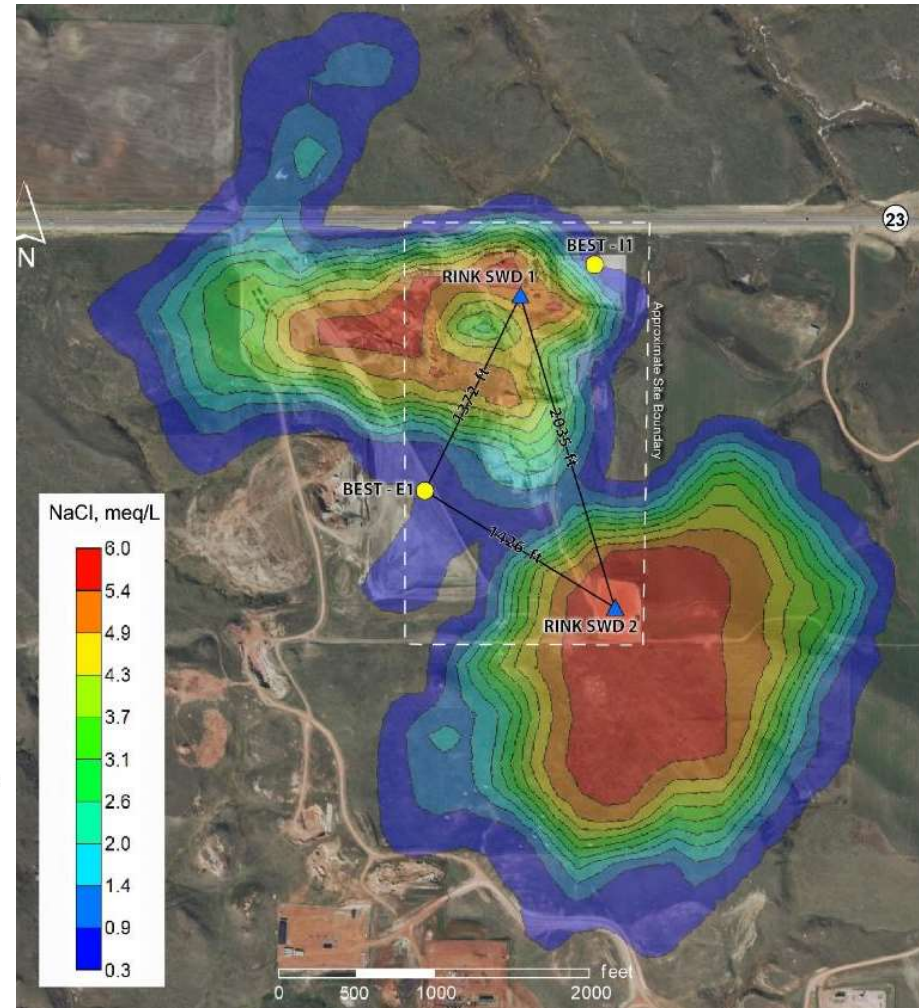
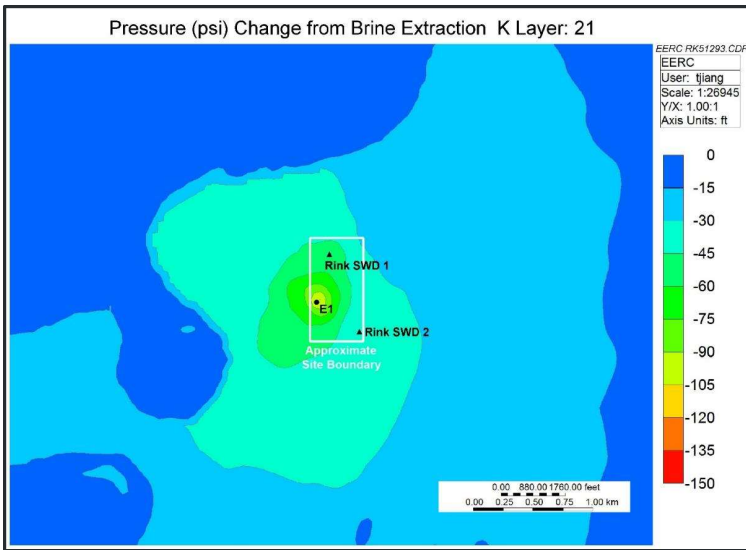
Phase I – Complete

- Regional characterization
- Site screening and feasibility study
- Site selection
- Geologic modeling
- Reservoir simulation resulting in ARM schema
- Site infrastructure design and field implementation plan

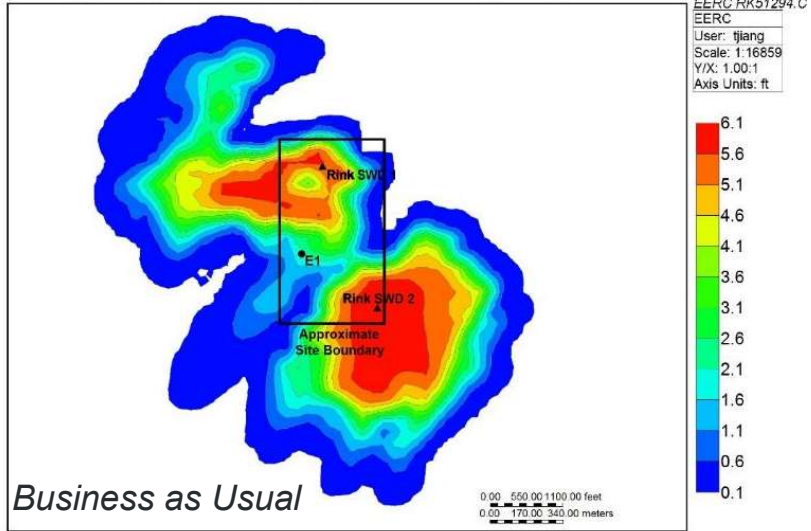
Phase II – Under Way

- ARM site preparation
 - Permitting
 - Well drilling
 - Surface infrastructure installation
 - Site characterization/model updates
- Test site preparation
 - Permitting
 - Test bed facility installation
 - Solicitation of treatment technologies
- ARM operations
 - Injection/extraction testing
 - Monitoring, verification, and accounting (MVA) implementation
 - Model updates/history matching
- Test bed treatment operations
 - Facility shakedown/training
 - Long-term performance evaluations
- ARM site closeout
 - ARM site decommissioning
 - Finalization of ARM test results/data
- Brine treatment test bed site closeout
 - Treatment test bed decommissioning
 - Finalization of test bed results/data

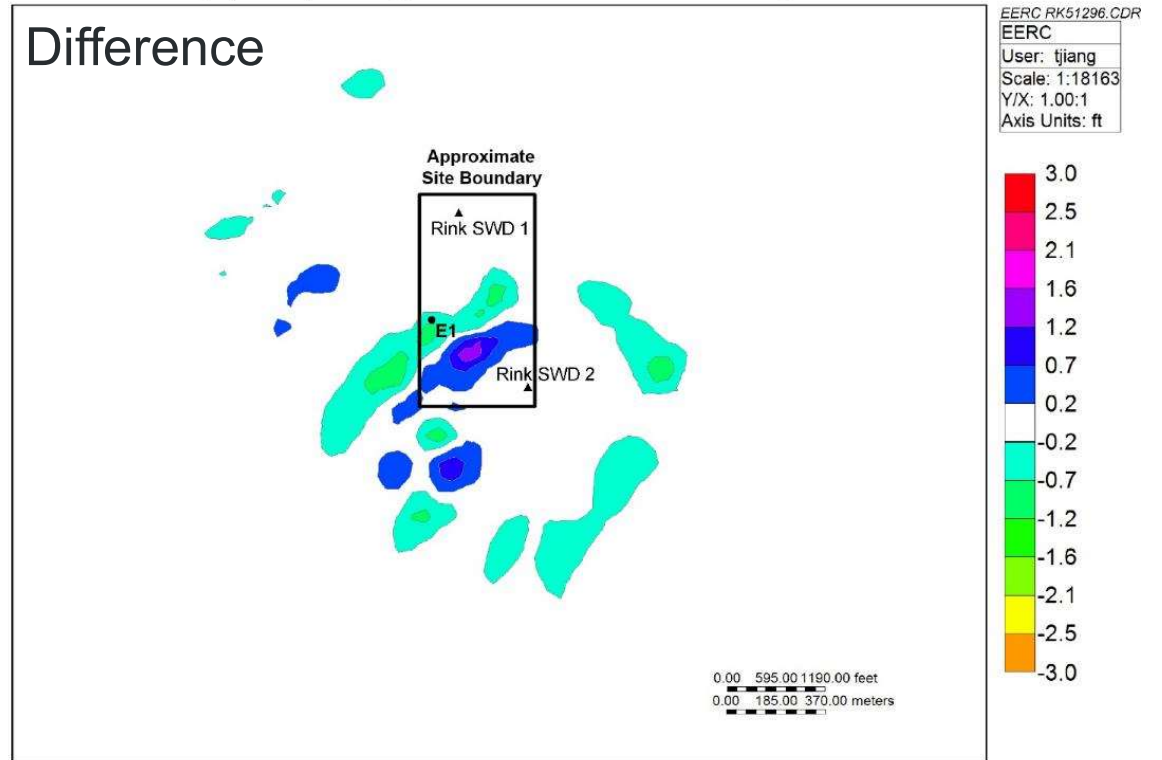
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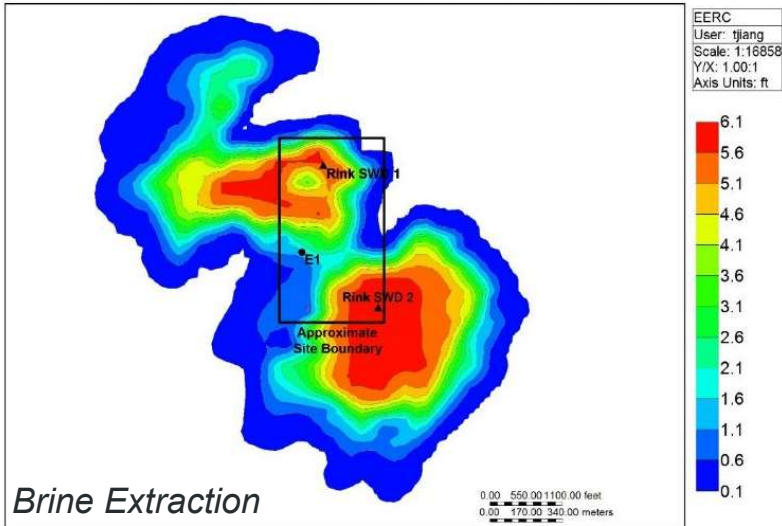
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Salinity (molar) Change from Brine Extraction K Layer: 21



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



BRINE TREATMENT TEST BED

Enable development, pilot testing, and advancement of extracted and produced water treatment technologies that can meaningfully reduce brine disposal volumes and provide an alternate source of water and/or salable products for beneficial use.



WILLISTON BASIN WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY TEST BED



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Conceptual extracted water treatment flow diagram.

REGIONAL CHALLENGES: EXTRACTED WATER TREATMENT



Technological:

- Very high salinity brines (200,000 to >350,000 mg/L total dissolved solids).
- Potential for TENORM (technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material) in treated concentrate streams.

Logistical:

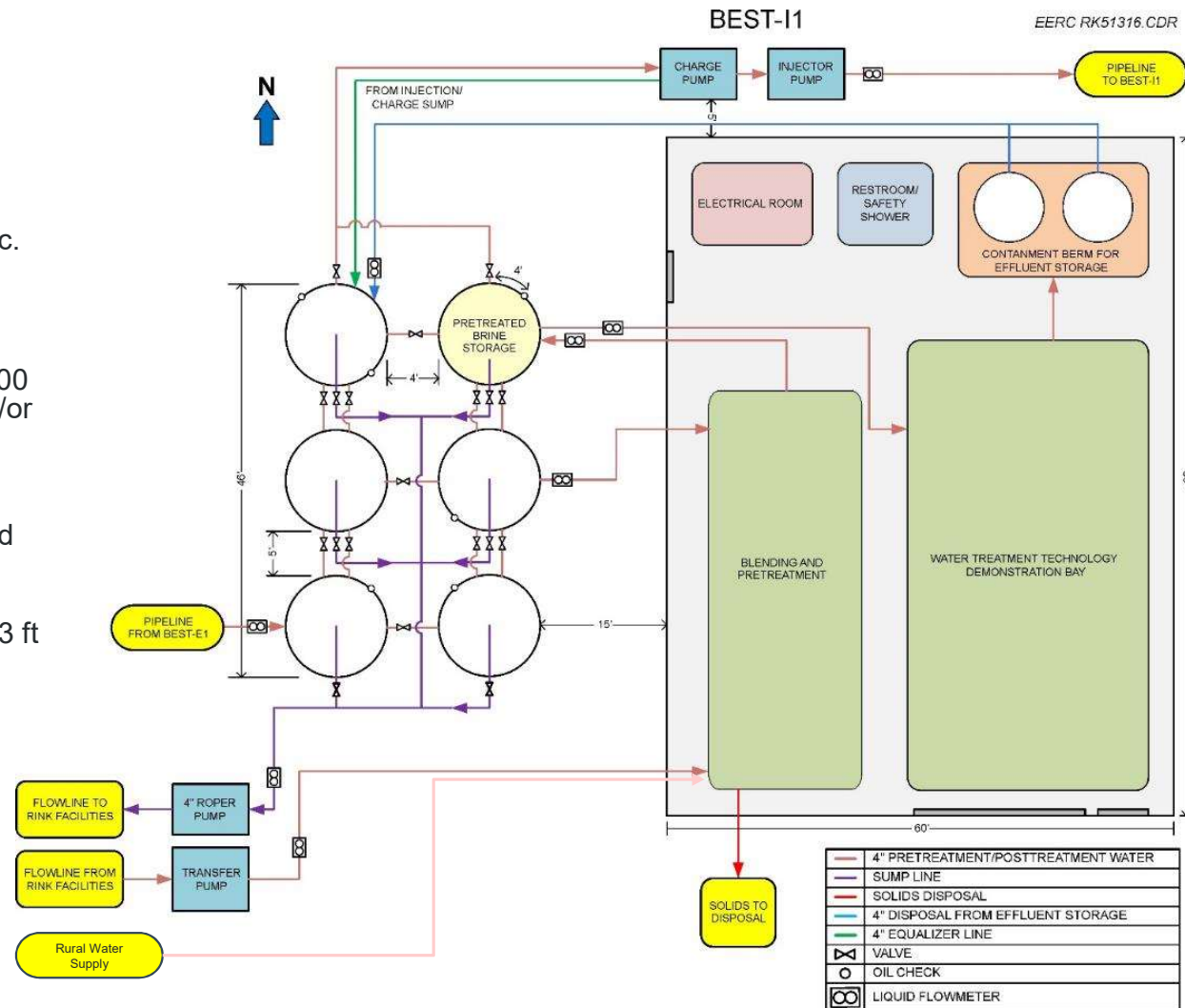
- Environmental conditions
 - e.g. **Winter!**
- Temporary storage

Economic:

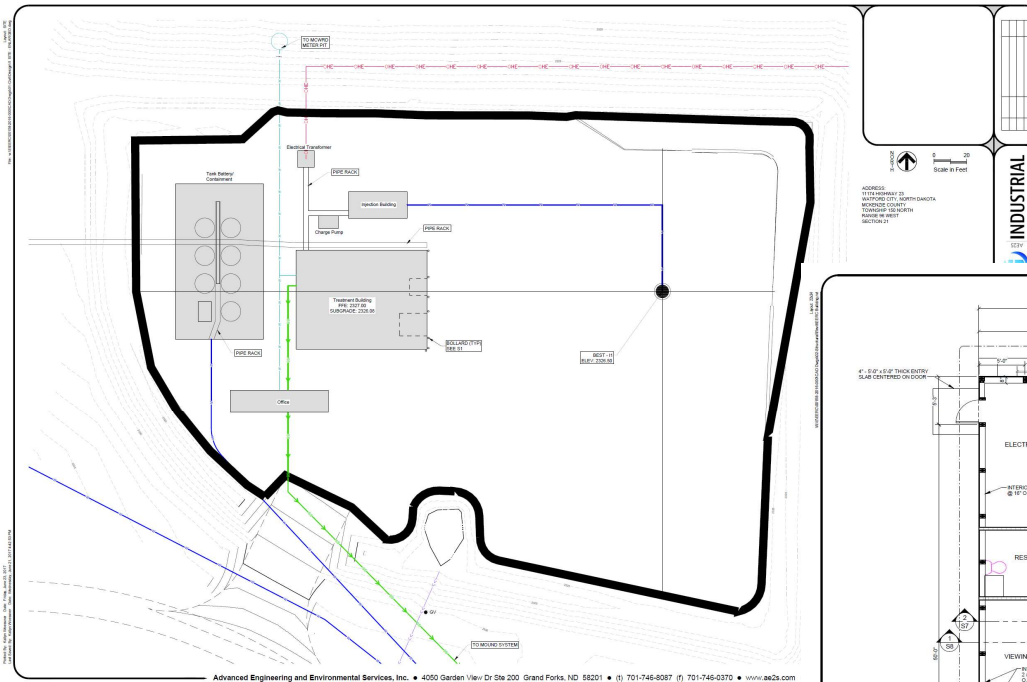
- Geologic injection is cost-efficient and convenient.
- Freshwater is inexpensive and abundant.
- Moderate but growing demand for brine treatment

BRINE TREATMENT TEST BED

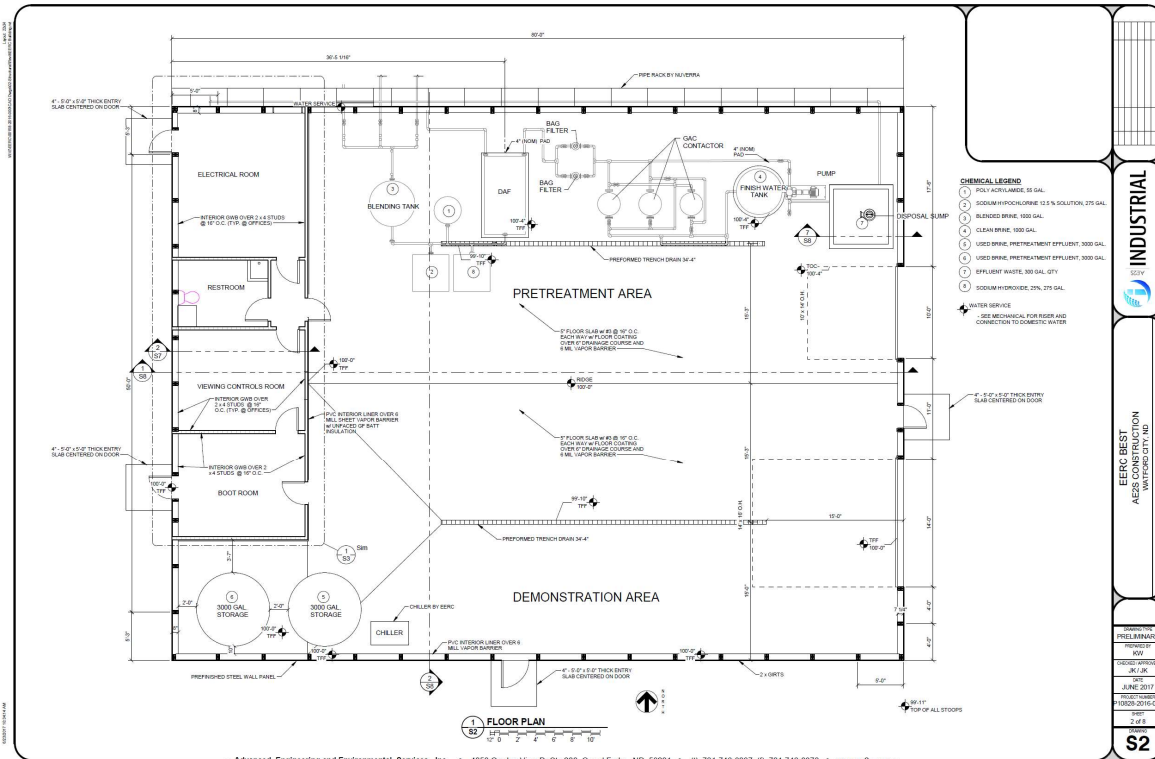
- Permanently installed, heated enclosure with a concrete floor integrated with ARM-related infrastructure
 - 30–60+ day extended-duration tests
 - 24/7/365 operations-capable
 - Monitoring of energy, flow, chemical usage, etc.
 - Waste management
- Pilot treatment rates ranging from 5 to 25 gpm
- Pretreatment
 - Blending of water to target TDS level of 180,000 mg/L or tailored blends to suit capabilities and/or limitations of selected technologies
 - Suspended solids removal (dissolved air flotation [DAF])
 - Dissolved organics removal (granular activated carbon [GAC])
- Technology demonstration bay
 - Accommodates standard semitractor trailer (53 ft long) inside the building
 - 300 kW electric power
 - Propane (5000-gal tank)
 - Noncontact cooling water (30 gpm)

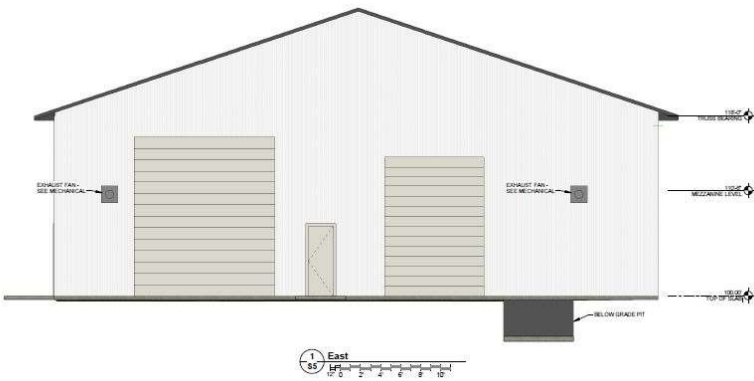


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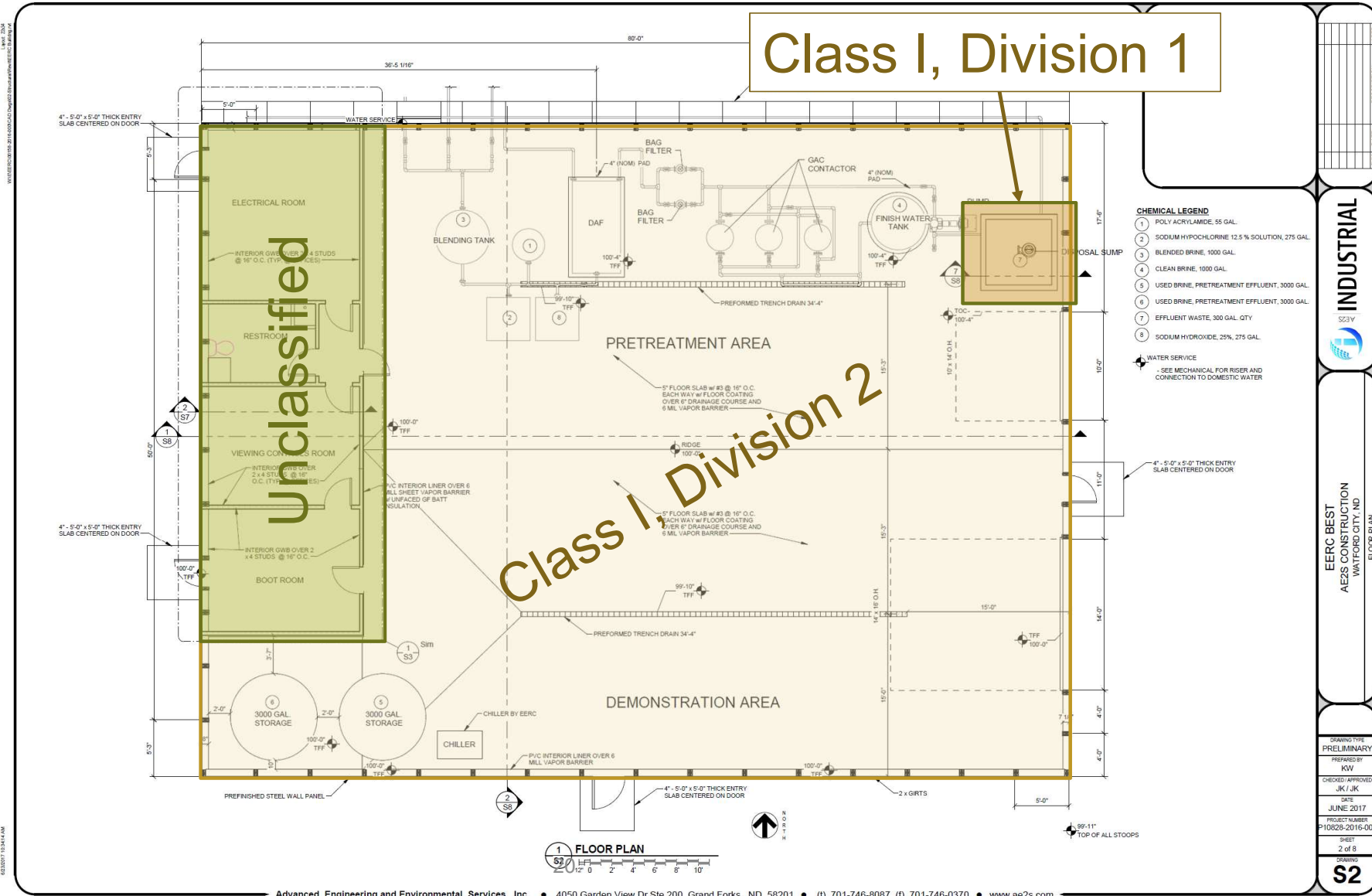


- 60 ft x 80 ft with 18-ft walls
- Two large overhead doors
- Climate controlled with air handling/exchange
- 53-ft test bay





Class I, Division 1



- CHEMICAL LEGEND**
- 1 POLY ACRYLAMIDE, 55 GAL.
 - 2 SODIUM HYPOCHLORINE 12.5% SOLUTION, 275 GAL.
 - 3 BLENDED BRINE, 1000 GAL.
 - 4 CLEAN BRINE, 1000 GAL.
 - 5 USED BRINE, PRETREATMENT EFFLUENT, 3000 GAL.
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 - 7 EFFLUENT WASTE, 300 GAL QTY
 - 8 SODIUM HYDROXIDE, 25%, 275 GAL.
- WATER SERVICE
SEE MECHANICAL FOR RISER AND CONNECTION TO DOMESTIC WATER

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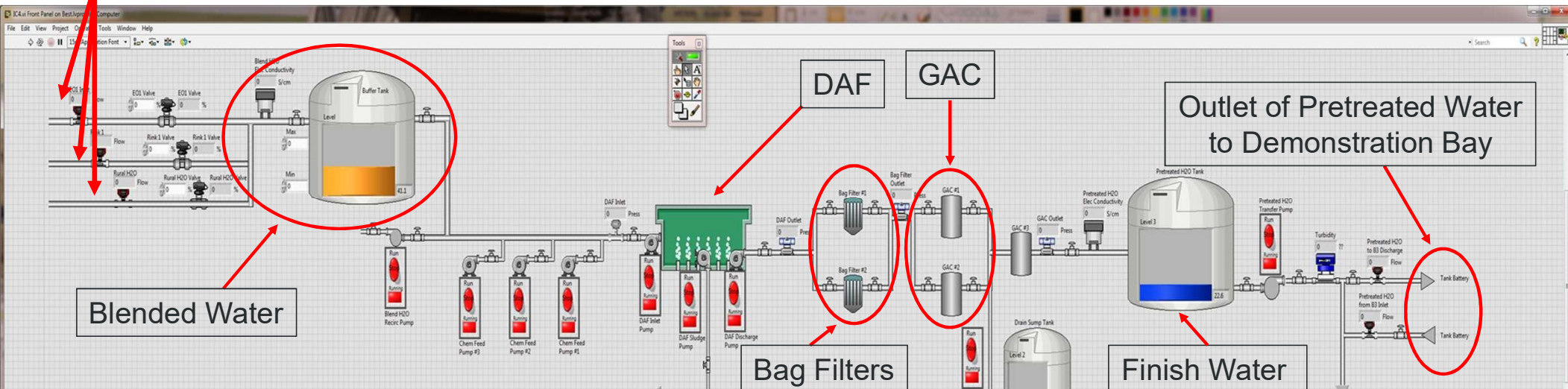
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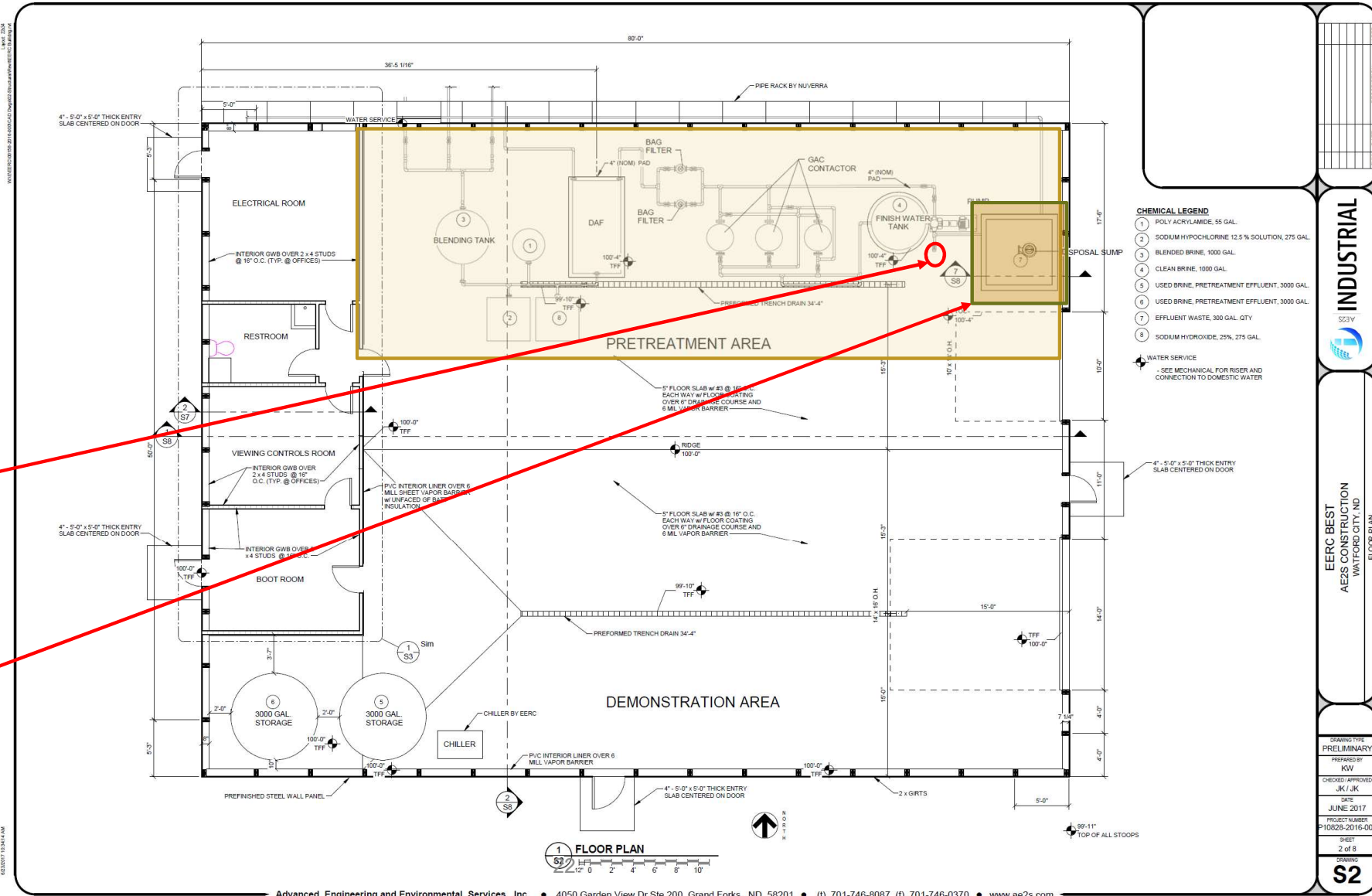
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BLENDING AND PRETREATMENT

- Blending of water to target TDS levels of 180,000 mg/L or other tailored blend to suit capabilities and/or limitations of selected technologies.
 - Water blending will take advantage of a combination of produced water (~300,000 TDS), extracted formation water (~10,000-30,000 TDS) and freshwater sources available on site.
- Suspended solids removal (DAF).
- Filter bags
- Dissolved organics removal (GAC).

Extracted, Produced, and Freshwater Source





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Pretreated Water Supply Outlet

Effluent Waste Sump Disposal to Outdoor Tank Battery

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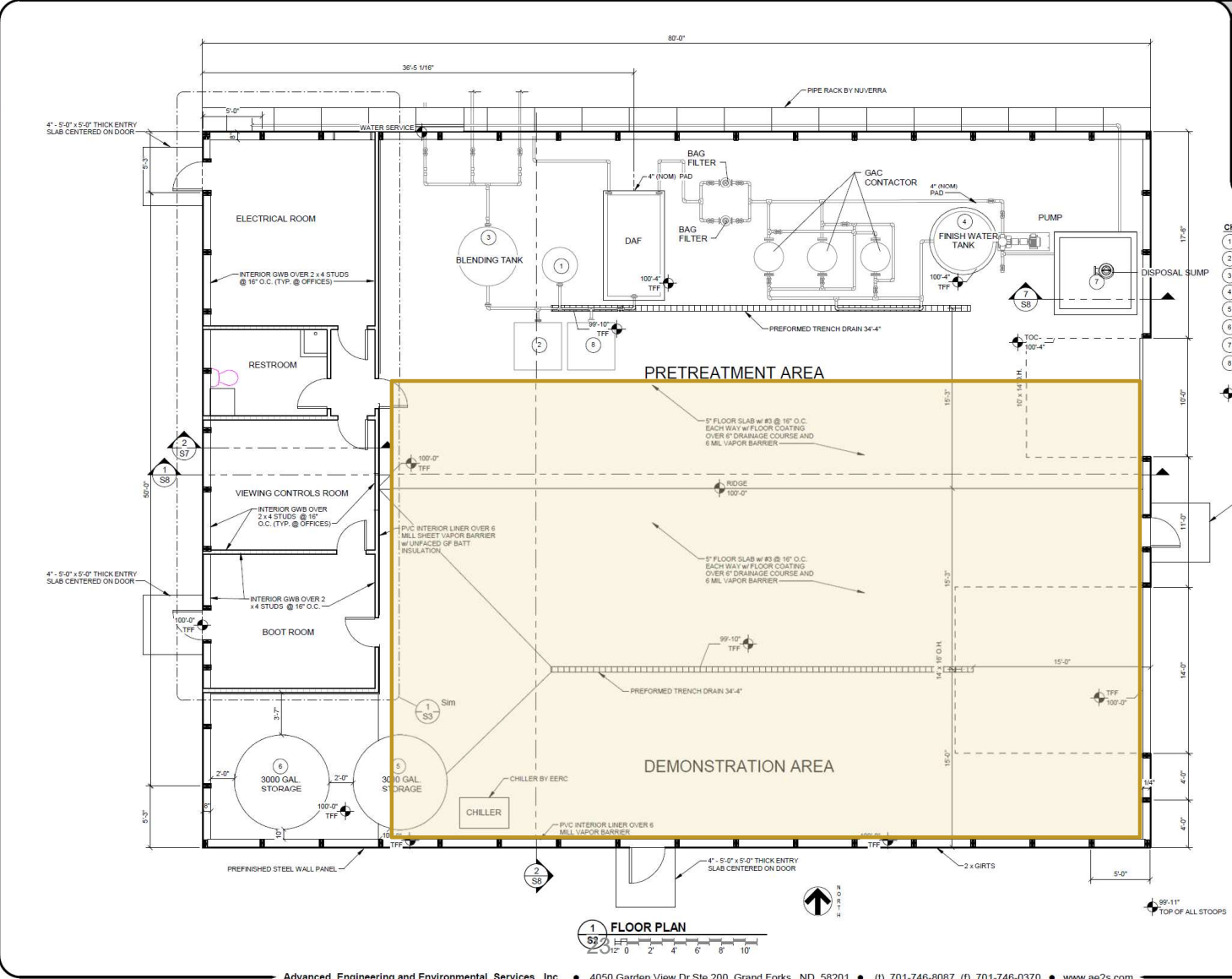


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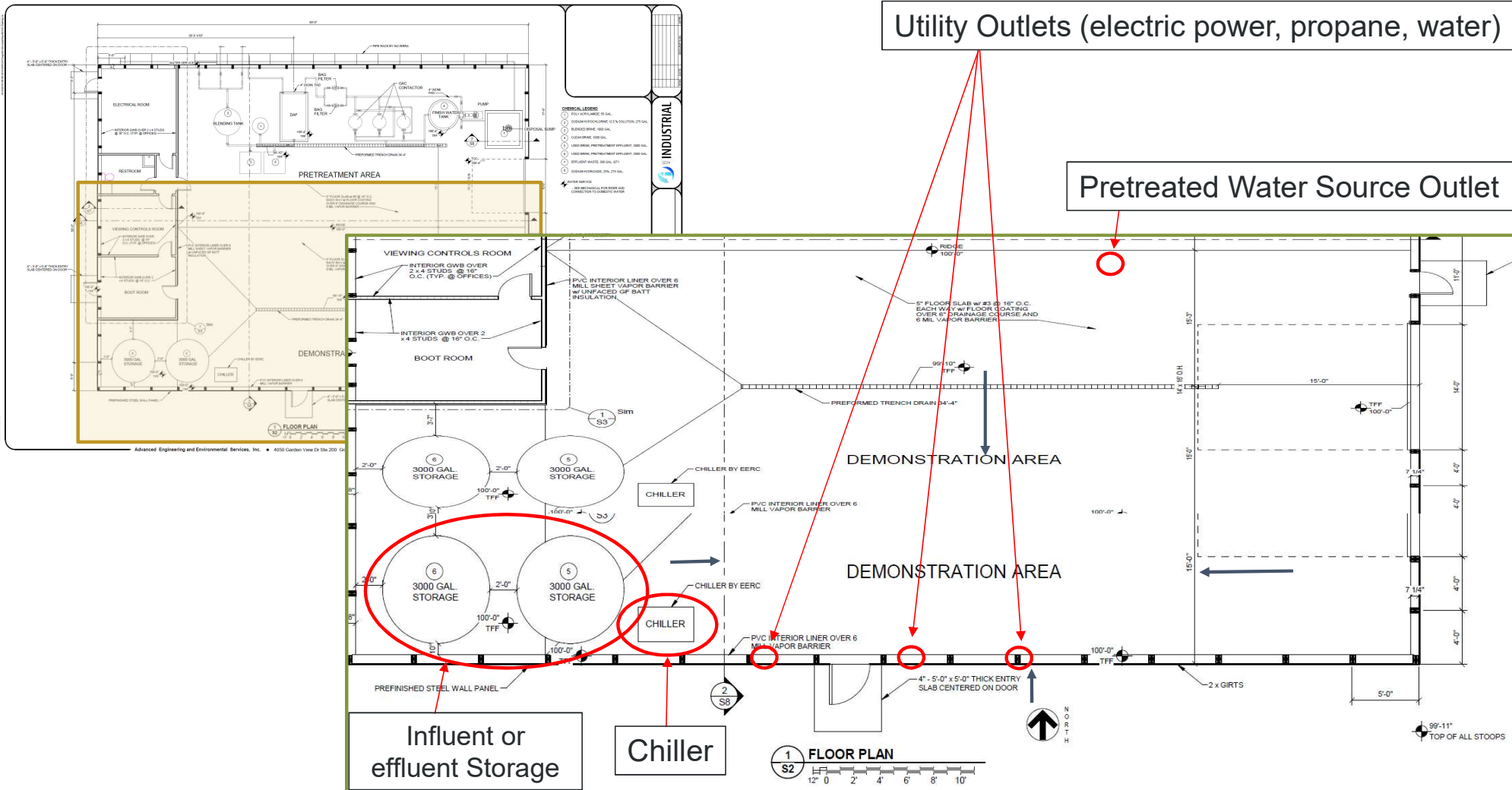
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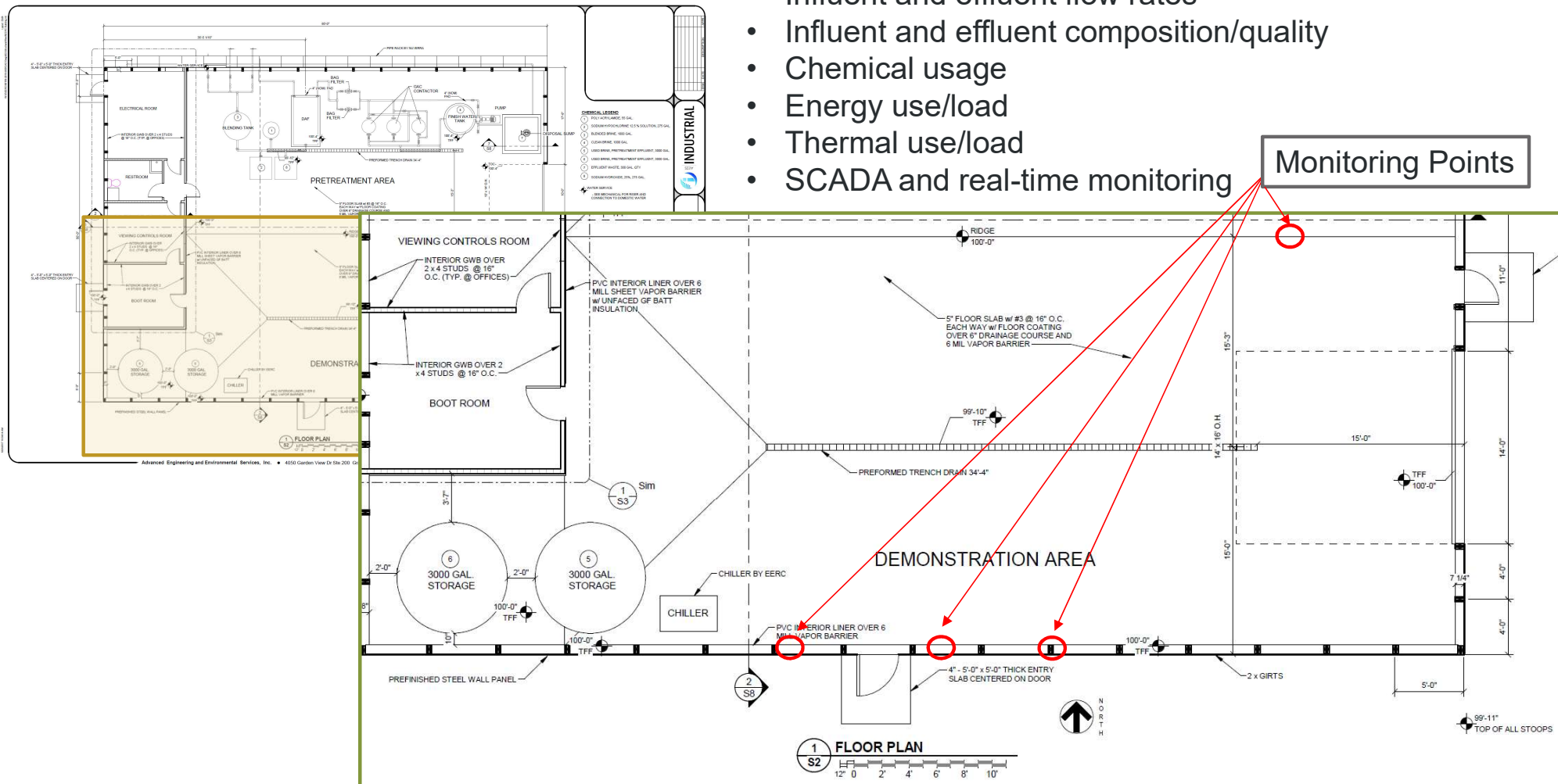
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DEMONSTRATION AREA



TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION MONITORING

- Influent and effluent flow rates
- Influent and effluent composition/quality
- Chemical usage
- Energy use/load
- Thermal use/load
- SCADA and real-time monitoring

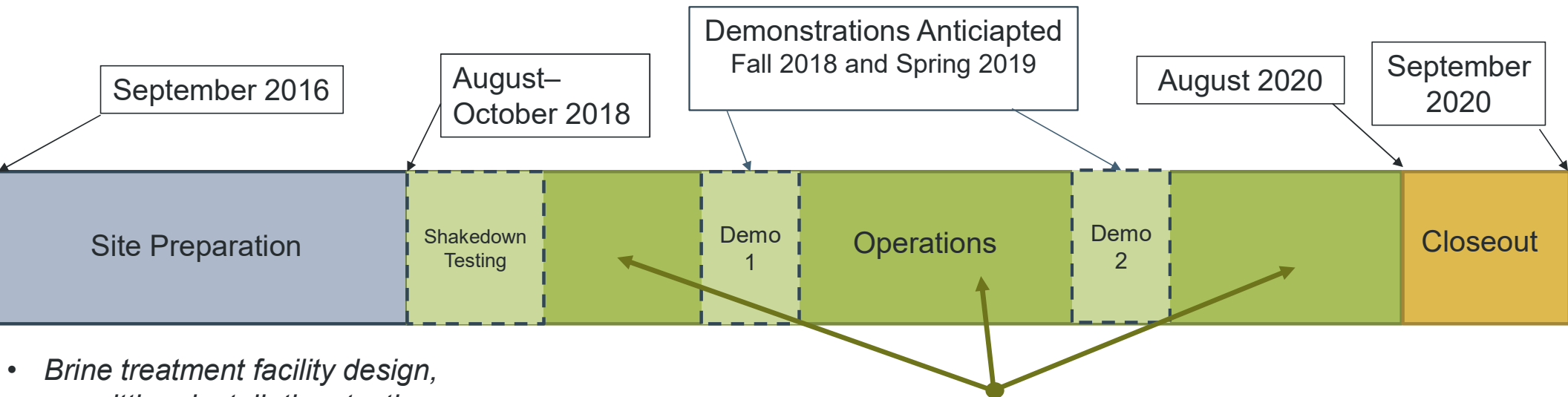


OPERATIONS

- Shakedown testing of all pretreatment equipment prior to pilot tests.
- Selection and scheduling of treatment technology, negotiate site access agreements.
- Mobilize technology demonstration to site.
- Treatment technology connected to the test bed facility – electric, propane, cooling water, influent/effluent water, etc.
 - EERC assistance to ensure health, safety, environmental and operability.
- Treatment technology demonstration providers will operate their treatment equipment; the EERC will operate the treatment test bed facility in coordination with the treatment technology demonstrator.
- During steady-state operation, EERC staff will conduct energy and material balances (power consumption, process flows, influent and effluent quality analyses).
- Extended operating periods (60+ days) to identify maintenance requirements and any operational issues.
- Operations will be preferentially scheduled to coincide with optimal operational windows (weather, ARM test program, etc.) when possible.
- Effluent and treated water will be blended and reinjected where possible; waste streams unable to be reinjected will be disposed of at an authorized facility.

Top-ranked technologies may benefit from cost offsets.

PROVISIONAL TIME LINE FOR BRINE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS



Opportunities for additional demonstrations!

- *Brine treatment facility design, permitting, installation, testing, and pretreatment operations training*
- *Expected building completion, testing, and commissioning of equipment by July 2018*
- *Brine treatment technology solicitation and selection*
- *Operationally ready by August 2018*
- *Brine treatment technology testing (multiple technologies)*
- *Brine treatment technology evaluation and reporting*

EMERGING BRINE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

- Treatment technologies for high-salinity brines continue to evolve, but few have been tested at the commercial scale.
- Most technologies fall into several main categories:
 - Evaporation/distillation (mechanical vapor recompression)
 - Evaporation/crystallization (low- pressure, low-temperature evaporation)
 - Membrane treatment (reverse osmosis, forward osmosis, membrane distillation)
 - Freezing-based treatment



SOLICITING BRINE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

- NETL, EPRI, and the EERC are coordinating efforts to define water treatment goals and solicit technologies for pilot testing.
 - Cooperatively developed vendor questionnaire and selection criteria
- The North Dakota and Florida facilities will provide unique water treatment scenarios but will have similar operational capabilities.
- North Dakota test bed is anticipated to be operational by fall 2018.
- Site access agreements will be negotiated between host site operator, EERC, and brine treatment technology provider.
- Knowledge-sharing workshop tentatively scheduled for fall 2018.

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Conceptual extracted water treatment flow diagram.

TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY SELECTION PROTOCOL

- Screening criteria
 - Ability to produce a beneficial use effluent or product at reasonable operating costs based on target influent water quality
 - Enable successful operation of other technologies (i.e., pretreatment)
 - Provide a relatively high yield of treated water or product
 - Significantly reduce the volume of fluids requiring disposal
 - Not produce hazardous by-products
- Ranking factors
 - Treatment costs (40%)
 - Readiness level (30%)
 - Safety considerations (20%)
 - Waste generation (10%)



OUR REACH AND INFORMATION

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) and Nuvera Environmental Solutions (Nuvera) have partnered on a multiyear project to demonstrate new strategies and methods of injection well operation. These strategies could reduce the number of injection wells needed for fluid disposal and increase availability of water for beneficial use.



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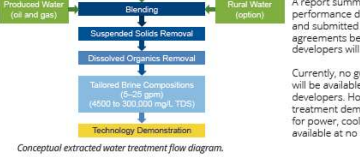
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UTILITIES

Electricity	100
Water	100
Gas	100
Steam	100
Compressed Air	100
Other	100
Total	600,000

EXTRACTED WATER PRE-TREATMENT

- Accommodate blending of Bakken produced and Injan Kara extracted waters to target a TDS level of 180,000 mg/L or other tailored blends to suit capabilities and/or limitations of specific technologies.
- Suspended solids removal
- Dissolved organics removal
- Ability to provide brines produced and/or flowback water for suitable demonstration

DEMONSTRATION TEST TRIALS

- Flow rate: 1 to 25 gpm
- 30-500-day extended duration tests (desired minimum of two)
- Monitoring of energy, flow, chemical usage, etc.
- Waste management

If you are interested in demonstrating a brine treatment technology at this site or if you would like more information, please contact:

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WHERE IS THE PROJECT HAPPENING?

The project will be conducted at the Nuvera-operated Johnsons Corner site, which was established in 2008 as a commercial saltwater disposal (SWD) facility. Nuvera operates two existing saltwater injection wells at its facility. These wells, regulated by the North Dakota Industrial Commission, inject into the thick Injan Kara sandstone at a depth of 5400 ft. Although most project activity will be conducted exclusively at the Nuvera site, some noninvasive monitoring activities, such as the layout and retrieval of a surface monitoring array, would require temporary (a few weeks) access to surrounding private land. This monitoring survey is necessary to gather performance data from the injection zone. The monitoring activity will occur twice during the project. We will be contacting individual landowners to discuss our request for access.

WHEN WILL THE PROJECT OCCUR?

The project is anticipated to last 4 years (July 2016 – July 2020), with field activities at the site planned between March 2017 and June 2020.

WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO?

The project will include five main activities: First, two new wells will be drilled on the site of Nuvera's existing SWD operation: one extractor well into the Injan Kara Formation and one injection well into the Broom Creek Formation. Second, subsurface monitoring instruments will be installed in all four wells. Third, shallow probes and other monitoring equipment will be installed to monitor the project site. Fourth, a low-impact (small equipment and minimal intrusion



Site map showing proposed site layout.

for landowners) survey will be conducted to map the injection formation. Fifth, a brine treatment facility will be built to test emerging water treatment technologies.

IMPLEMENTING AND VALIDATING RESERVOIR PRESSURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN THE WILLISTON BASIN

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OVERVIEW

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) is conducting a multiyear field demonstration to evaluate active reservoir management (ARM) programs that could benefit geologic carbon dioxide (CO₂) storage practices. The effort, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, in partnership with Nuvera Environmental Solutions, Schramberg, and Computer Modeling Group, will field and operate a brine extraction and storage test (BEST) site. The western North Dakota field site is expected to be operated by mid-2017, with monitoring scheduled through 2020.

BEST will consist of two complementary components, an ARM test and a brine treatment test bed. Simultaneous injection and extraction of brine within the Injan Kara Formation, combined with a monitoring program, will be used to maintain stable performance. The formation brine extracted as part of the ARM test will be used in conjunction with the brine treatment test bed facility to demonstrate emerging water treatment technologies capable of treating high-salinity brine. Together, these two components will serve as a proxy of a geologic CO₂ storage site employing ARM.

ACTIVE RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT

ARM has the potential to improve the commercial viability of geologic CO₂ storage. In addition, ARM has applications to geologic disposal of fluids associated with energy production and a broad cross-section of other industries. This project will investigate the potential of controlled brine extraction to: increase reservoir pressure, reduce stress on sealing formations, control the topology of the injected fluid within a formation, and improve overall injection performance. The scale of the test will approximate 200,000 barrels of CO₂ injection.

Forecast modeling suggests that the fluid injection and extraction program is expected to result in a measurable reduction in formation pressure within the study area and influence the development of the injected fluid plume. Several monitoring techniques, including seismology, downhole pressure gauges, and a borehole-to-surface electromagnetic survey, will be used to validate each performance forecast models and ARM performance.

FIELD IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The field implementation plan will leverage an existing program plan approved by two existing commercial formations. These wells, in conjunction with a new brine extraction well, will be used to maintain stable performance. The brine extracted from BEST-E1 will be injected into a second formation, the Injan Kara Formation. The brine extracted from BEST-E2 will be injected into a third formation, the Injan Kara Formation. Injection and extraction rates into each well will be independently controlled through a series of downhole parameters, and a disposition of the extracted water will be defined by the water treatment test bed facility.

The four well design provides operational flexibility and the monitoring capabilities necessary to evaluate brine extraction in a viable ARM technique. The monitoring program will be used to develop a precise understanding of reservoir performance and the influence on the injected fluid footprint and pressure differential induced in the Injan Kara Formation. A comprehensive health, safety, and environmental monitoring program is also being employed as part of an extensive test program.

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FIELD IMPLEMENTATION

- Evaluate ARM strategies
- Validate ARM performance against forecasts
- Evaluate ARM economics
- Demonstrate monitoring techniques
- **Brine treatment technology test bed and technology demonstration**
- Demonstrate ARM implementation and operations

