

# Project 1007 Investigation Update

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# Project 1007 Agenda

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Investigation Process

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Results To-Date

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Risk Assessment

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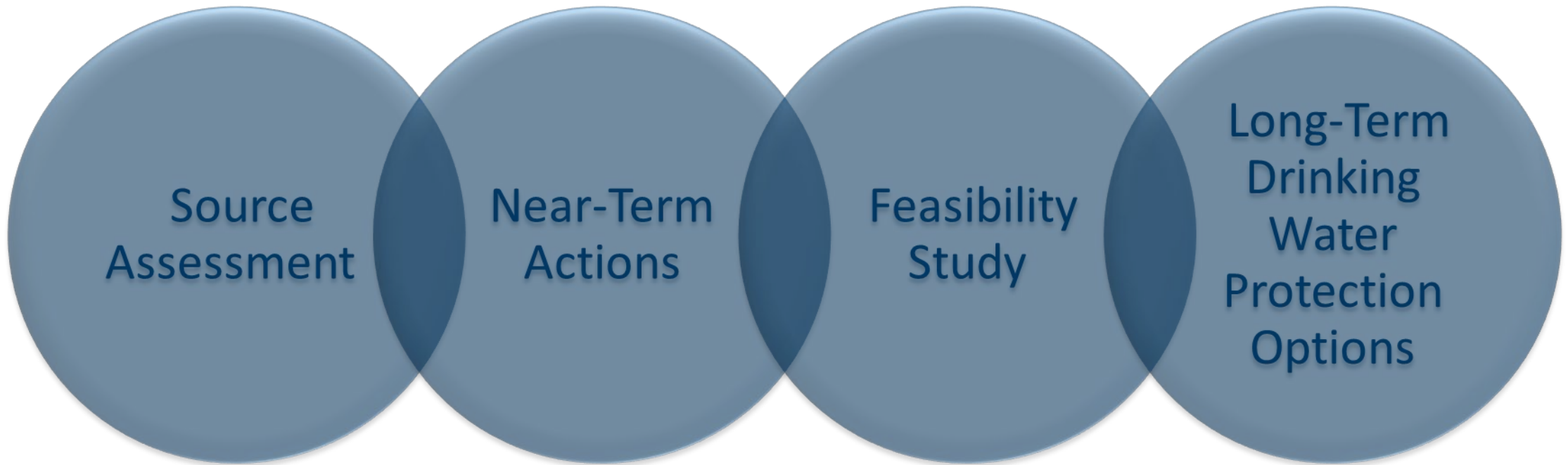
Modeling

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Drinking Water Protection: Near-Term and Long-Term Actions



# Project 1007 High-Level Process



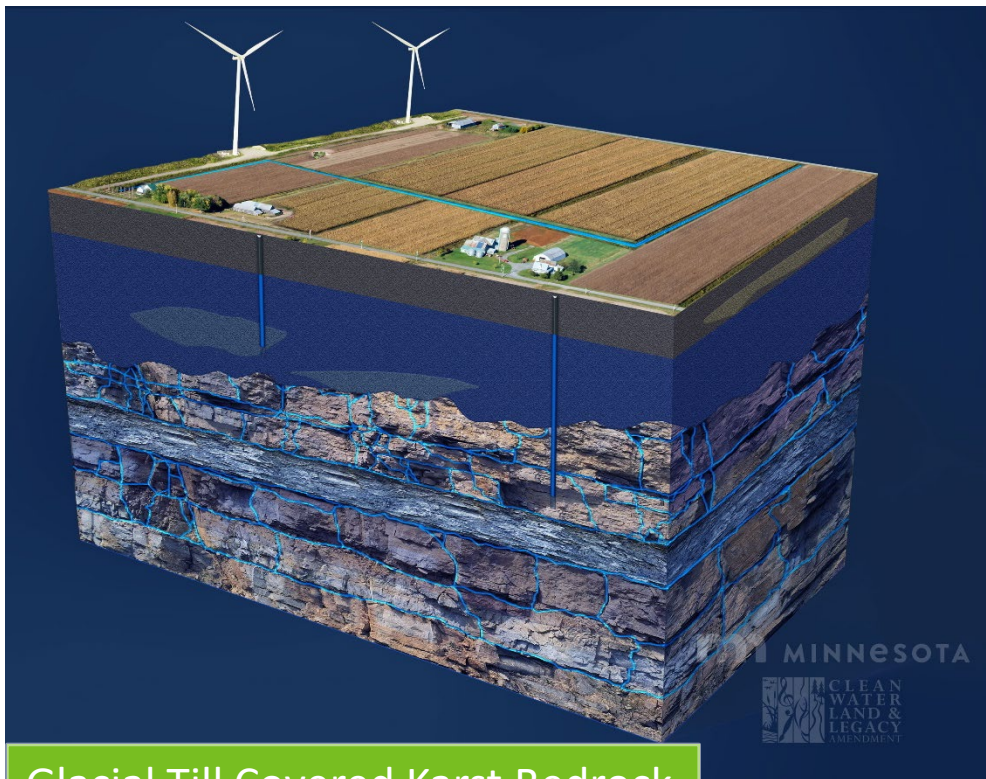


# Regional Hydrologic Connections - Drinking Water Risks

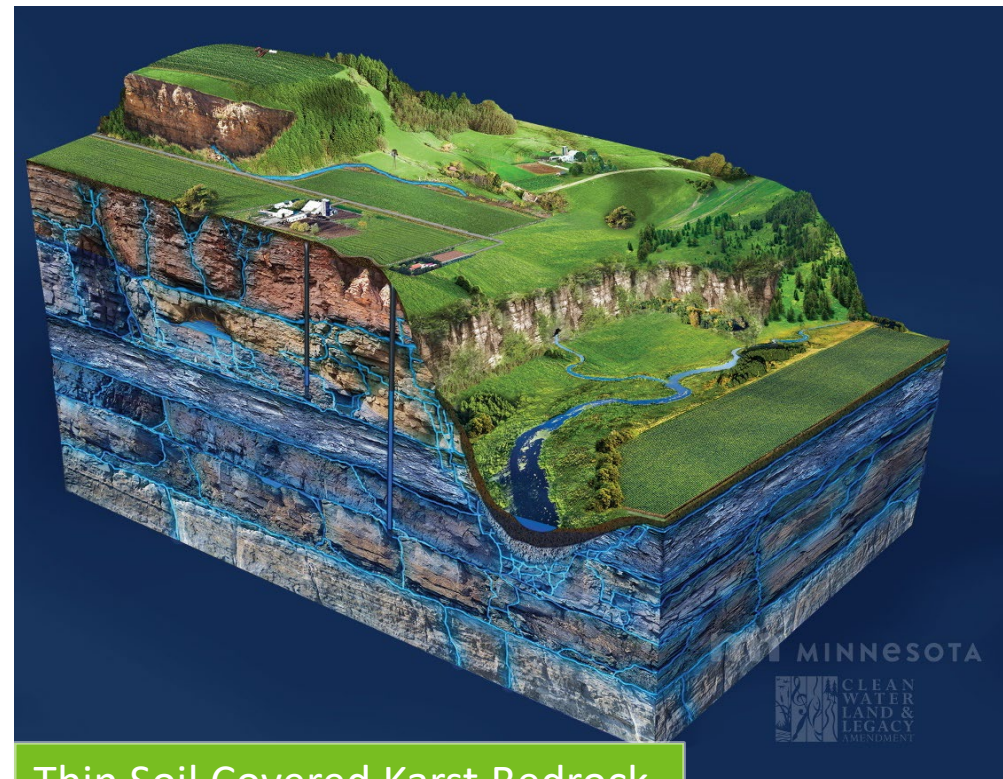
Geologic Challenges: Glacial till and karst-burdened landscape with buried bedrock valleys and fault zone

Hydrogeologic Challenges: Extensively interwoven surface and groundwater communication

Chemical Challenges: Complex unknown historic PFAS mixtures



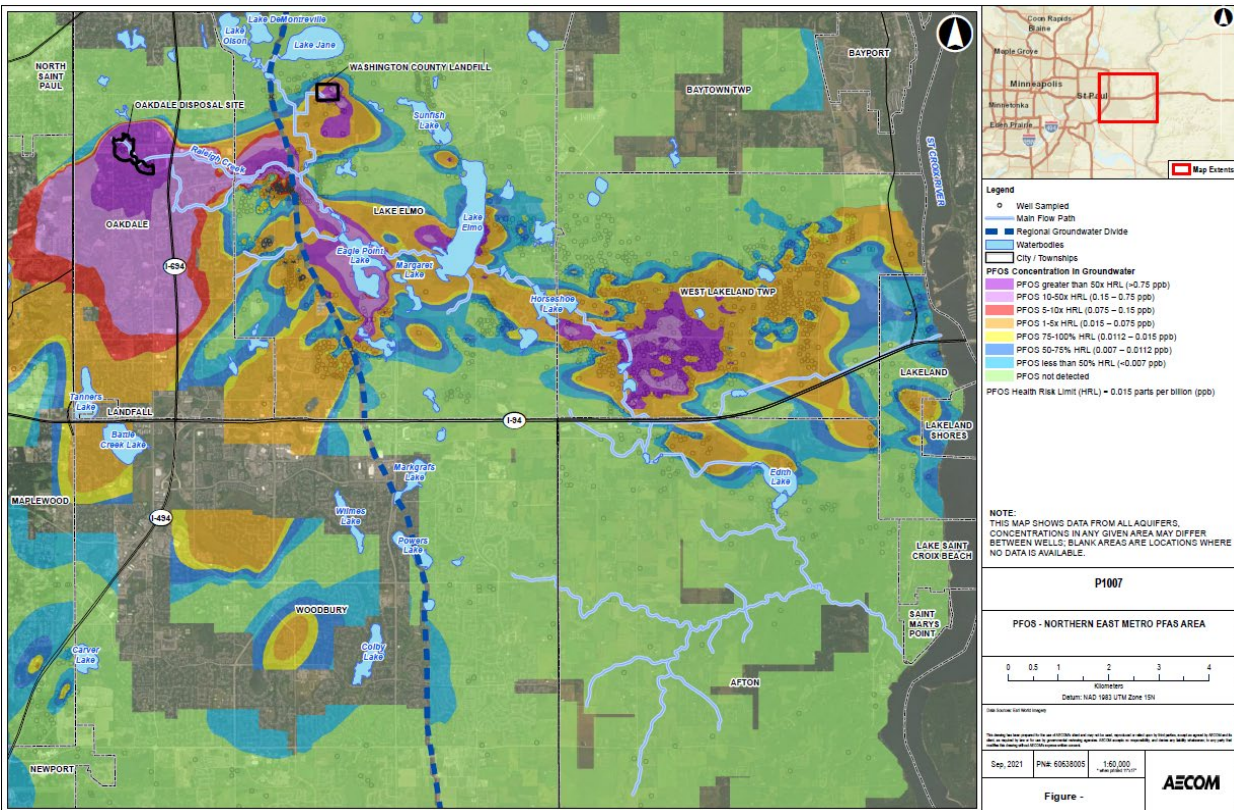
Glacial Till Covered Karst Bedrock



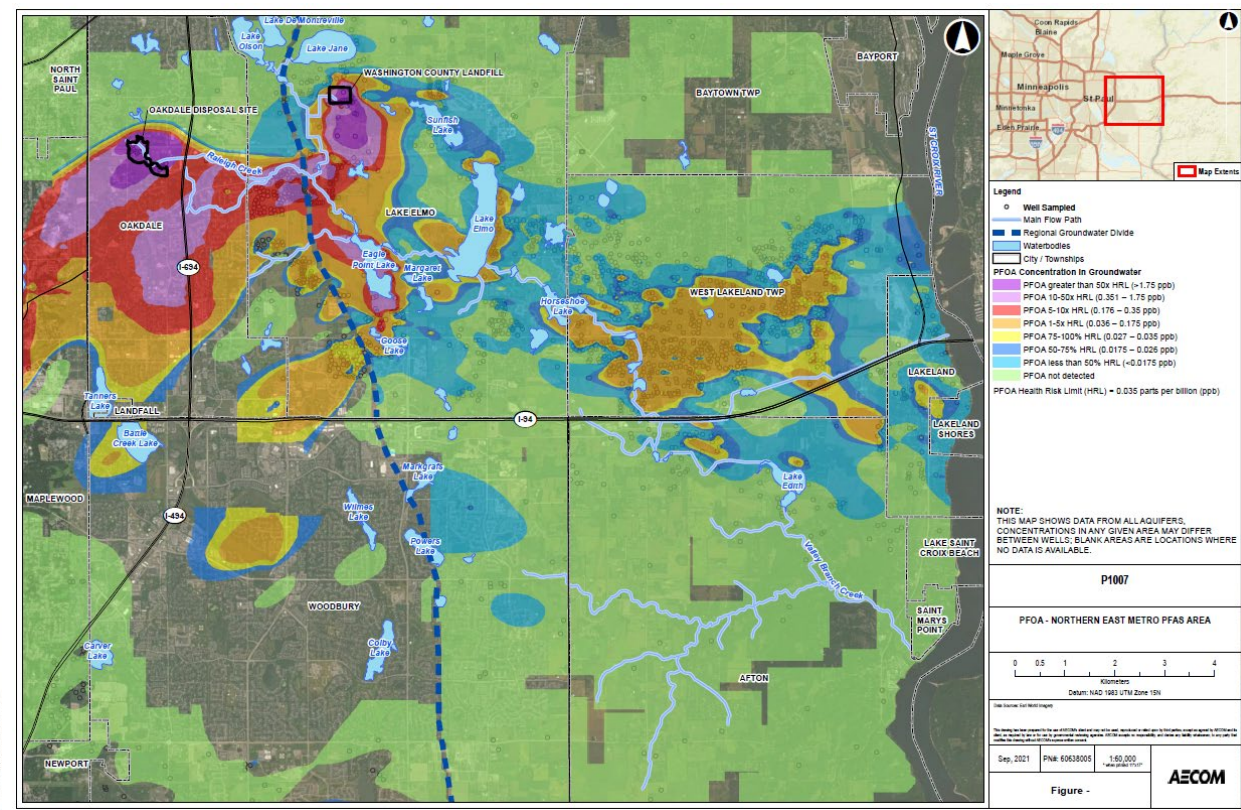
Thin Soil Covered Karst Bedrock



# PFOS/PFOA Extents Known To-Date - 2021



PFOS

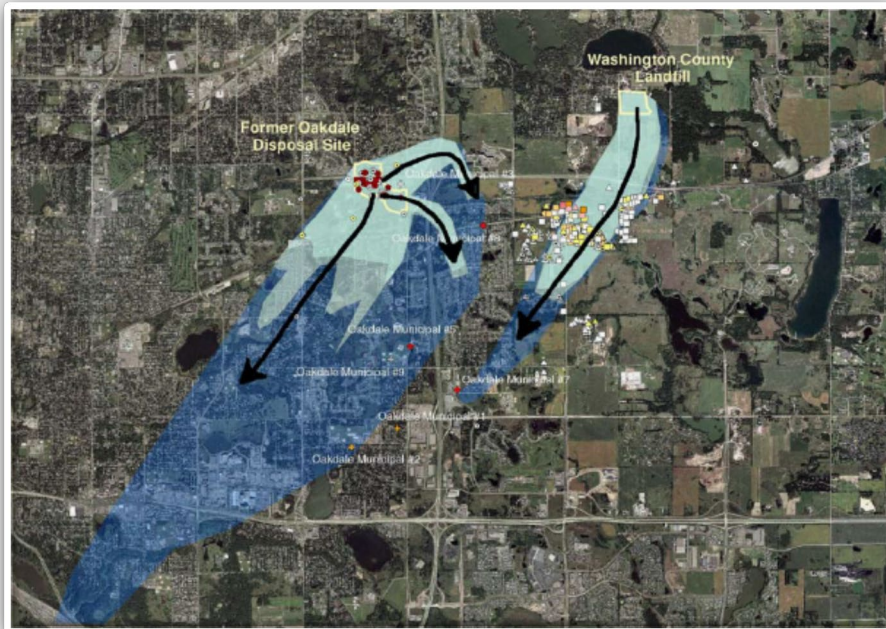


PFOA



# Evolving Groundwater Characterization

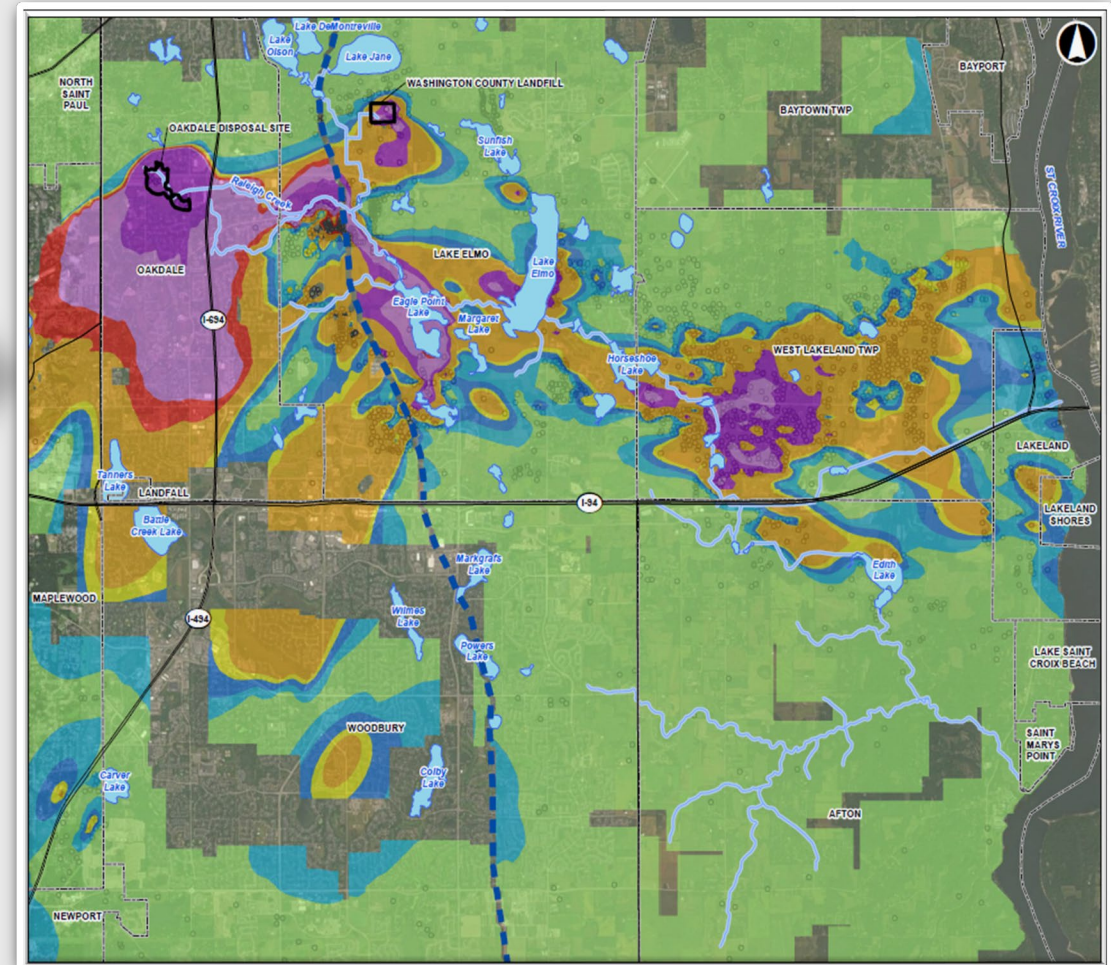
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Comprehensive data collection across multiple media is:

- Fundamental to improving numeric models; and
- integral to this regional-scale complex CSM.

2021





# Project 1007 FY22 Plans and Beyond



- Complete Monitoring Well installations
- Continued In-Field Monitoring
- Addendums to Ecological Risk Assessments
- Aquifer Pumping Tests
- Near-Term Actions – Pilot Testing
- Long-Term Treatment Evaluations
  - Groundwater
  - Surface Water
  - Sediment



# Results To-Date

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# Project 1007 Analytical

40 PFAS compounds analyzed by AXYS laboratory

Methods MLA 110 by Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry using isotope dilution

Total Oxidizable Precursor Assay  
Branched:Linear Isomer Analysis

Additional chemistry:

- Stable Isotope,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , Tritium, anion/cations, TOC, TDS.

## Media Sampled

Surface water

Groundwater

Soil

Sediment

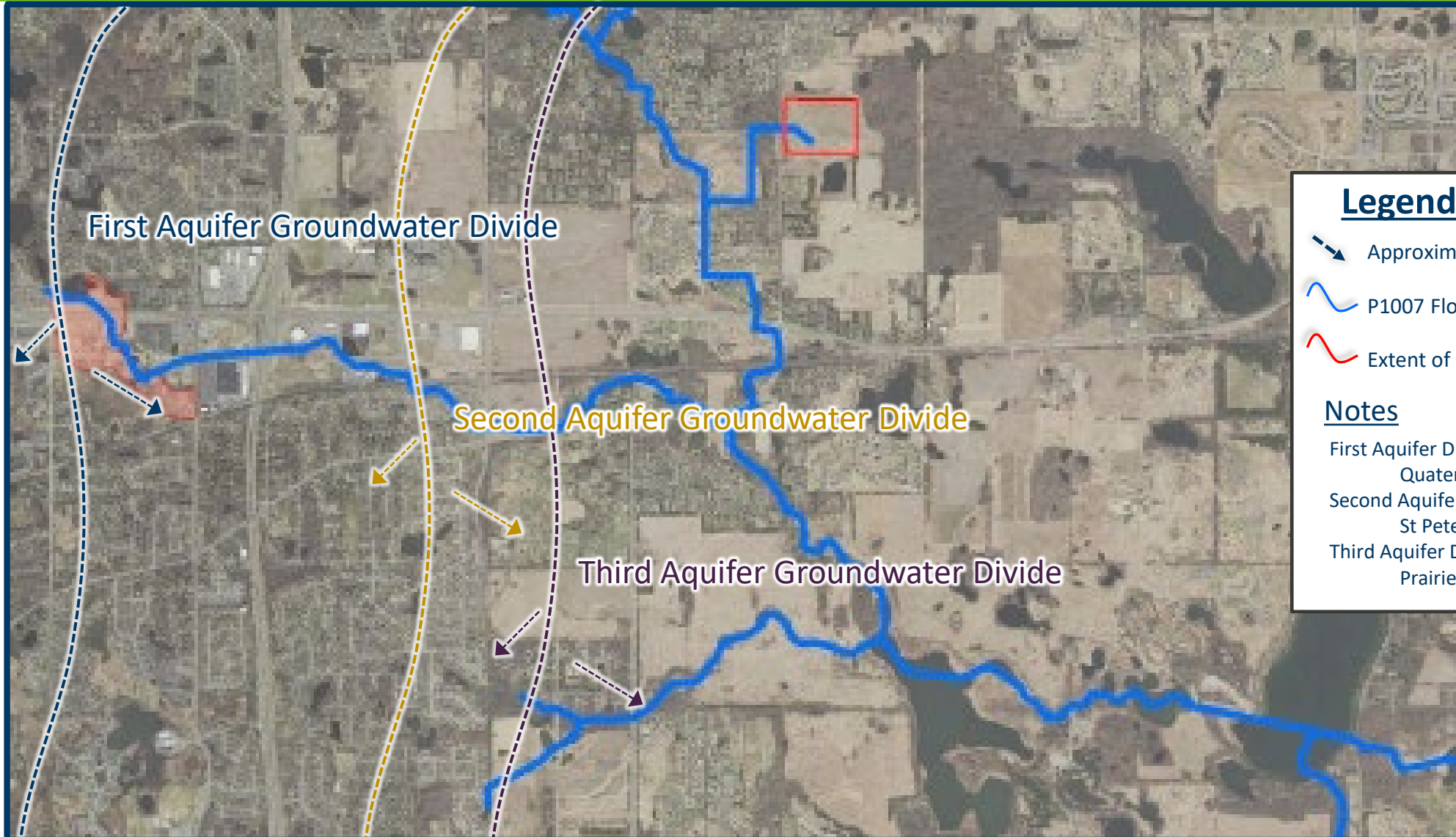
Foam

Aquatic Life Tissue

Plant Tissue

Bird, Mammal Tissue

# Complex Hydrogeology: Multiple Groundwater Divides



**Legend**

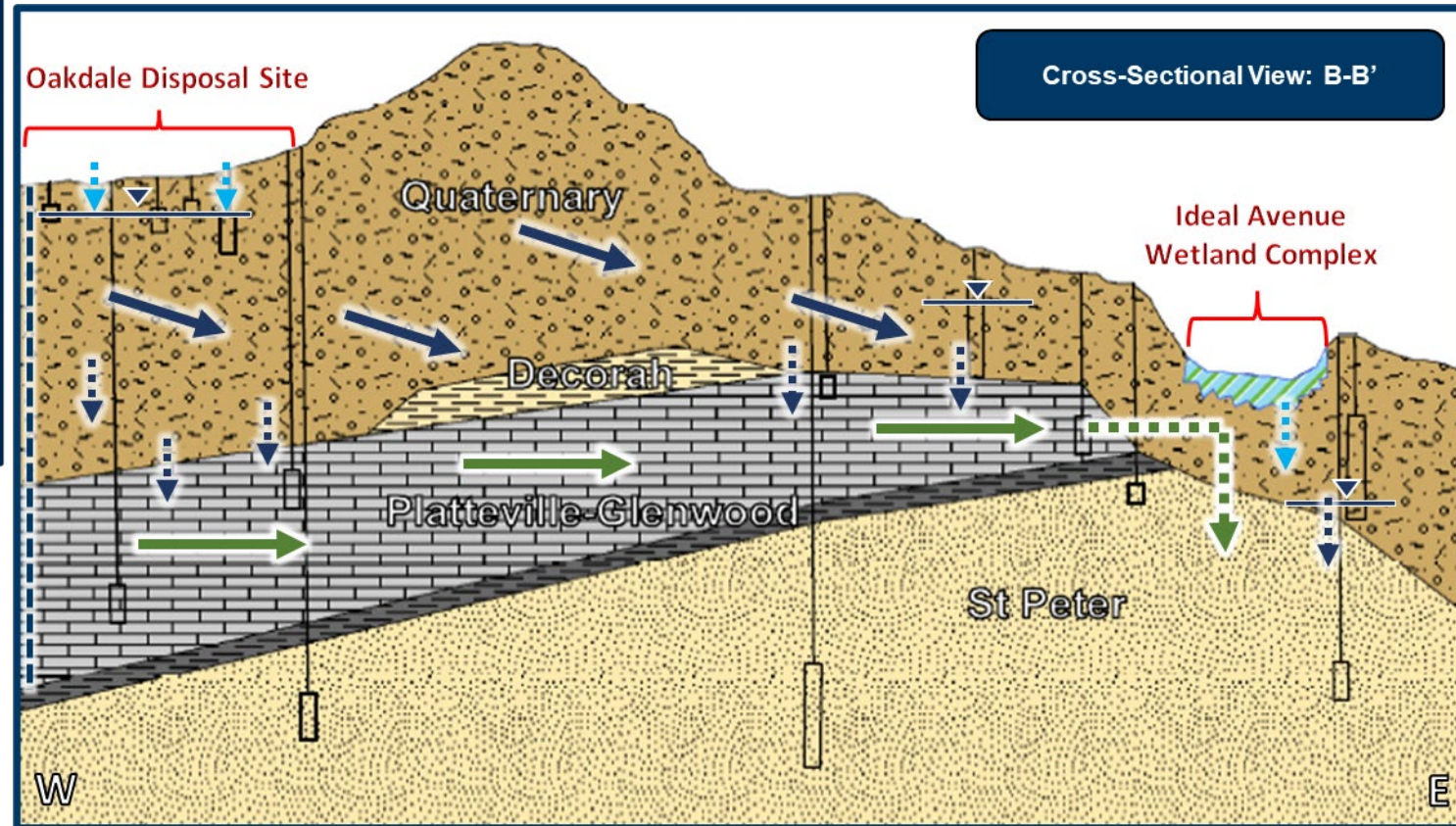
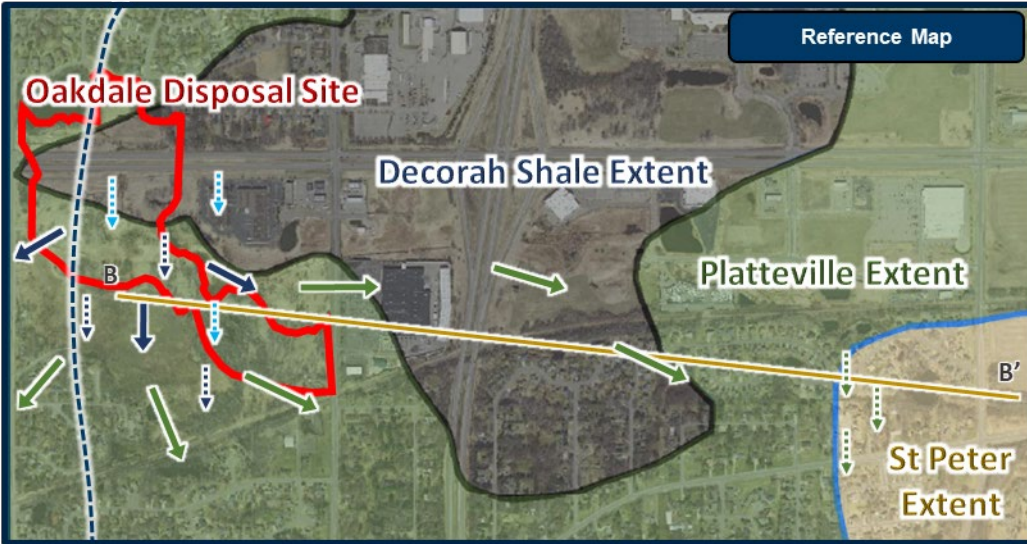
- Approximate Groundwater Flow Direction
- P1007 Flow Path
- Extent of Historic Source Areas

**Notes**

- First Aquifer Divide:  
Quaternary and Platteville Aquifers
- Second Aquifer Divide:  
St Peter Aquifer
- Third Aquifer Divide:  
Prairie du Chien and Jordan Aquifers



# Oakdale Disposal Site Hydrogeology Review: West to East



## Legend

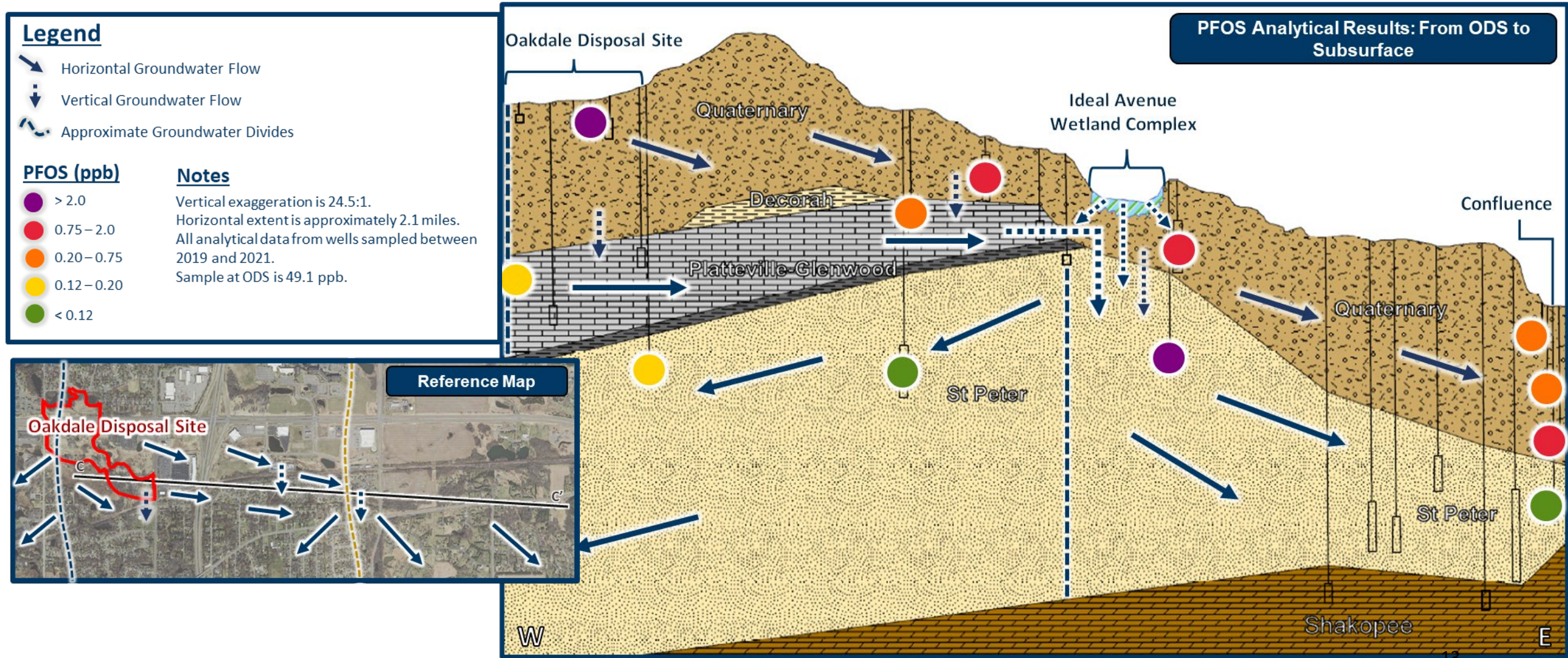
- Surface to Groundwater Infiltration
- Horizontal GW Flow: Quaternary
- Vertical GW Migration from Quaternary
- Horizontal GW Flow: Platteville
- Vertical GW Migration from Platteville
- First Approximate Groundwater Divide (Quaternary and Platteville)
- Approx. Water Table (Quaternary)

## Notes

Vertical exaggeration is 24.5:1  
Horizontal extent is approximately 1.4 miles



# PFAS Preferential Pathway: Shallow GW and Surface Water Contributions



# Statistical Analysis of Contaminant Mixtures

## Methods

PFOS:PFBA  
Ratios or  
Relative %  
Distributions

High vs Low  
Flow %  
Hydrologic  
Conditions

Branched:Linear  
Isomer Ratios

Multi-Variate  
Statistics  
(Clustering)

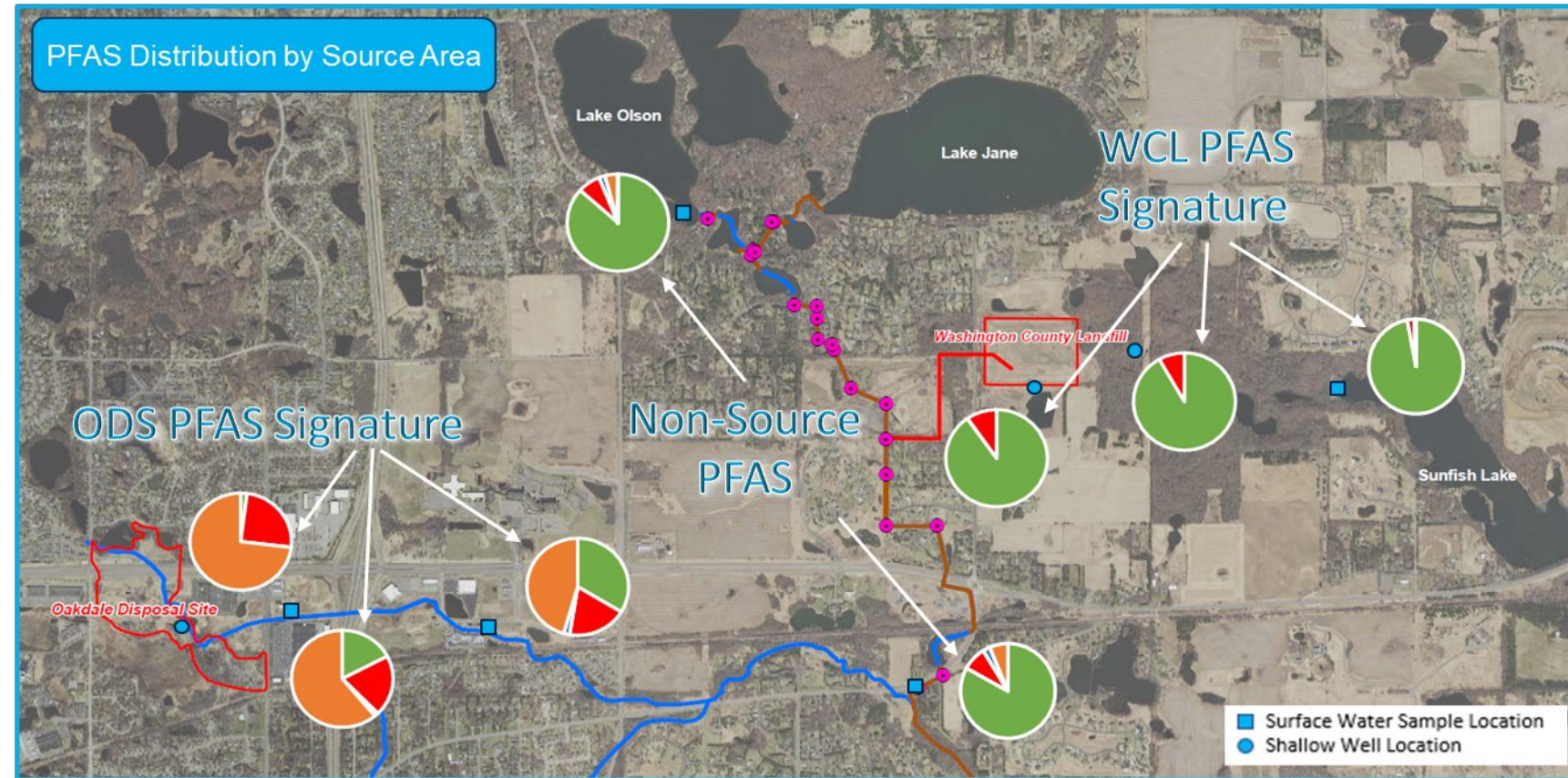
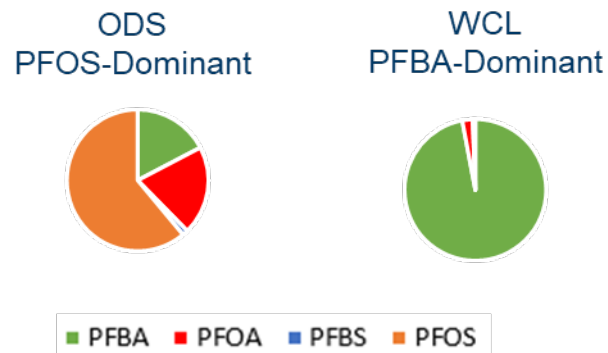
TOP Assay  
Graphical  
Statistics  
(Euclidian and  
UMAP)



# PFAS Mixture Comparison from 2 Source Areas

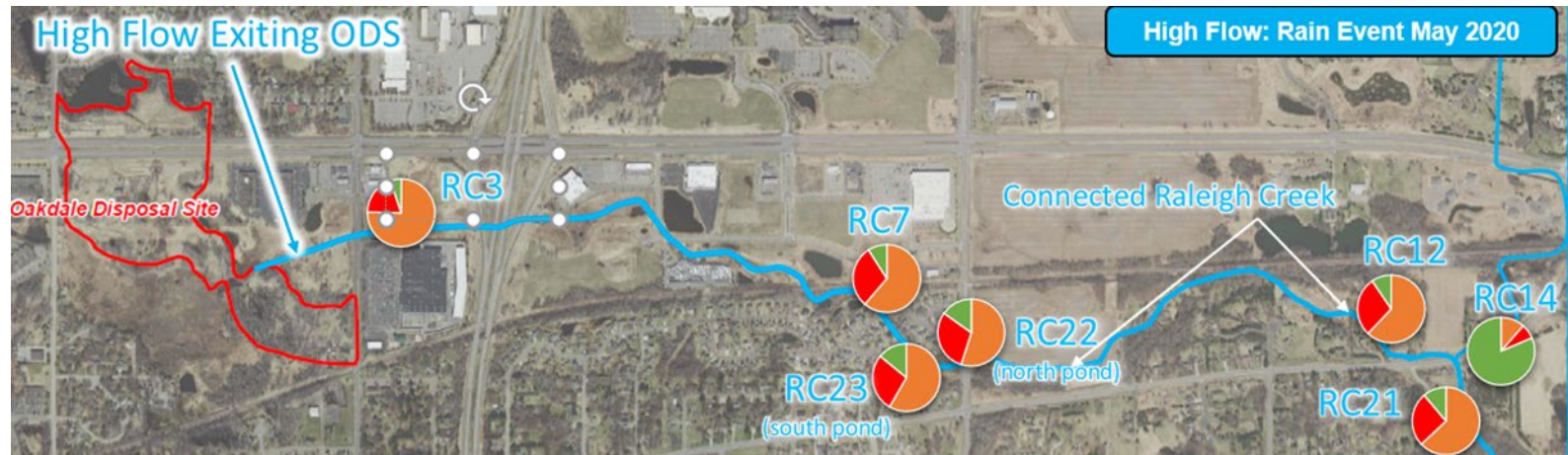
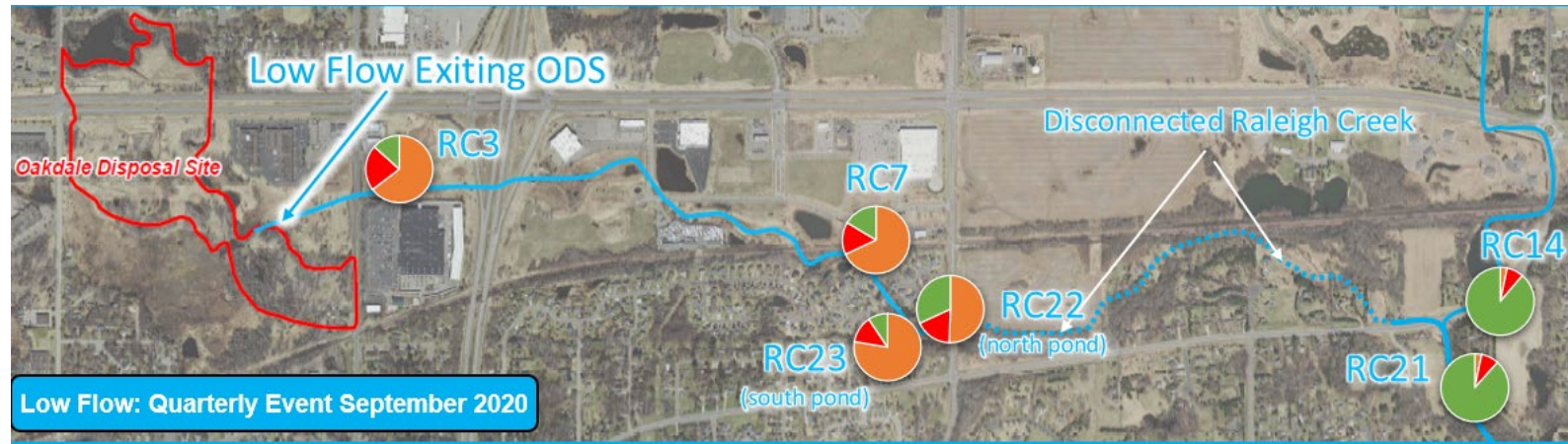
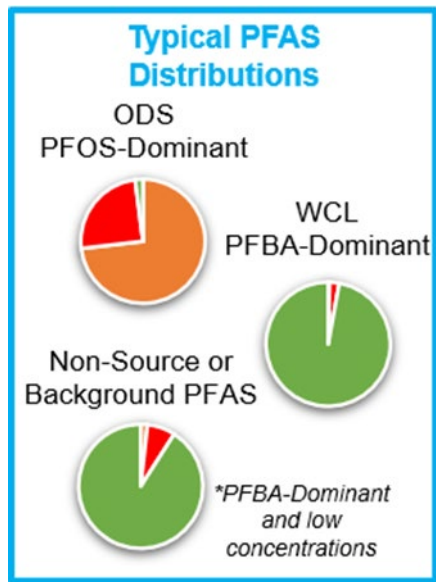
The PFAS signature associated with ODS is generally PFOS-dominant, while PFAS contamination from WCL is generally PFBA-dominant. As a result, analysis of the PFBA:PFOS ratio or the relative distribution of key compounds can be used to determine PFAS source contribution at different locations.

## Typical PFAS Distribution: ODS v.s. WCL

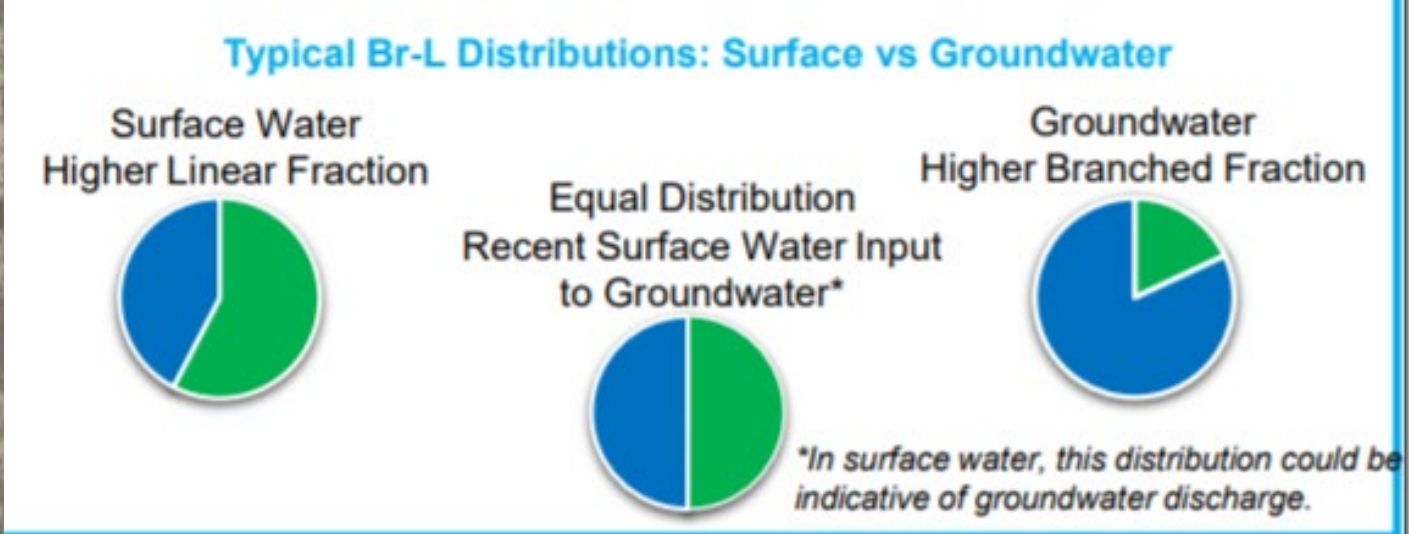
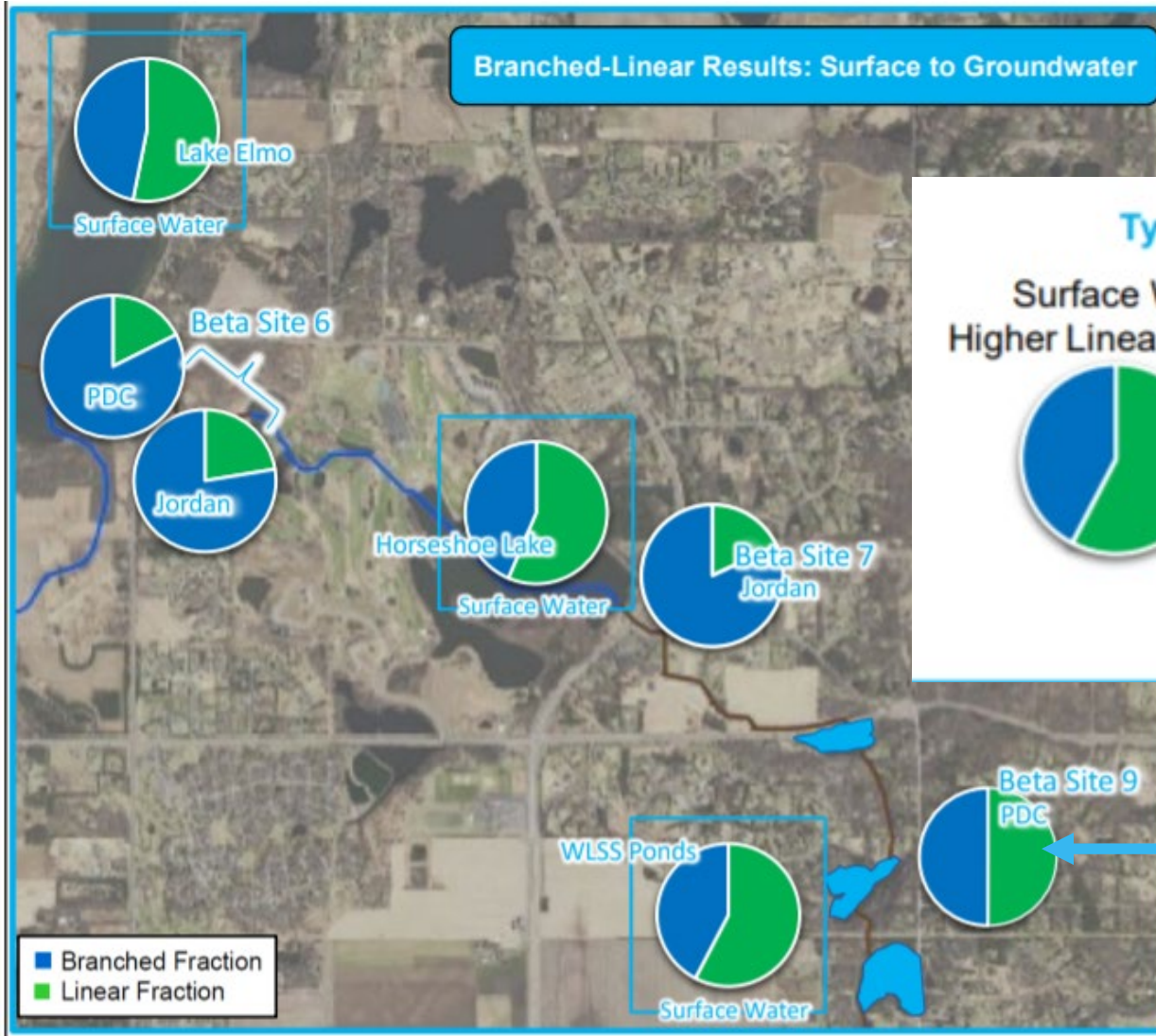




# Lines of Evidence: High Flow vs. Low Flow Conditions



# Branched:Linear Isomer Ratios



This increase in linear fraction in downgradient bedrock aquifer indicates surface water infiltration

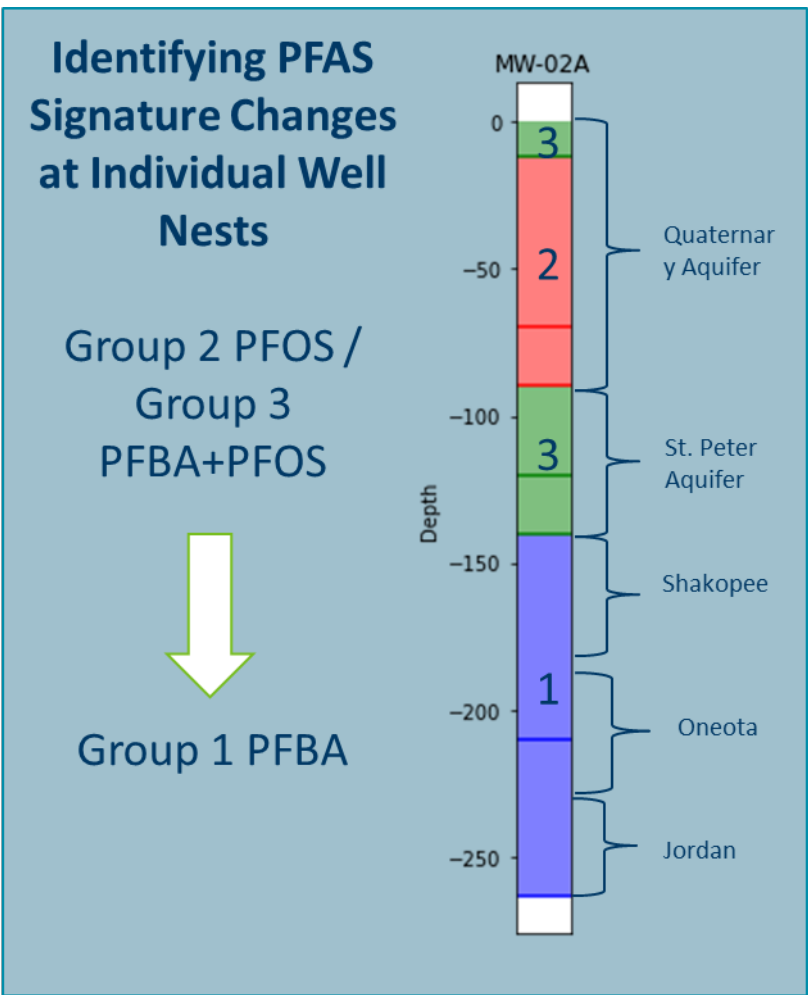
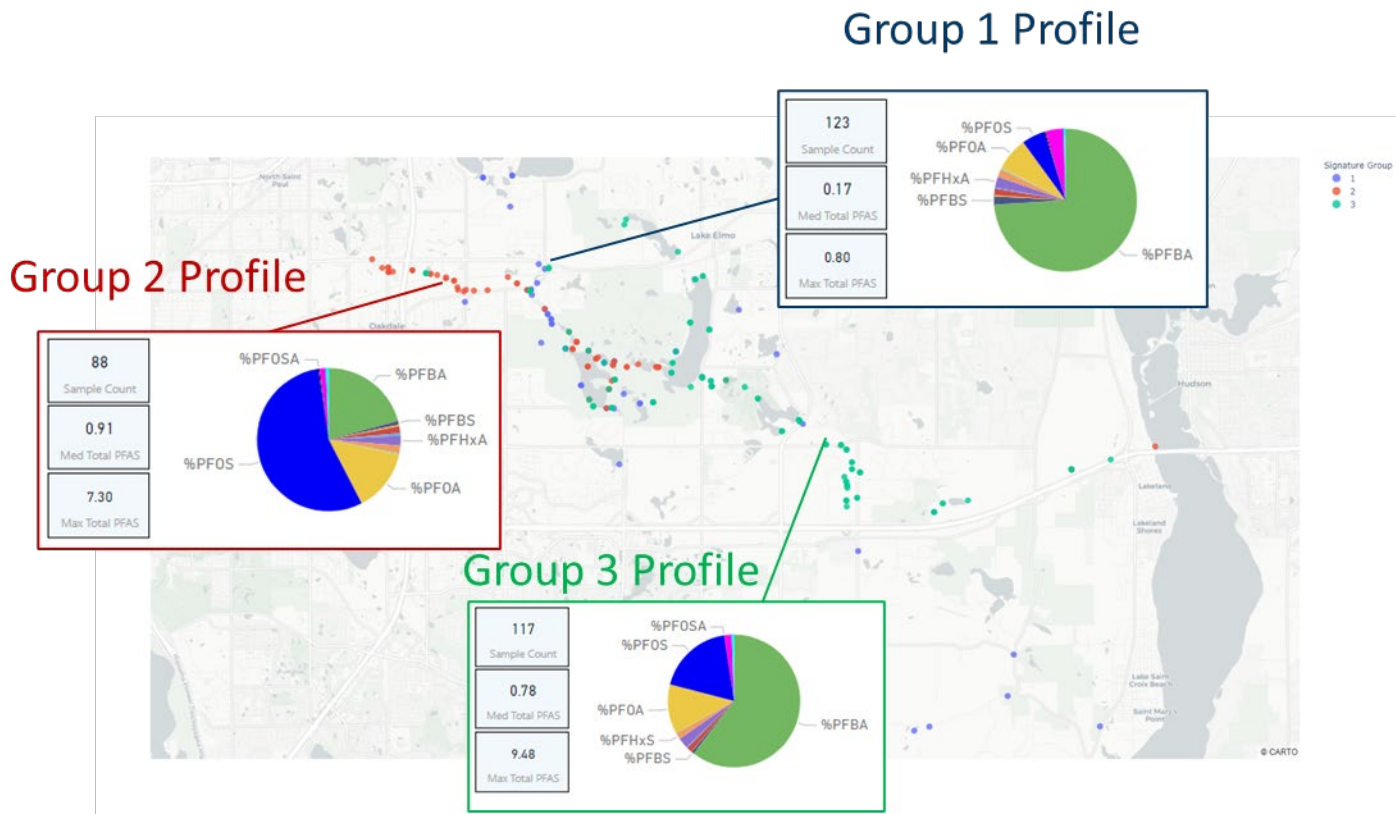






# Multivariate Statistical Analysis

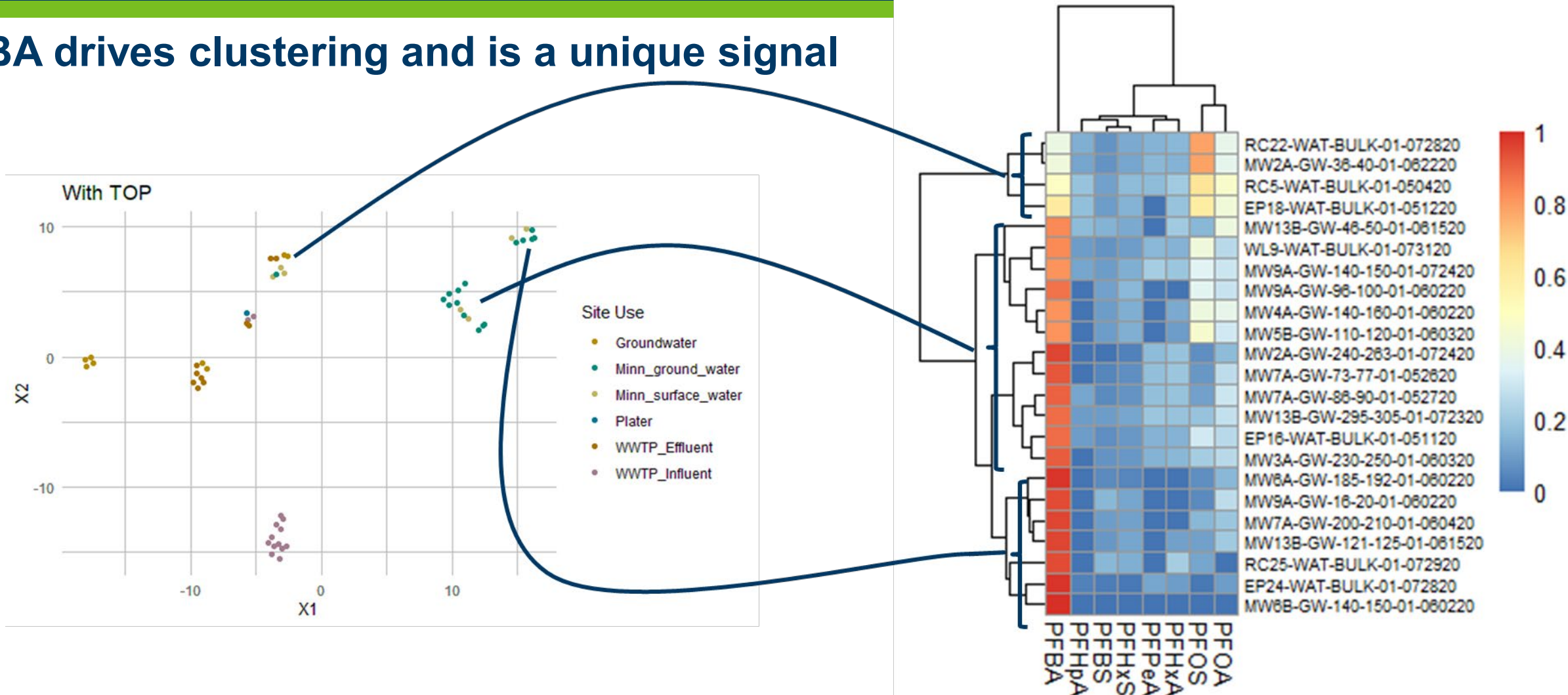
Multivariate statistical clustering showed three dominant PFAS profiles



# University of California at Berkeley

## Total Oxidizable Precursor Analysis – Statistical Evaluation

PFBA drives clustering and is a unique signal



Courtesy of N. Antell, UCB

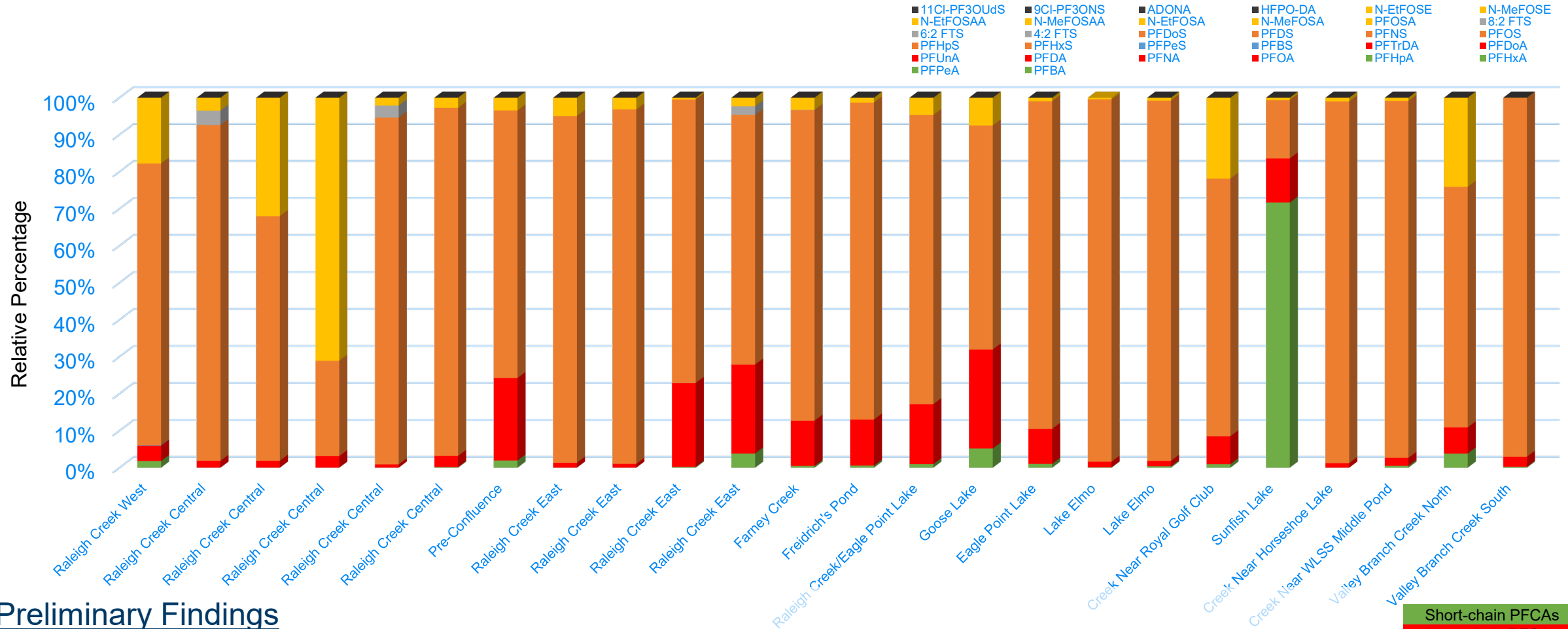


# Results To-Date: Observed PFAS- Containing Foam Characteristics



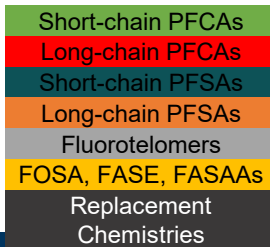


# Project 1007 PFAS Compound Distribution in Foam

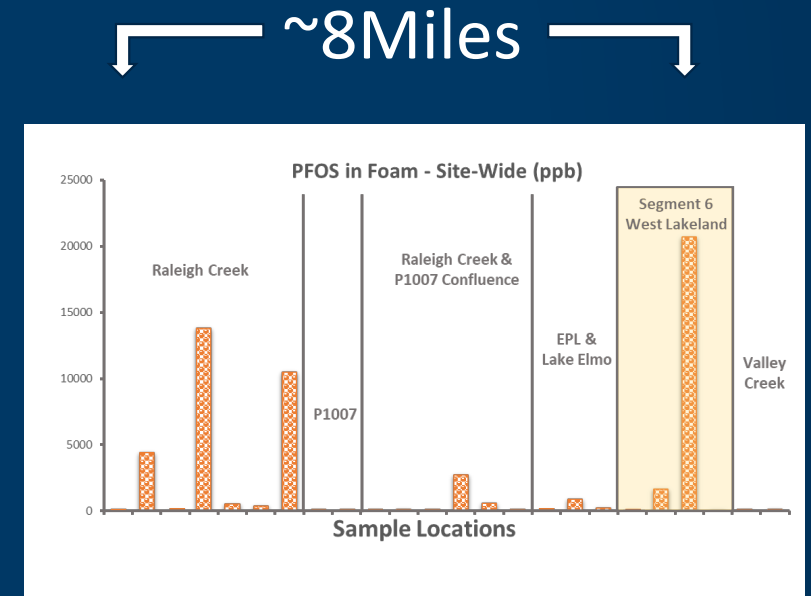
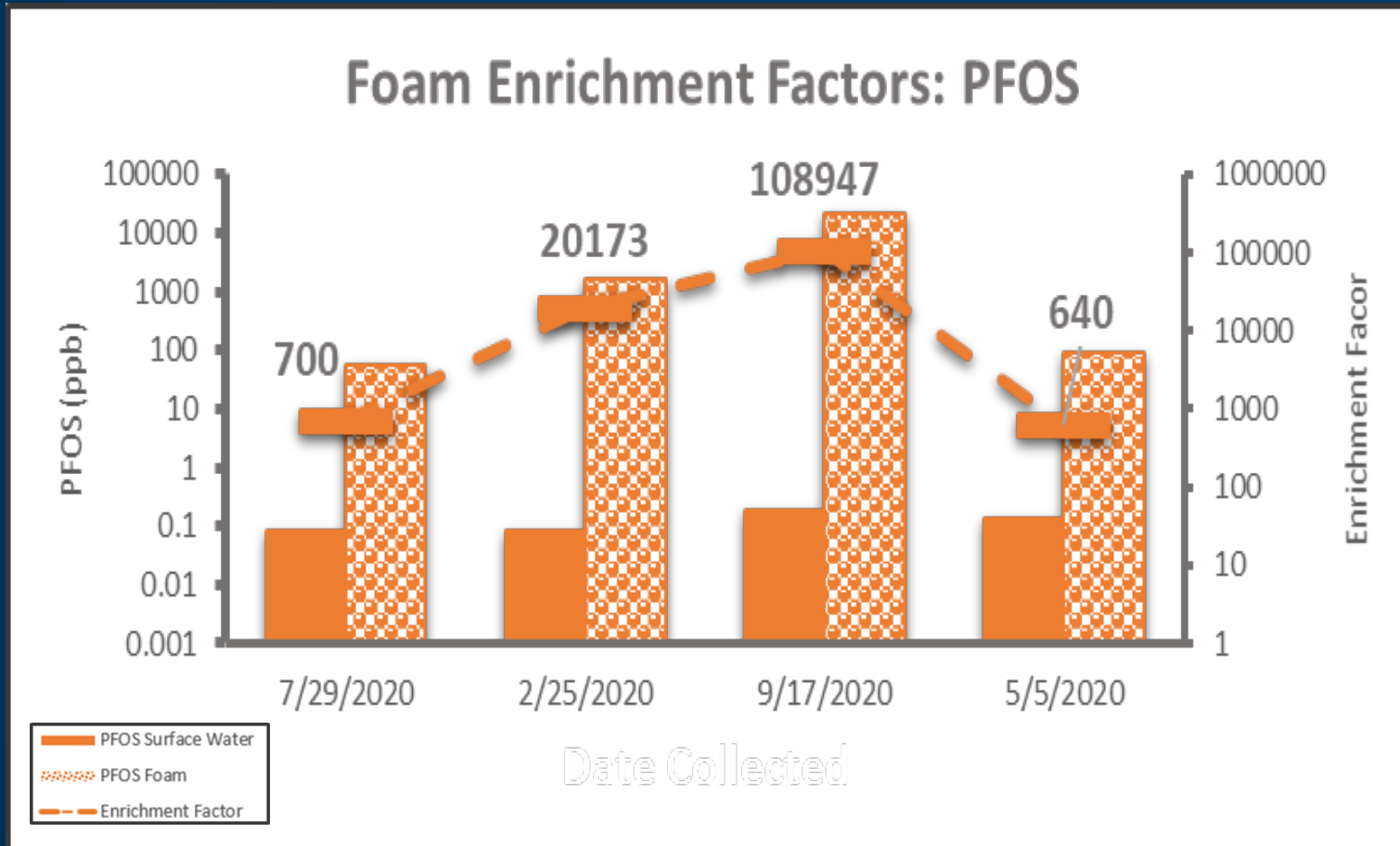


## Preliminary Findings

- Foam samples are overwhelmingly comprised of long-chain PFSA (up to 97% of total PFAS)
- Greater than 20% of foam consists of PFSA precursors in areas near ODS, downgradient of Lake Elmo, and Valley Branch Creek



# PFAS-Containing Foam Enrichment Factors and Source Proximity





# Risk Assessments

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# Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment Results

## Individual-level and Population-level risks

**Population-level risks** due to PFOS exposure were identified for ***great blue heron, muskrat and mink*** - key receptors to consider in remedial decisions.

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**Individual-level risks** due to PFOS exposure were identified for ***tree swallow, spotted sandpiper, great blue heron, muskrat, little brown bat and mink*** – key receptors to consider if T&E species may be represented by one of these particular species and feeding guilds.

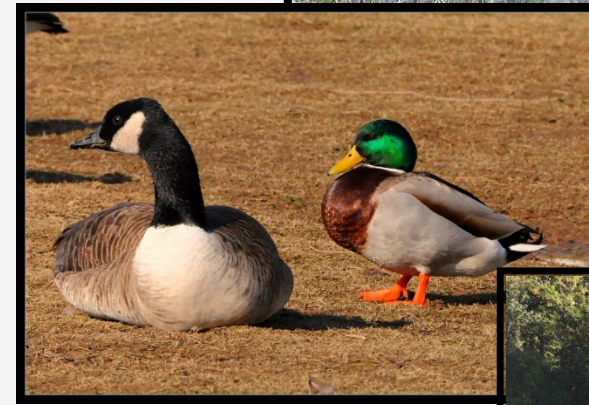
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# Updates to Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment

- DNR has **60 deer liver** results - PFAS levels in livers from deer harvested in Lake Elmo Park Reserve (LEPR) appear *preliminarily* to be *lower* than levels seen in Maine, Michigan, and Wisconsin that prompted deer meat consumption advisories. Report expected mid-2022.
- DNR will collect **25 mallards this winter and 25 Canadian geese** this summer (2022) from the LEPR and report expected by end of the calendar year.
- **Plant tissue** sample results from Project 1007 areas are in and under evaluation now by AECOM risk assessors, addendum expected in March.



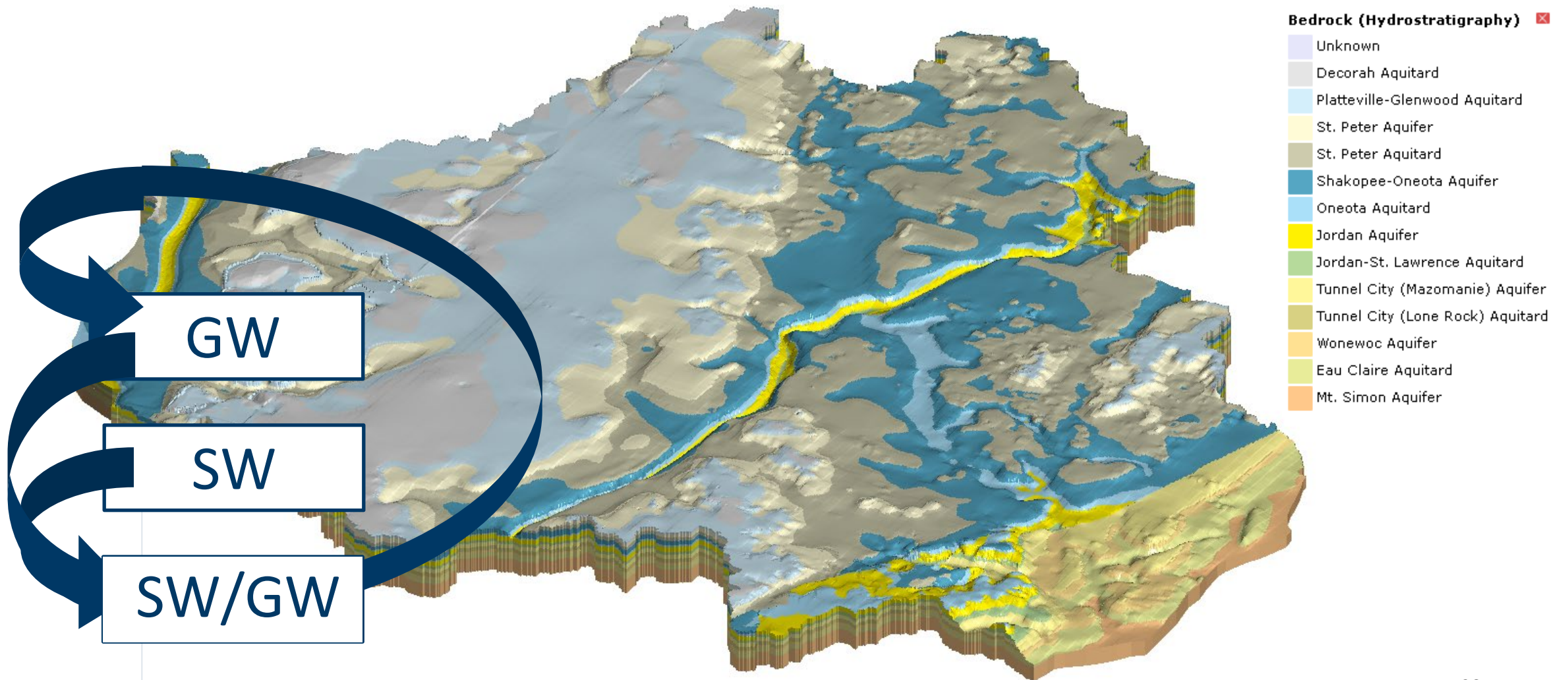
# Combined Surface Water & Groundwater Modeling

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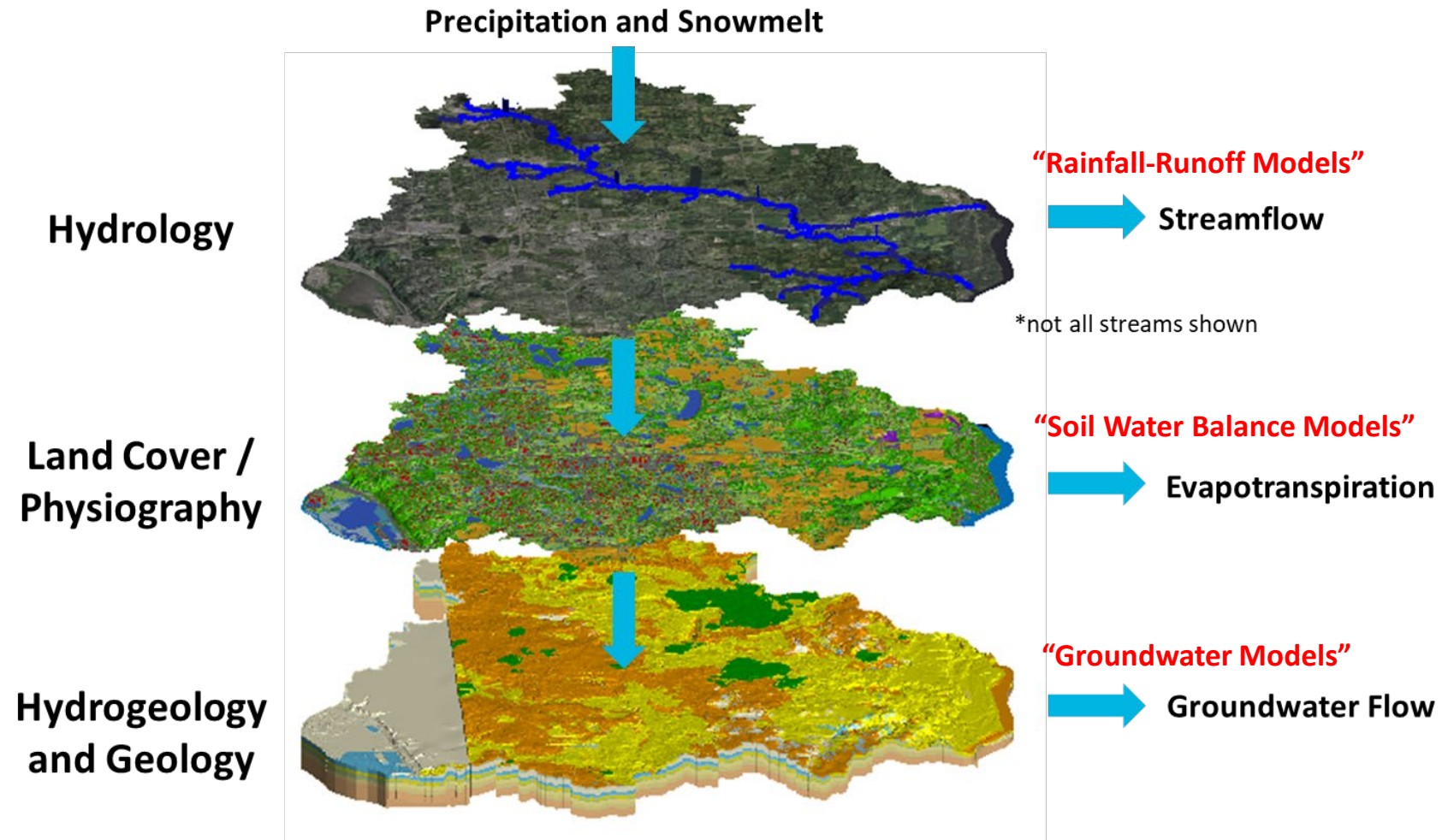


# Surface Water / Groundwater Study Areas

Forward progress toward integrated model



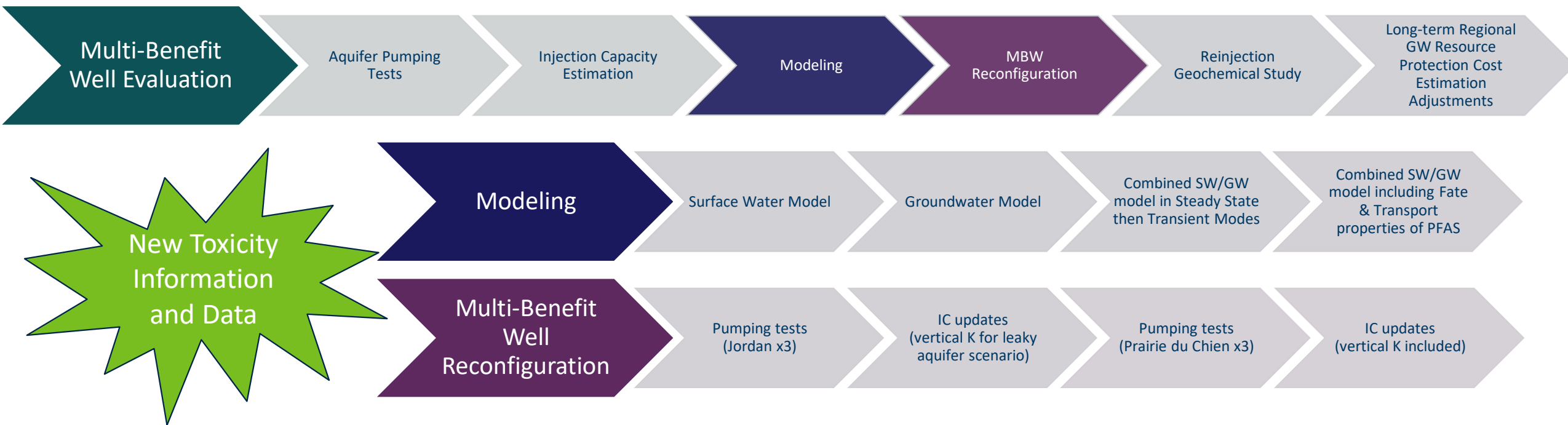
# Integrated SW/GW Model



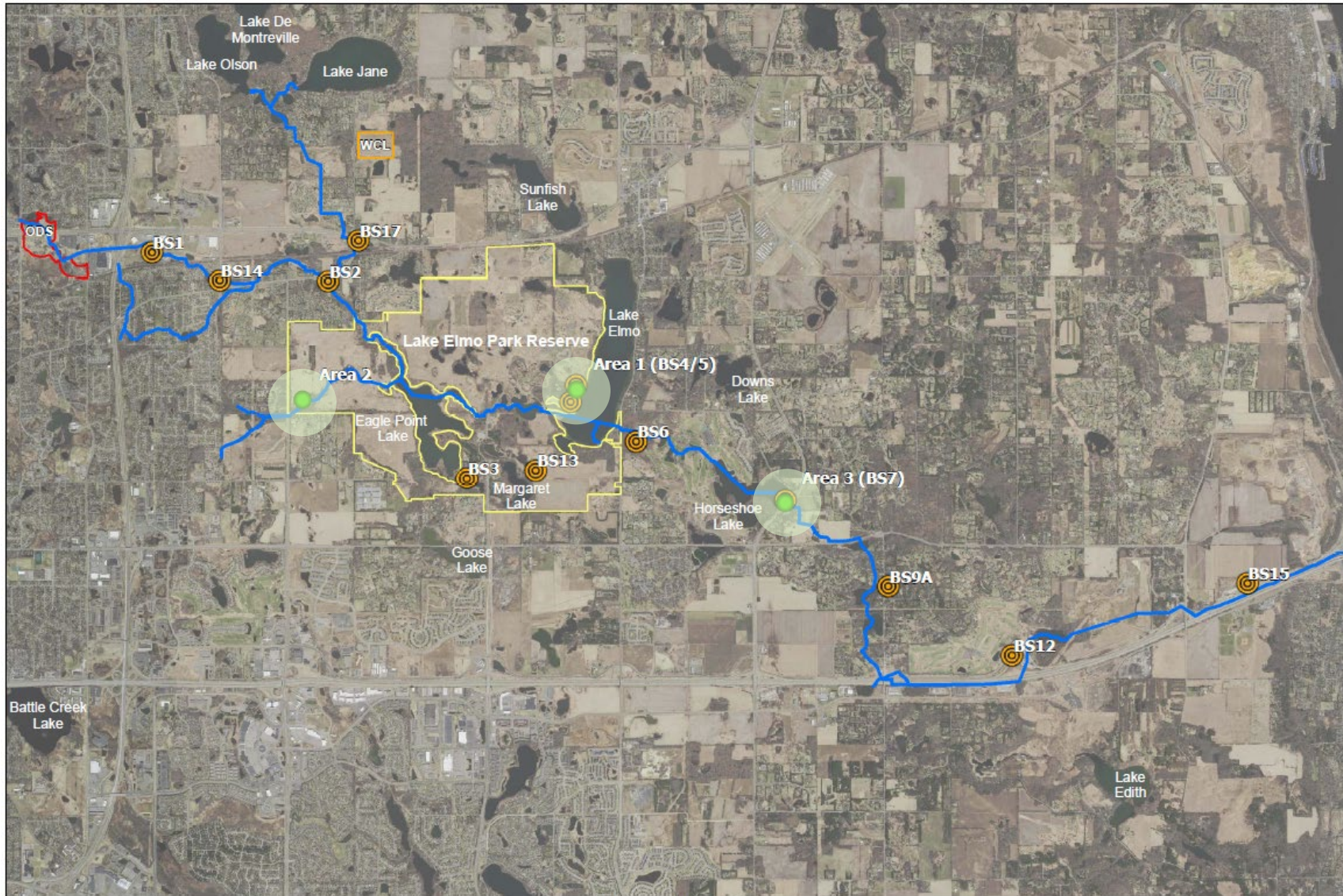


# Drinking Water Protection: Multi-Benefit Well Conceptual Design Framework

Multi-Benefit Wells (MBWs) are wells designed to obtain remedial objectives while providing municipal supply to achieve long-term regional groundwater resource protection goals.



# Project 1007 - Aquifer Pumping Test Locations



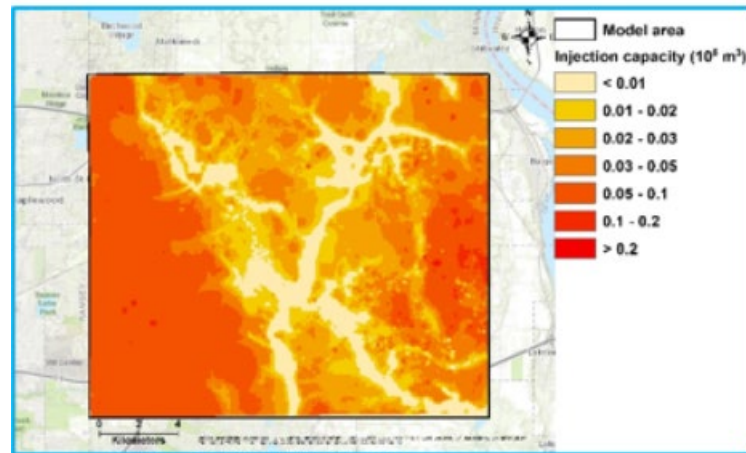
3 Aquifer Pumping Tests  
#1 Done  
#2 Done  
#3 Spring 2022

Results integrated into  
combined surface water  
and groundwater model.

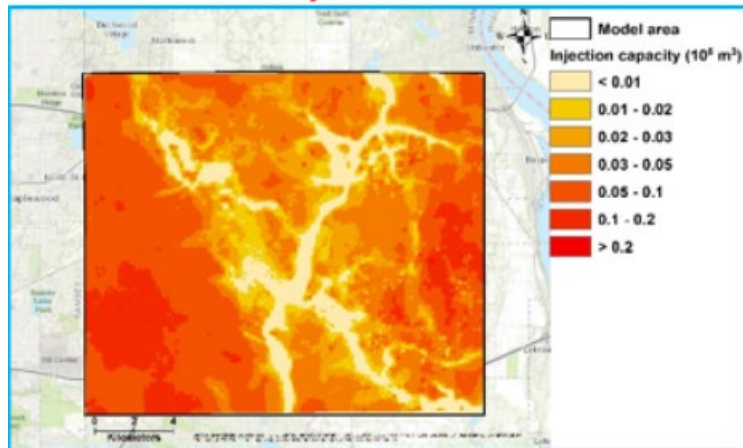


# University of Minnesota Graphical Injection Capacity Estimations

Non-leaky scenario



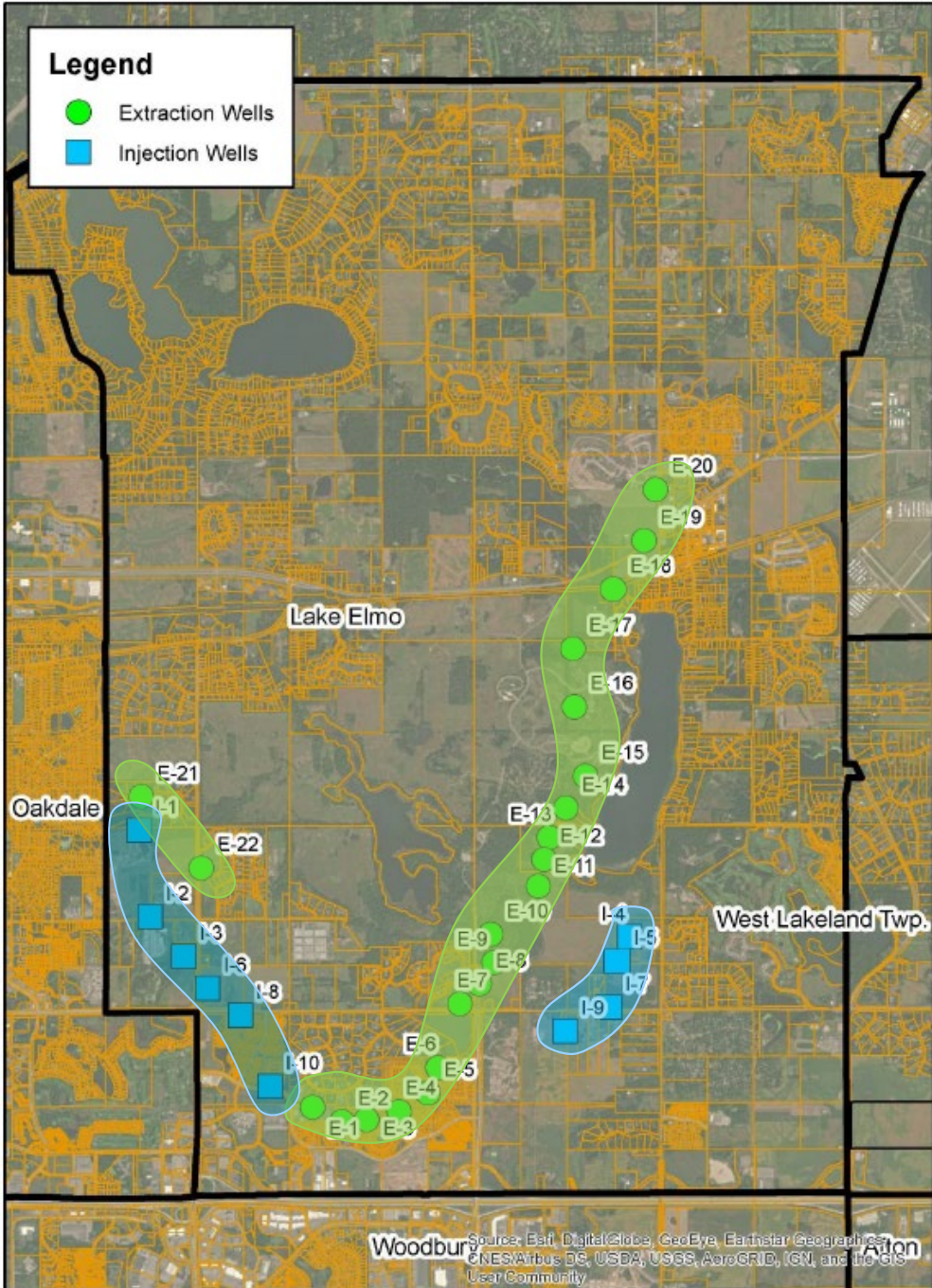
Leaky scenario



## Project 1007 Injection Capacity Early Estimations

- 1) Developed a solution for well pumping capacity with inter-aquifer leakage based on the Hantush - Jacob solution.
- 2) Developed a practical mapping methodology that estimates injection capacity in areas where inter-aquifer leakage can be important.
- 3) Observed an average **increase in the injection capacity of about 26 percent** as compared to the nonleaky scenario (further analyses needed).
- 4) The developed tool can be easily applied to other leaky aquifers.

# Multi-Benefit Well Array Continuous Reconfiguration



## Next Step

Additional Pumping Test Data Goes into Model

Improve injection capacity estimation

Reconfigure Multi-Benefit Well Array



# Near-Term Actions

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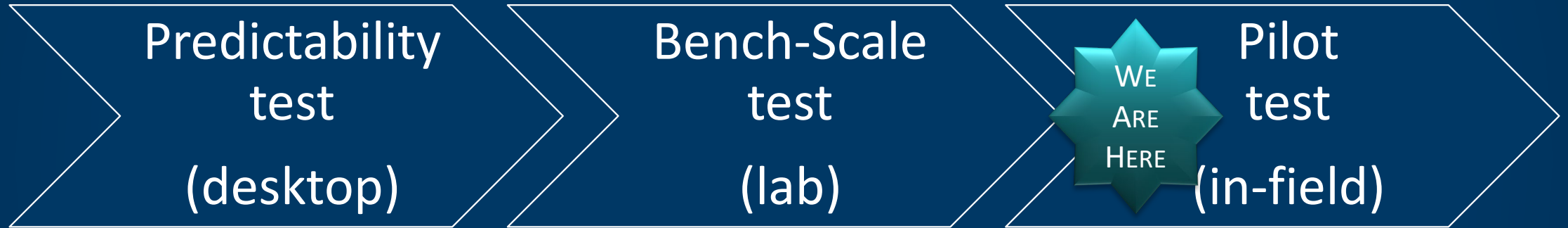
# Near-Term **Surface Water** Actions

- Drinking Water Protection Activities
  - **Surface Water Actions**
  - Groundwater Actions
  - Sediment Actions





# How Near-Term Surface Water Actions Work: From Predictability to Field Pilot



# Surface Water Treatment

## Bench-Scale Lab Tested Foam Fractionation

Total Bulk PFAS Removal: 79-85% in primary treatment

93-99% PFOS/PFOA removal overall

High-performance tertiary stage treatment removed down to C5 sulfonates and C6 carboxylates

Treated down to 1-10ppt PFOA, 5-10ppt PFOS

Liquid was concentrated 132x from 102L of surface water to 0.77L of hyperconcentrate

Next Steps: Procurement and Pilot-Testing



# Bench-scale test – 2 stages of fractionation

100L Raleigh Creek Water



Primary  
Foamate  
5.73L



Secondary  
Foamate  
.77L



# Australia



## OAKEY SAFF SYSTEM

All up we've treated over 50ML and produced about 10 litres of liquid PFAS concentrate.

Over that time the SAFF plant at Oakey hasn't had a single exceedance of the 70ppt sum of PFOS, PFOA and PFHxS.

**PETE MURPHY**  
Managing Director  
OPEC Systems

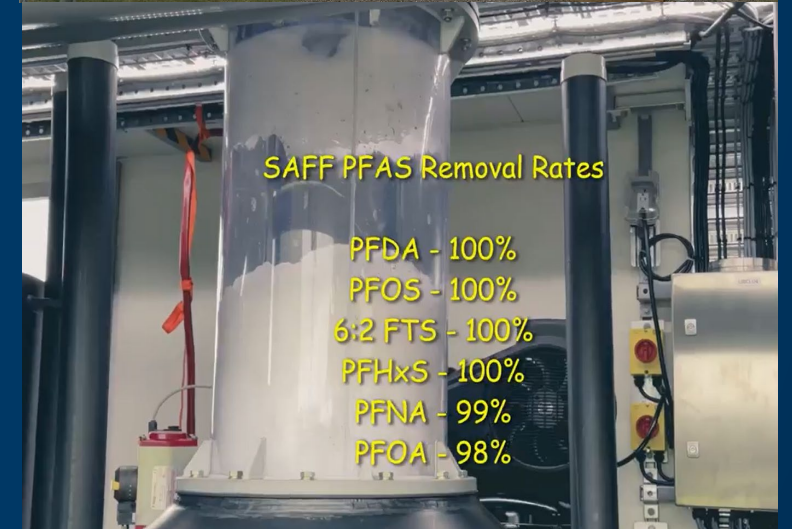


# Sweden



# SAFF Case Studies

# New York



## SAFF PFAS Removal Rates

- PFDA - 100%
- PFOS - 100%
- 6:2 FTS - 100%
- PFHxS - 100%
- PFNA - 99%
- PFOA - 98%



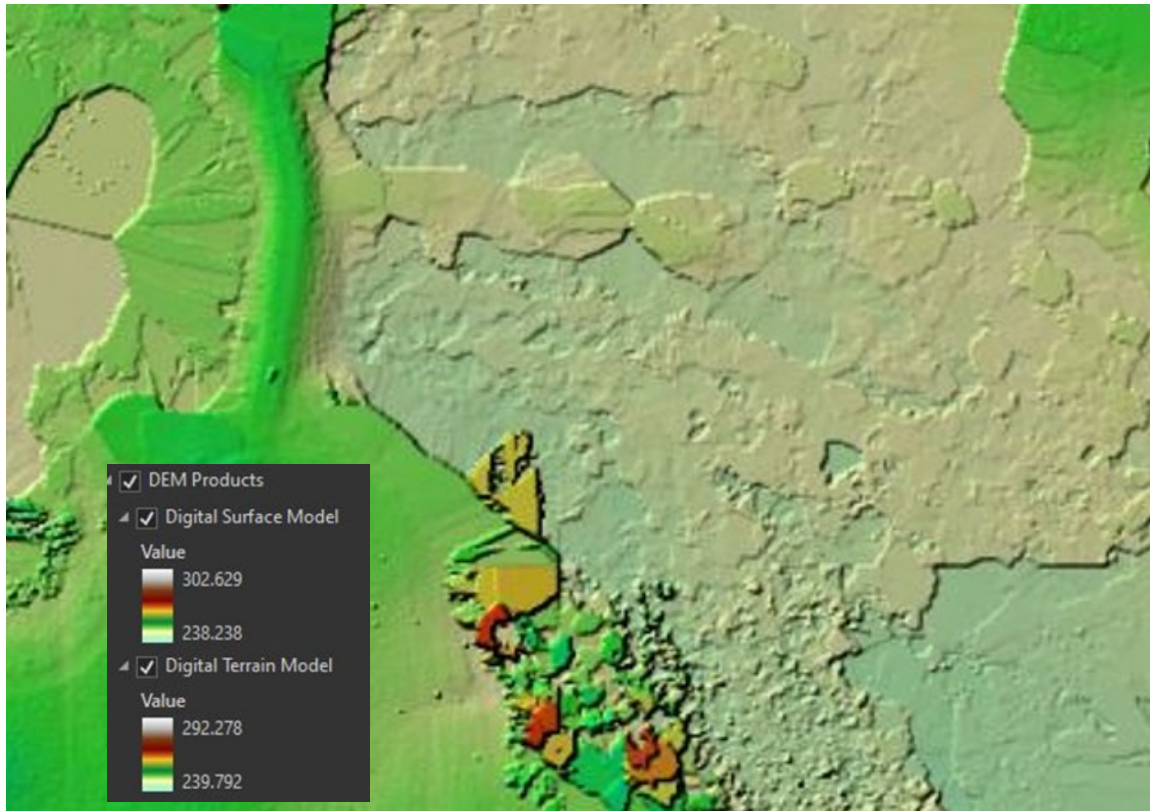
# Field-Implementation of SAFF Pilot Study



Potential testing locations for mobile SAFF unit



# Drone Aerials and DSM/DTM Imagery



Drone coverage improves digital data and real-world considerations for corrective action considerations.



# Near-Term and Long-Term High-Level Task Projections

2022



2023



2027



2032



2052

- Expanded Boundary Investigation
- Pumping Tests
- MBW Continuous Evaluation
- Foam Fractionation Pilot Study
- Monitoring
- Eco Risk Addendums

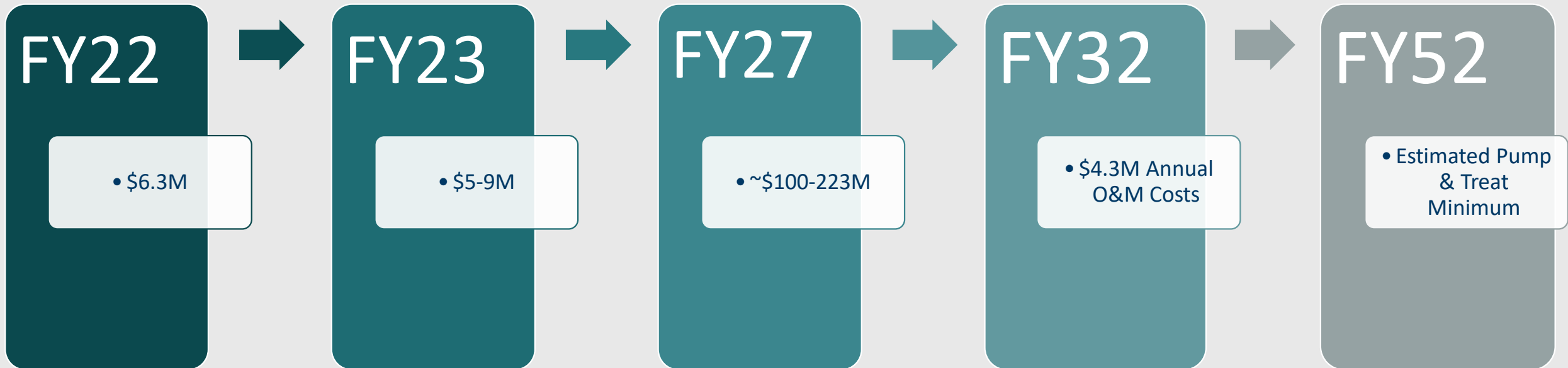
- Surface Water, Groundwater, and Sediment FS Options Evaluated
- Monitoring
- MBW Continuous Evaluation
- Estimated Feasibility Study Potential Completion

- Sediment and surface water actions started
- MBW Array Gradual Installation
- Iterative Evaluation of MBW array
- Local Drinking Water Connections & Installations
- O&M

- Sediment and surface water actions completed
- Full MBW array functioning
- Continuous protective measures for monitoring and modeling
- O&M

- Estimated pump and treat minimum timeframe for MBW array

# Near-Term and Long-Term High-Level Cost Projections





# Thank you

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