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Overview of Groundwater Modeling

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GW Modeling Update Overview

Progress since last month

- Updated CSM Memo Outline
- New model base layers
- CSM Memo writing
- Overall GW Model Status
- QA/QC activities
- Next steps

Progress – Updated CSM Memorandum Outline

Comments Received

• Two sets of comments received – requires further discussion

with GW modeling team

- One minor change from MPCA
- 2.0 East Metro Lithology/Geology
 - 2.1 Description and Discussion of the geology/lithology included in the CSM and future Numerical Groundwater Model
 - 2.2 Geological Structure faults, fractures, and conduit flow
 - 2.3 Maps/Figures/X-sections of lithology/geology (including surfaces)

Progress – Updated Model Base Layers

- ✓ Bedrock surfaces
- ✓ Hydraulic conductivity ranges for bedrock units
- ✓ Surface topography raster from MN and WI DEMs
- ✓ Groundwater elevations, screen intervals, and screen lithologies for area-wide groundwater monitoring wells.
- ✓ Lake stage and stream gauging data (discharge and gage height)
- ✓ Compiling significant groundwater withdrawals- STILL IN PROGRESS

Progress – CSM Memorandum Writing



2.0

East Metro Lithology/Geology

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3.0 East Metro Hydrostratigraphy

- 3.1 Aquifers
- 3.2 Confining Units/Aquitards
- 3.3 Maps/X-sections/Figures for Hydrostratigraphy (including surfaces)

Overall Groundwater Model Status



Overall Groundwater Model Status (Cont'd)



GEOLOGIC BASE MODEL

MODEL BUILT STARTING WITH THE BASE SURFACE



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- Once CSM is complete, inputs will require QA/QC.
- Once QA/QC is complete, verification and validation is completed to the degree needed to ensure model meets intended purpose
 - Verification (finding and fixing errors)
 - Validation (checking the accuracy of the model's representation of the real system).
 - Both steps are iterative.

Data sets used for Verification and Validation

Synoptic Groundwater Elevation Measurements Data Sets

- 2011 2 sets NE Metro Area
- 2012 2 sets NE Metro Area
- 2013 2 sets NE Metro Area
- Winter 1989 Metro Wide
- March/August 2008 Metro Wide
- Others available from the DNR website

Next Steps - Model



Next Steps – CSM Memo Sections



Thank you!

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