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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)

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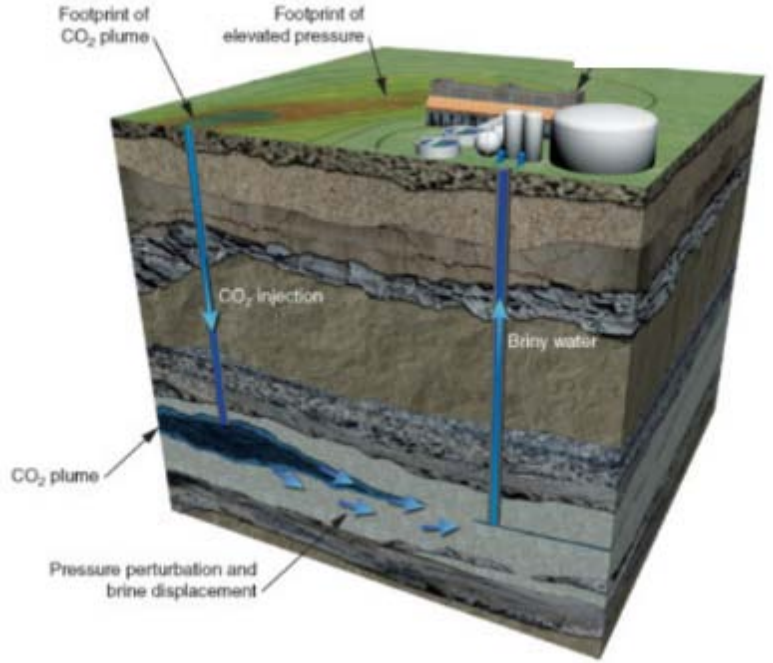
ACTIVE RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT (ARM)

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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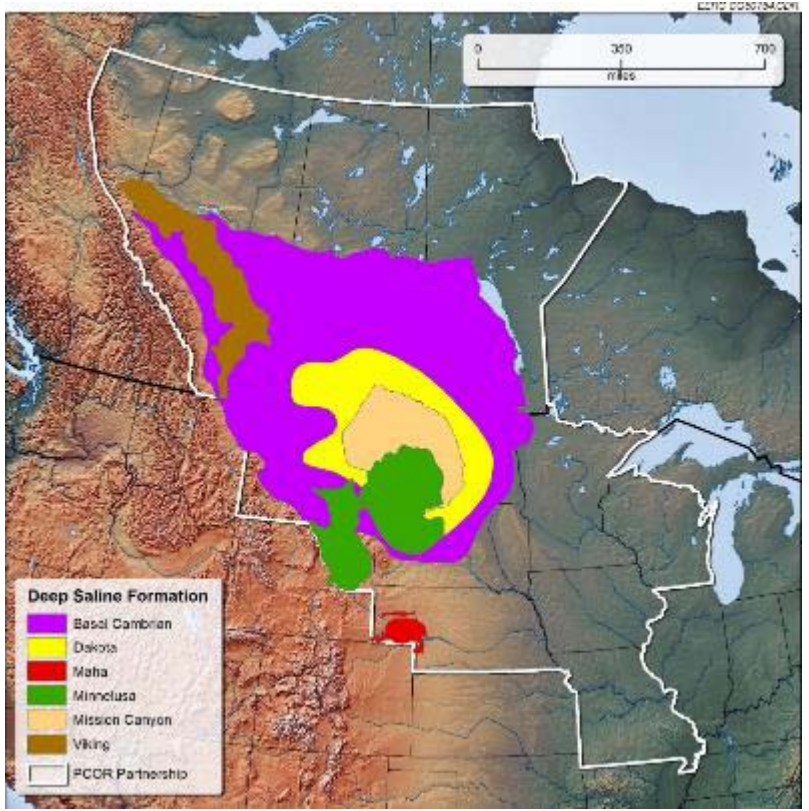
PHASE 1

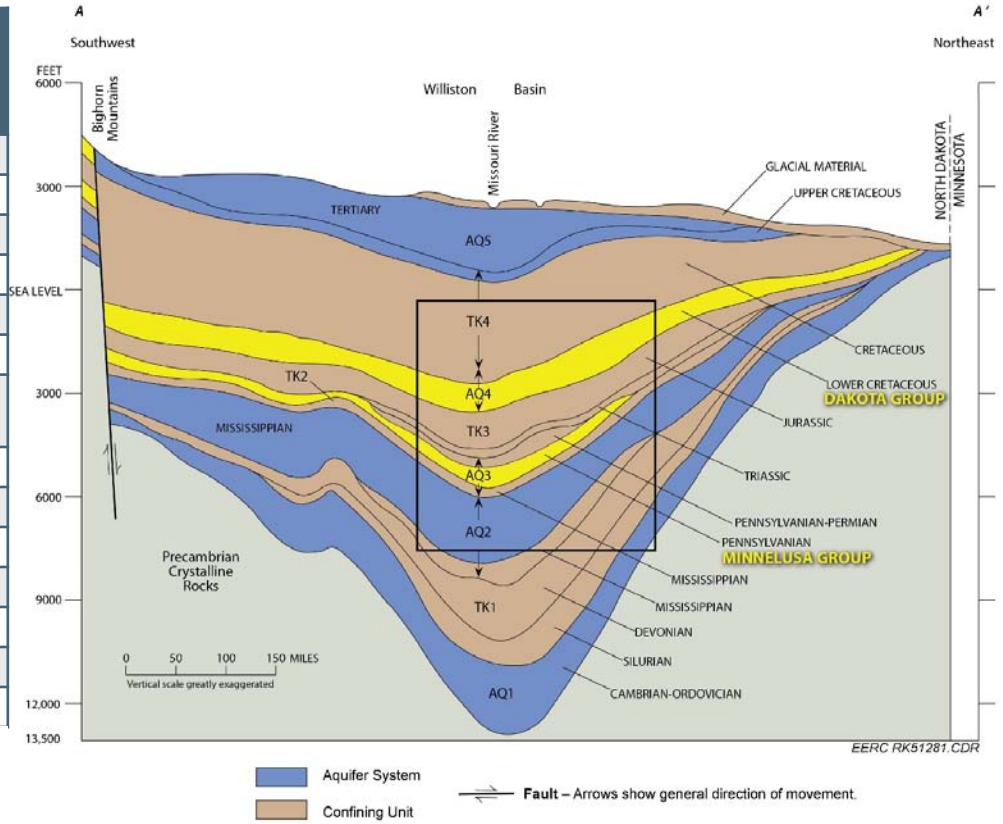
- Regional characterization
- Site screening and feasibility study
- Site selection
- Geologic modeling
- Reservoir simulation resulting in ARM schema
- Site infrastructure design and field implementation plan
  - Permitting plan
  - Risk assessment
  - MVA plan
  - Site operations plan
  - Costing analysis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



THE WILLISTON BASIN

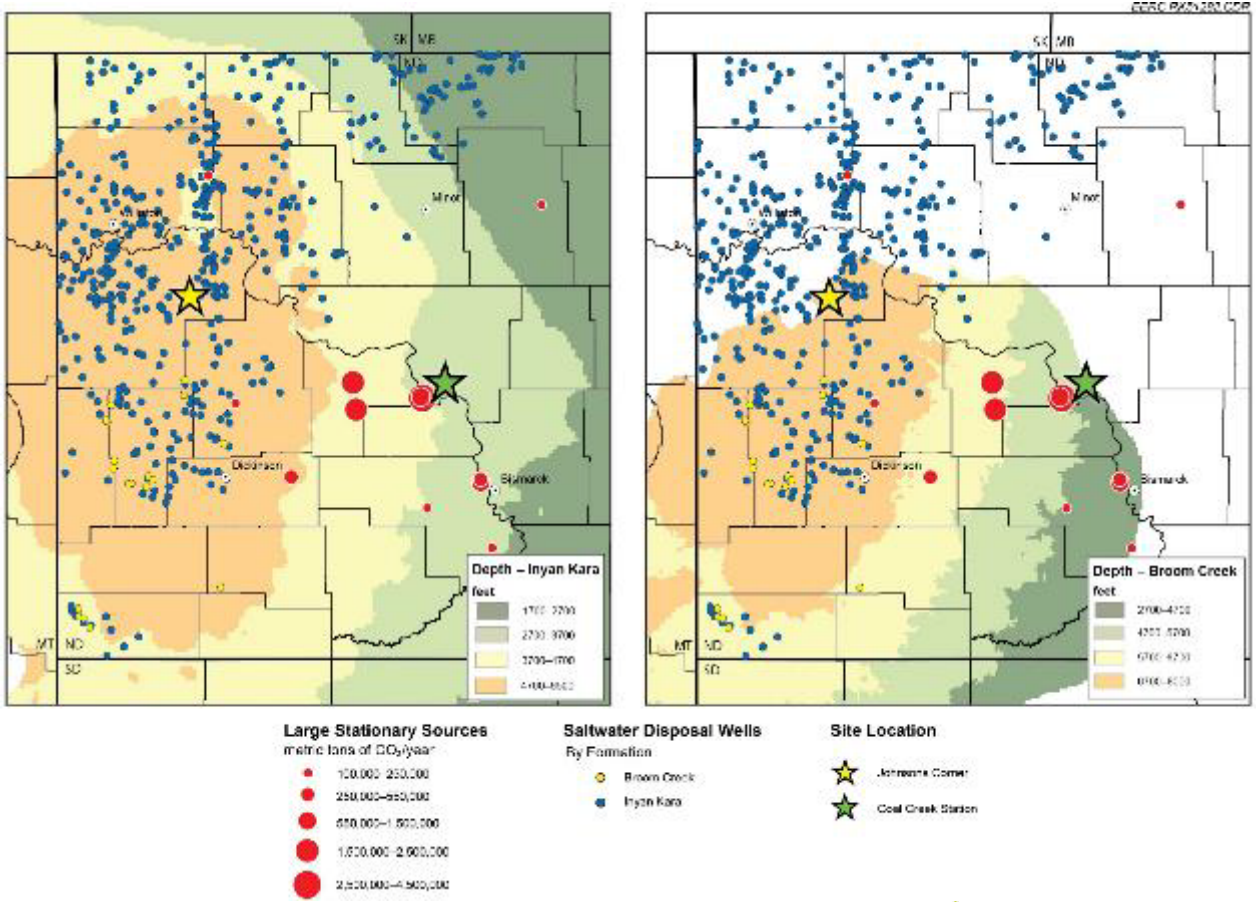
Saline Formation	CO_2 Storage Volume (billions of tons)
Basal Cambrian	222–720
Beaverhill Lake Group	<1–5
Minnelusa (Williston Basin)	124–451
Elk Point Group	1–12
Dakota	135–438
Maha	21–68
Minnelusa (Powder River Basin)	10–35
Mission Canyon	65–210
Red River	2–6
Rundle Group	1–8
Viking	20–65
Winterburn Group	1–6
Woodbend Group	1–5
Total	**604–2031**

CO_2 Storage in Saline Formations in the PCOR Partnership Region (in billions of tons of CO_2) (modified from Glazewski and others, 2015)



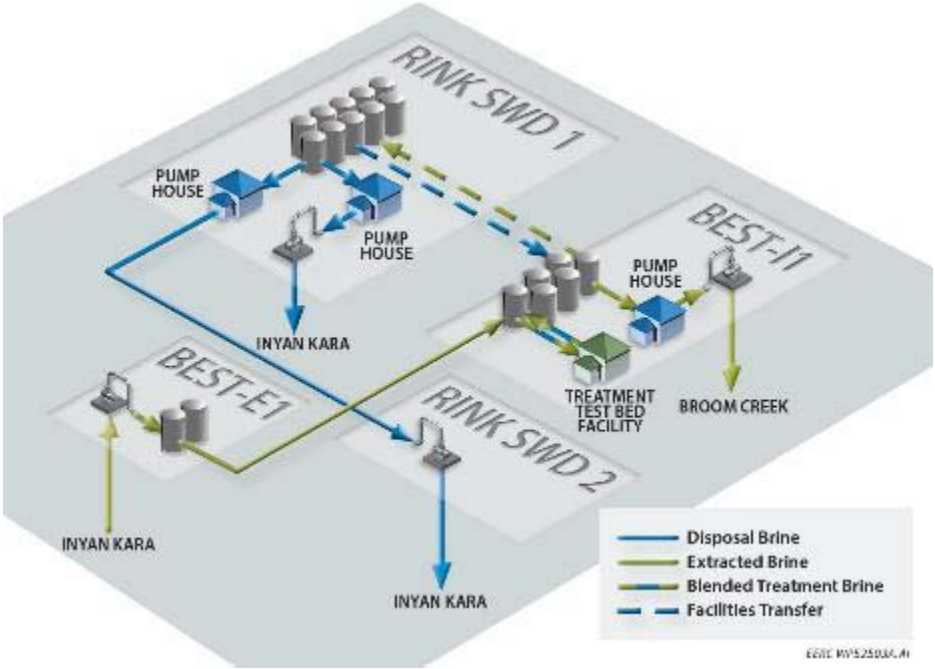
DAKOTA & MINNELUSA GROUPS

- Regional injection targets (CO_2 and saltwater)
- Demonstrated capacity
- Excellent proxy for CO_2 injection into deep saline formations (DSFs)
  - Distributed well network
  - Open DSF system
  - ARM will influence multiple square miles of formation



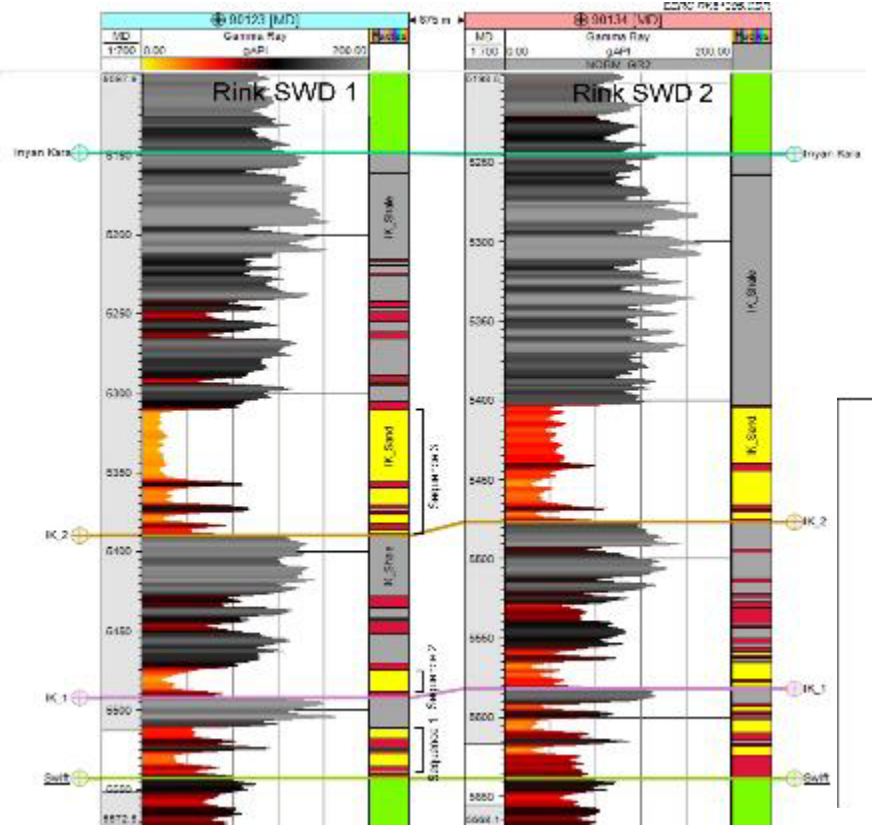
FIELD IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (FIP)

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

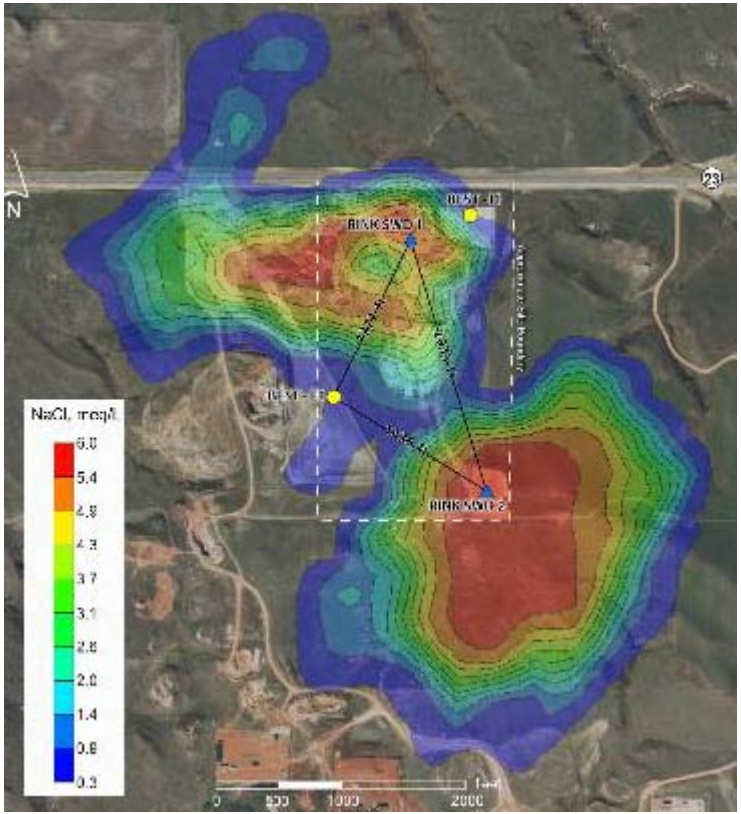


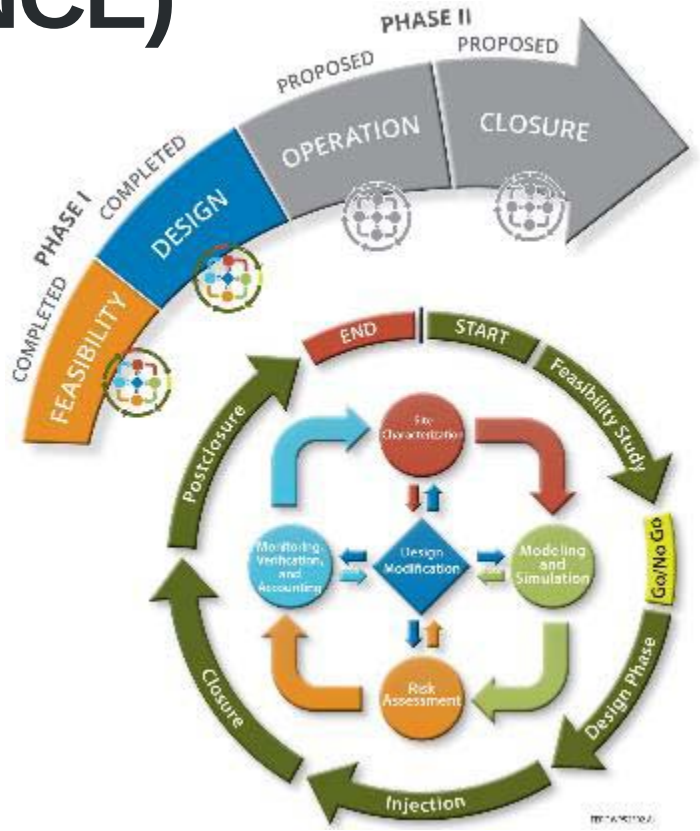
THE SITE

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)





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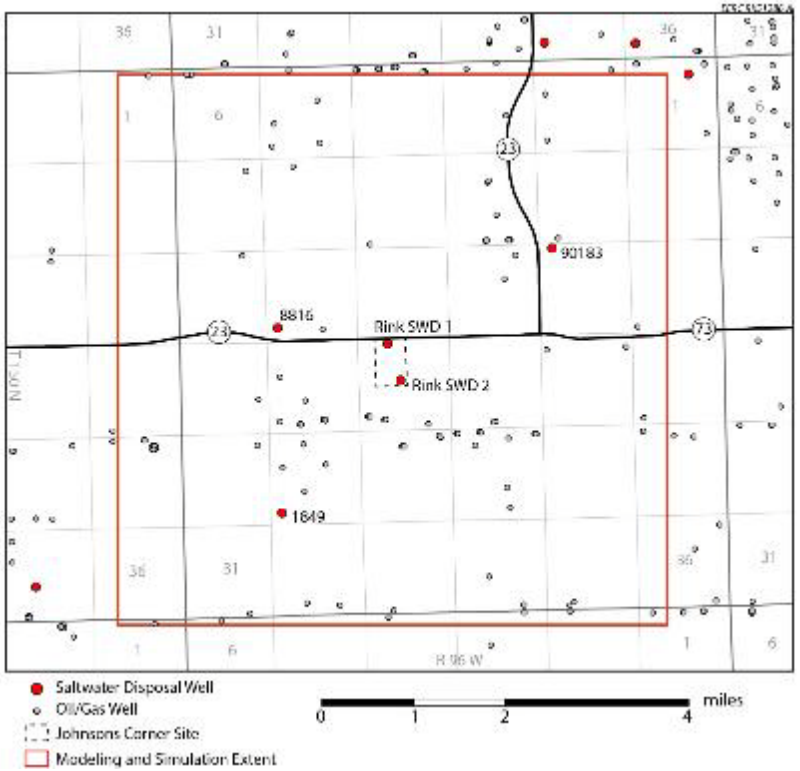

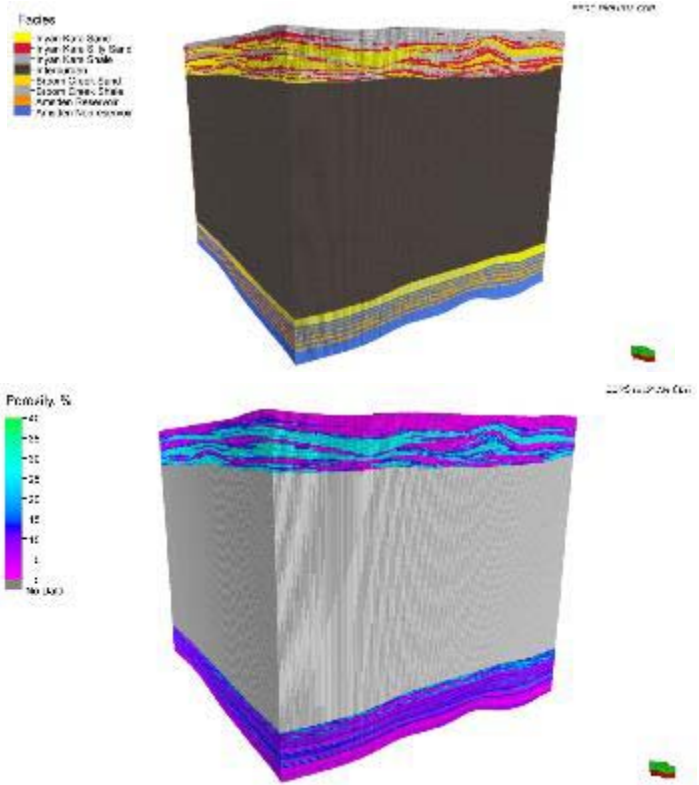

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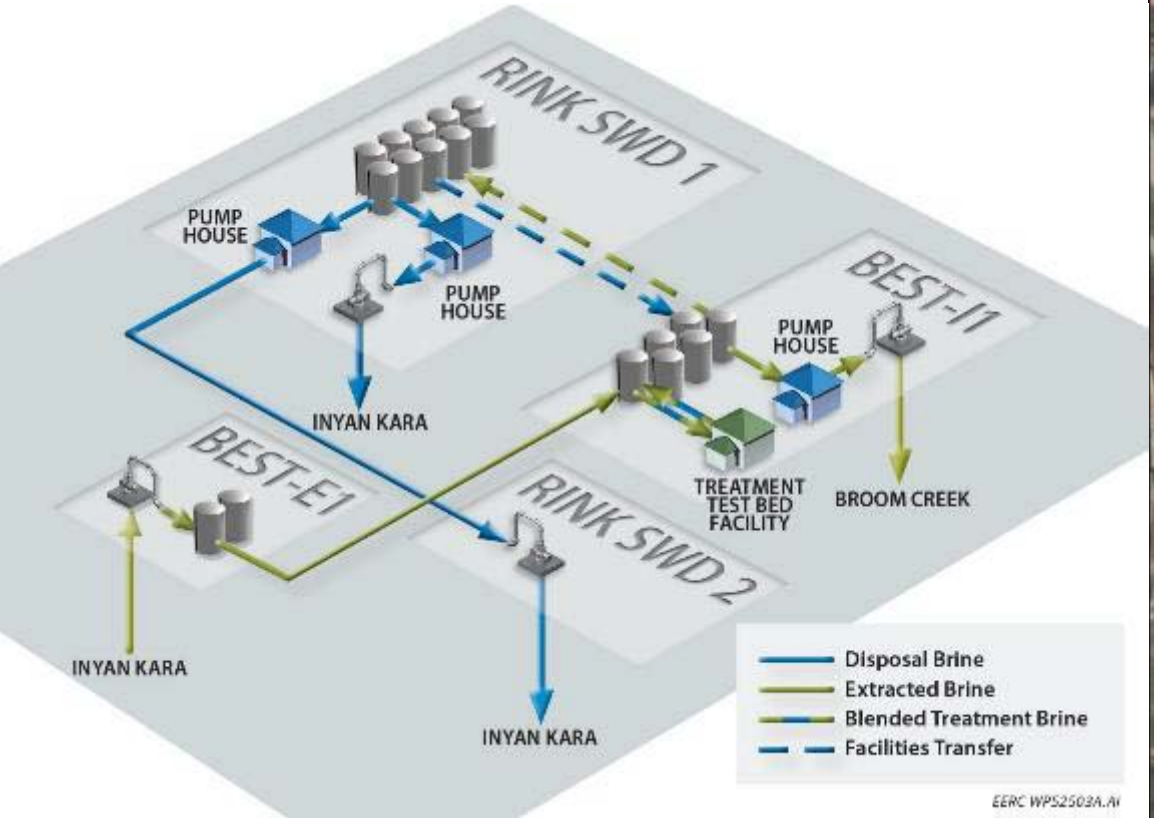
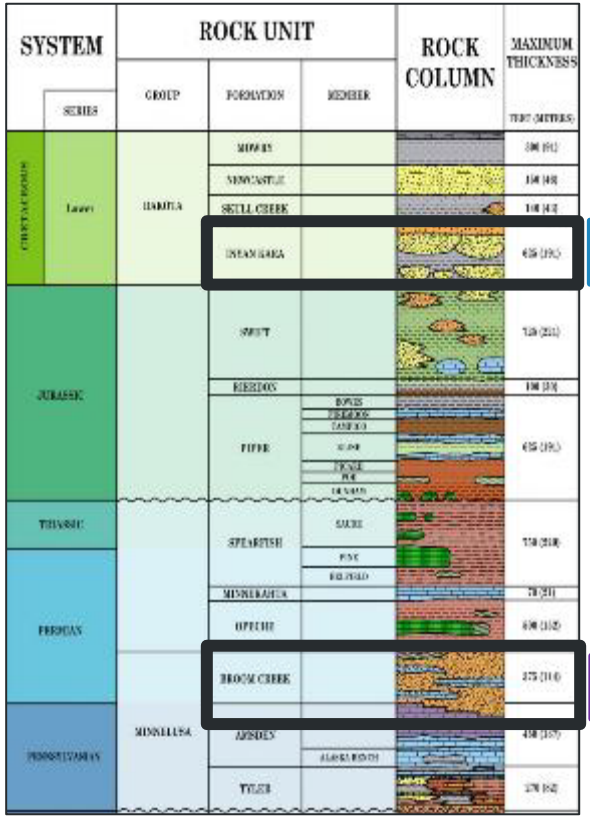


WELL COMPLETIONS



Estimated Perforated Intervals

BEST-E1

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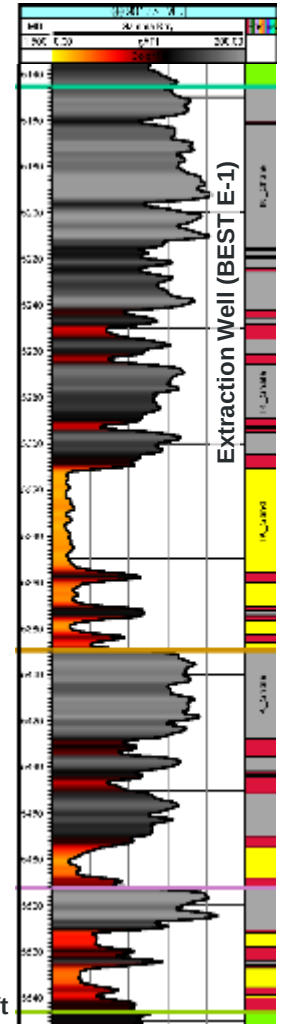

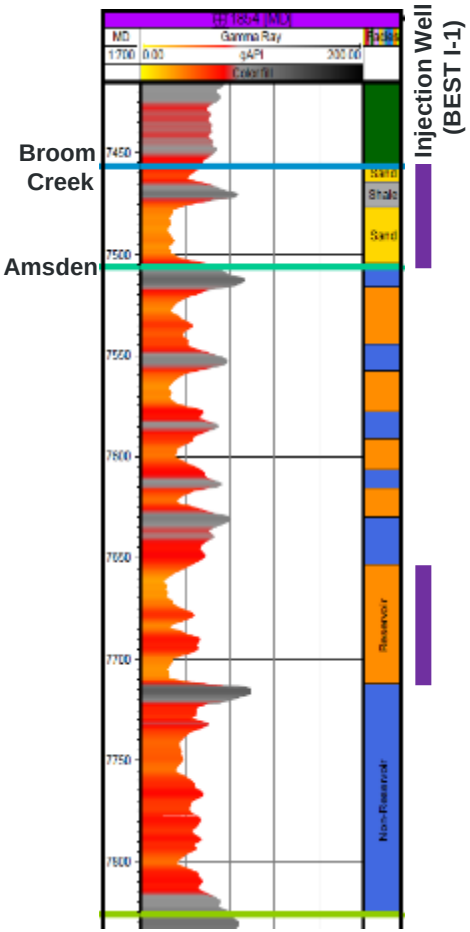

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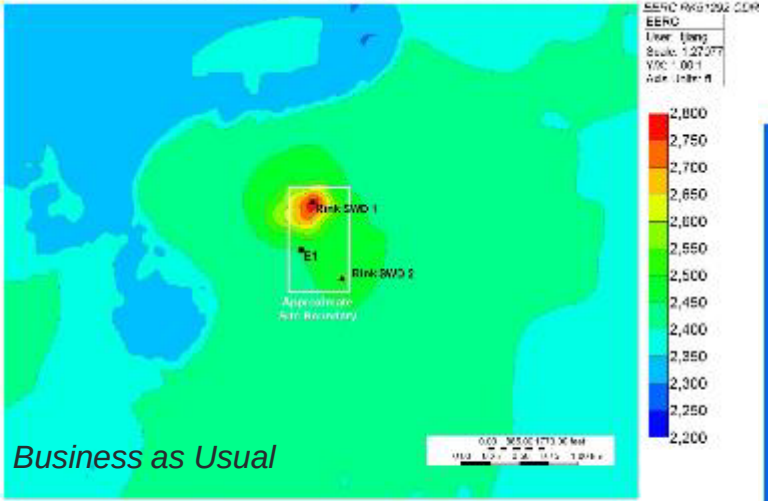
Pressure (psi) Plume at 2020 (no brine extraction) K Layer: 21



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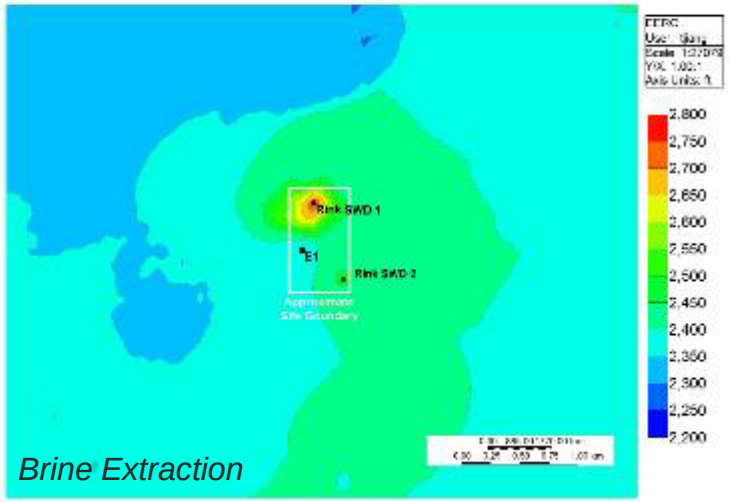
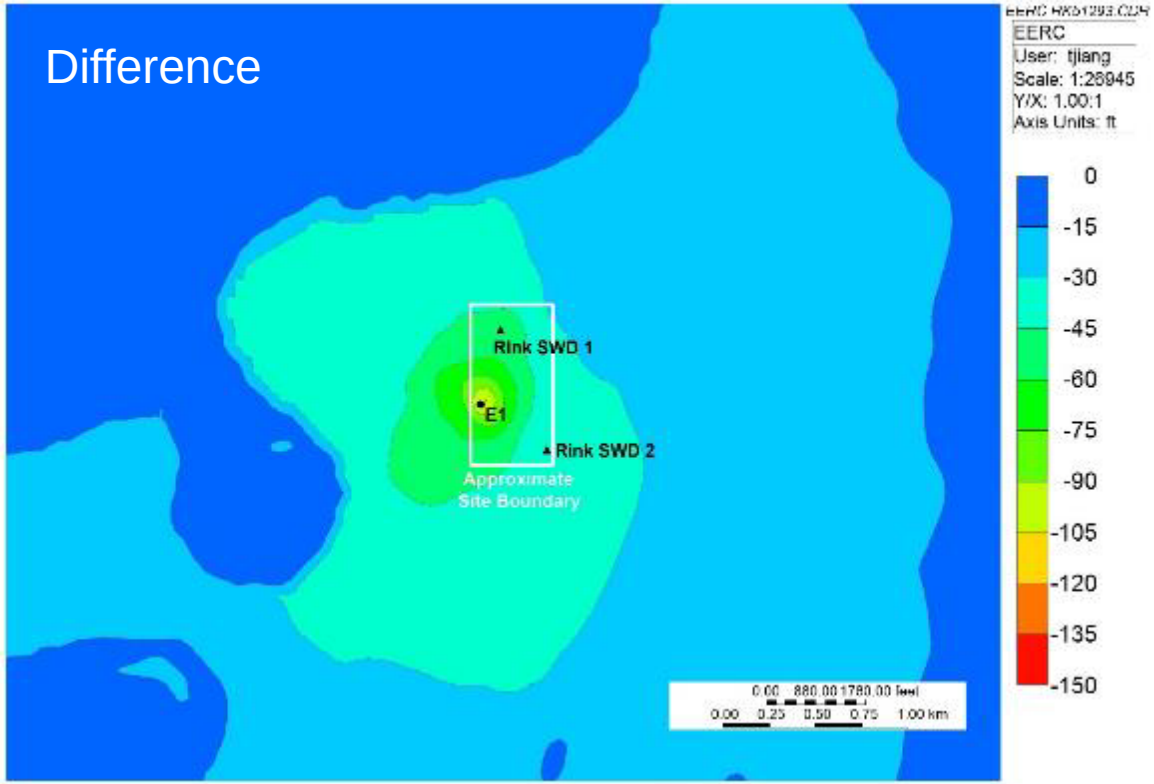
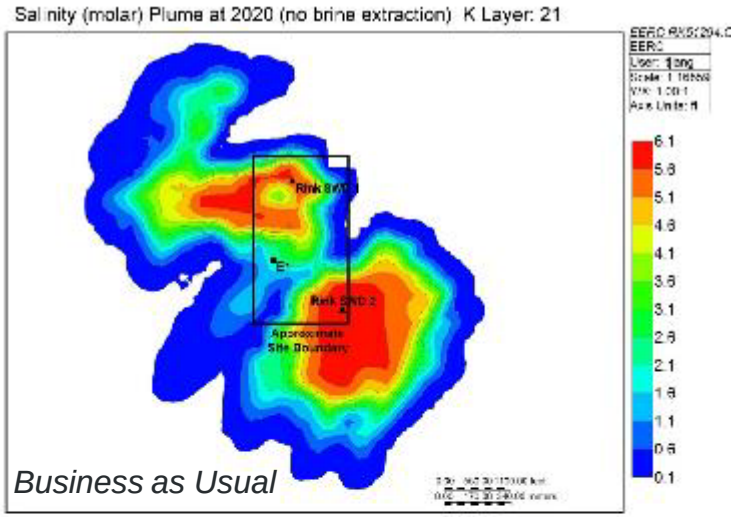
Pressure (psi) Plume at 2020 (with brine extraction) K Layer: 21



Brine Extraction

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

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Approximate
Site Boundary
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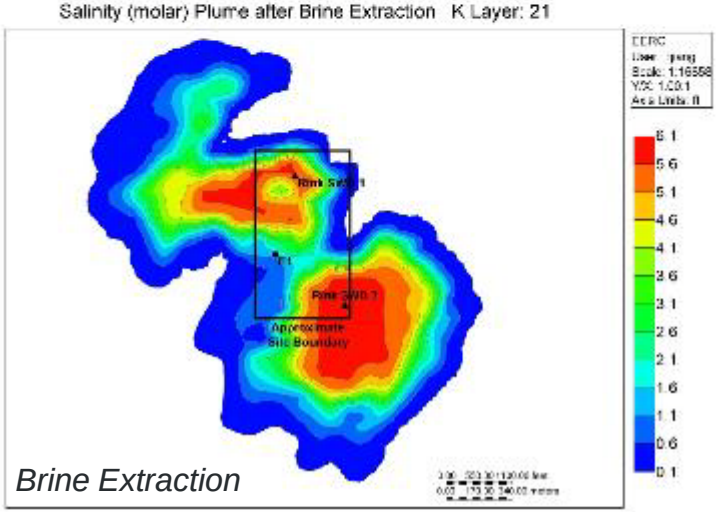
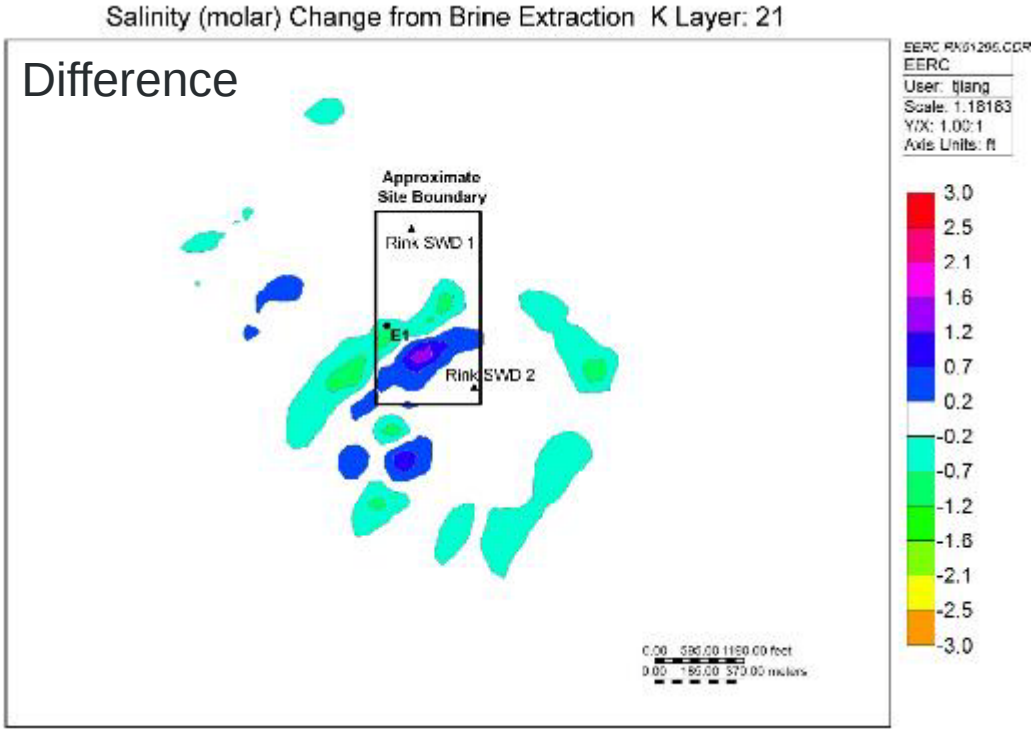

Salinity (molar) Plume after Brine Extraction K Layer: 21
Approximate
Site Boundary
Brine Extraction


Salinity (molar) Change from Brine Extraction K Layer: 21
Difference
Approximate
Site Boundary
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E1
Rink SWD 2
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Y/X: 1.00:1
Axis Units: ft
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2.5
2.1
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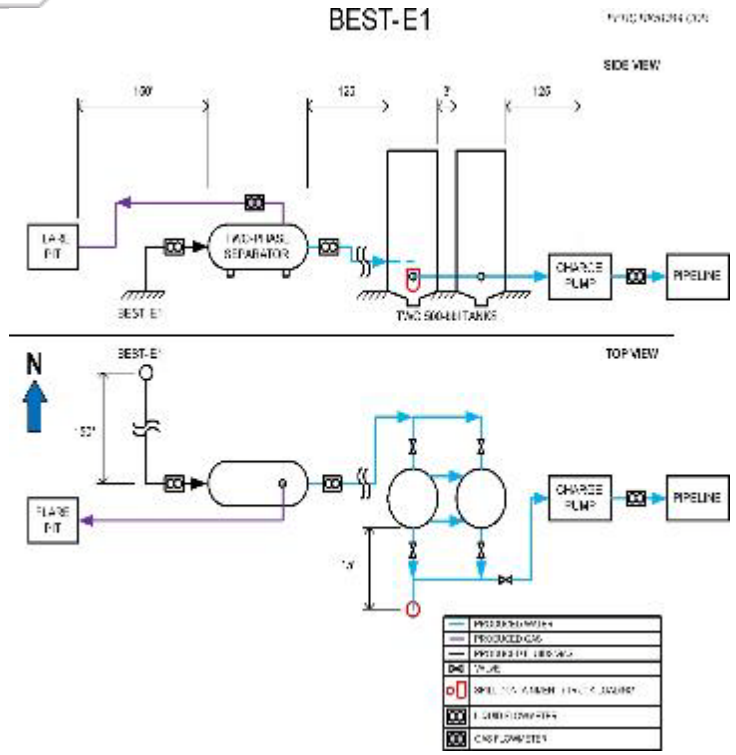
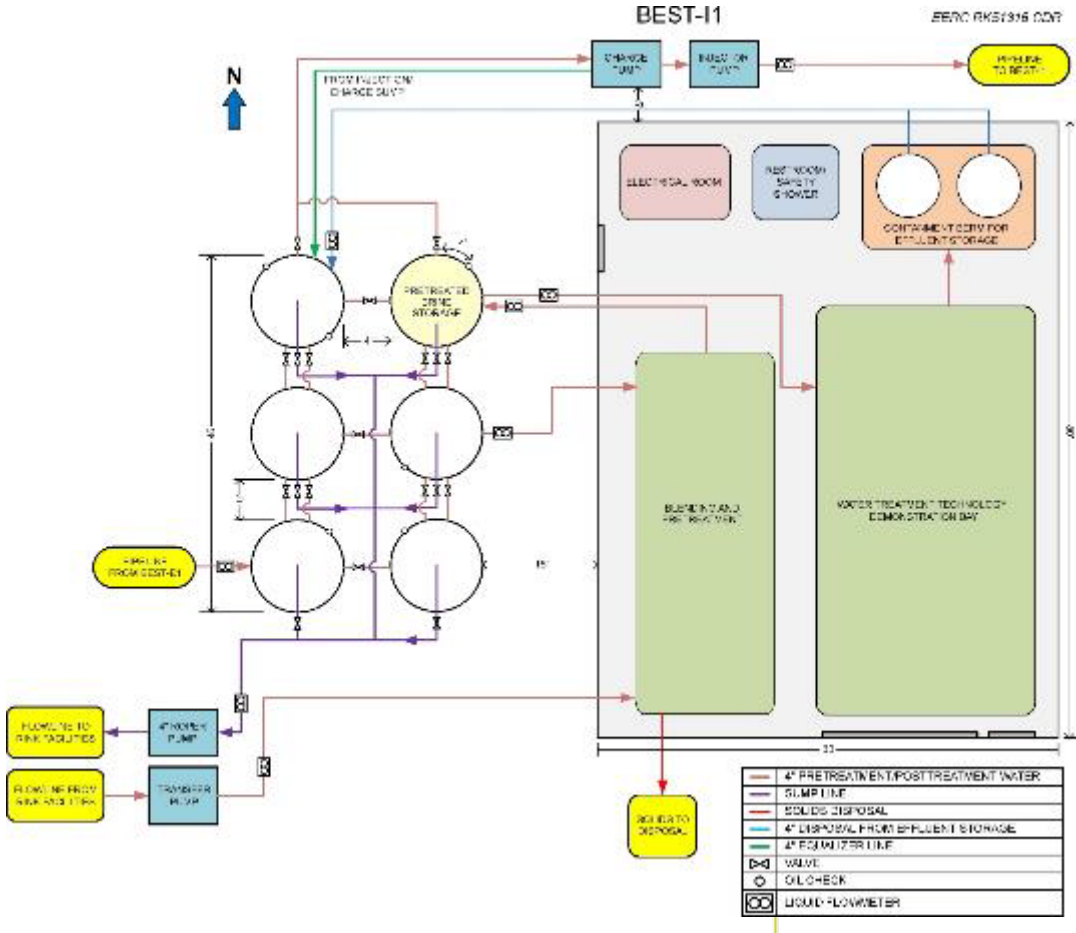
BRINE HANDLING





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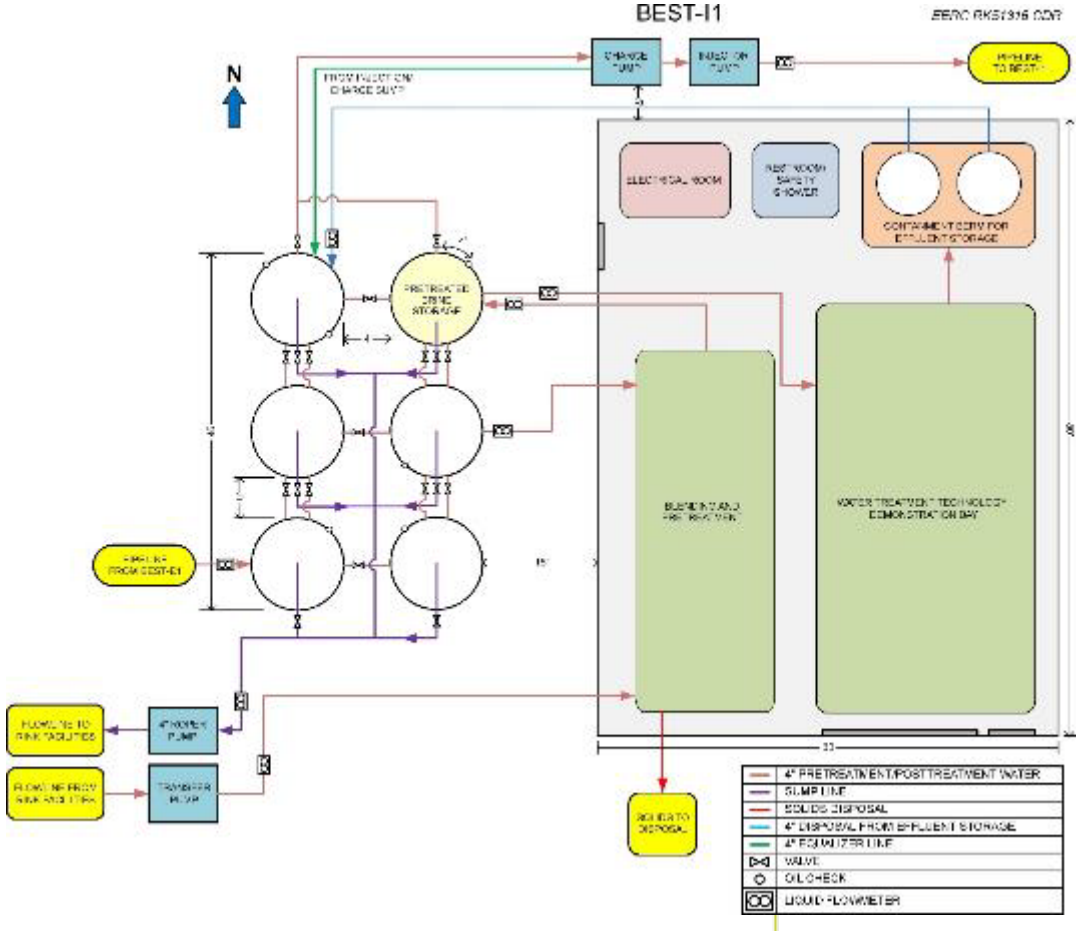
BRINE TREATMENT TEST BED

- Environmentally enclosed facility
  - 24/7, 365 operational capable
- Tailored brine compositions
  - ~4500–300,000 mg/L TDS
- Tailored rates
  - 5–25 gpm
- 30–60-day extended-duration tests
- Pretreatment provided
- Monitoring
  - Energy, flow rates, pressure, temperature, chemicals, etc.
- Waste management

Technologies Selected in Phase 2



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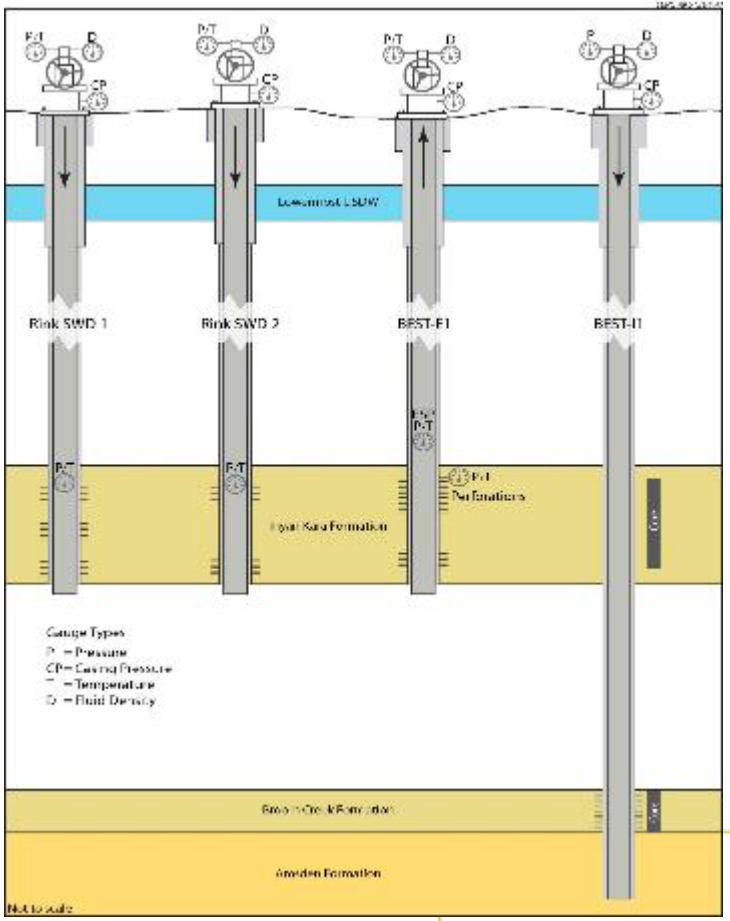
MVA PROGRAM

Reservoir Surveillance
- Well evaluation
  - Logging, coring, testing
- Borehole to surface EM
- 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

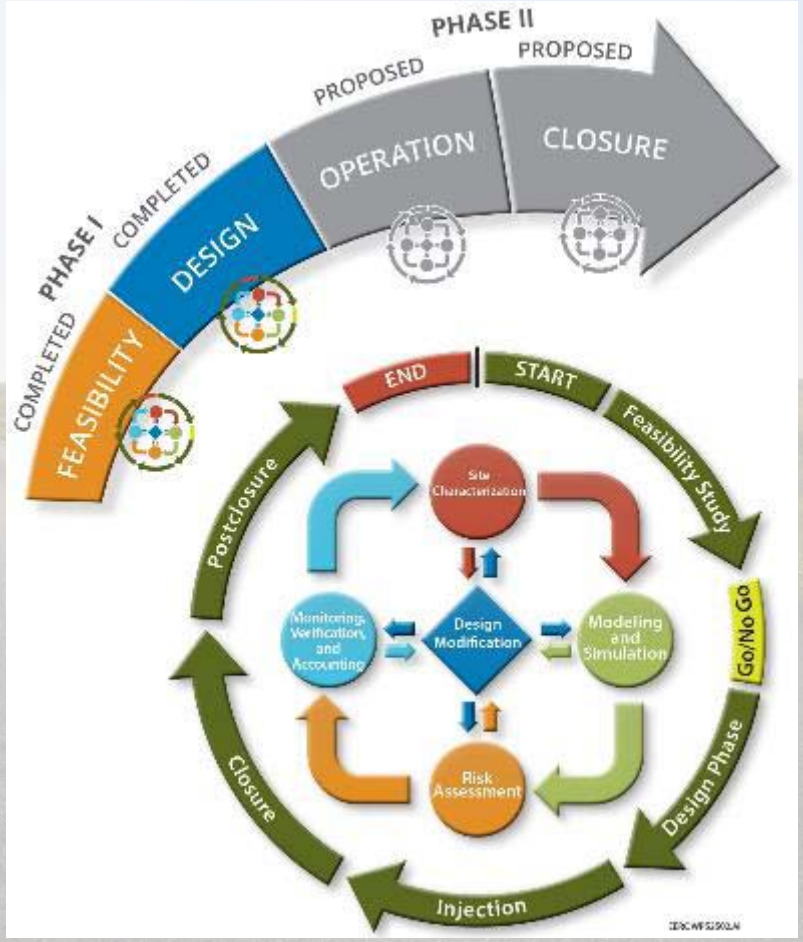


RISK ASSESSMENT

- 58 potential risks
  - Technical
  - Resource availability
  - HSE
  - Site access
  - Management
- Mitigation measures built into design and implementation plan
- MVA and HSE plans

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.

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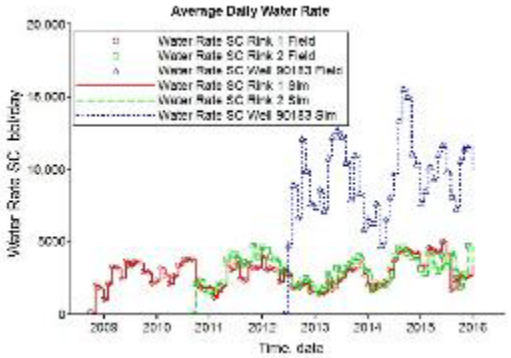

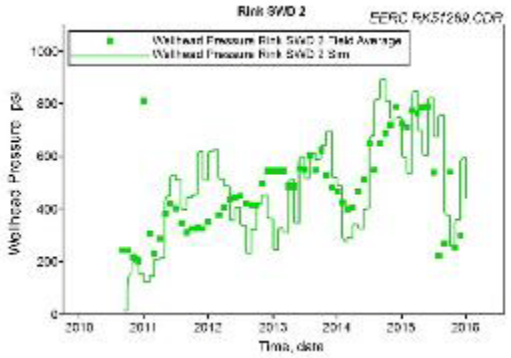

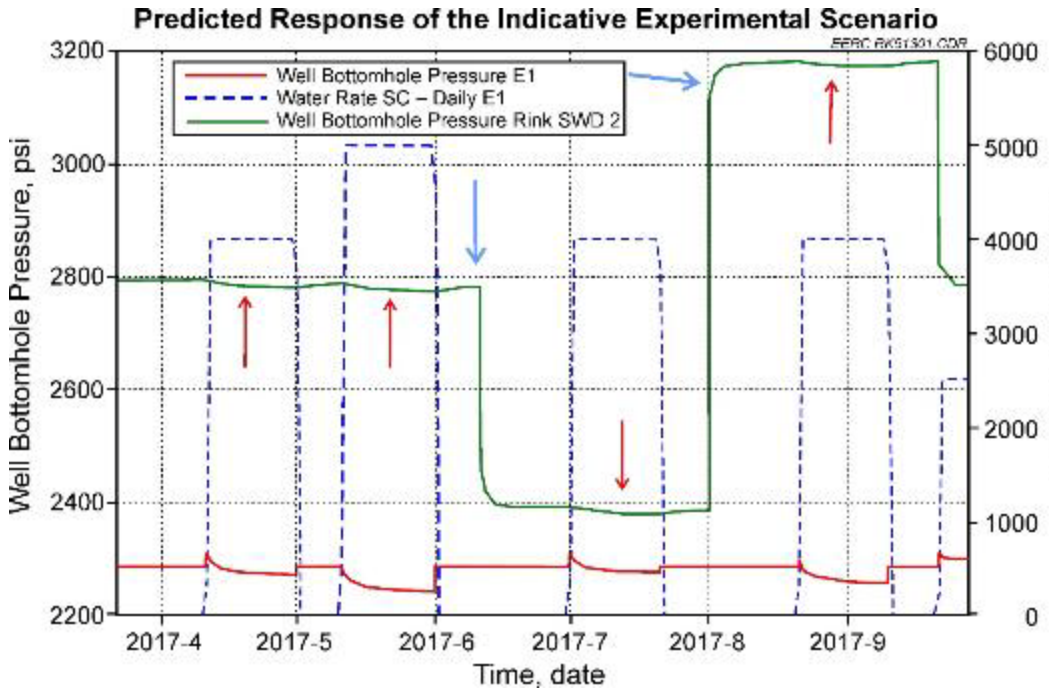

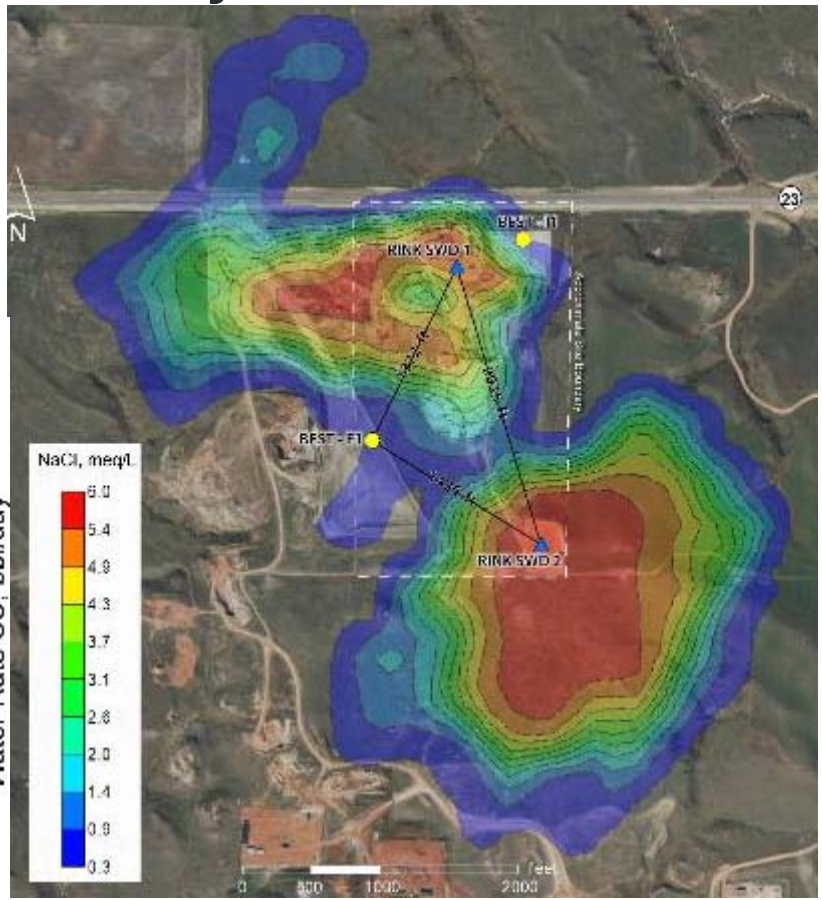

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