

# Multi-stakeholder Engagement Along the Water, Energy, Security Nexus

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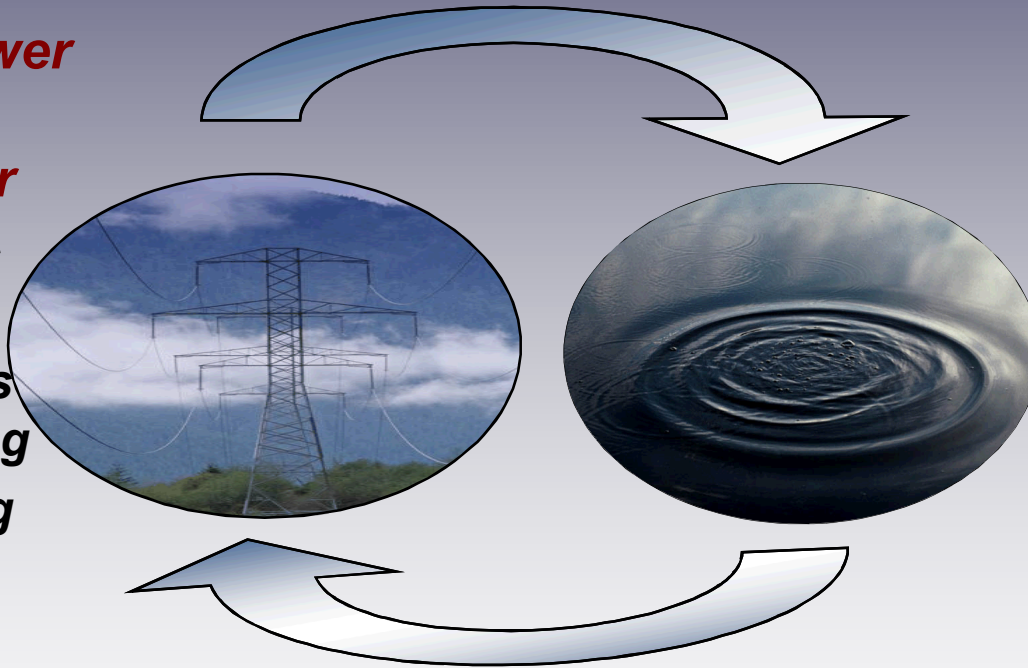


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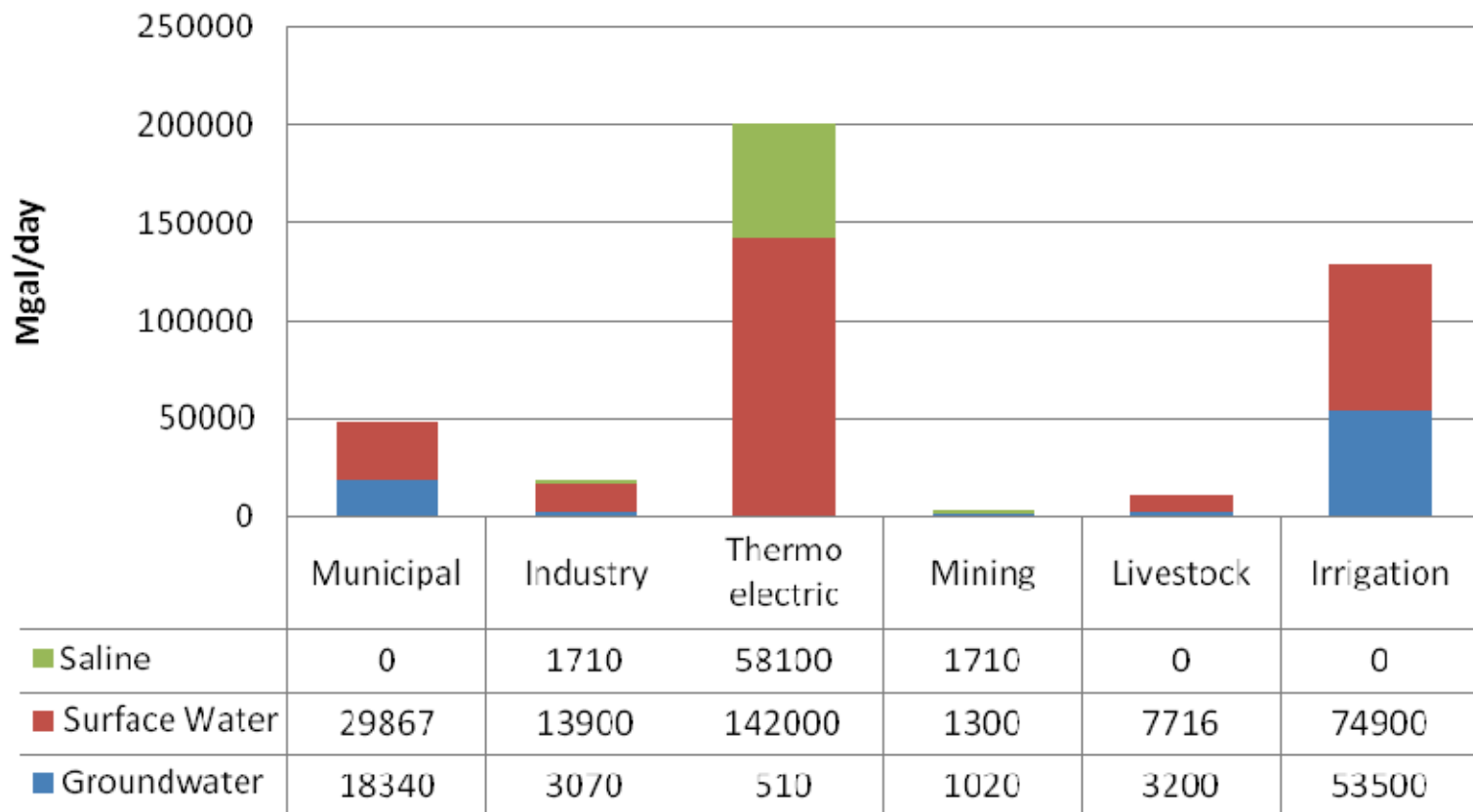


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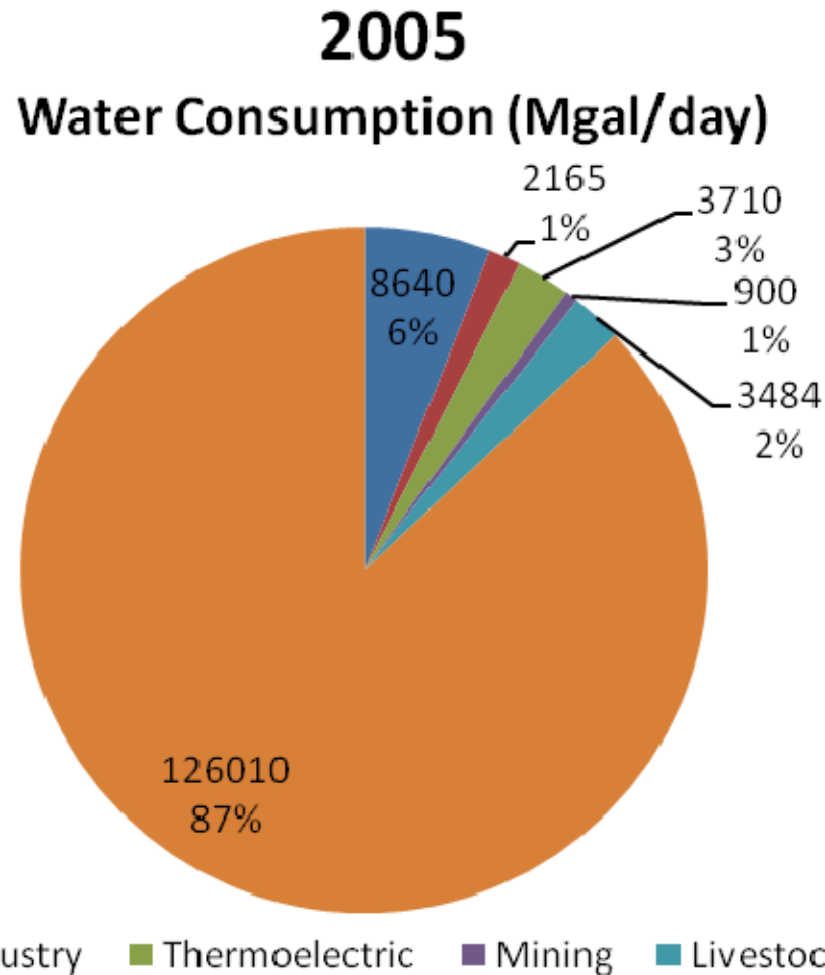
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# Water for Thermoelectric Power Generation

**2005 Source of Water Withdrawals**



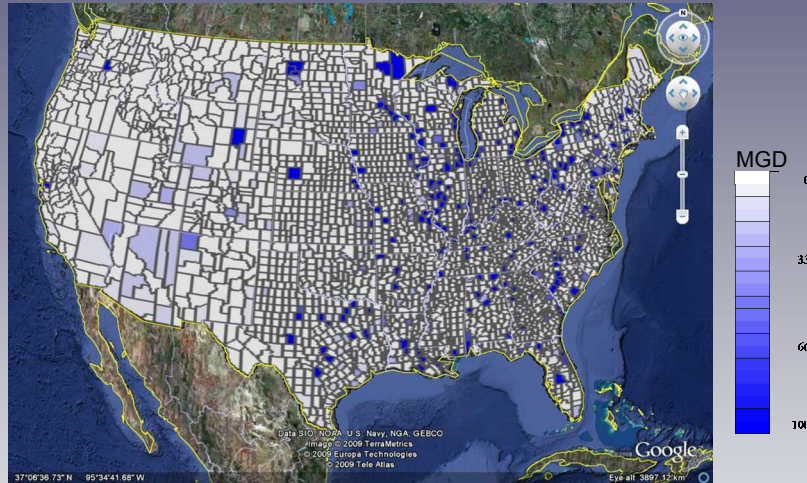
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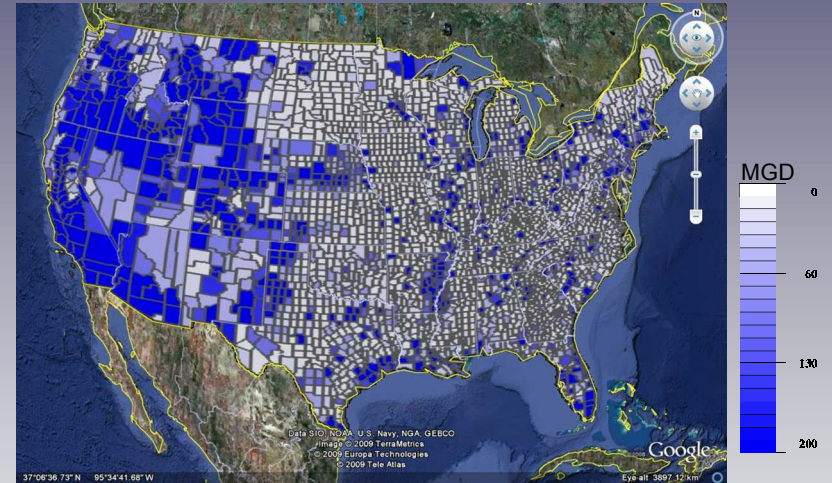


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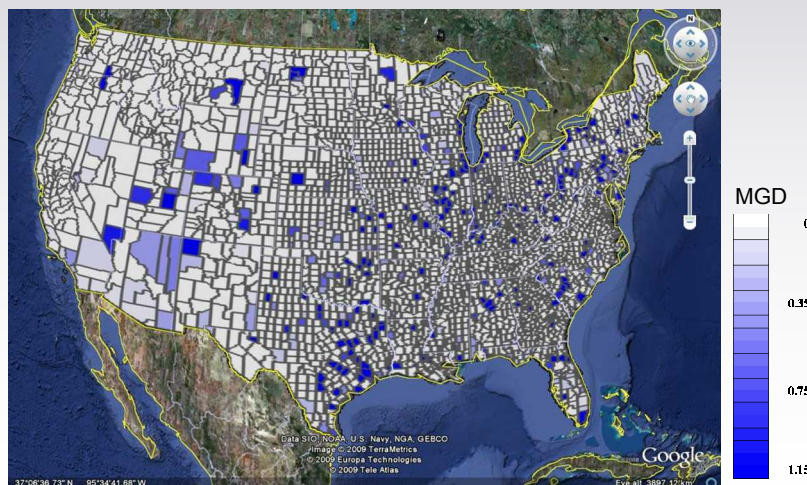
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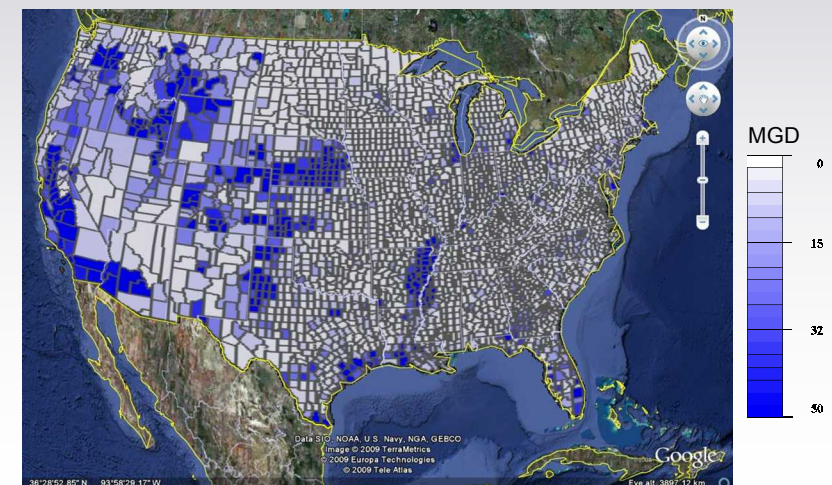
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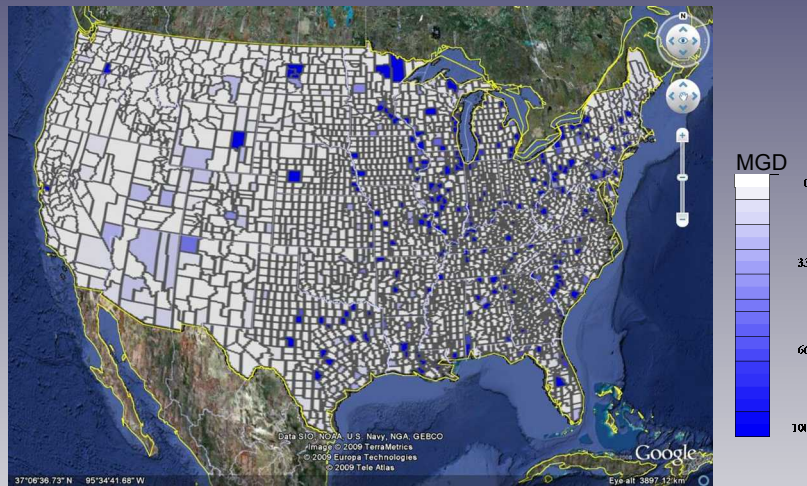
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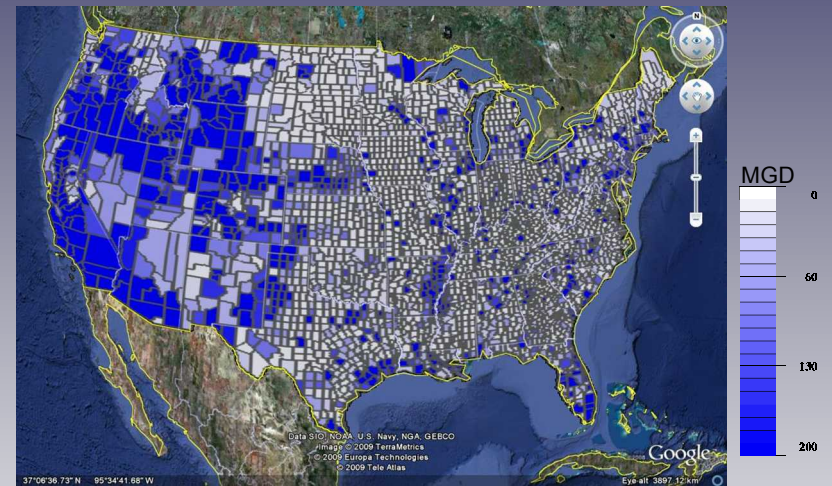


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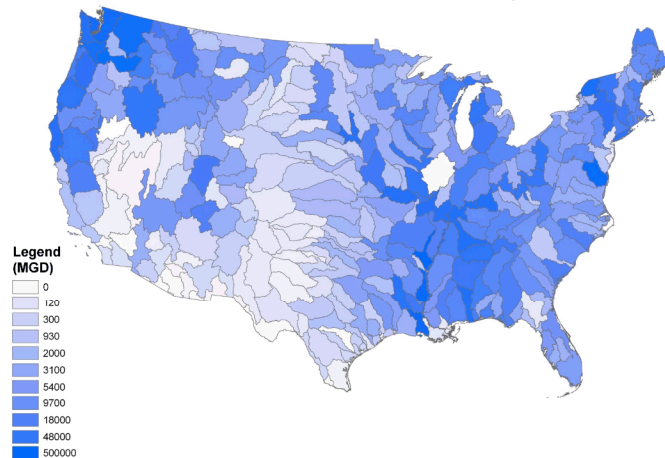
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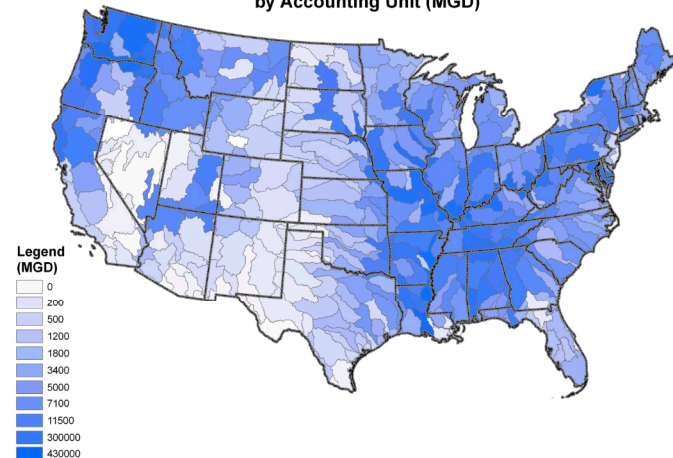
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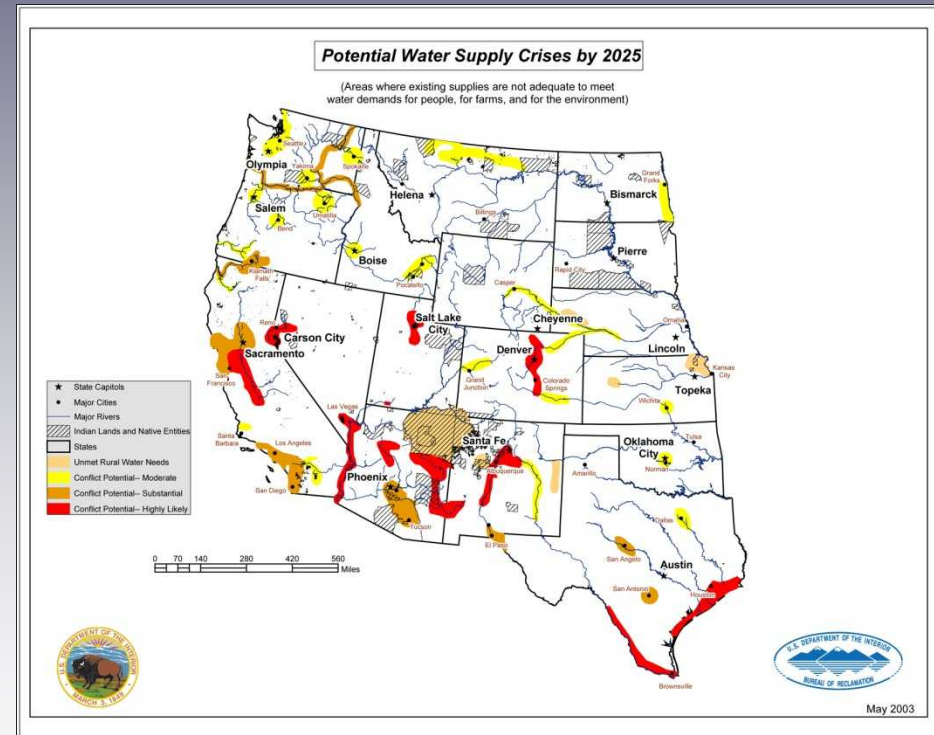
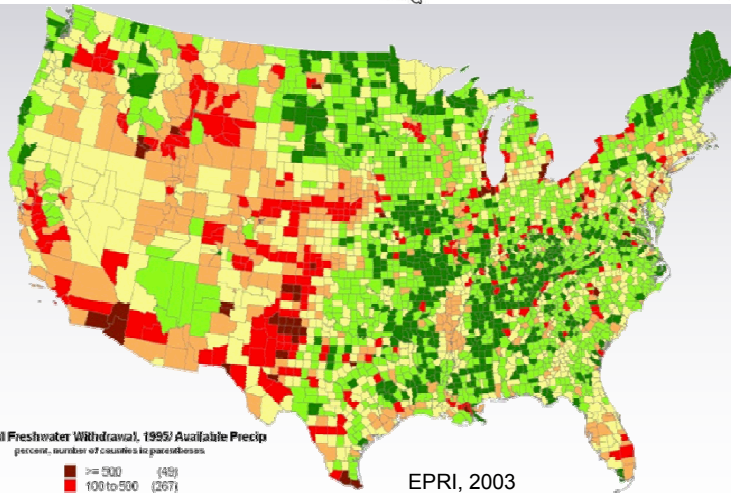
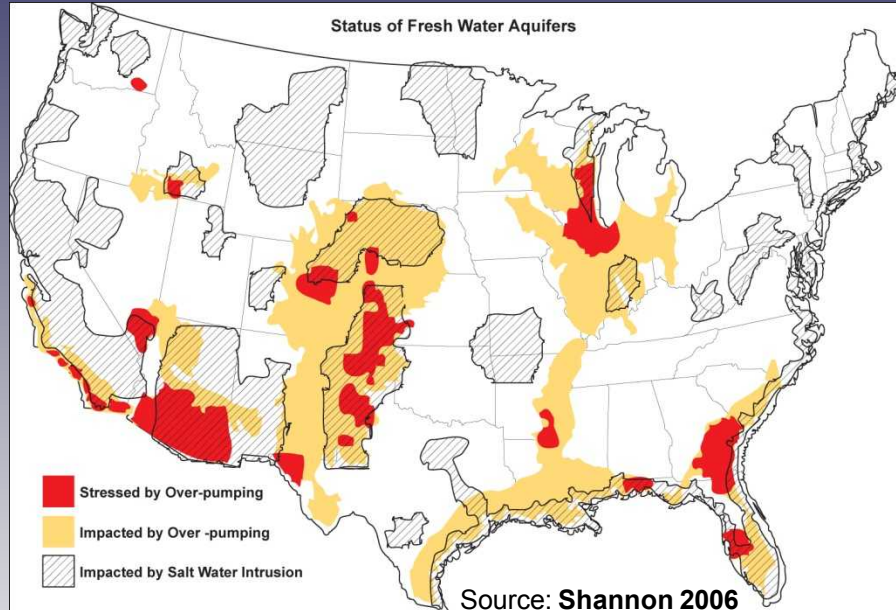
## Sustainable Groundwater Recharge



## Annual Average Flow by Accounting Unit (MGD)

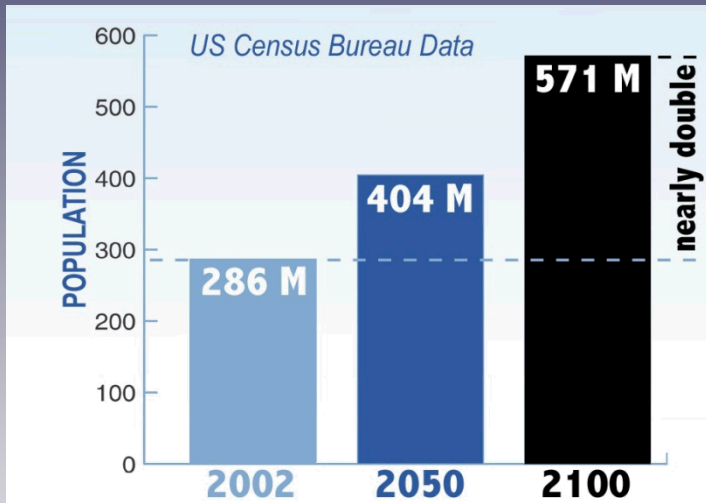


# Indications of Water Stress



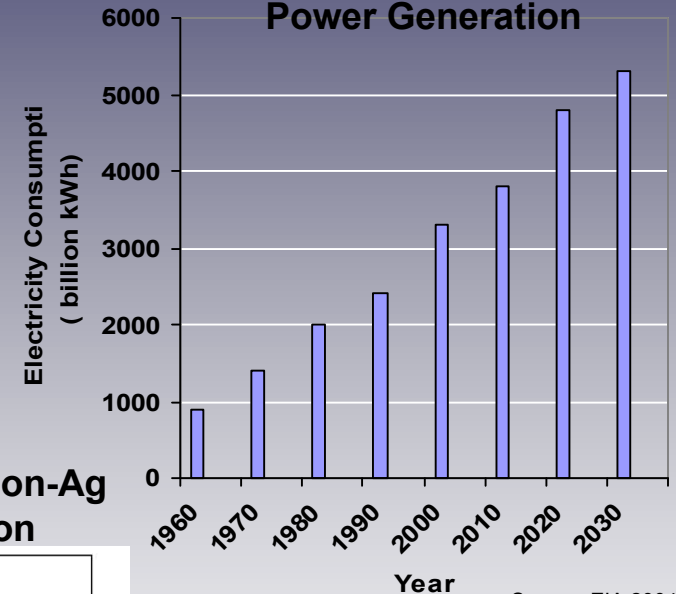
# Energy and Water Tomorrow

## Projected Population Growth



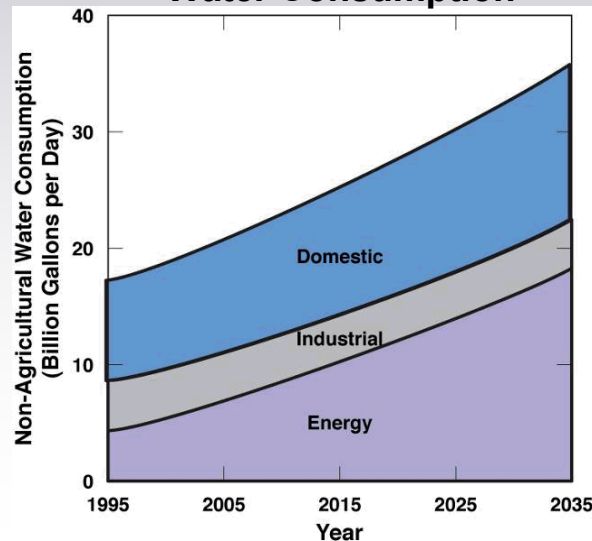
70 million more people by 2030

## Projected Growth in Electric Power Generation



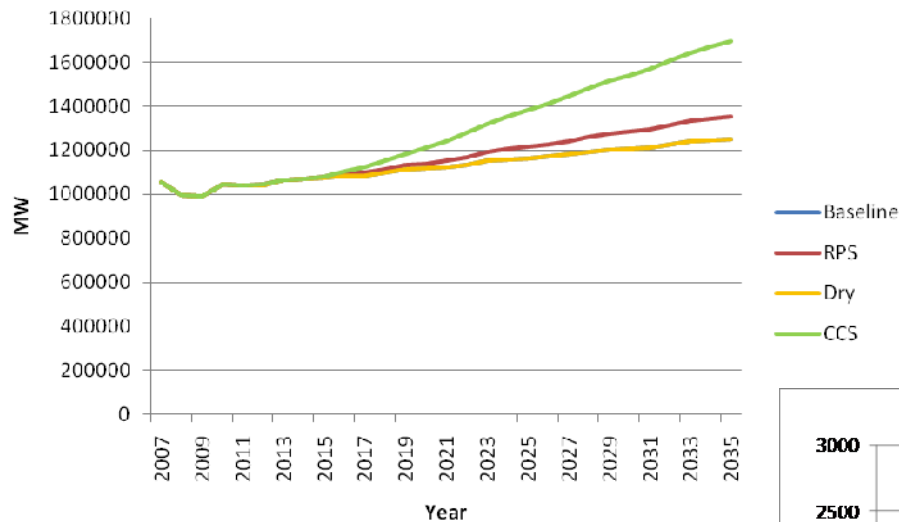
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## Projected Growth in non-Ag Water Consumption

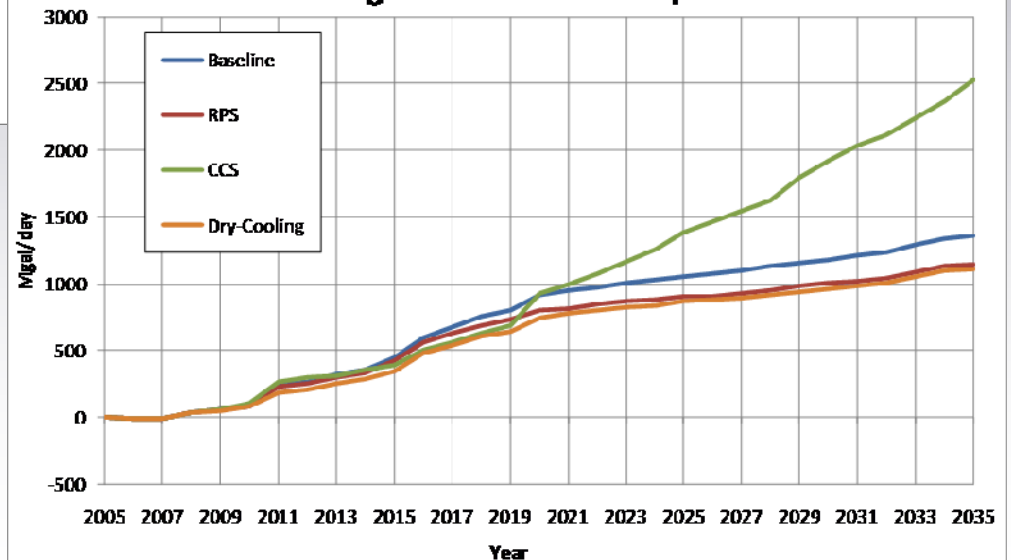


# Growth in Electric Generation Capacity and Thermoelectric Consumption

## Electric Generation Capacity



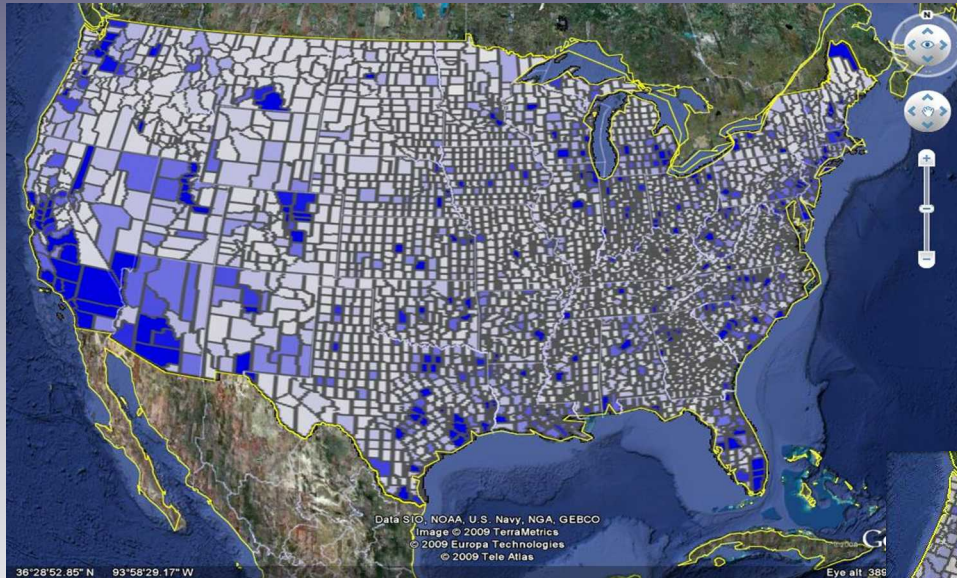
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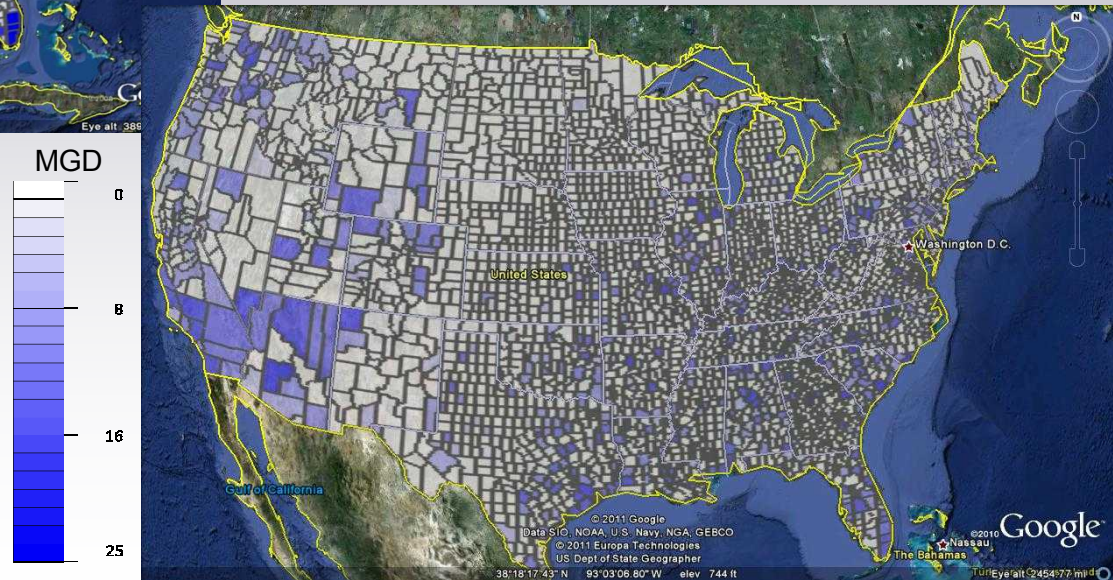


# Competition Over Water

New Non-Thermoelectric Consumption:  
2005-2035

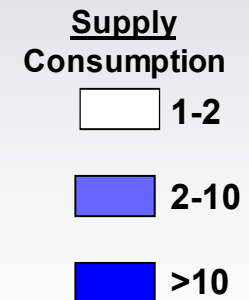
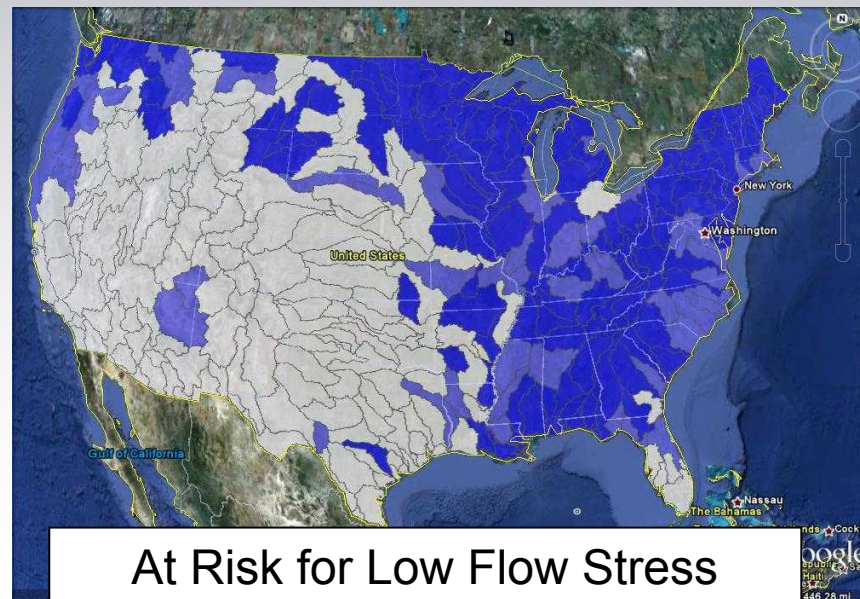


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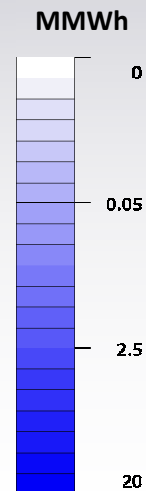
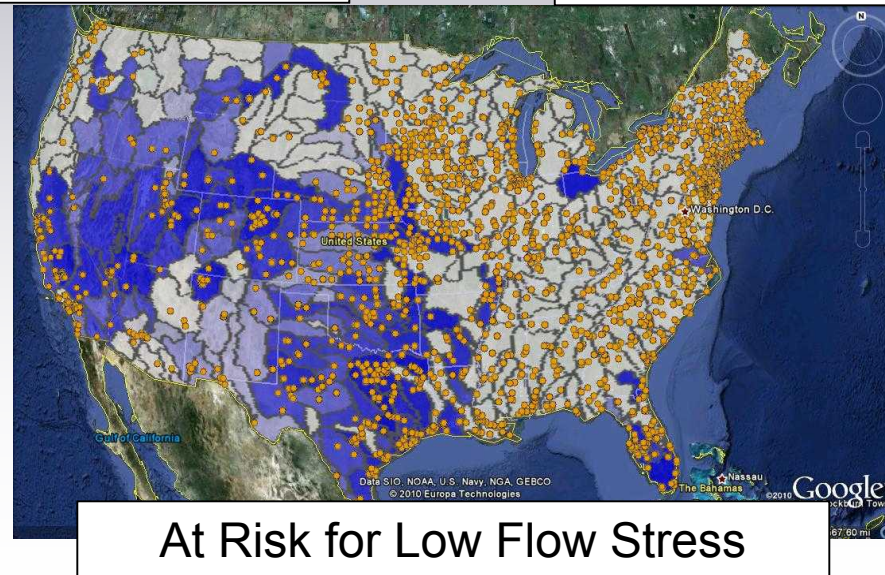
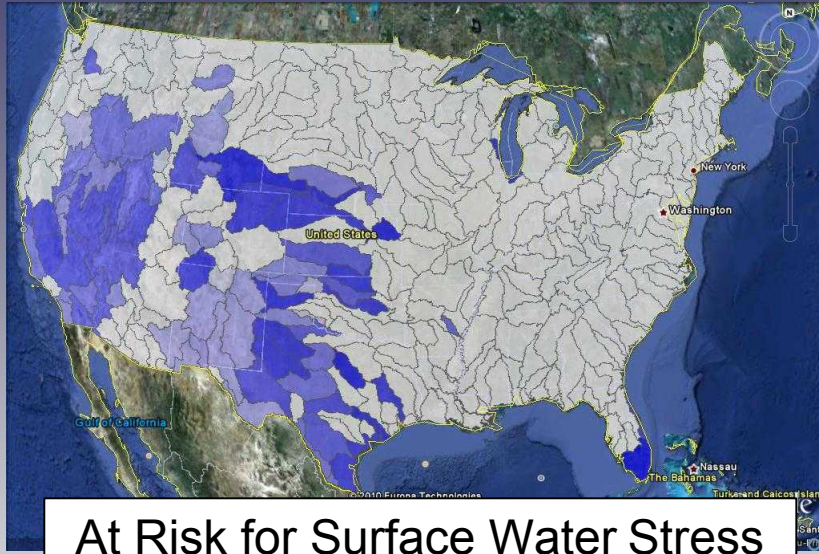


# Water Stress Indicators



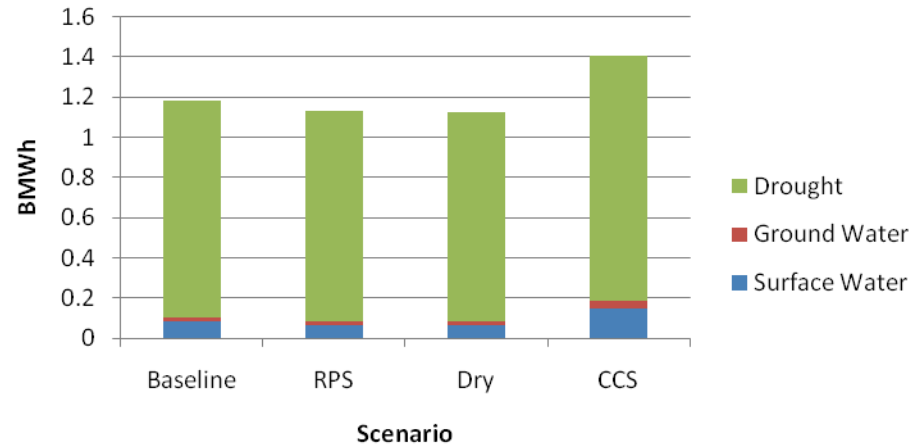


# New Production in At Risk Basins

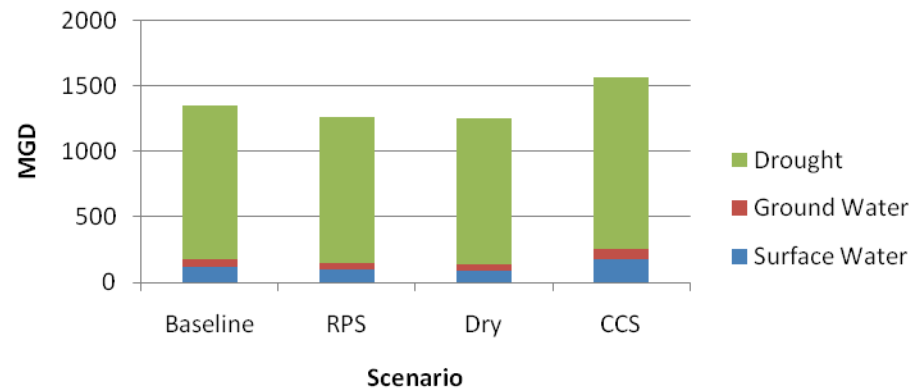


# At Risk Production

## Thermoelectric Production at Risk



## Thermoelectric Water Consumption at Risk



# Thermoelectric Power at Risk of Drought



Argonne 2010

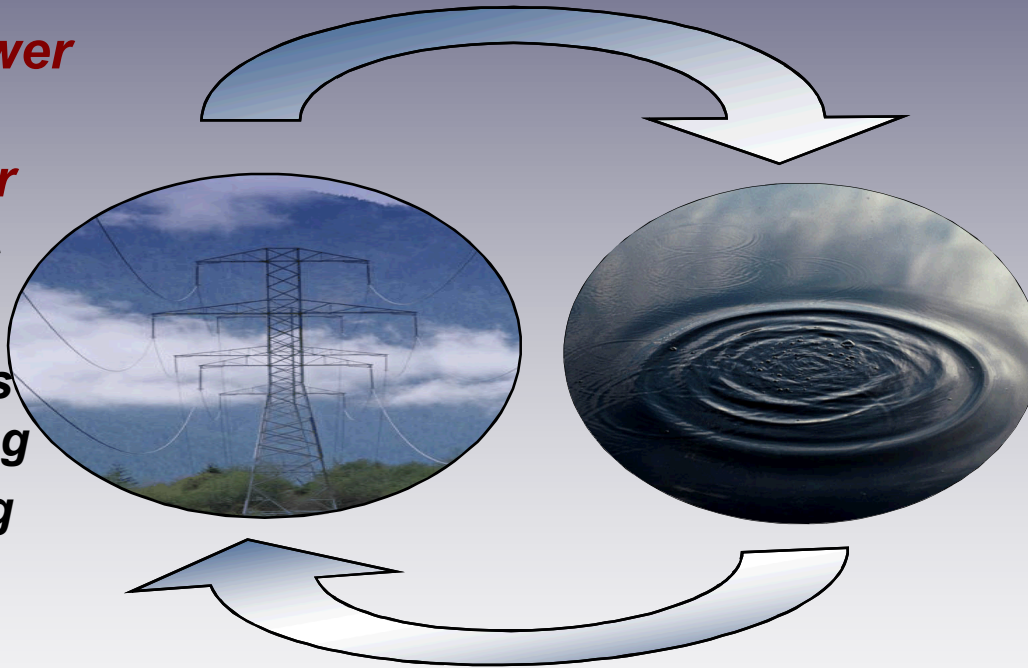


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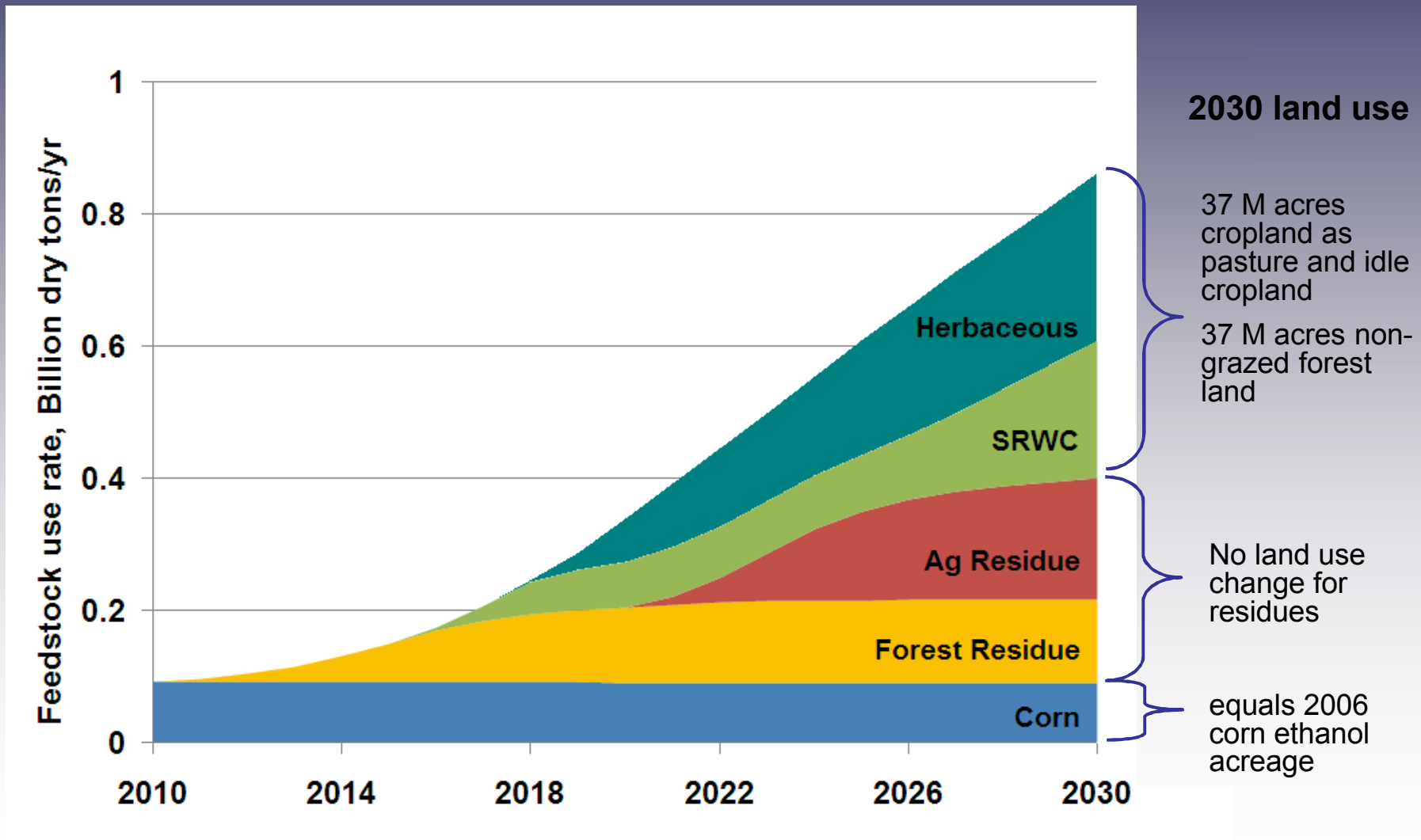
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# Biofuel Water Use

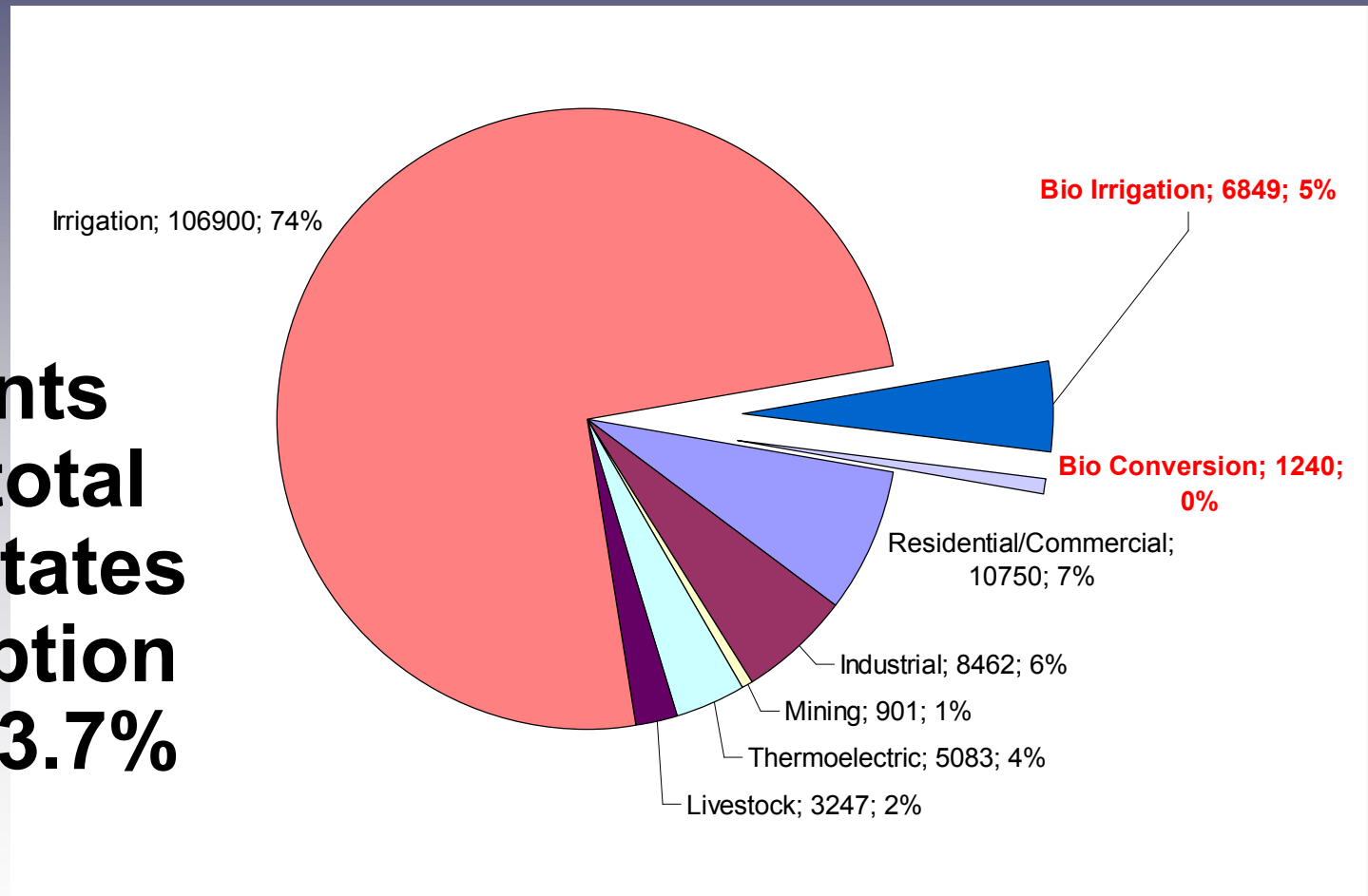




# Water Demand Projection Model

## *Biofuel Water Consumption: 2030*

**Represents  
5.6% of total  
United States  
consumption  
up from 3.7%  
in 2007**

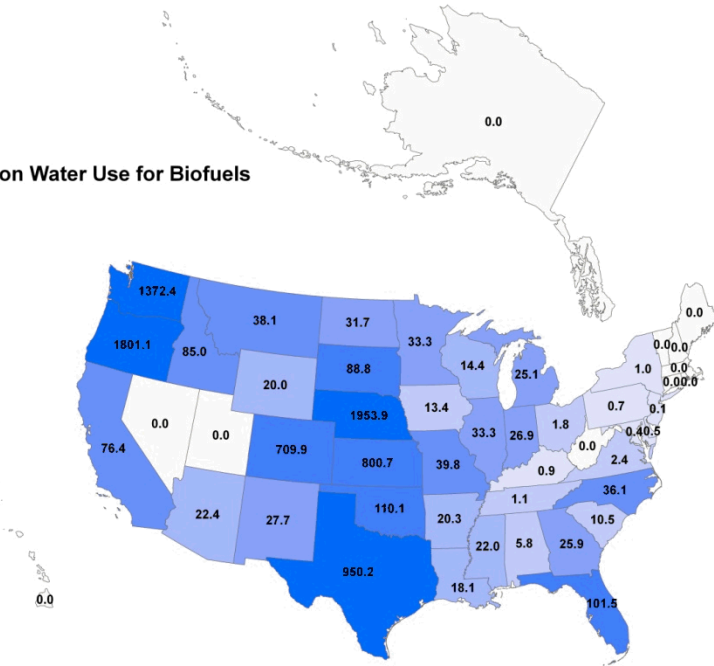
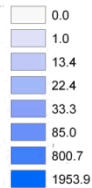


# Water Use for Irrigation

Total Irrigation Water Use for Biofuels

Legend

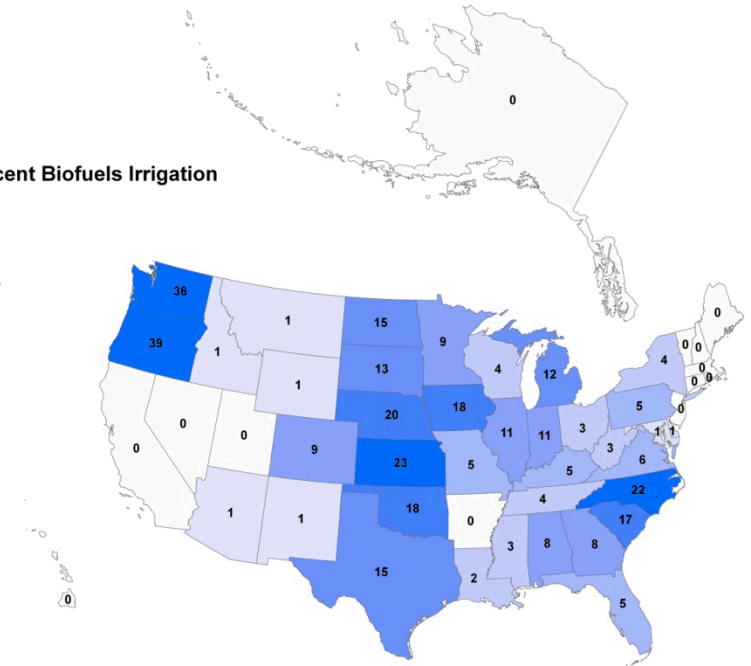
MGD



Percent Biofuels Irrigation

Legend

%



2030

Nebraska

Washington

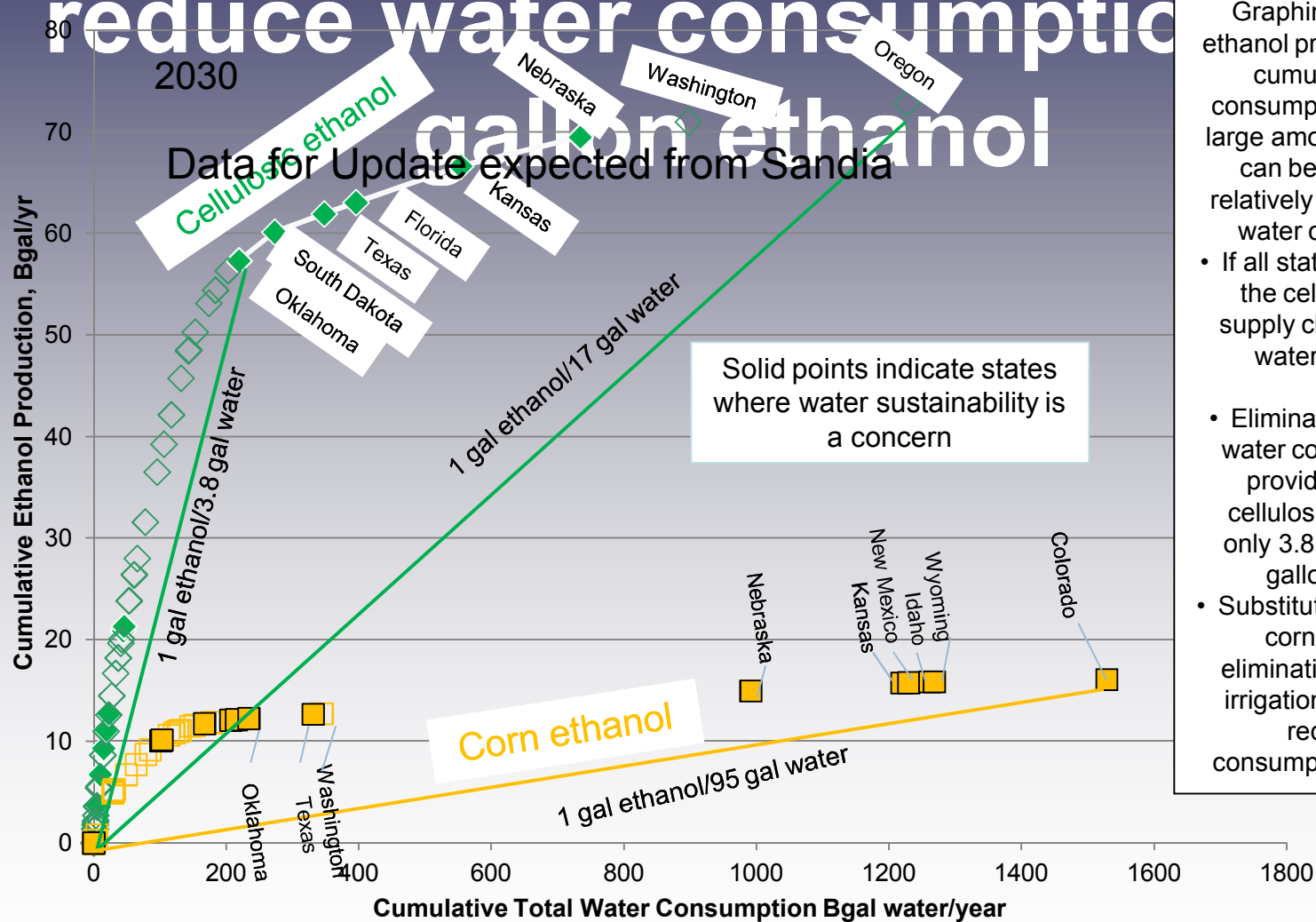
Oregon

66 ethanol

71 ethanol

73 ethanol

Data for Update expected from Sandia



Graphing cumulative ethanol production versus cumulative water consumption shows that large amounts of biofuels can be produced at relatively low impacts on water consumption.

- If all states are included, the cellulosic ethanol supply chain uses 17 gal water per gallon of ethanol
- Eliminating the highest water consuming states, provides 58 B gal of cellulosic ethanol using only 3.8 gal of water per gallon of ethanol
- Substituting cellulosic for corn ethanol and eliminating the high corn irrigation states will also reduce water consumption substantially

# Water Use for Energy Extraction

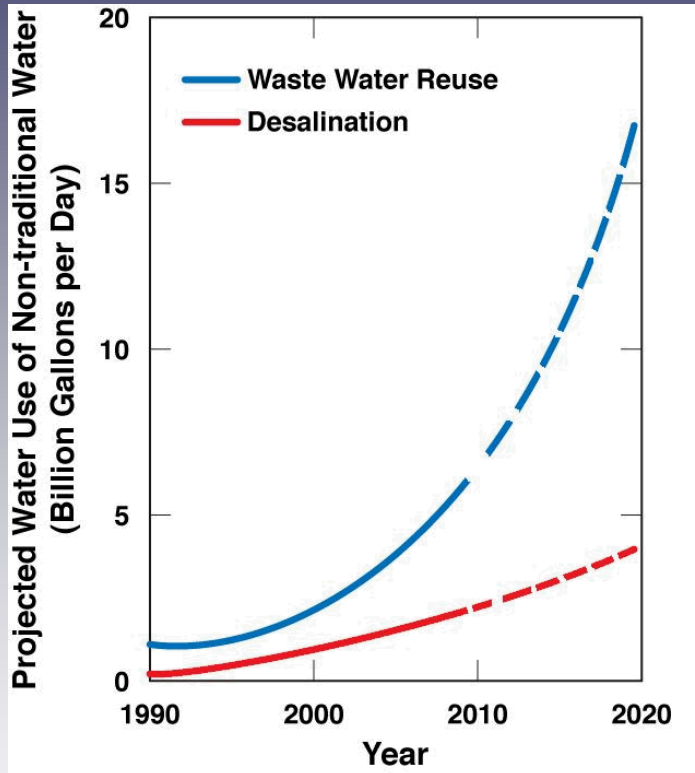


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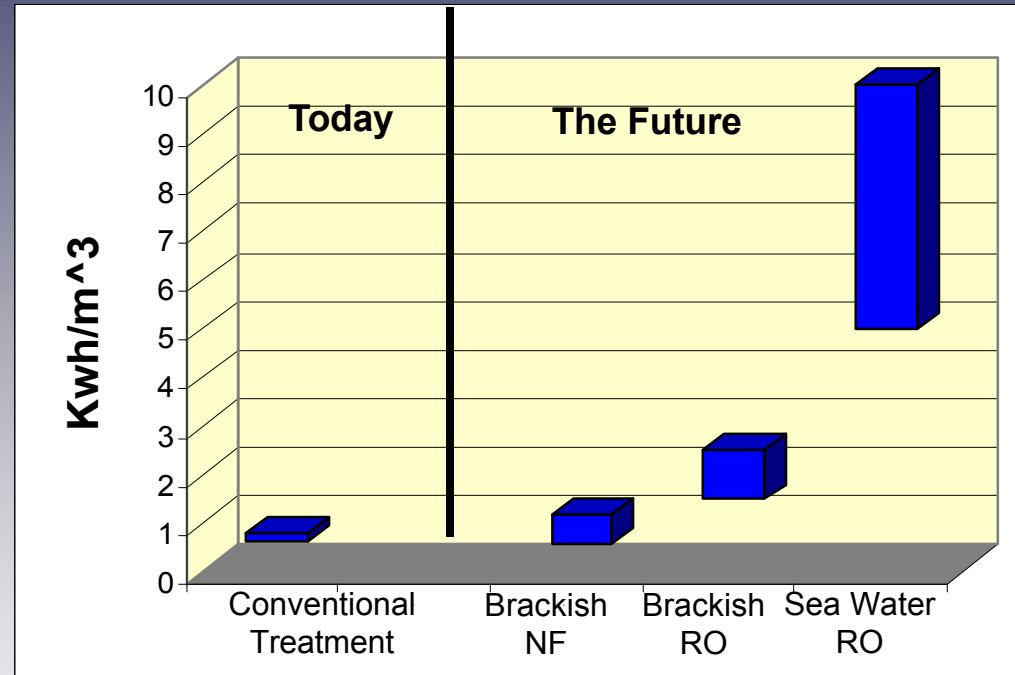


# Water Demand Projection Model

## *Power Requirements For Treatment*



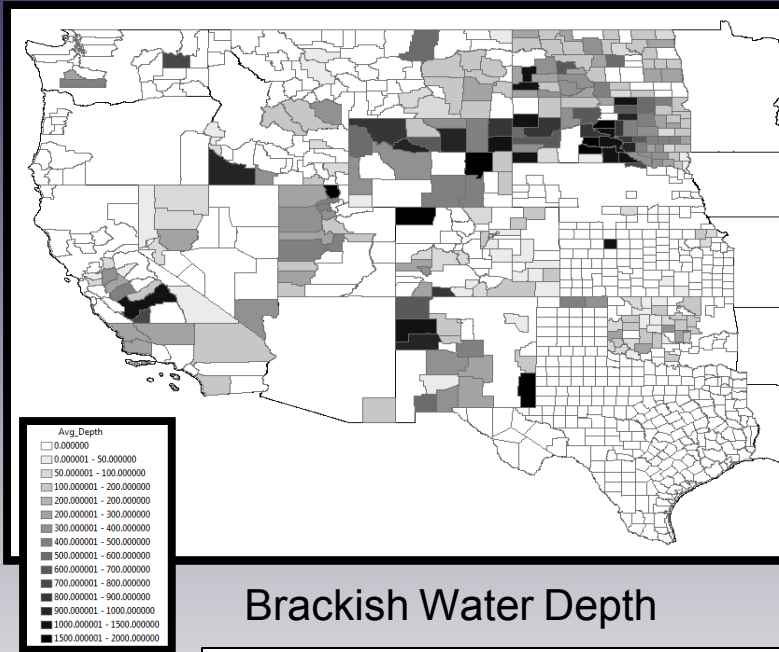
(Modified from Water Reuse 2007, EPA 2004, Mickley 2003)



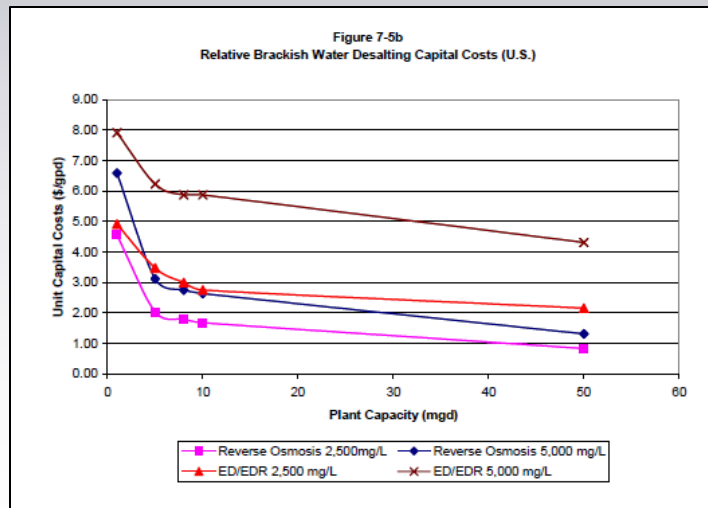
(Einfeld 2007)

- Desal growing at 10% per year, waste water reuse at 15% per year
- Non-traditional water use is energy intensive

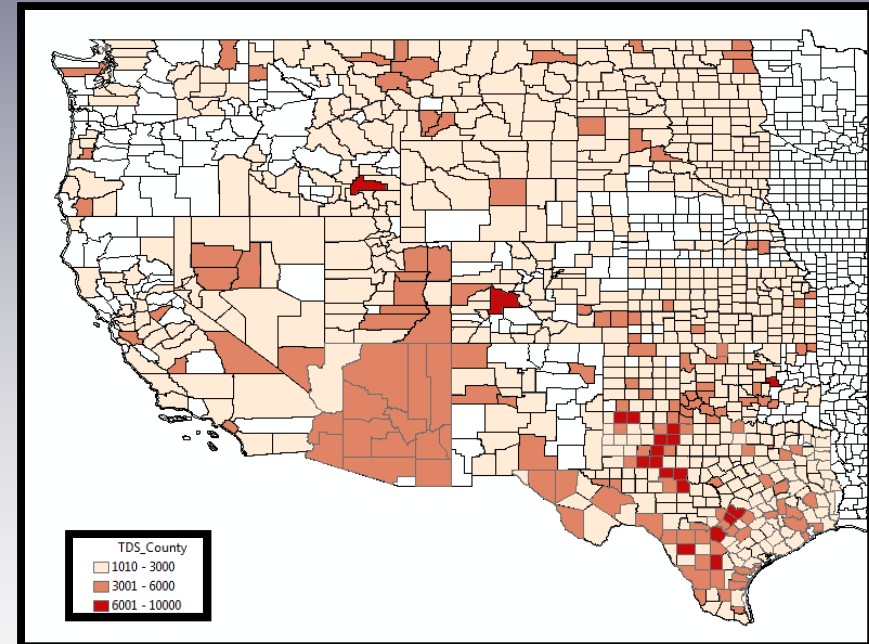
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Brackish Water Depth



Brackish Water Treatment

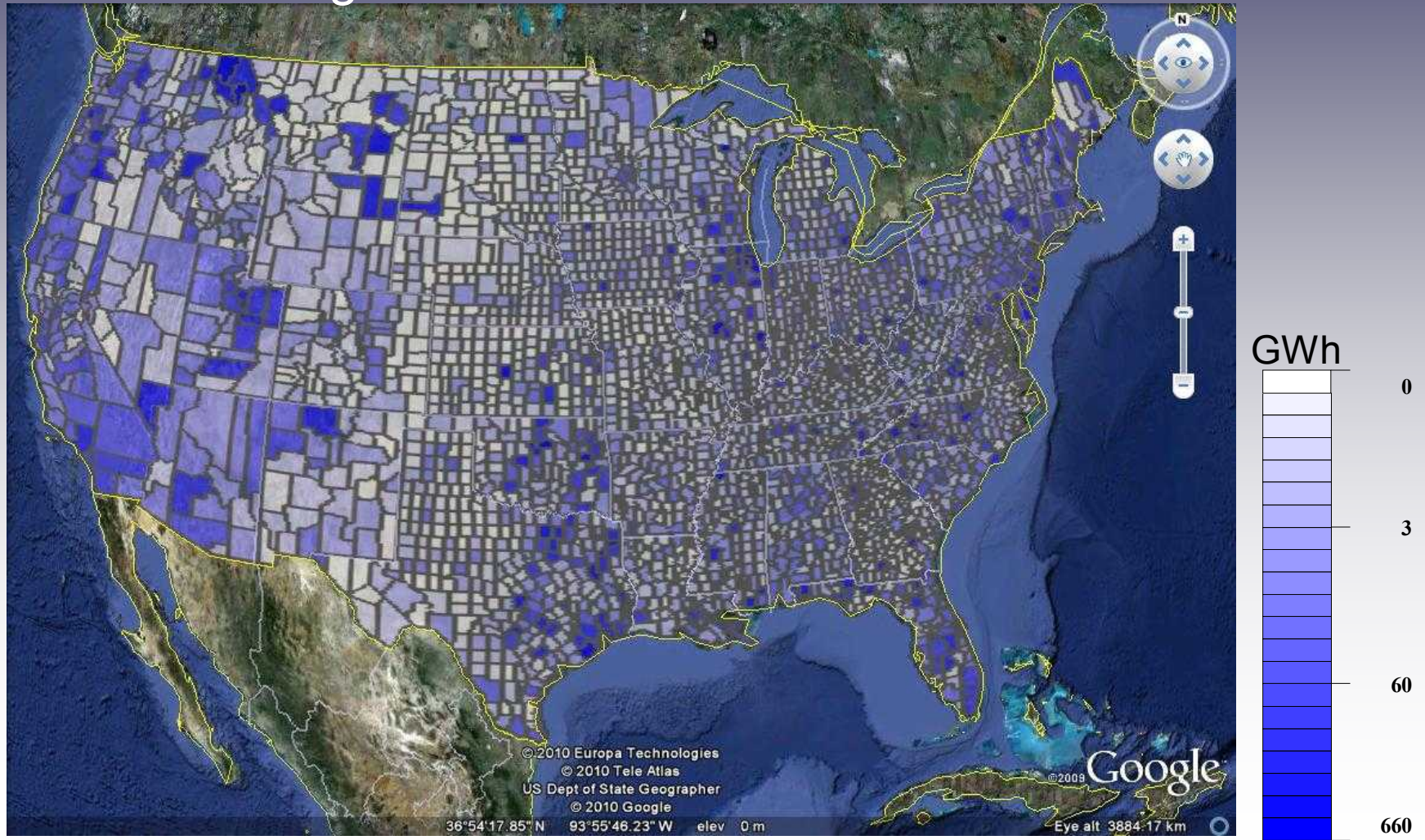


Brackish TDS Levels



# Energy for Water

Projected Increase in Demand for Electricity due to Growing Demand for Water: 2004-2030



# Project Objectives

- Develop an integrated Energy-Water Decision Support System (DSS) that will enable planners to analyze the potential implications of water stress for transmission and resource planning.
- Pursue the formulation and development of the Energy-Water DSS through a strongly collaborative process between Western Electricity Coordinating Council, Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Western Governors' Association, and Western States Water Council.
- Exercise the Energy-Water DSS to investigate water transmission planning scenarios.



# Project Partners

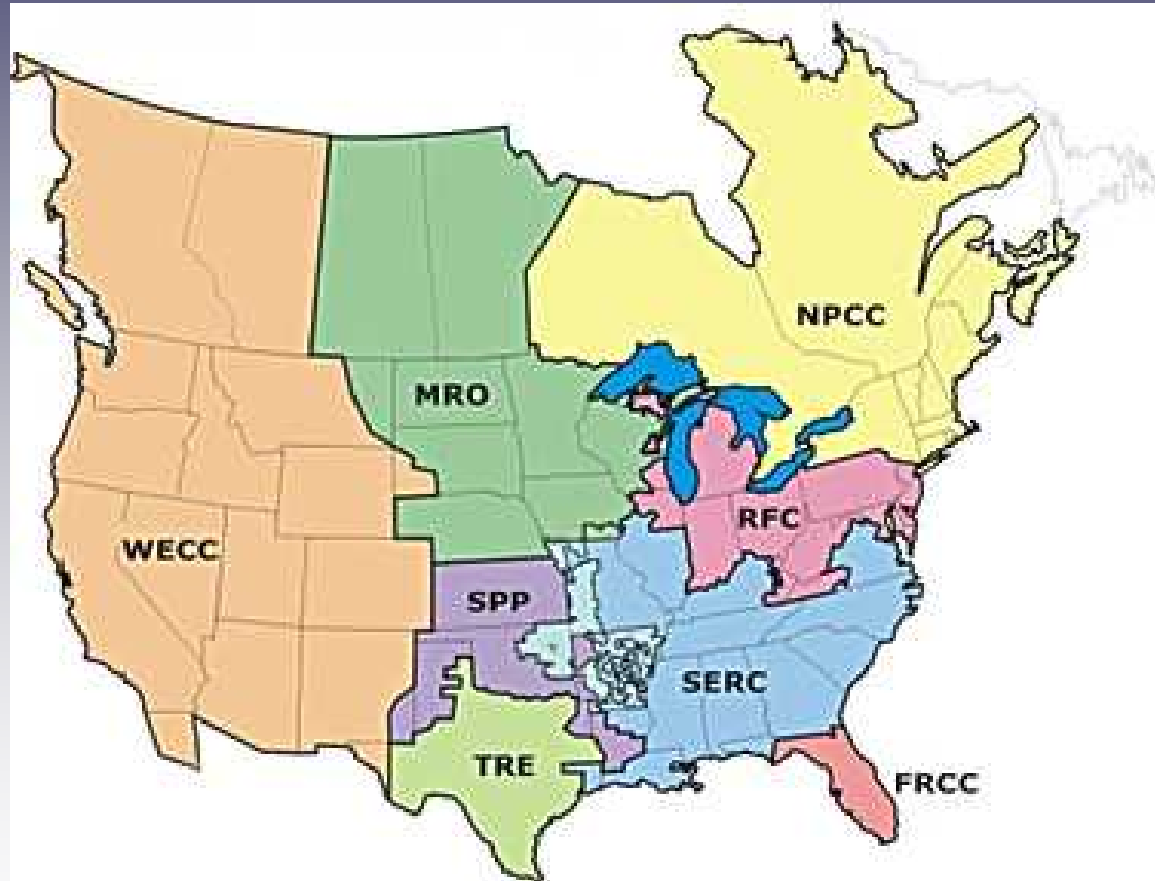
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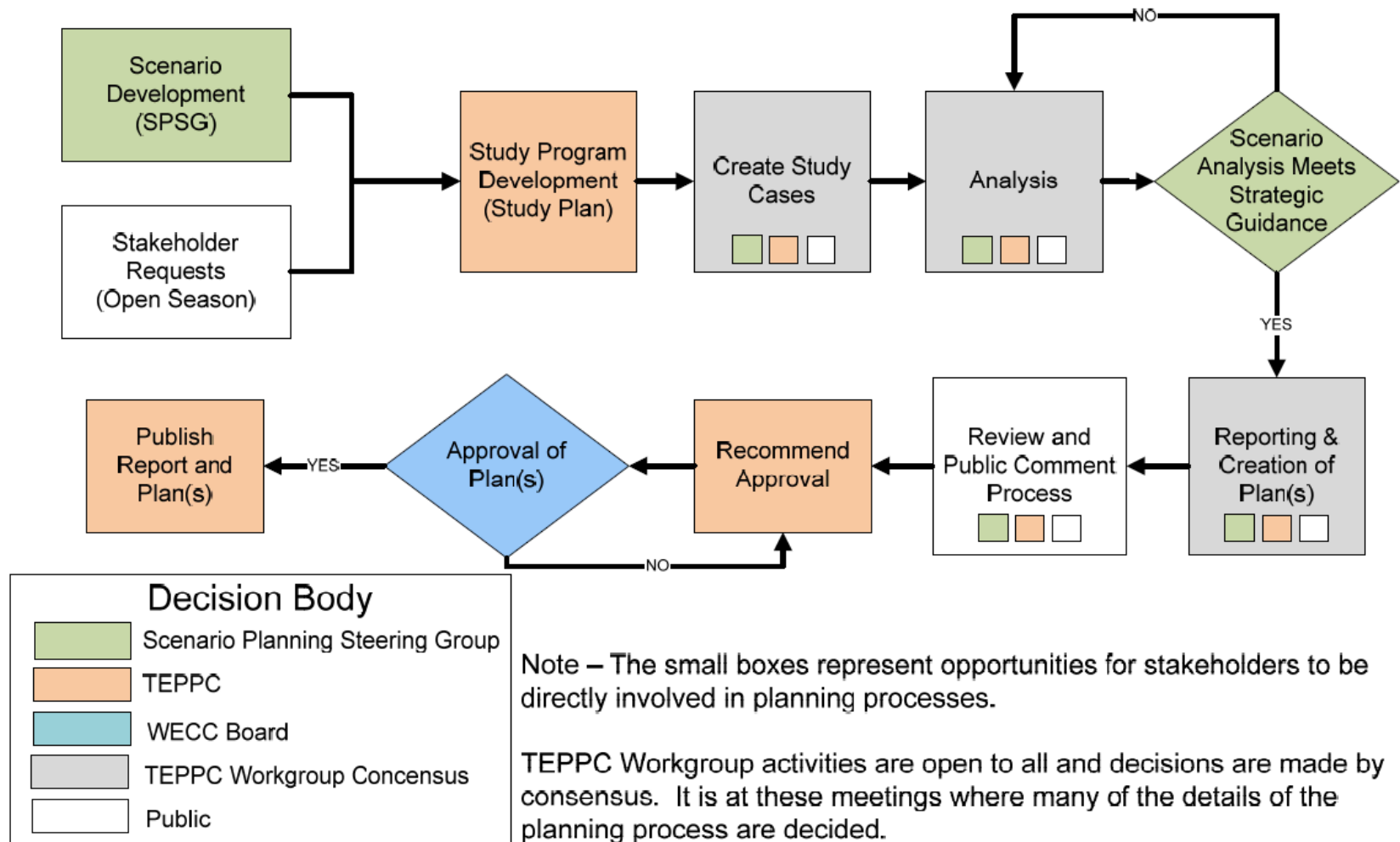


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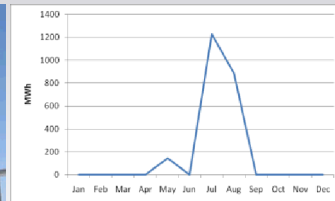
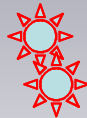
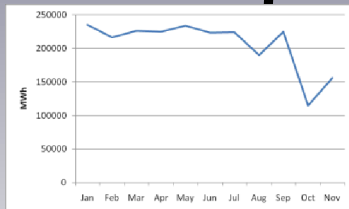
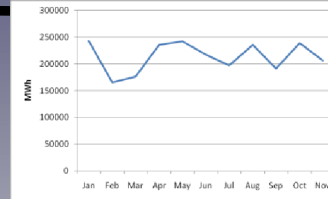
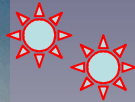
- Project duration:
  - 24 months for WECC
  - 18 months for ERCOT
- Planning horizon is to 2030



# Transmission Planning



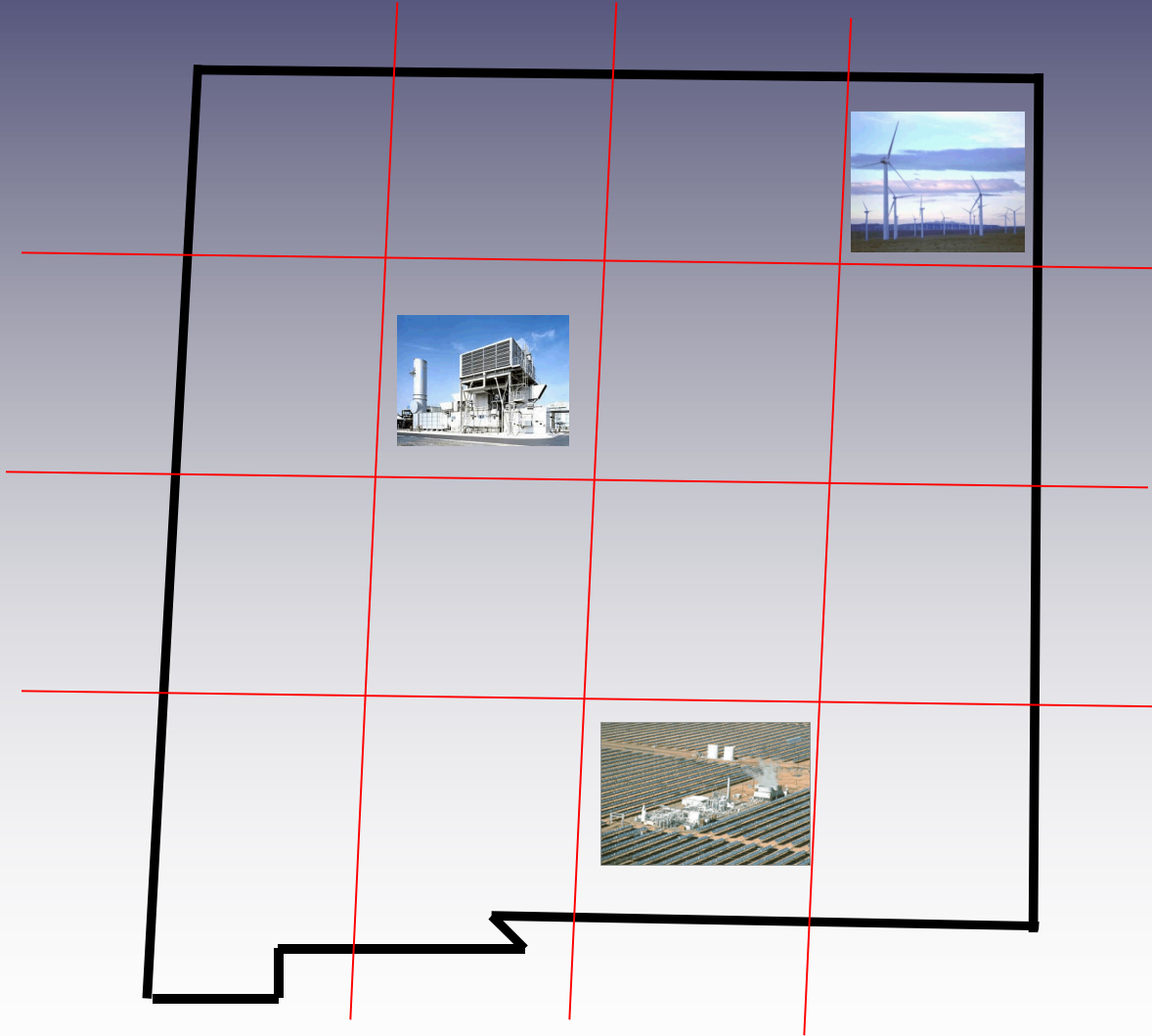
# Transmission Planning Output: Operations at Existing Plants



- ***Plant Characteristics***
  - ***System Upgrades, and***
  - ***Production, or***
  - ***Retirement***



# Transmission Planning Output: New Power Plant Siting



- ***Plant Characteristics***
  - ***Location,***
  - ***Fuel Type,***
  - ***Size, and***
  - ***Production***

# Plant Level Evaluation/Tradeoffs

## Cooling Options

## Plant Options



Fuel Type and Location



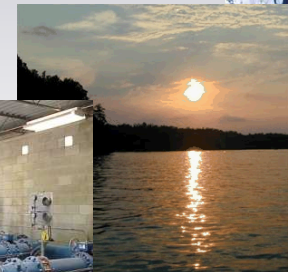
Dry-Cooled



Wet Cooling



Flowing ground water



Ground Water  
Surface Water



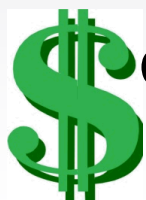
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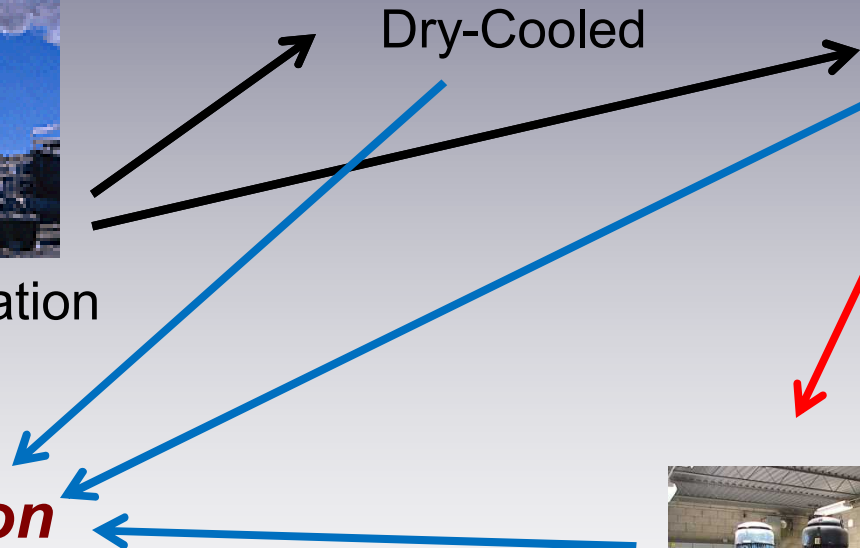
## Evaluation Metrics



Reliability



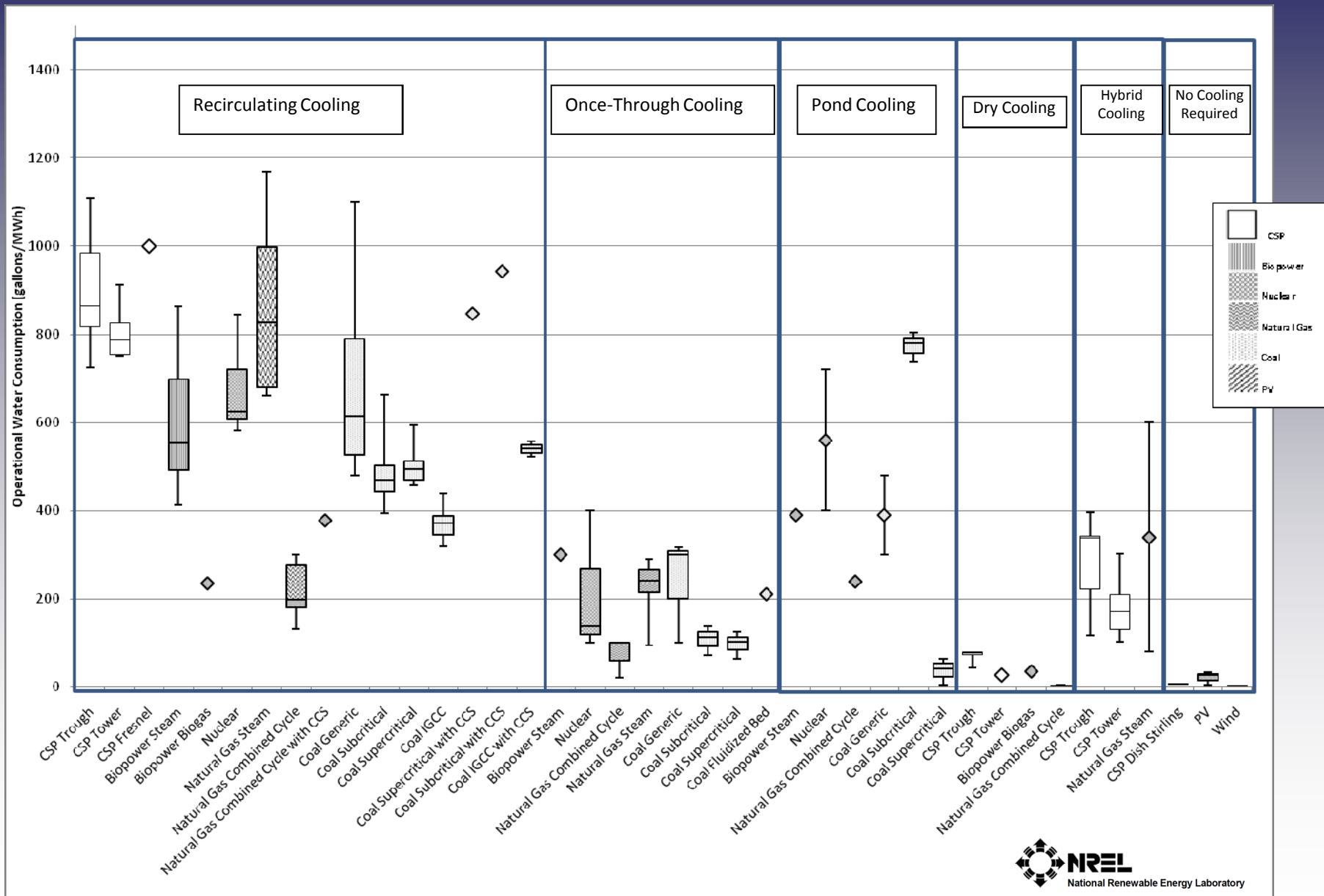
Cost



# Driving Questions

- *How “difficult” would it be to acquire new water in a given basin?*
- *How “vulnerable” are existing plants to drought related water supply disruptions?*
- *What limited set of metrics best characterize answers to these questions?*

# Thermoelectric Water Use



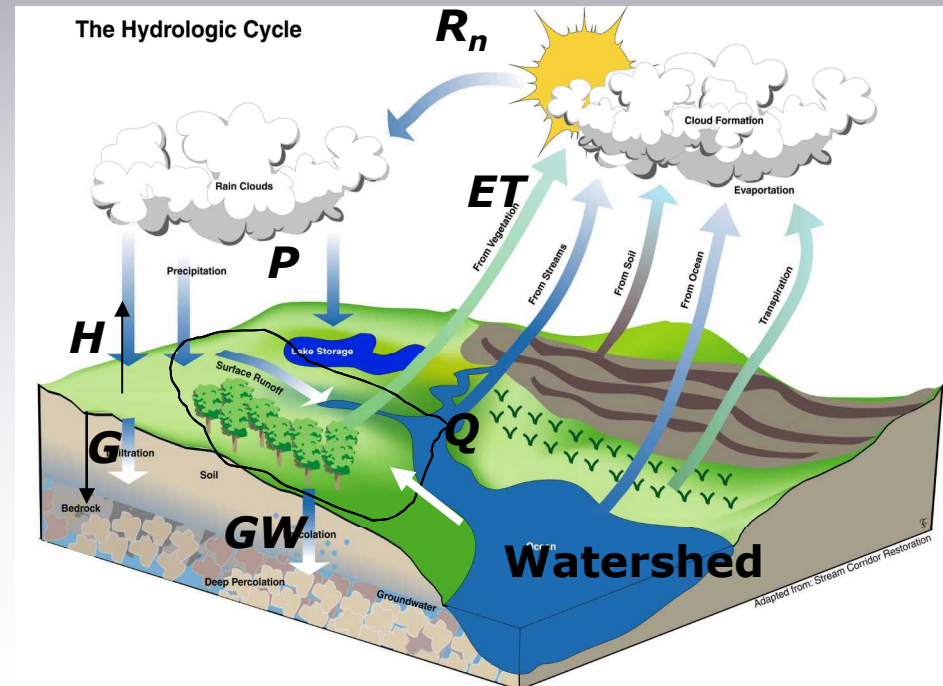


# Water Availability Indicators

- *Water Demand*
- *Water Supply*
- *Drought Vulnerability*
- *Institutional Factors*
- *Value of Water*

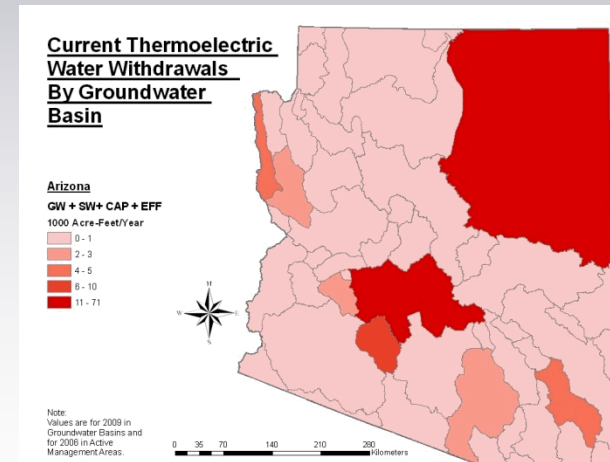
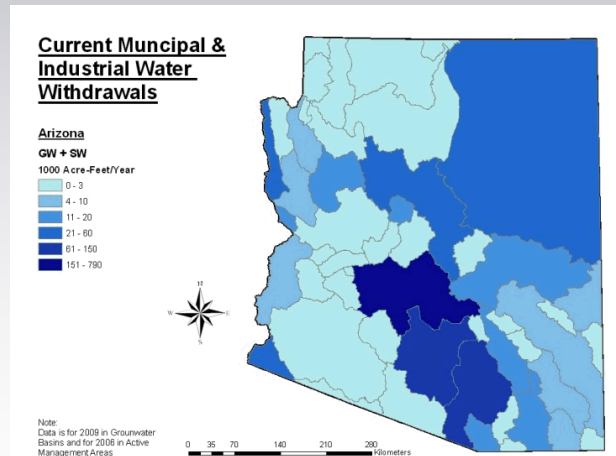
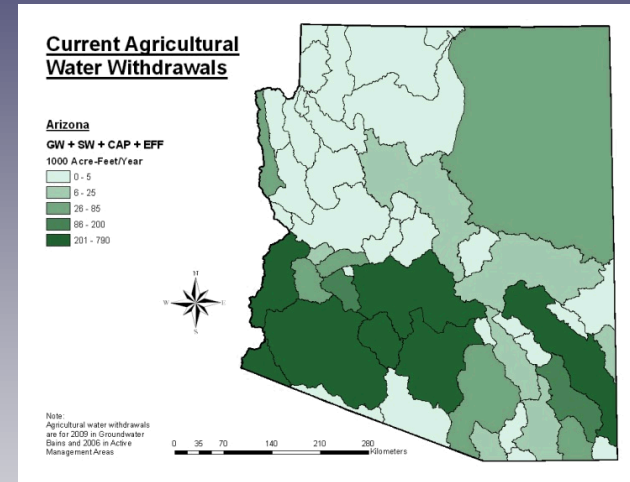
Physical Water

Physical Water Budget



# Water Availability Indicators: Demand

- *Focus on withdrawals*
- *Estimate consumption from withdrawals*
- *Disaggregate by:*
  - *8-digit watershed*
  - *Sector*
    - ❖ *M&I*
    - ❖ *Agriculture*
    - ❖ *Evaporative*
    - ❖ *Instream*
  - *Water source*



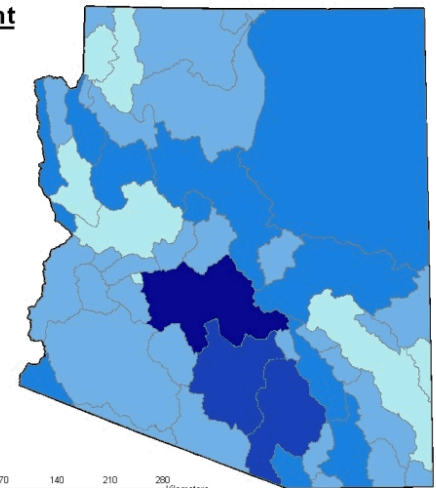
# Water Availability Indicators: Demand

- **Projected growth**
  - *High and*
  - *Low cases*
- **Identify state projected growth areas for power production**

## Change from Current Water Withdrawals for M & I in 2030

Arizona  
GW + SW  
1000 Acre-Feet/Year

-3 - 0
1 - 5
6 - 40
41 - 150
151 - 580

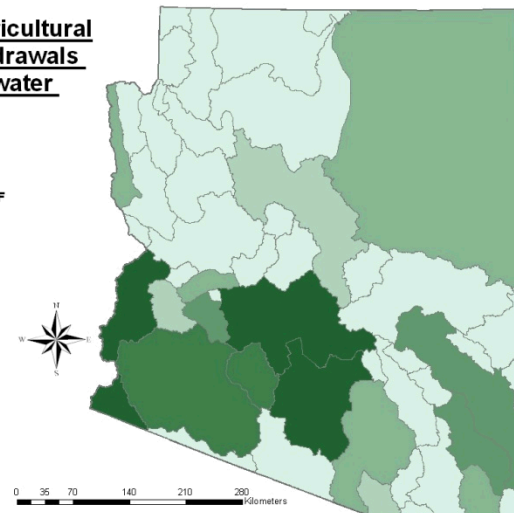


Note:  
Values were projected using  
population data from the  
Arizona Water Atlas

## Current Agricultural Water Withdrawals By Groundwater Basin

Arizona  
GW + SW + CAP + EFF  
1000 Acre-Feet/Year

0 - 10
11 - 30
31 - 85
86 - 205
206 - 525
526 - 790



Note:  
Values are for 2008 in  
Groundwater Basins and  
for 2008 in Active  
Management Areas.



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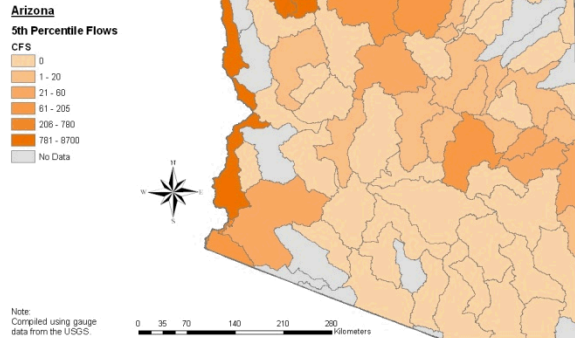


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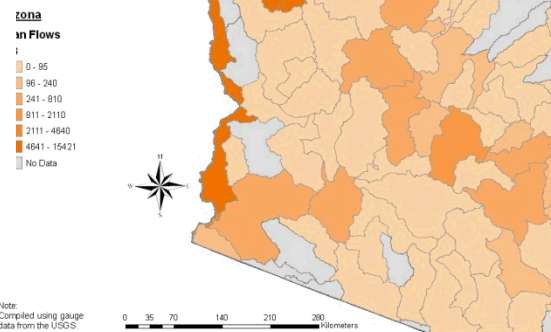
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## 5th Percentile Stream Flows in Watersheds



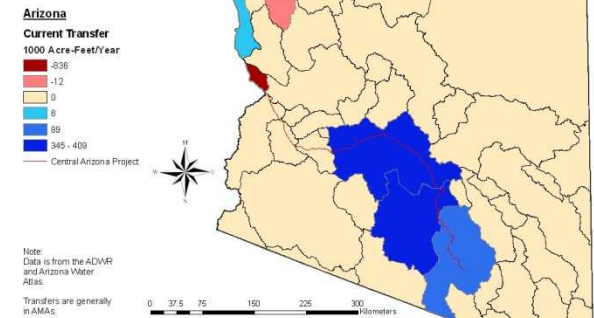
Mean Gauged Streamflow

## Annual Low Stream Flows in Watersheds



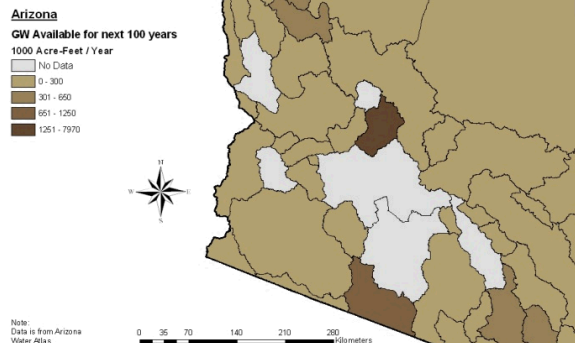
Annual Low Flow

## Interbasin Transfers By Groundwater Basin & AMA



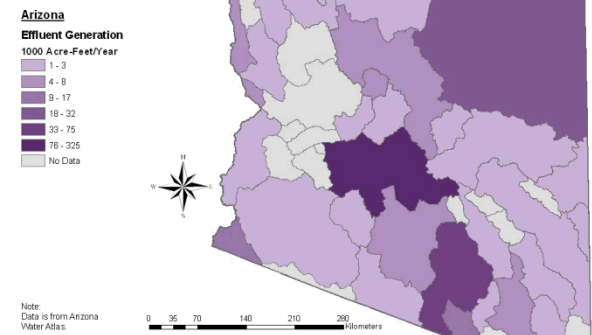
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## Current Groundwater Availability per year



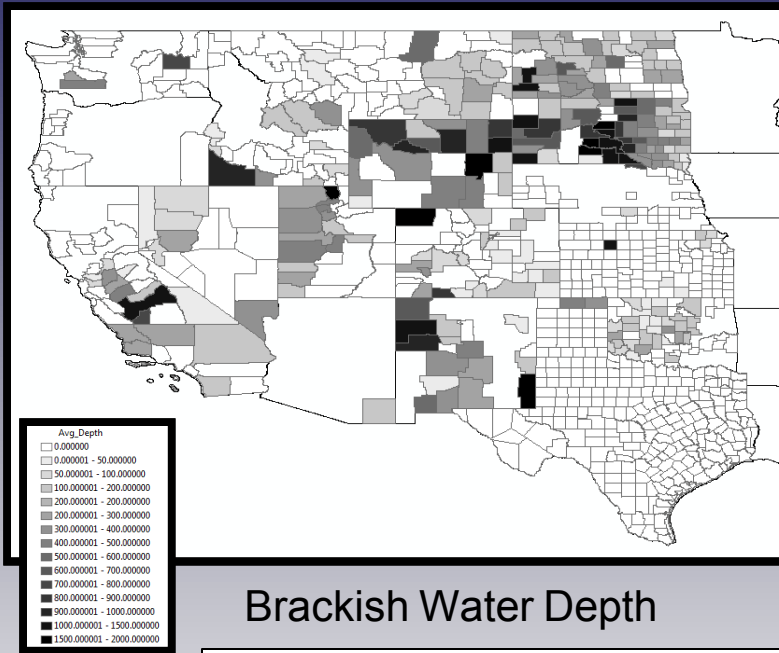
Non-Tributary Groundwater

## Effluent Generation By Groundwater Basin

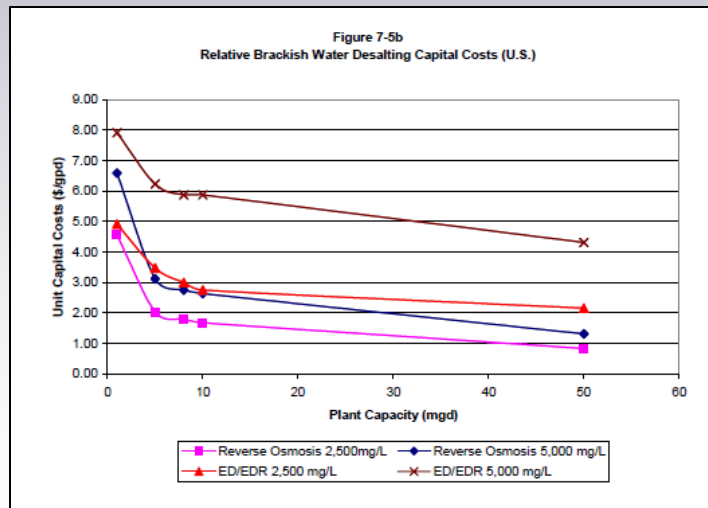


Accessible Non-Potable Sources

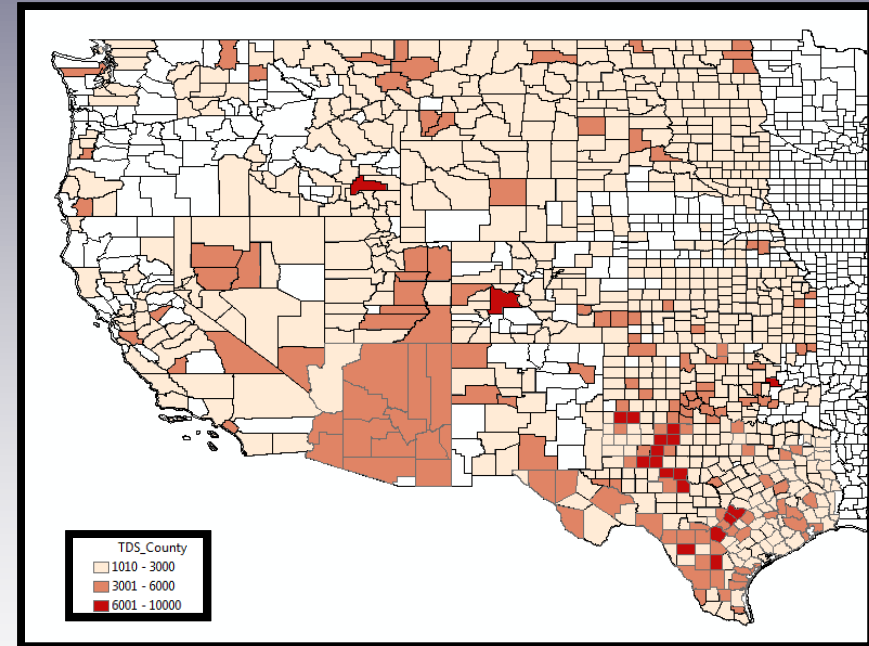
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Brackish Water Treatment



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# Water Availability Indicators: Drought Vulnerability



Plant Vulnerabilities

- Physical factors,
- Water rights,
- Environmental constraints



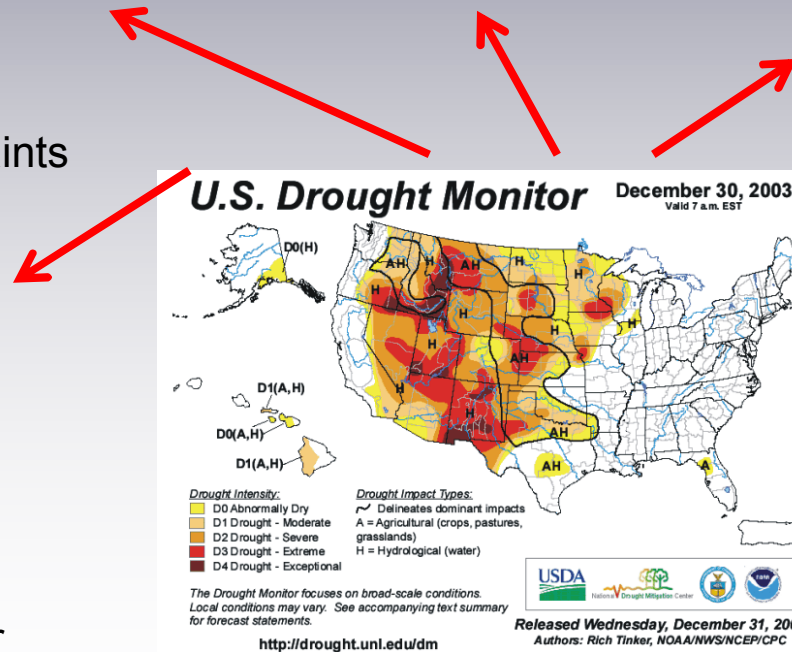
Increased Power  
Demand



Reduced Streamflow  
Reduced Supply



Decreased Hydropower  
Production



# Water Availability Indicators: Institutional Factors

## Current Groundwater Availability per year

**Arizona**  
GW Available for next 100 years  
1000 Acre-Feet / Year

- No Data
- 0 - 300
- 301 - 650
- 651 - 1250
- 1251 - 7970



0 35 70 140 210 280 Kilometers

Note:  
Data is from Arizona  
Water Atlas

Unappropriated Water

## Adjudicated Surface of Water Basins

**Arizona**  
Status of Adjudication Process

- ACTIVE
- FINAL
- NONE
- ONGOING
- PENDING
- PRELIMINARY



0 45 90 180 270 360 Kilometers

Note:  
Includes agreements with  
other states and Mexico

Adjudication Status

## Status of Water Claims for Indian Communities

**Arizona**  
Status

- In Negotiations
- Settled
- Settled/Unresolved
- Unresolved



0 30 60 120 180 240 Kilometers

Note:  
Settled/Unresolved = Portions  
of claims have been settled,  
while others remain unresolved.  
Status as of Sept. 2010

Indian Water

## Groundwater Basins & Special Management Areas

**Arizona**  
Type

- Groundwater Basin
- Douglas INA
- Harquahala INA
- Joseph City INA
- Phoenix AMA
- Pinal AMA
- Prescott AMA
- Santa Cruz AMA
- Tucson AMA



0 35 70 140 210 280 Kilometers

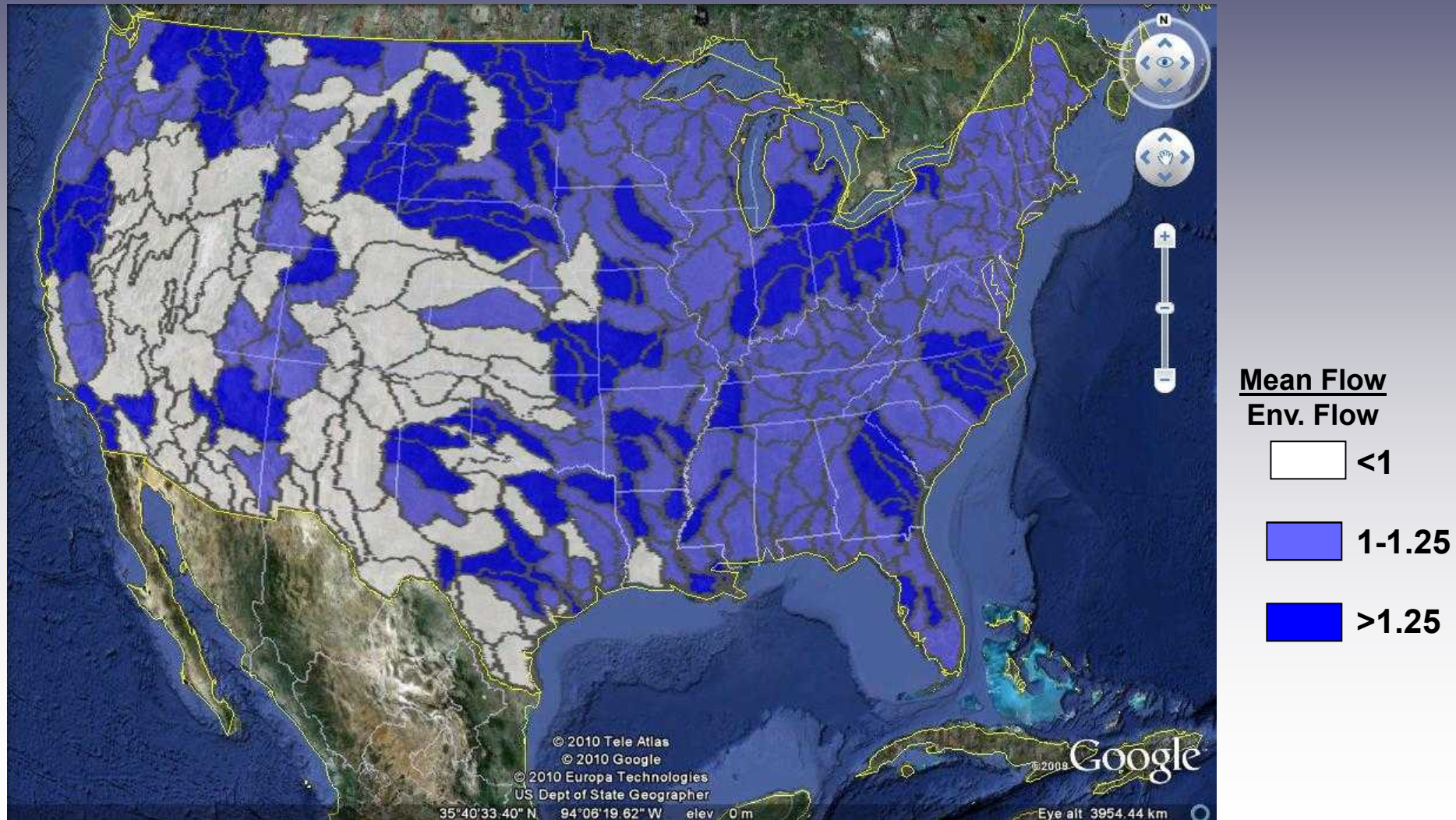
Note:  
INA = Irrigation Non-Expansion Area  
AMA = Active Management Area

Administrative Control Areas



# Water Availability: Environmental Flows

Ratio of Mean Stream Flow to Environmental Flow Requirements: 2004



# Water Availability Indicators: Drought Vulnerability



## Plant Vulnerabilities

- Physical factors,
- Water rights,
- Environmental constraints



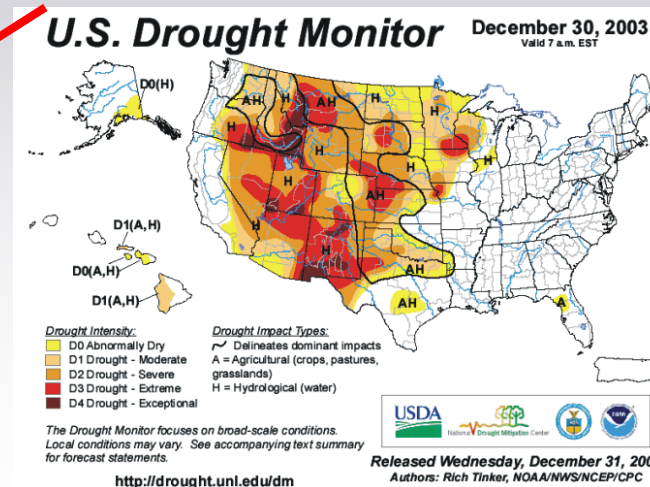
## Increased Power Demand



## Reduced Streamflow Reduced Supply

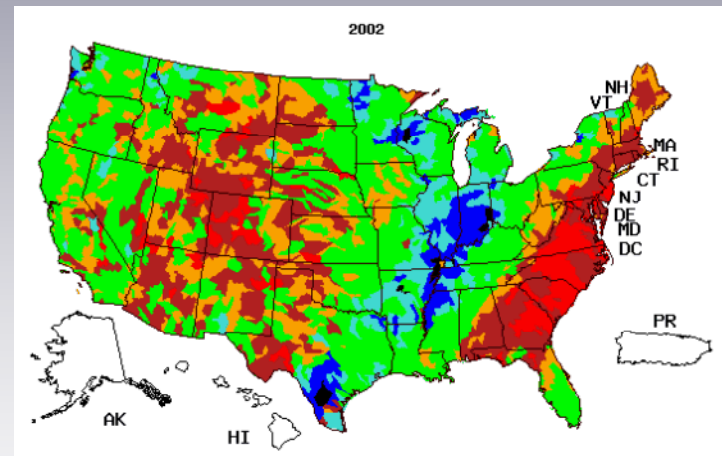
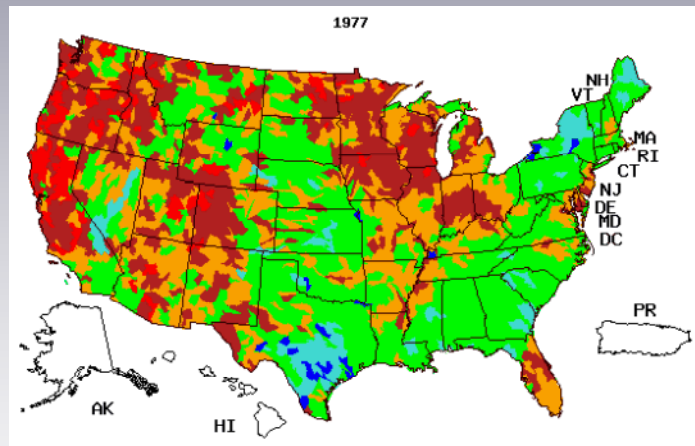
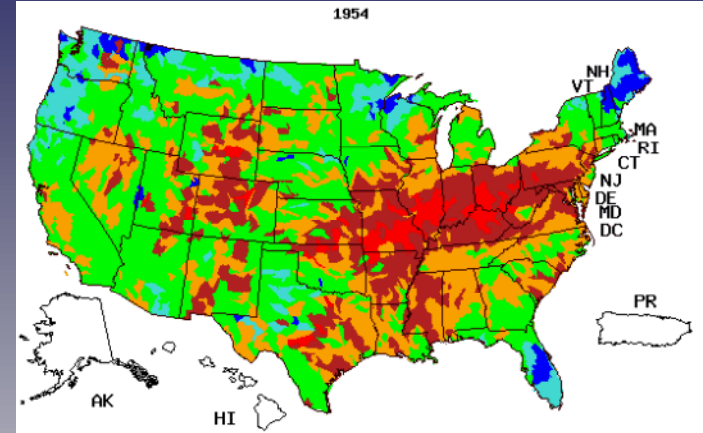
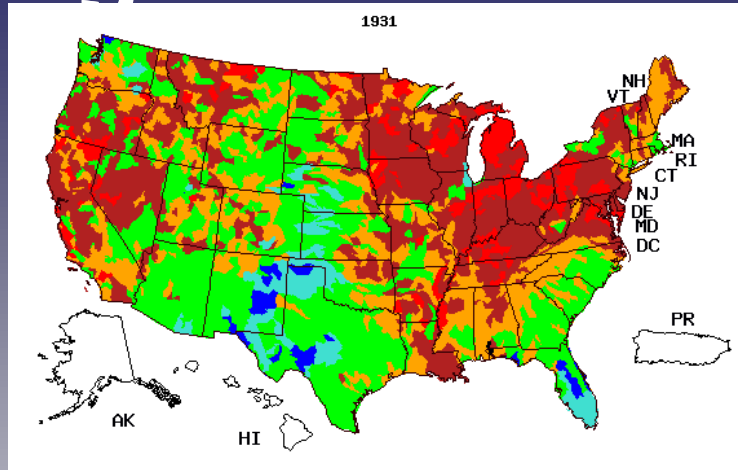


## Decreased Hydropower Production





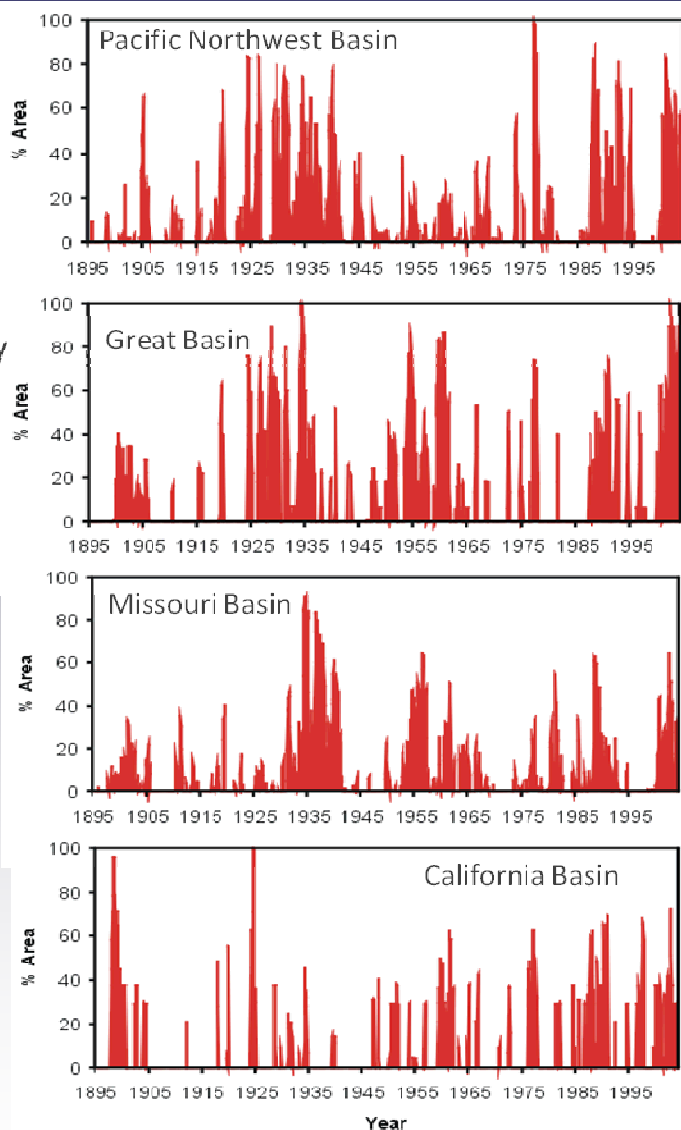
# Regional Pattern of Severe Drought



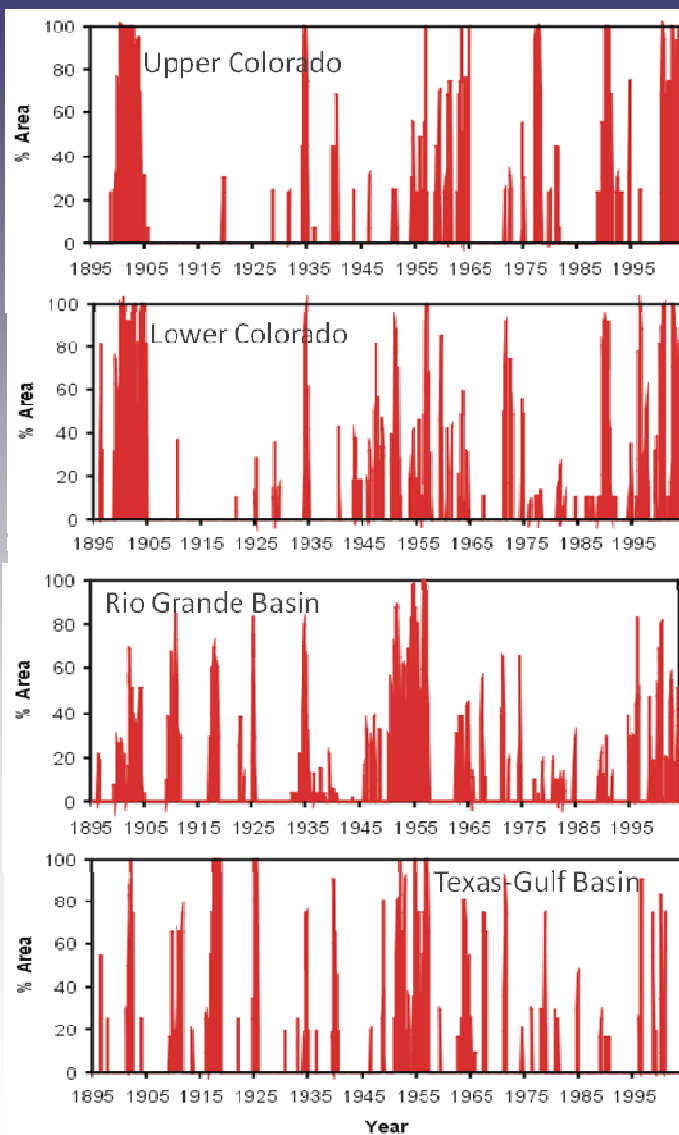
Explanation -- Percentile Range							
Lowest	< 10	10 - 24	25 - 75	76 - 90	>90	Highest	No data

Eugene Yan, May 2011

# Regional Pattern of Severe Drought



Long  
duration  
Low  
frequency

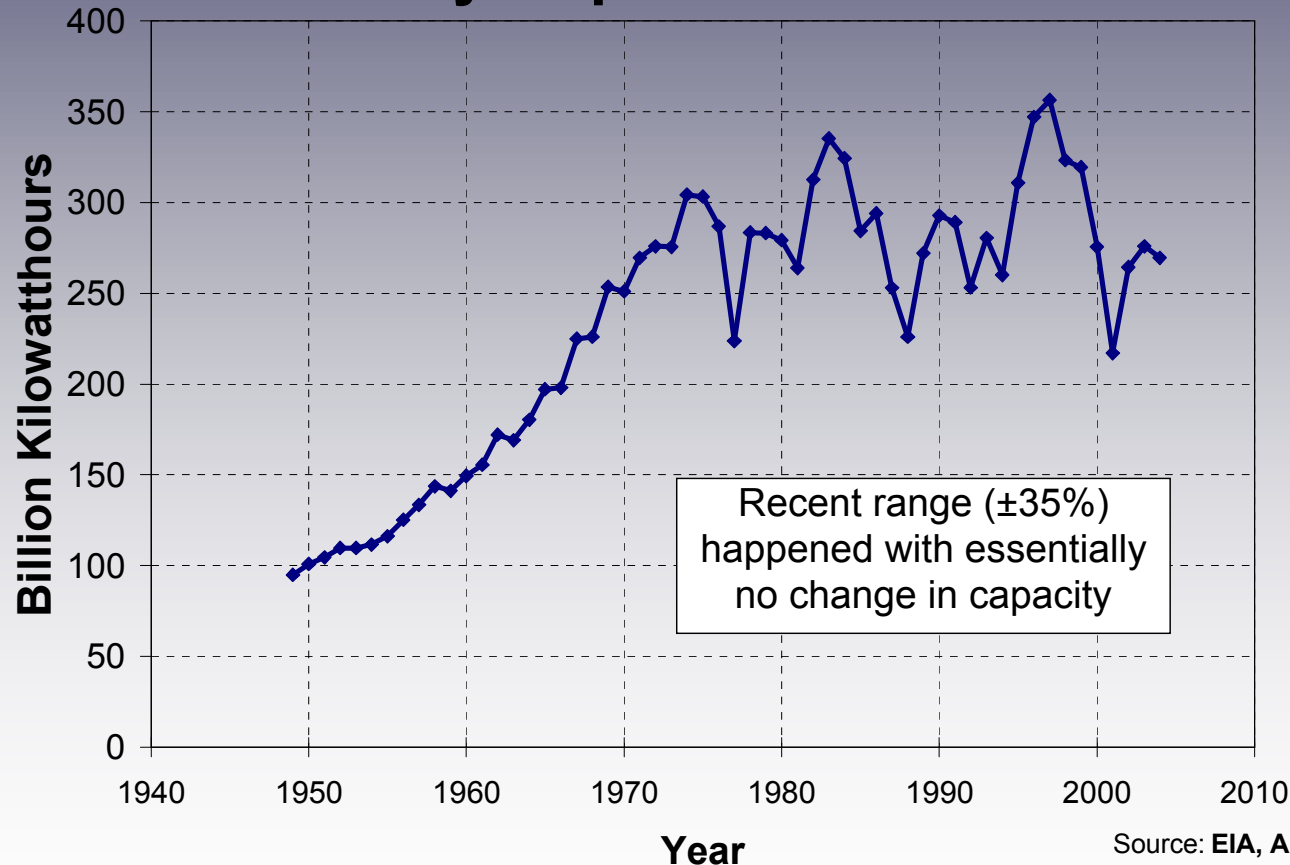


Short  
duration  
High  
frequency



# Hydroelectric Power at Risk of Drought

## U.S. Hydropower Production

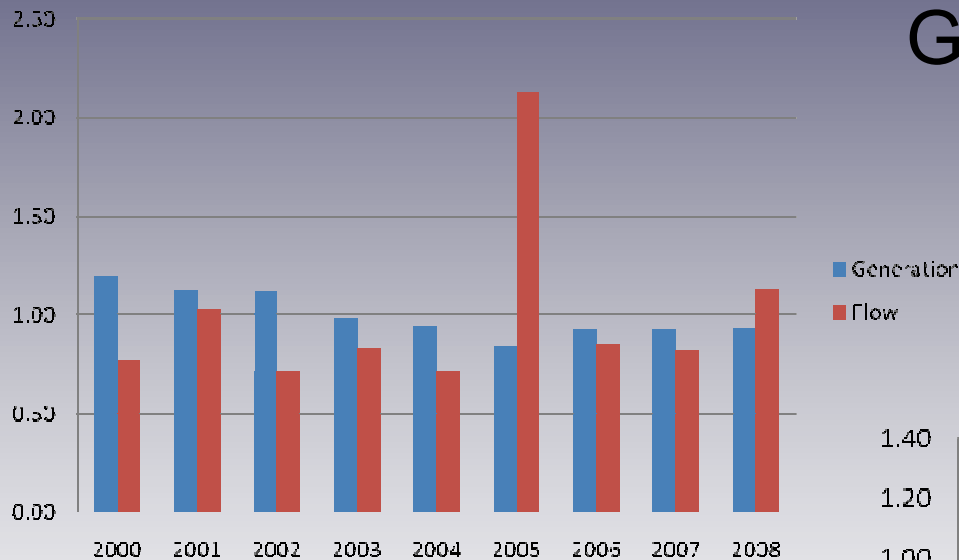


- Supplies 6%-10% of US electricity

Source: EIA, Annual Energy Review, 2005

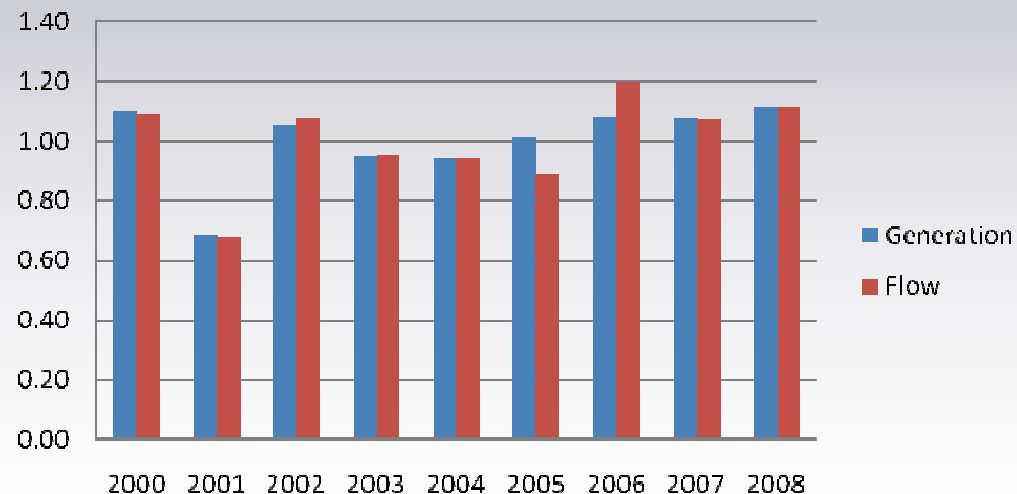
# Hydroelectric Power at Risk of Drought

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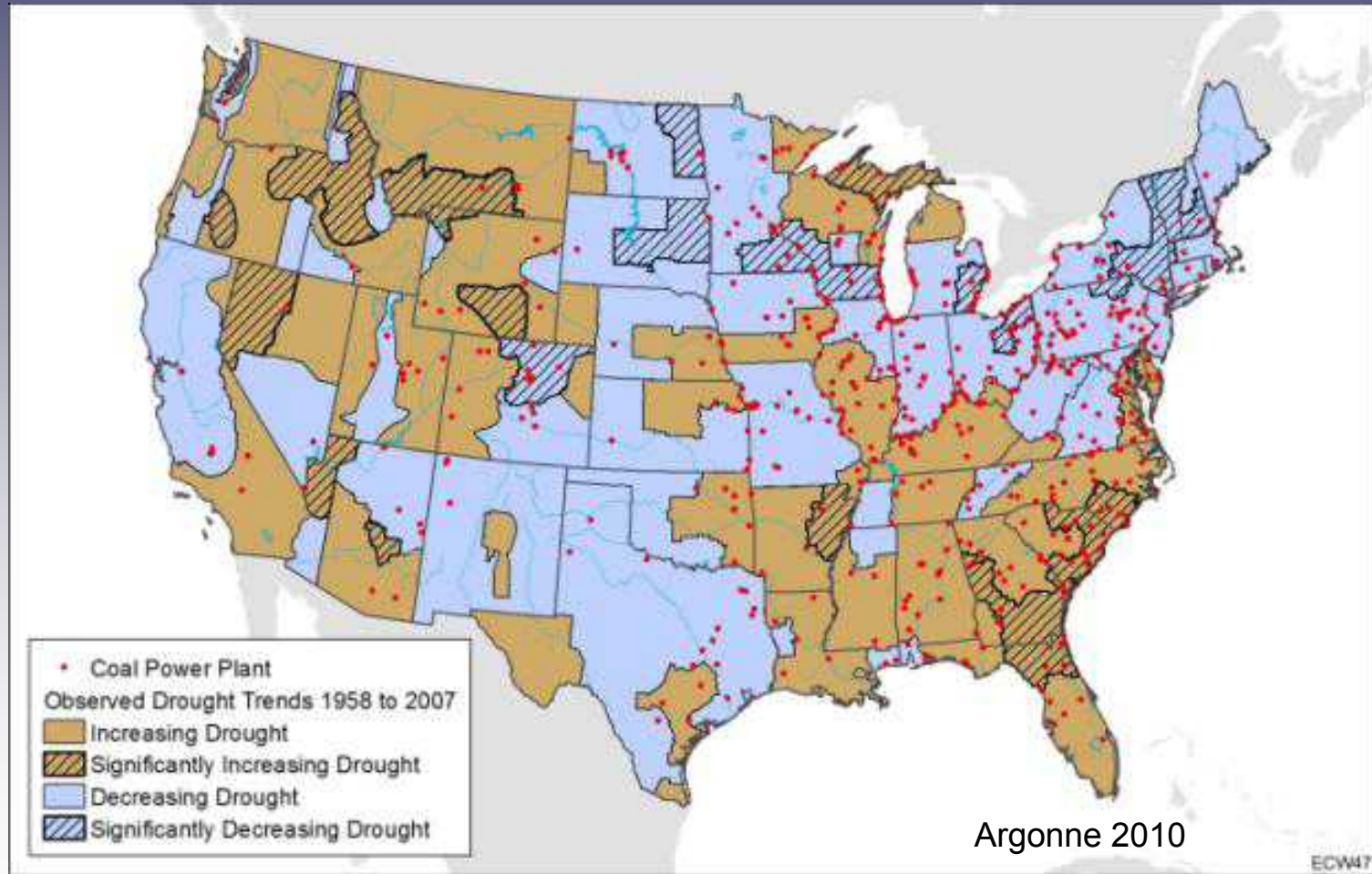


## Generation vs. Streamflow for different basins

Pacific NW



# Thermoelectric Power at Risk of Drought



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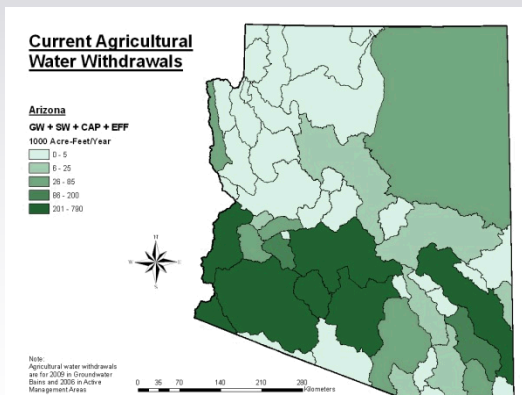


Argonne 2010



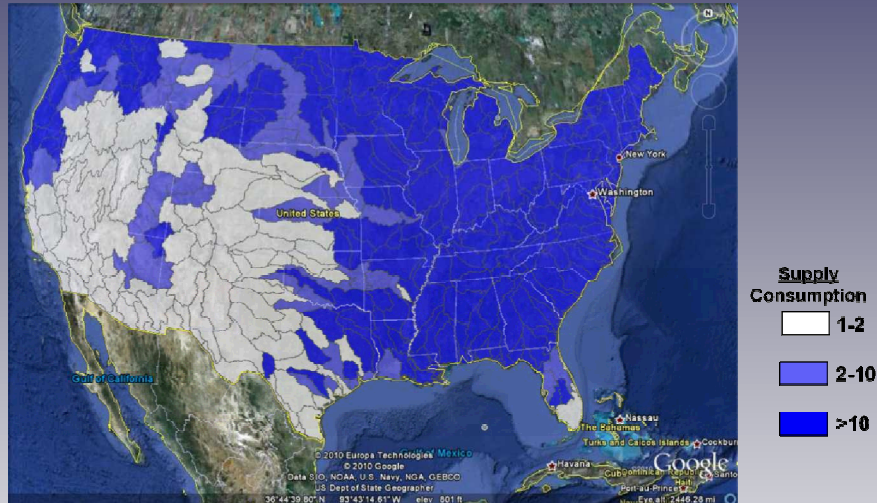
# Water Availability Indicators: Value of Water

- Historic value of leased and sold water rights
- Economic value of water
- Cost of backstop technology

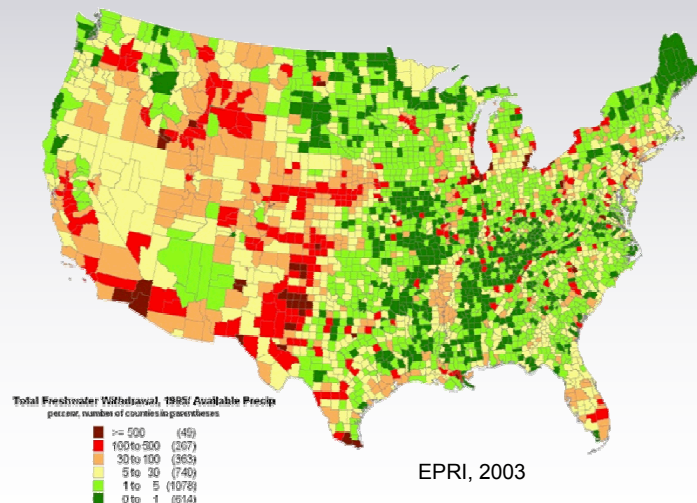


# Water Availability Indicators

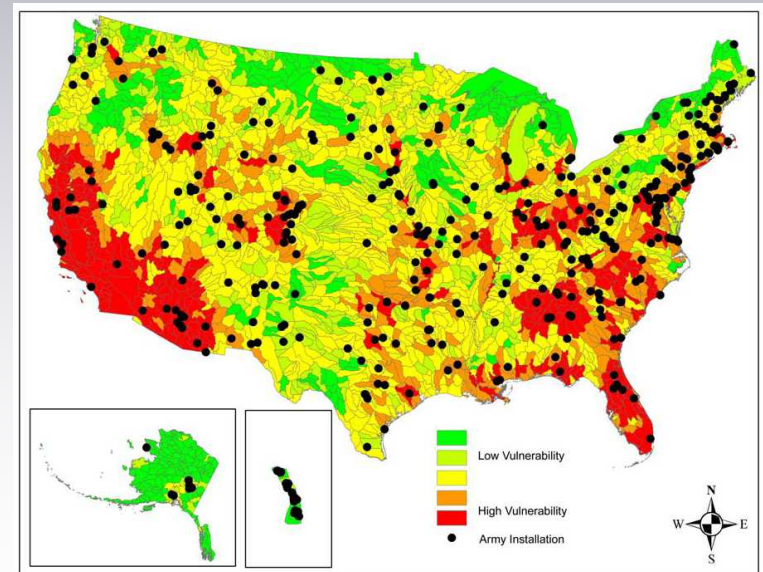
Ratio of Mean Stream Flow to Total Water Consumption: 2004



- No perfect metric
- Need to develop consensus metric(s)
- Propose to establish a working group



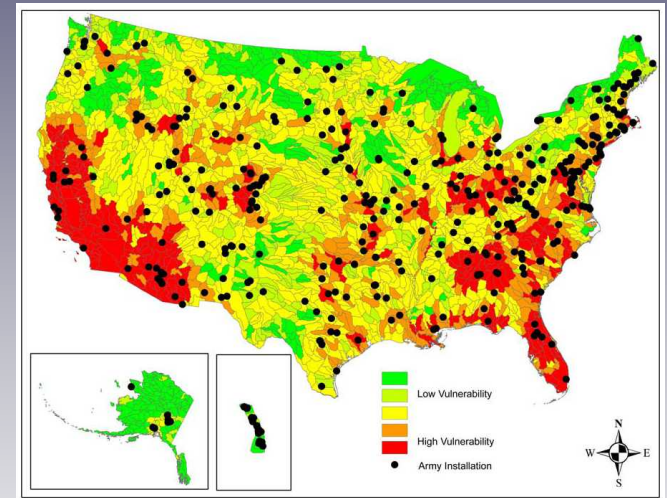
EPRI, 2003



USACE, 2009

# Summary

- Proposed general matrix of water availability indicators:
  - *Water Demand*
  - *Water Supply*
  - *Drought Vulnerability*
  - *Institutional Factors*
  - *Value of Water*
- Request support in developing a set of “consensus metrics” for use in interconnection wide transmission planning





# US Energy Sustainability

A critical piece is missing

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