



Site Characterization of the Burn Site Groundwater Area of Concern

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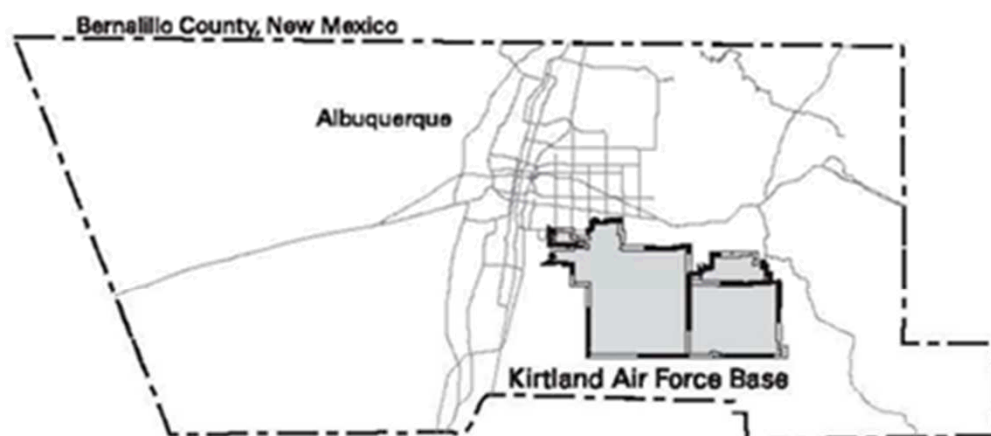
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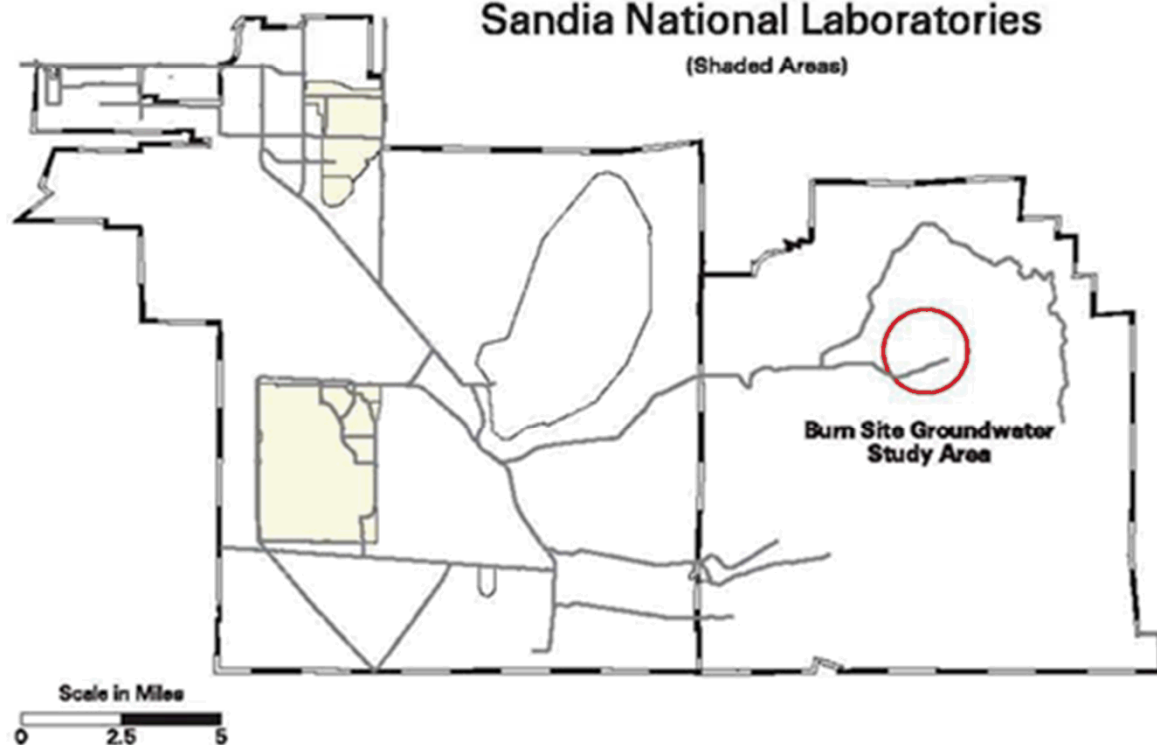


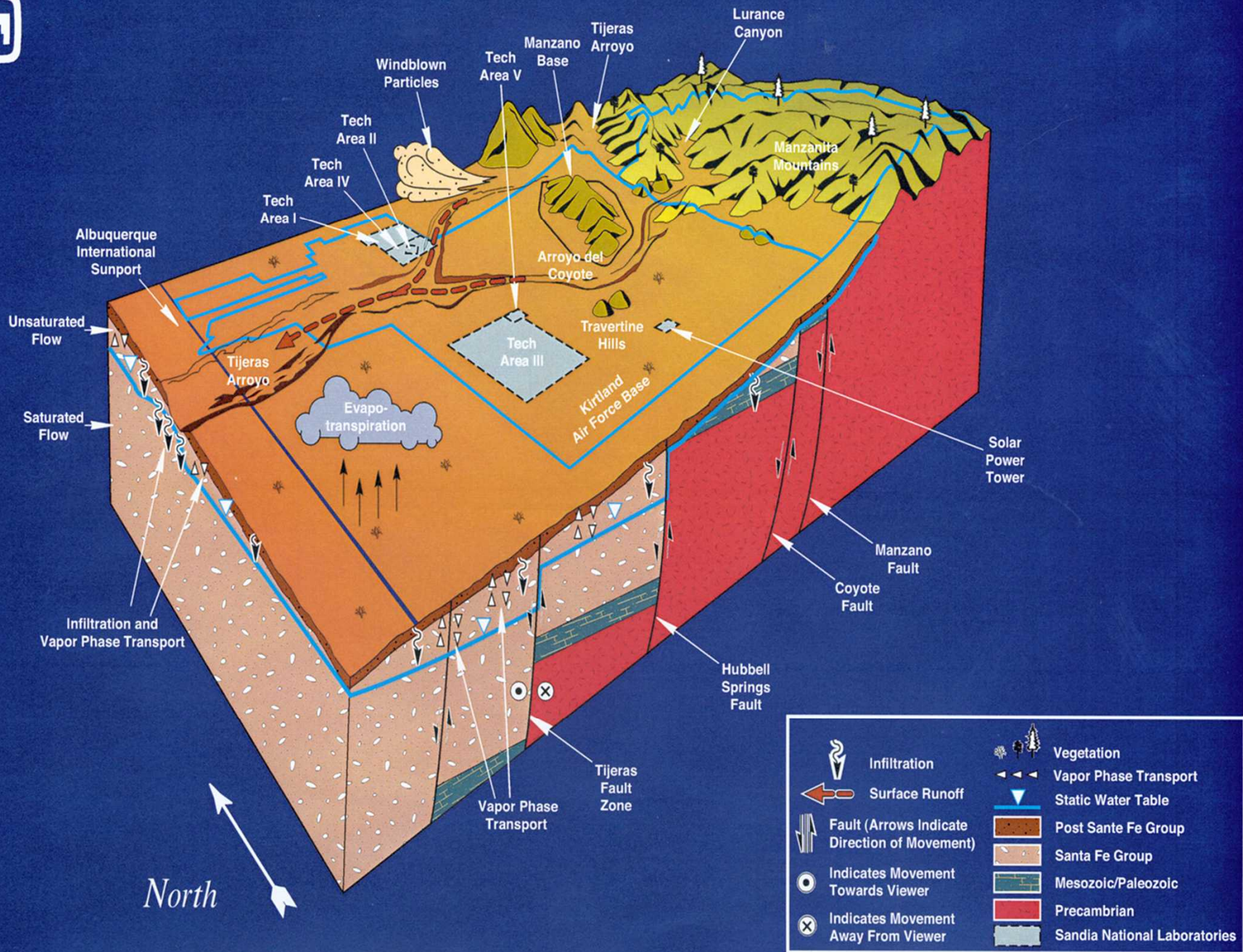
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(Shaded Areas)









History of the Burn Site

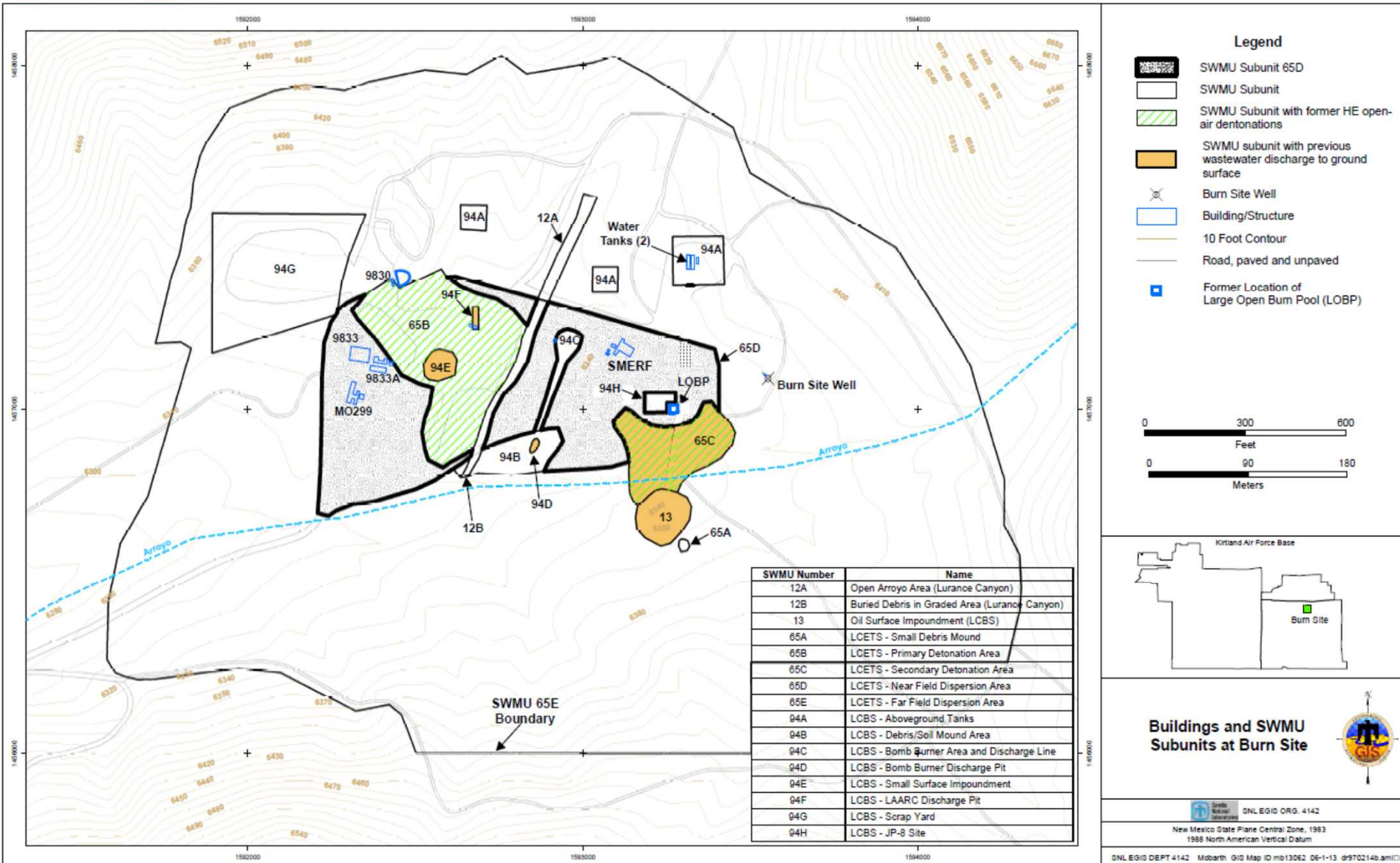
- The Lurance Canyon Burn Site (SWMU 94) and Lurance Canyon Explosive Test Site (SWMU 65) have been used since 1967.
- Historical operations (1967 and 1975) included open detonation of HE compounds and the open burning of HE compounds, liquid propellants, and solid propellants.
- Burn testing began in the early 1970s and has continued to the present.
- Early burn testing was conducted in unlined pits excavated in native soil.



History of the Burn Site (continued)

- By 1975, portable, steel, burn pans were used for open burning, mostly using JP-4.
- The Light Air Transport Accident Resistant Container Unit was constructed in 1980, and other engineered burn units were constructed by 1983. These burn units used jet fuel, gasoline, and diesel for the burn tests.
- Most current research has involved testing the fire survivability of transportation containers, weapon components, simulated weapons, and satellite components.

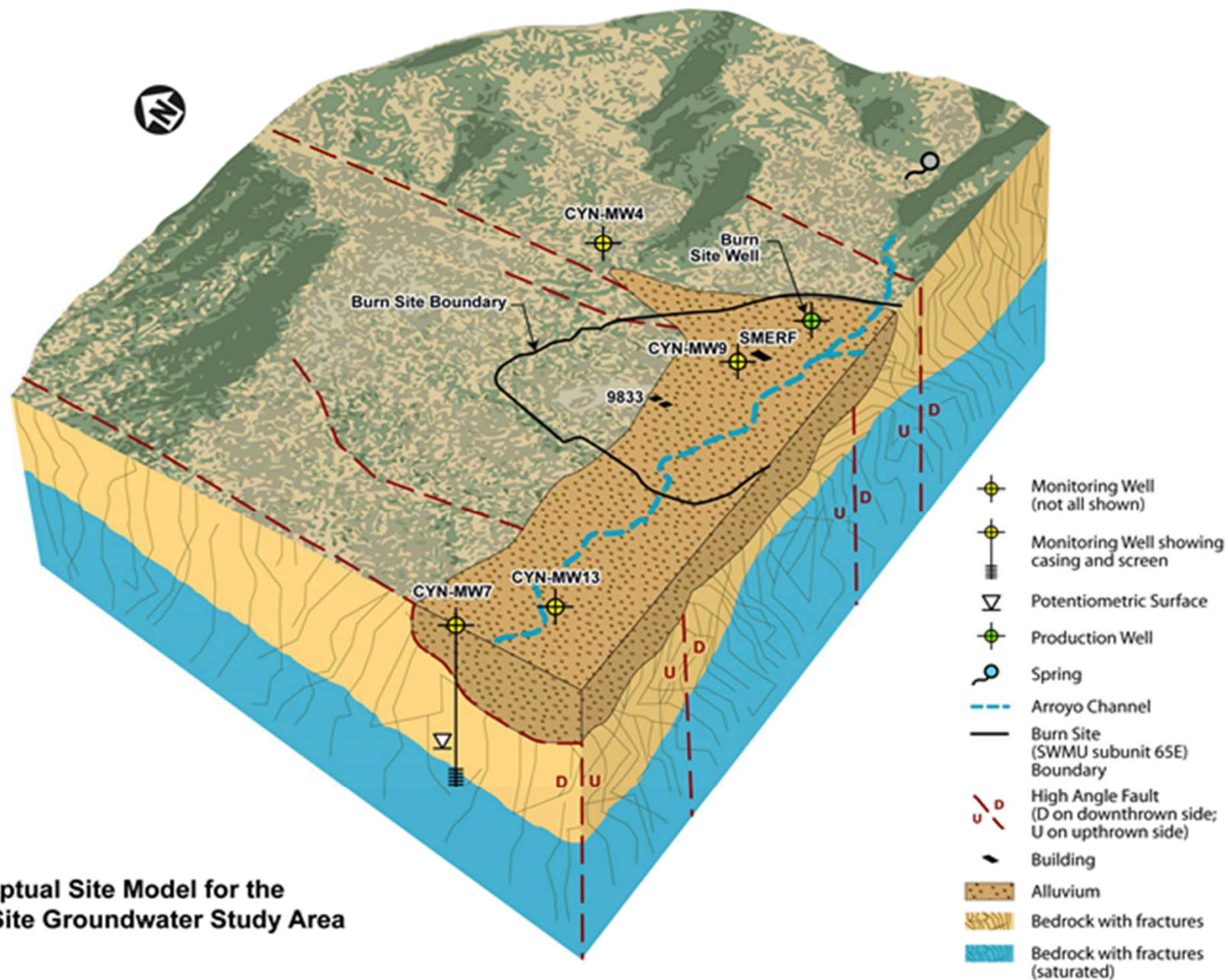
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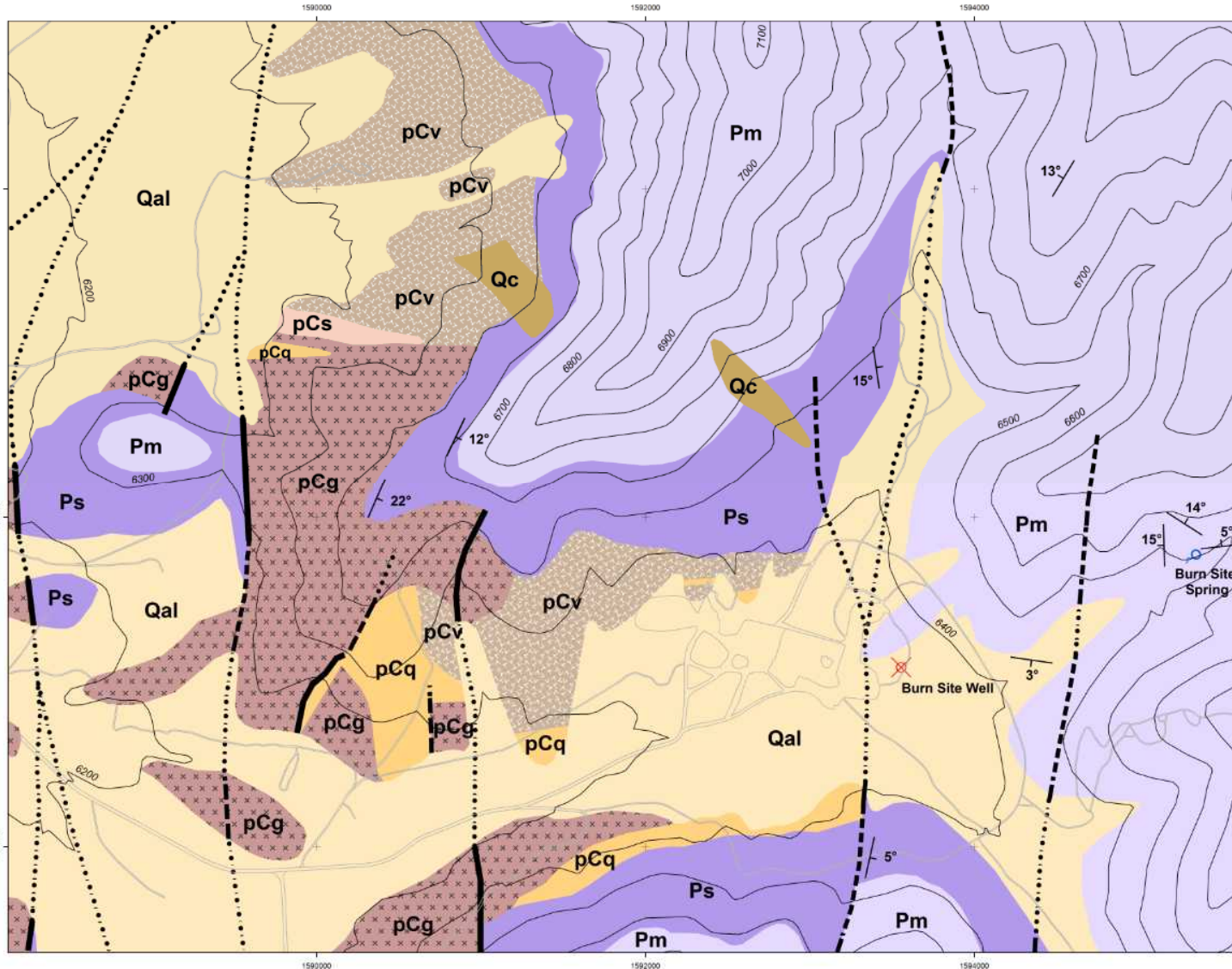


Burn Site Groundwater AOC

- GW monitored since 1996
- GW occurs at ~125 to 380 ft deep in fractured bedrock
- Currently monitoring 10 wells
- Nitrates (6 wells) and perchlorate (1 well)
 - Nitrate: 0 to 37 ppm (std. = 10 ppm)
 - Perchlorate: 0 to 9 ppb (no std. established)
- Small plume 9 mi. away from drinking-water supplies
- Tentative source—suspected wide-spread non-point source from use of high explosives, with a possible contribution from natural nitrate sources



BSG AOC Geologic Map



Legend

Quaternary Units

Alluvium = Qal

Colluvium = Qc

Pennsylvanian Units

Sandia Formation = Ps

Madera Group = Pm

Precambrian Units

Granite = pCg

Quartzite = pCq

Metavolcanic = pCv

Schist and Phyllite = pCs

Symbols

..... fault, concealed

--- fault, normal, approximate

— fault, normal, certain

..... fault, normal, concealed

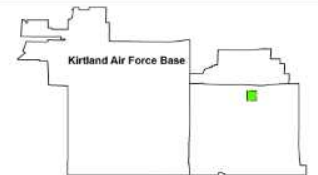
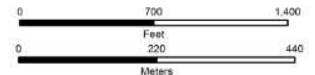
— Topographic contour, 100-ft interval

— Road, unpaved

⊗ Burn Site Well

⊙ Burn Site Spring

↖ Strike and dip (in degrees)



**Geologic Map of
The Burn Site Area
(Modified from Connell, 2008)**

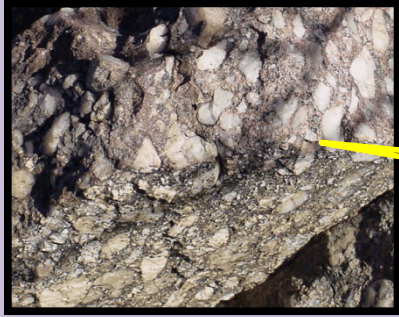


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New Mexico State Plane Central Zone, 1983
1988 North American Vertical Datum

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Pennsylvanian Sandia Formation



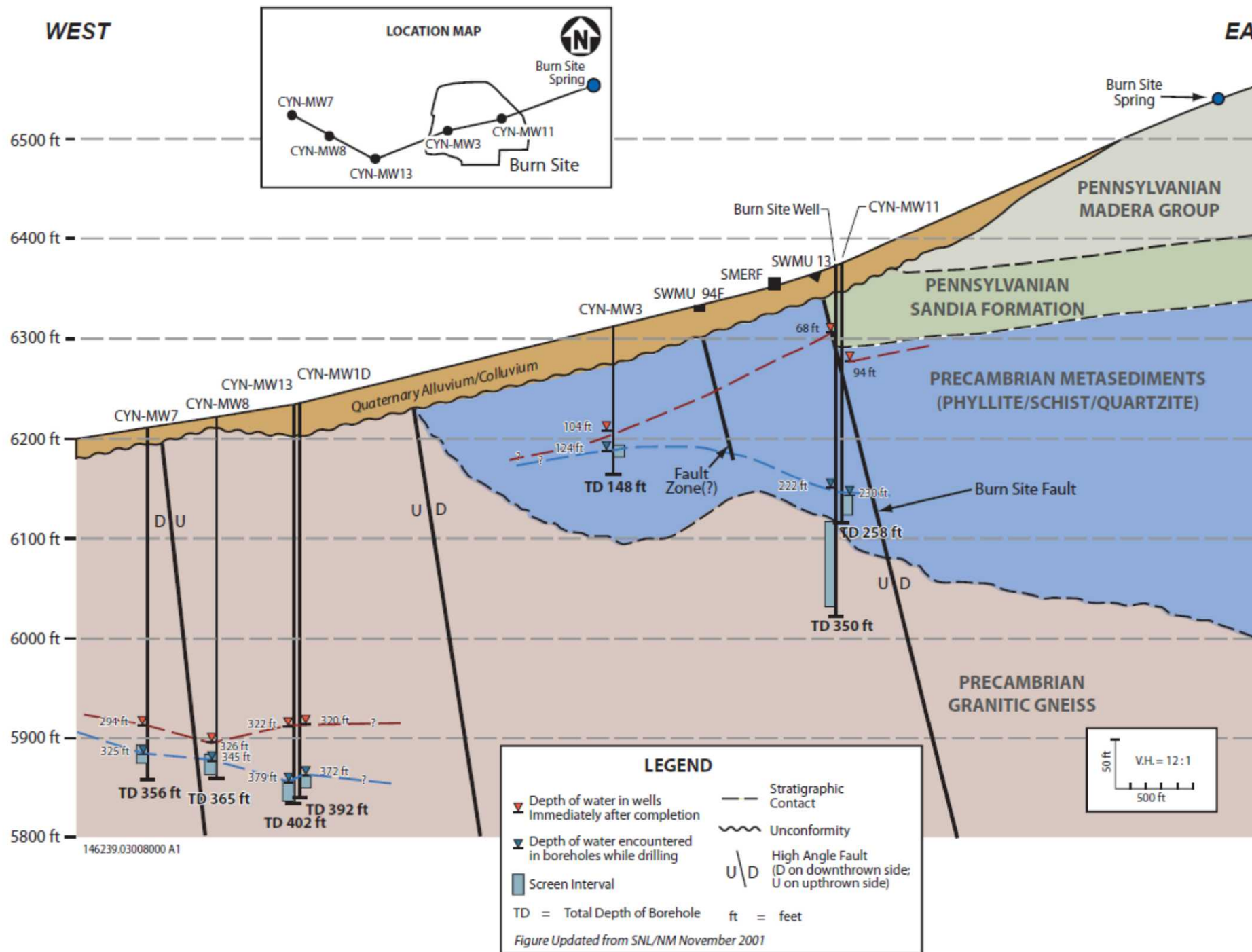
Pennsylvanian Madera Group



Burn Site
Spring

WEST

EAST



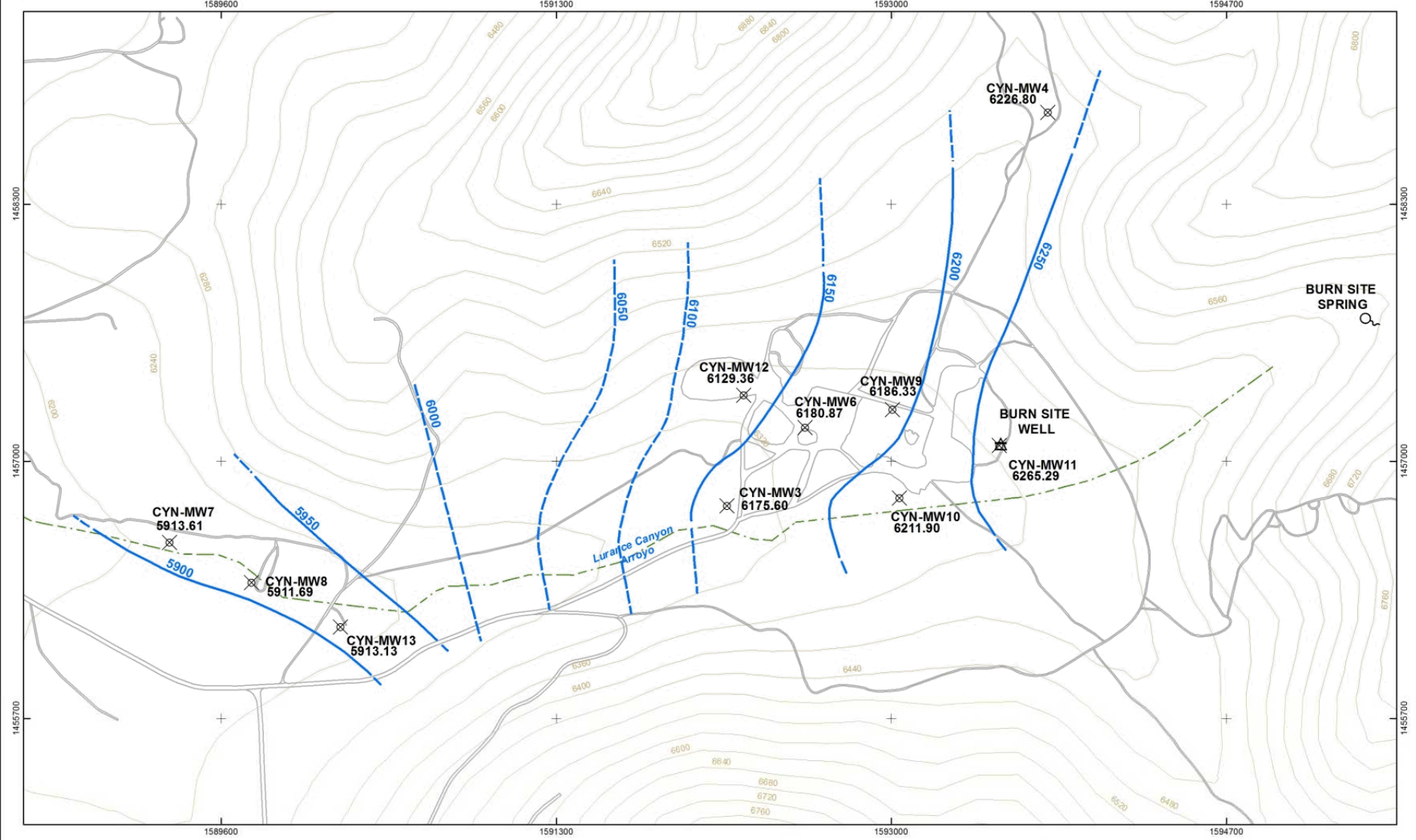
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Legend

- Burn Site Well
- Surface Drainage
- Direction of Groundwater USGS (2009)
- Groundwater Divide USGS (2009)
- Water Level Contour (100 ft.), USGS (2009)
- Burn Site
- KAFB Boundary
- Road

Scale: 0 2,125 4,250 6,500 Feet
0 0.5 1 2 Miles

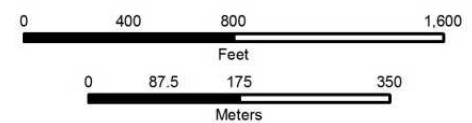
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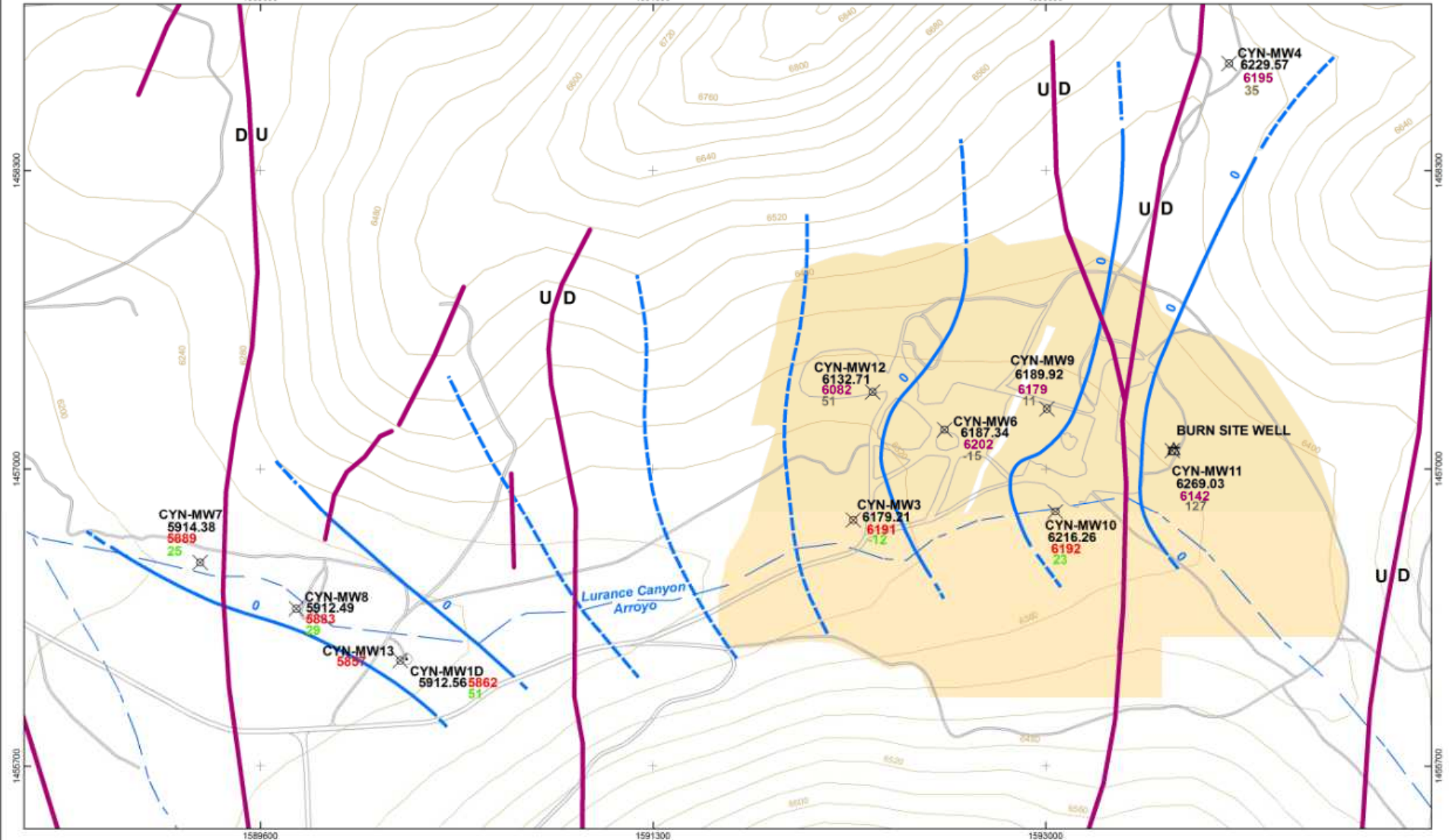
Legend

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|  | Production well (non-potable) |  | Road, unpaved Road |
|  | Monitoring well, groundwater.
(Groundwater elevation, feet amsl,
October 2013, datum NAVD88). |  | Surface drainage, arroyo |
|  | Potentiometric surface contour, feet
amsl, dashed where inferred |  | Ground surface contour, feet amsl |

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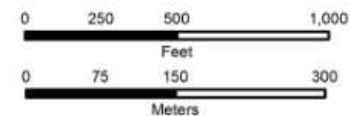
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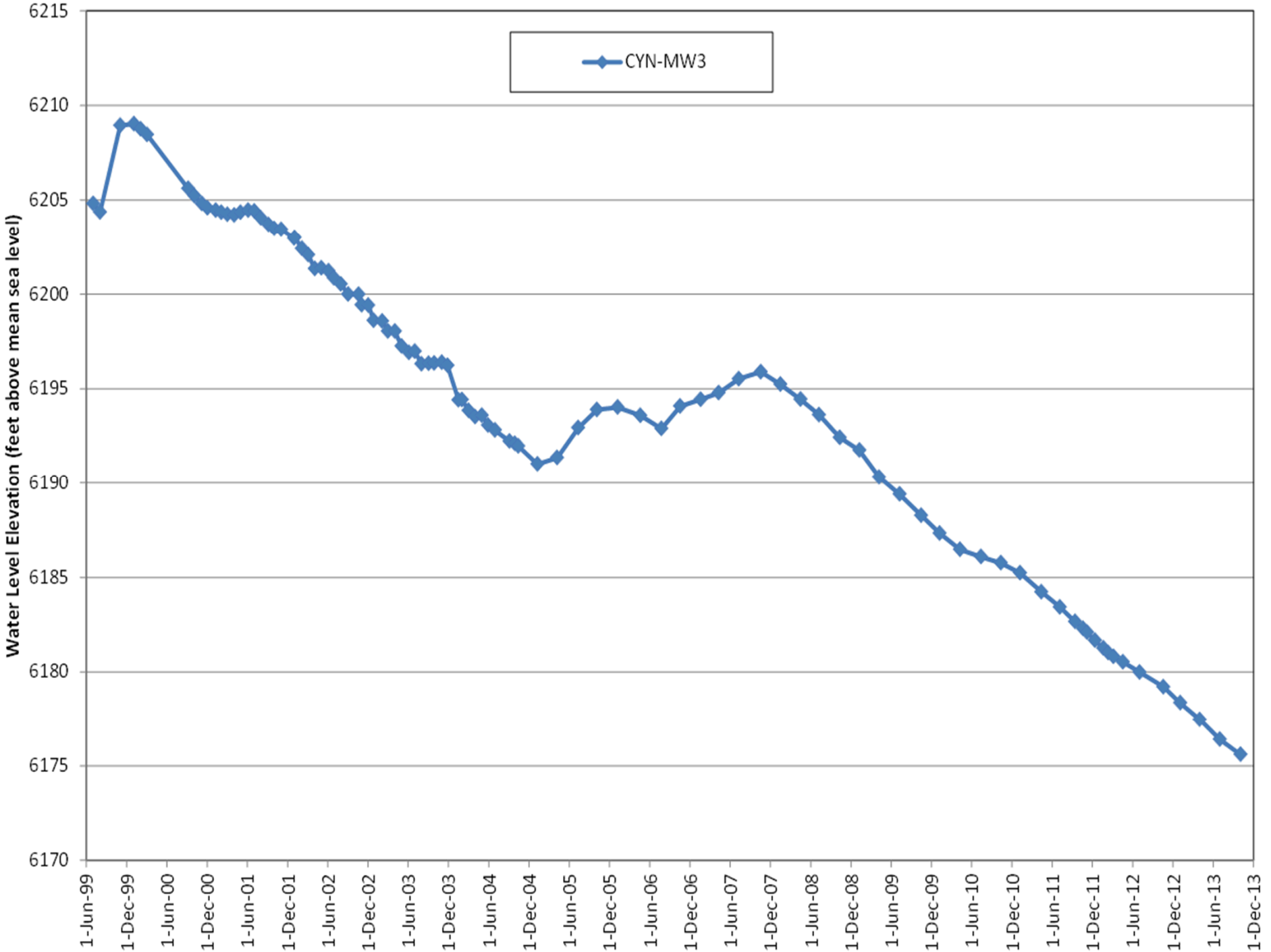
- Production well (non-potable)
- Monitoring well, groundwater with groundwater elevation, feet amsl, October 2012 (datum NAVD88)
- CYN-MW1D, plugged and abandoned
- 6144 Elevation (FT amsl) of first groundwater encountered while drilling.
- 51 Pressure head, ft, October 2012
- U/D High-angle Normal fault (D on downthrown side, U on upthrown side). (Connell, 2008)
- Potentiometric surface contour, feet amsl, dashed where inferred
- Road, unpaved Road
- Surface drainage, arroyo
- Ground surface contour, feet amsl
- SWMU 65/94

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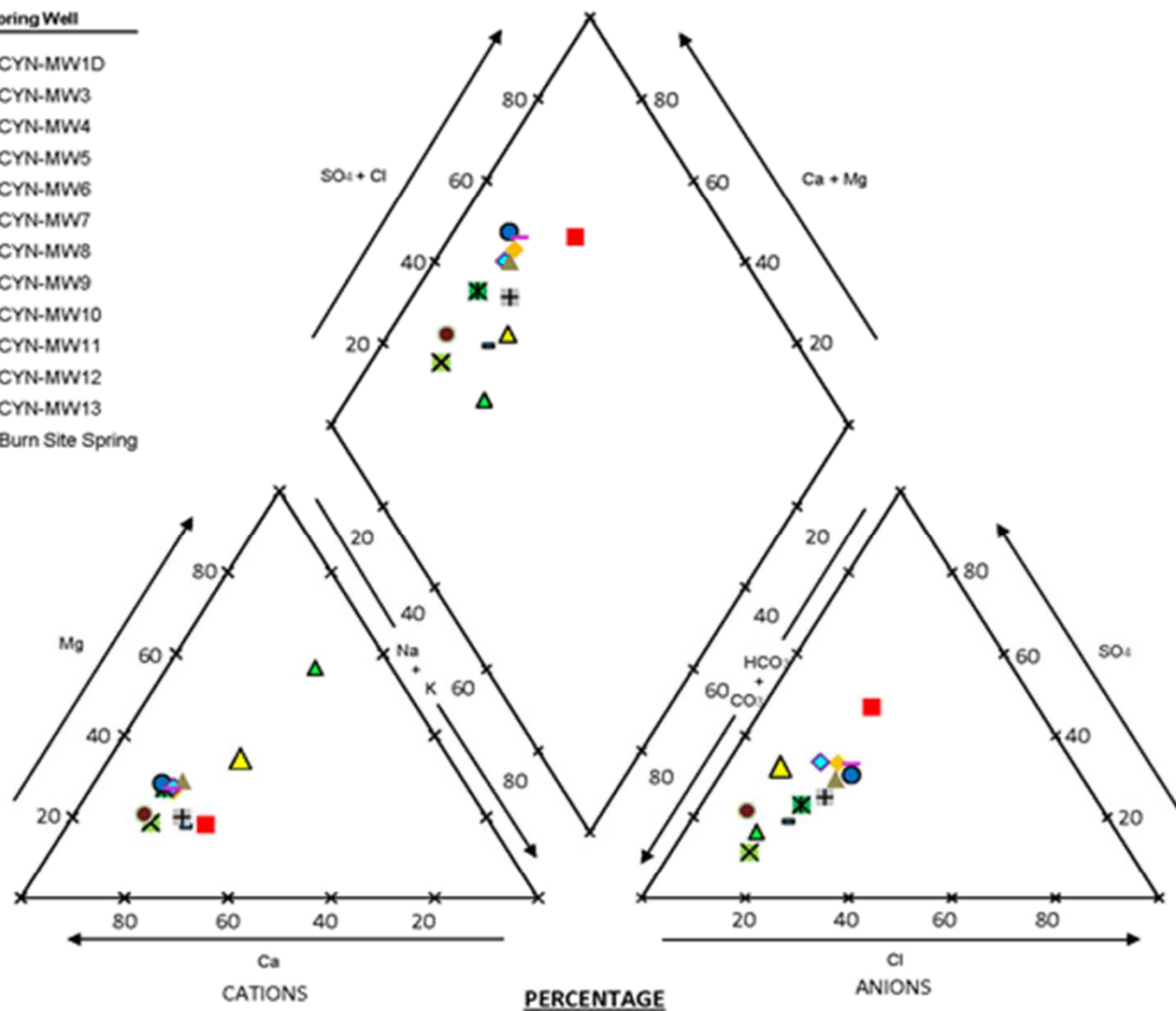
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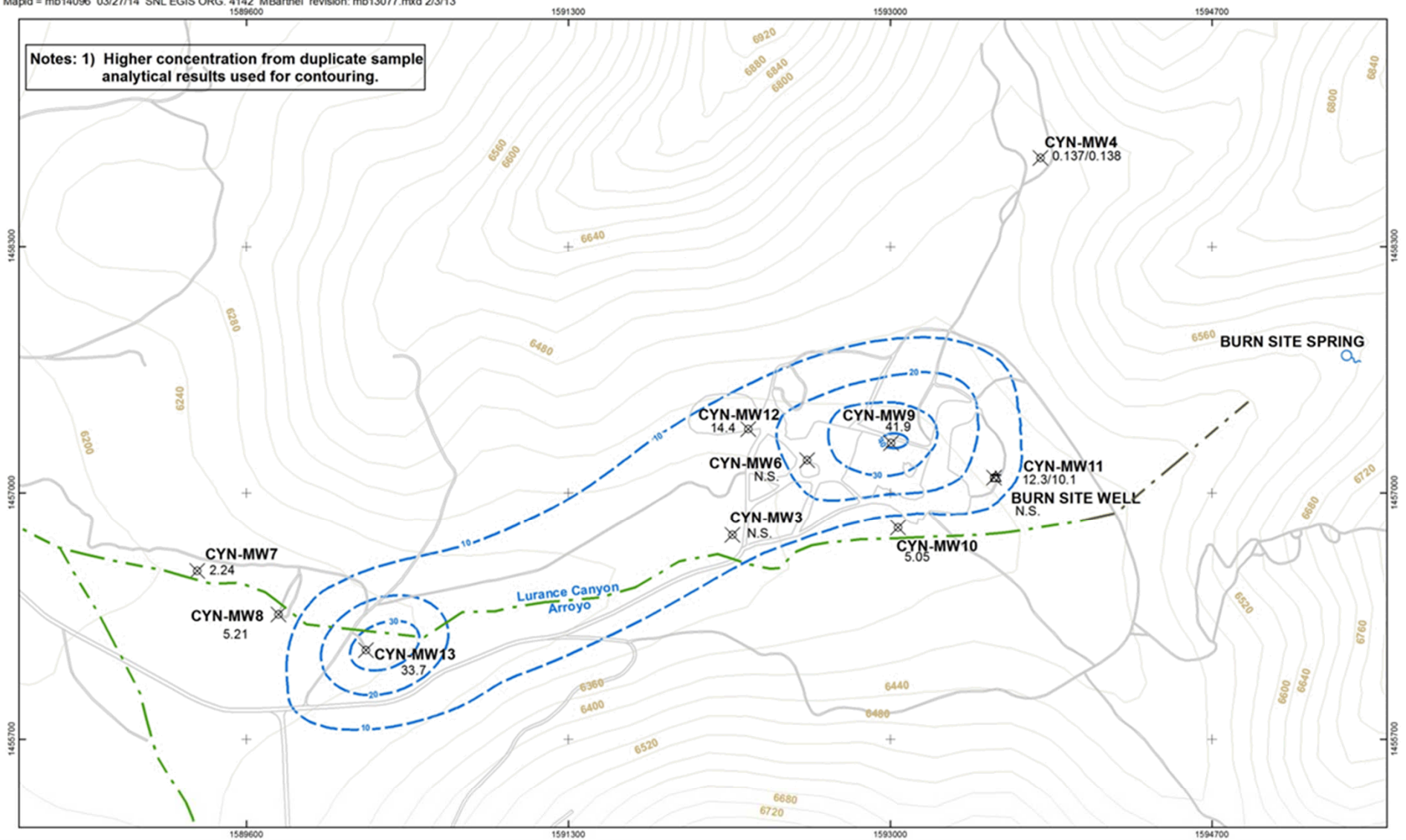


Monitoring Well

- CYN-MW1D
- ◆ CYN-MW3
- ▲ CYN-MW4
- ✕ CYN-MW5
- ✕ CYN-MW6
- CYN-MW7
- ✕ CYN-MW8
- CYN-MW9
- ◆ CYN-MW10
- ▲ CYN-MW11
- CYN-MW12
- CYN-MW13
- ▲ Burn Site Spring



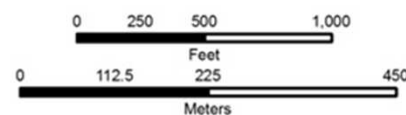
Notes: 1) Higher concentration from duplicate sample analytical results used for contouring.



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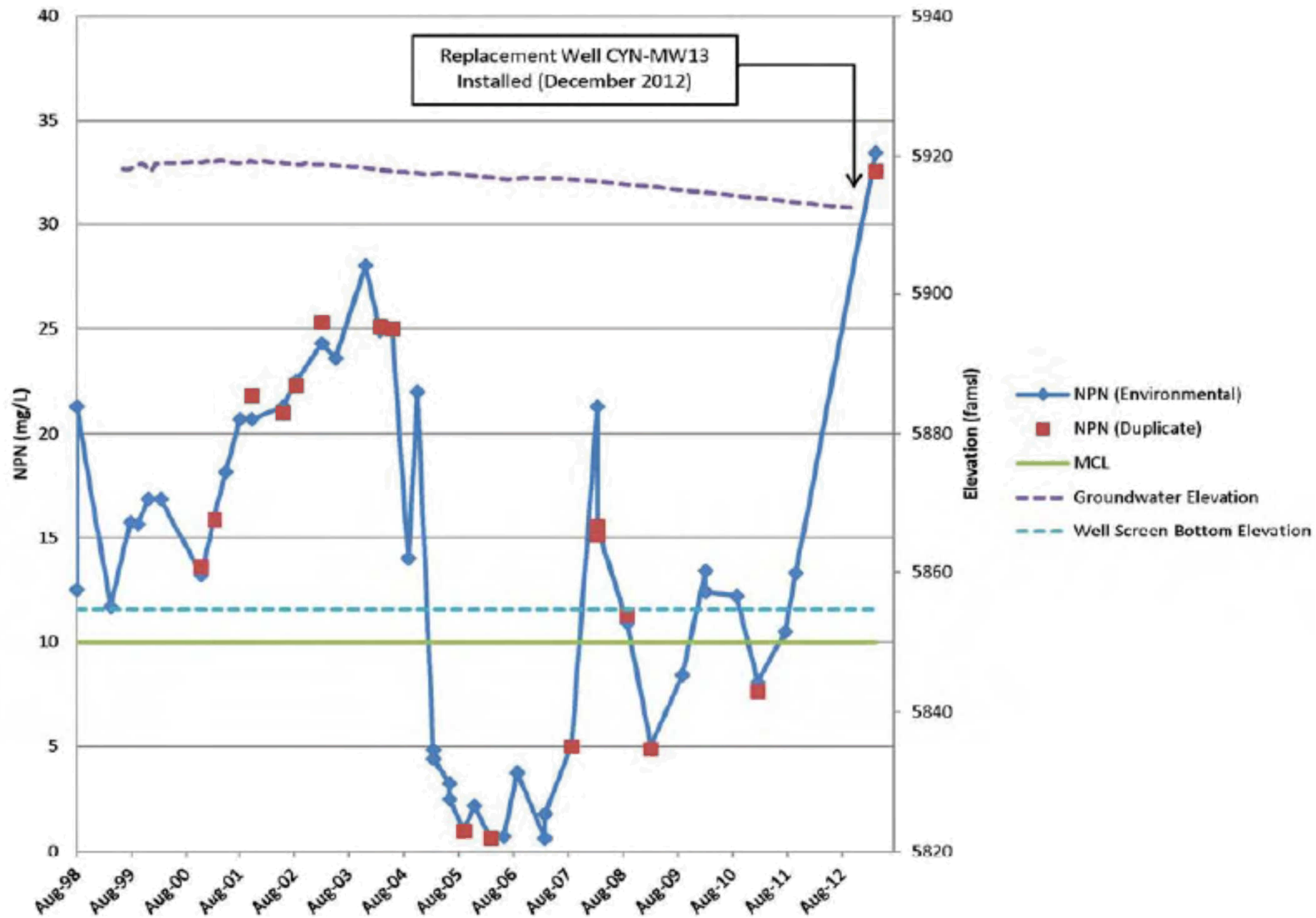
- Groundwater Monitoring Well, with December 2013 Nitrate plus Nitrite Concentrations (mg/L). N.S. denotes not sampled.
- Production Well (non-potable)
- Concentration Contour (mg/L) (dashed where inferred)
- Spring
- Unpaved Road
- Arroyo
- 40-ft. Contour

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Nitrate plus Nitrite Concentrations, CYN-MW1D and Replacement Well CYN-MW13



Summary

- BSG located in eastern/mountainous portion of KAFB
- Early 1960's -1992, liquid effluent released to vadose zone
- Regional aquifer in fractured bedrock at 125 to 380 ft bgs
- Regional aquifer contaminated with Nitrate at 3 to 4 times MCL
- Nearest drinking wells 9 miles away
- BSG permitted to DOE; on Air Force Base with strong institutional controls
- Updated CCM and CME Report due to NMED March 31, 2016