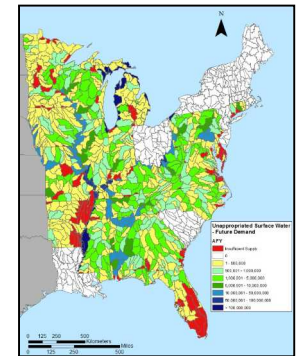
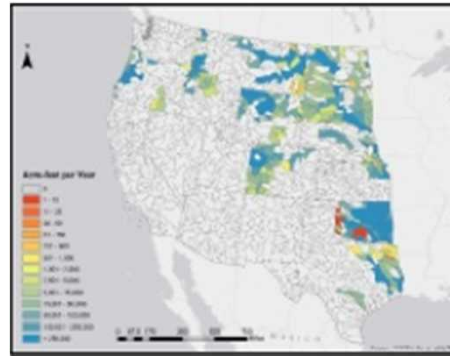
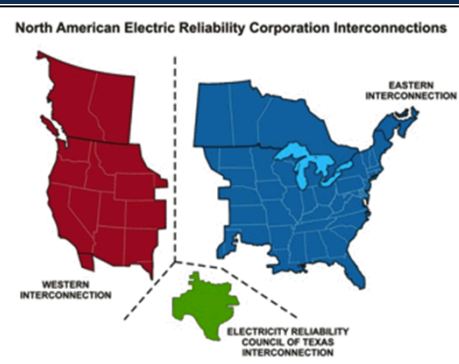


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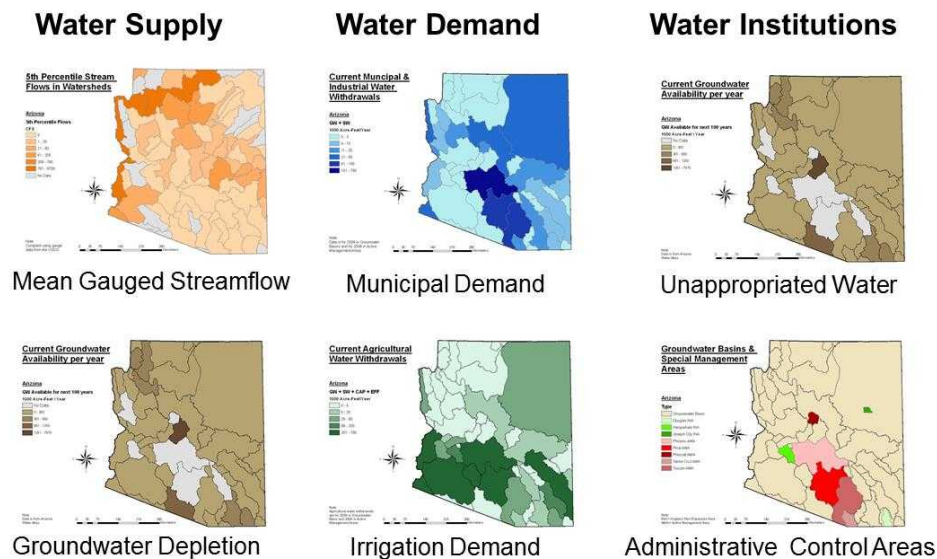
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Technical background/motivation for the project

- The objective is to develop both data and models to help better understand the linkage between thermoelectric power generation and water.
- SNL Objective: Development of a Water Atlas
 - Estimates of water availability, cost and projected future use at the watershed level in the 31 Eastern U.S. states, and compile into a Water Atlas for all of the lower 48 states of the U.S.
 - Water availability and cost metrics for four water sources:
 - surface water (unappropriated)
 - groundwater (potable)
 - municipal wastewater
 - shallow brackish groundwater
 - Integrate Water Atlas information with the Integrated Environmental Control Model (IECM) water use data to identify potential combined water-energy issues

Potential significance of the results of the work

- Increasing demand for electricity requires expansion of generating capacity.
- Availability of water is a key consideration; however, there is a lack of supporting information. States are key to filling this gap as:
 - The states have full authority over how water is managed and allocated within their state,
 - Acquiring data directly from the states is needed to properly capture the administrative controls that individual states employ to manage and allocate water
 - The states are also in the best position to project growing demands placed on their water resources.

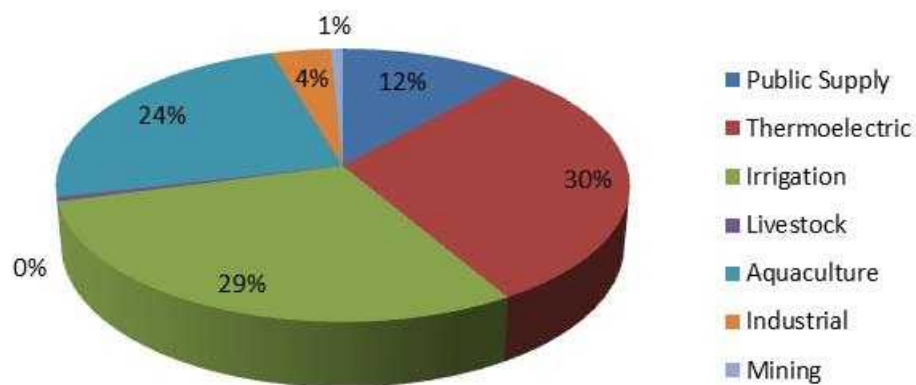


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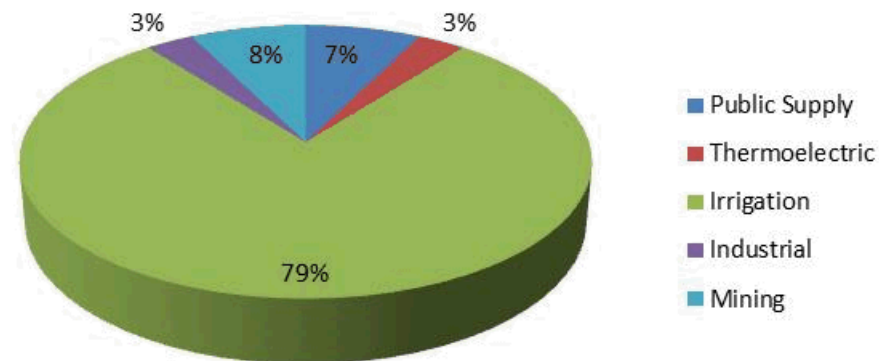
- Water use by electric power plants is becoming an increasingly important issue in the U.S. in view of growing demands for water and increasing stresses on fresh water supplies
- Thermal power plants currently account for nearly 30 percent of all freshwater withdrawals in the U.S. (roughly equivalent to agriculture).
 - Water is used primarily for cooling and secondarily for operating environmental control systems such as sulfur dioxide control .
 - CO₂ Capture and Storage (CCS) technologies are also receiving considerable attention
- This raises the questions, *where will water for the growing demands of the thermoelectric sector come from, and how much water may actually be required?*

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Water Withdrawal (306 BGD) 2010



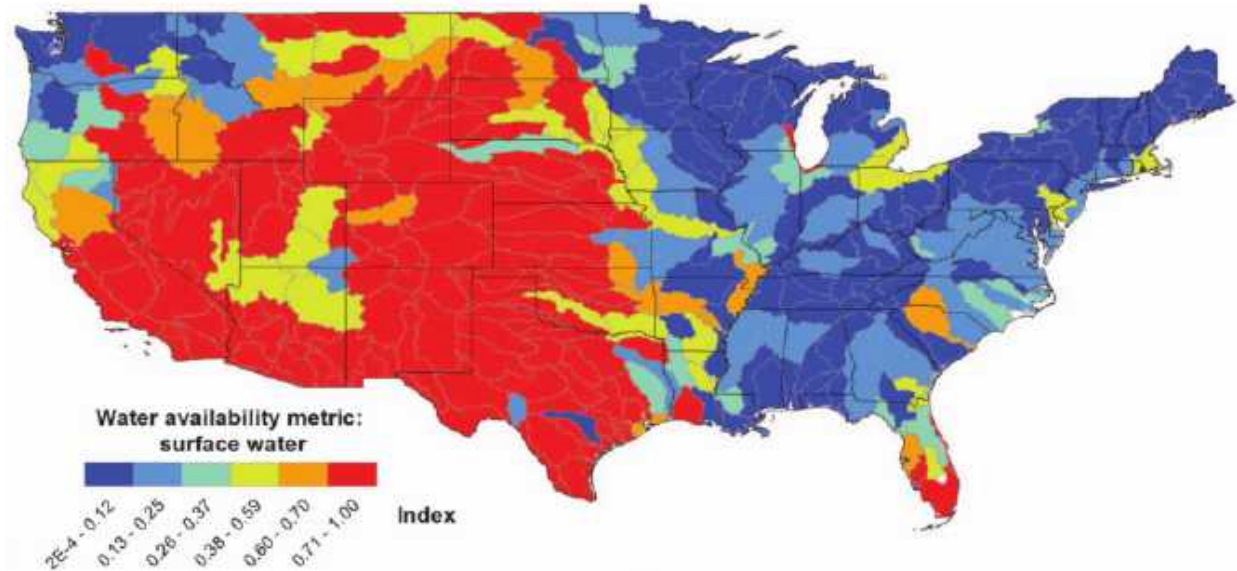
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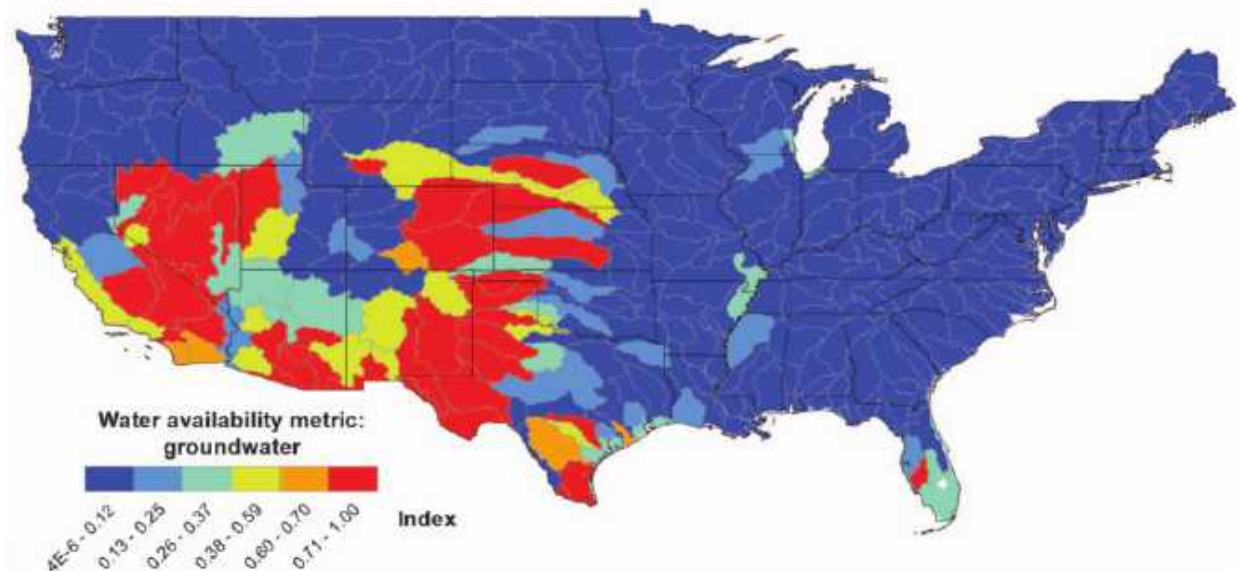


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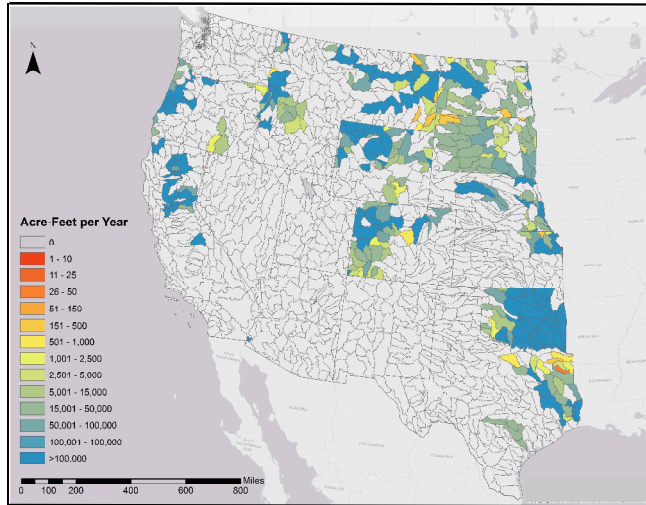


Groundwater
Availability

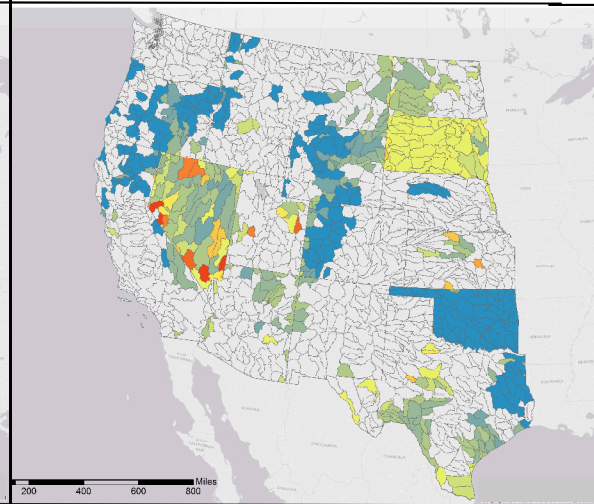


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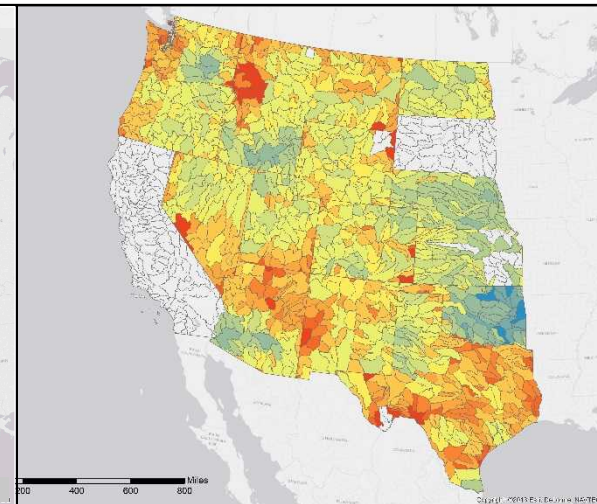
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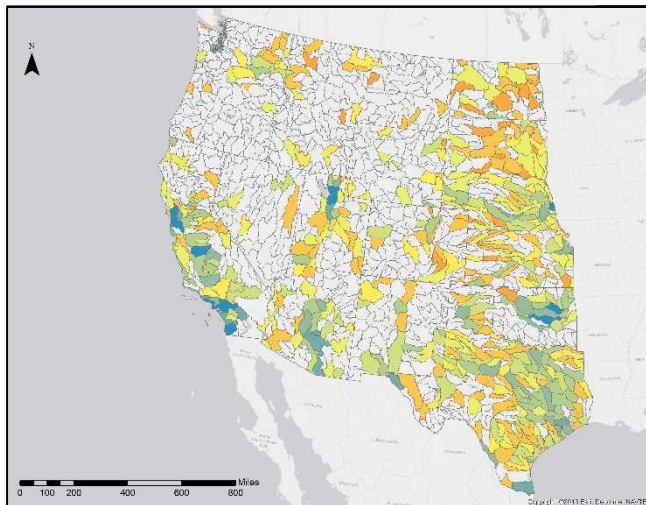
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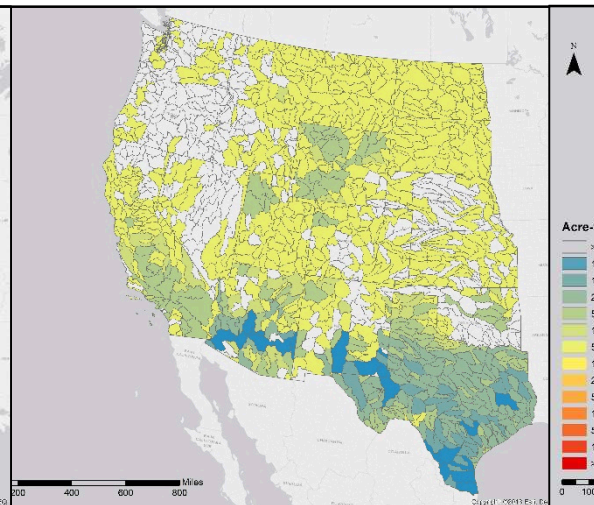
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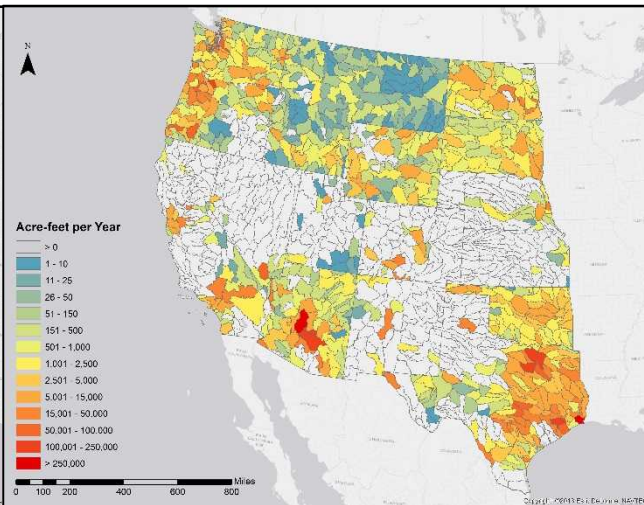
Municipal Wastewater



Brackish Groundwater

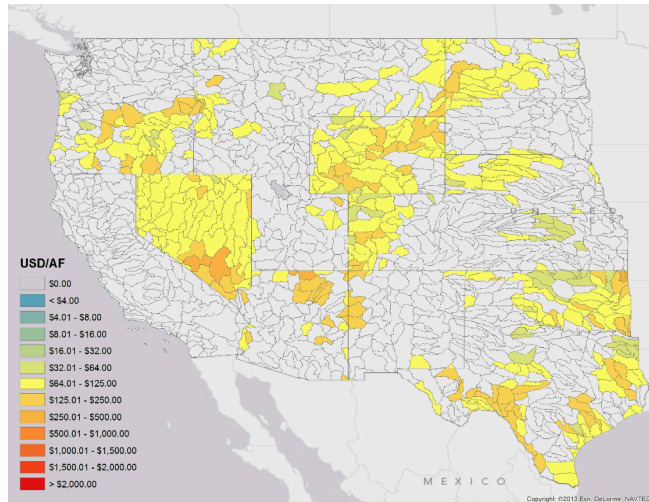


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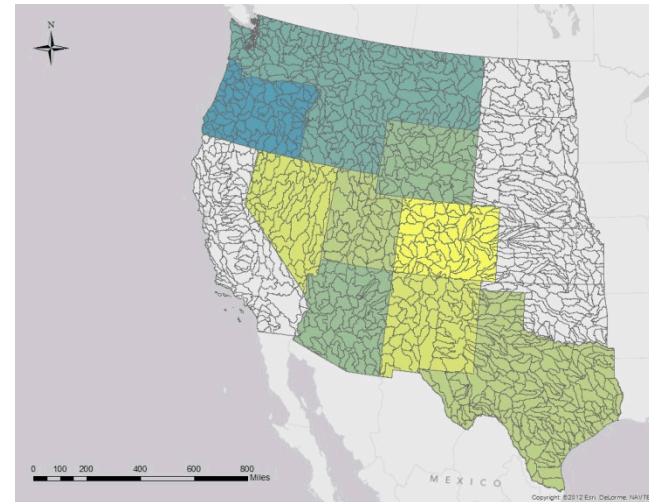


Example: Relative Cost of Water

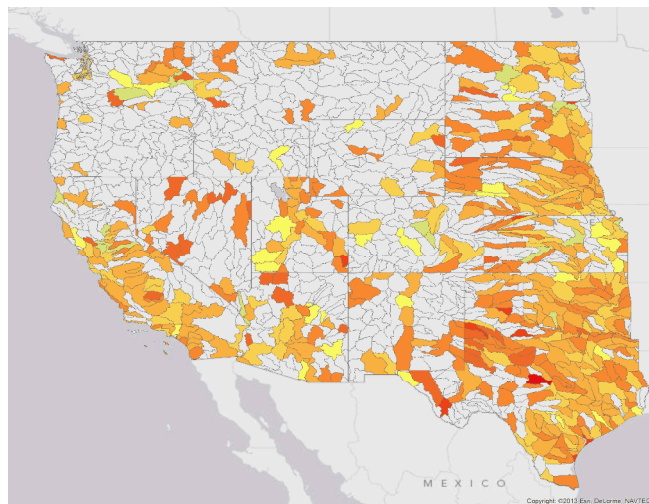
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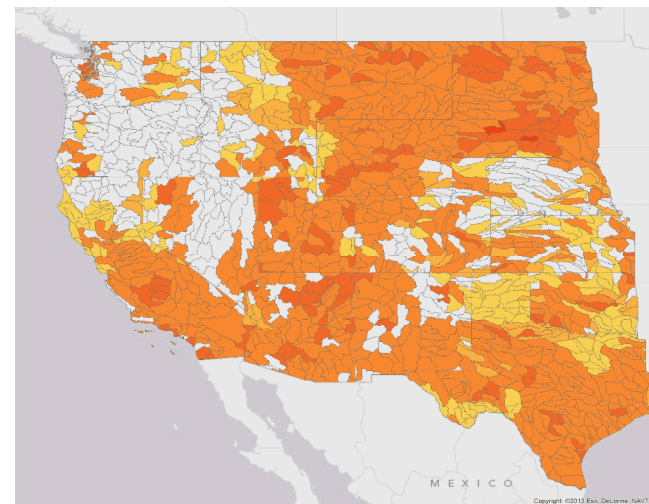
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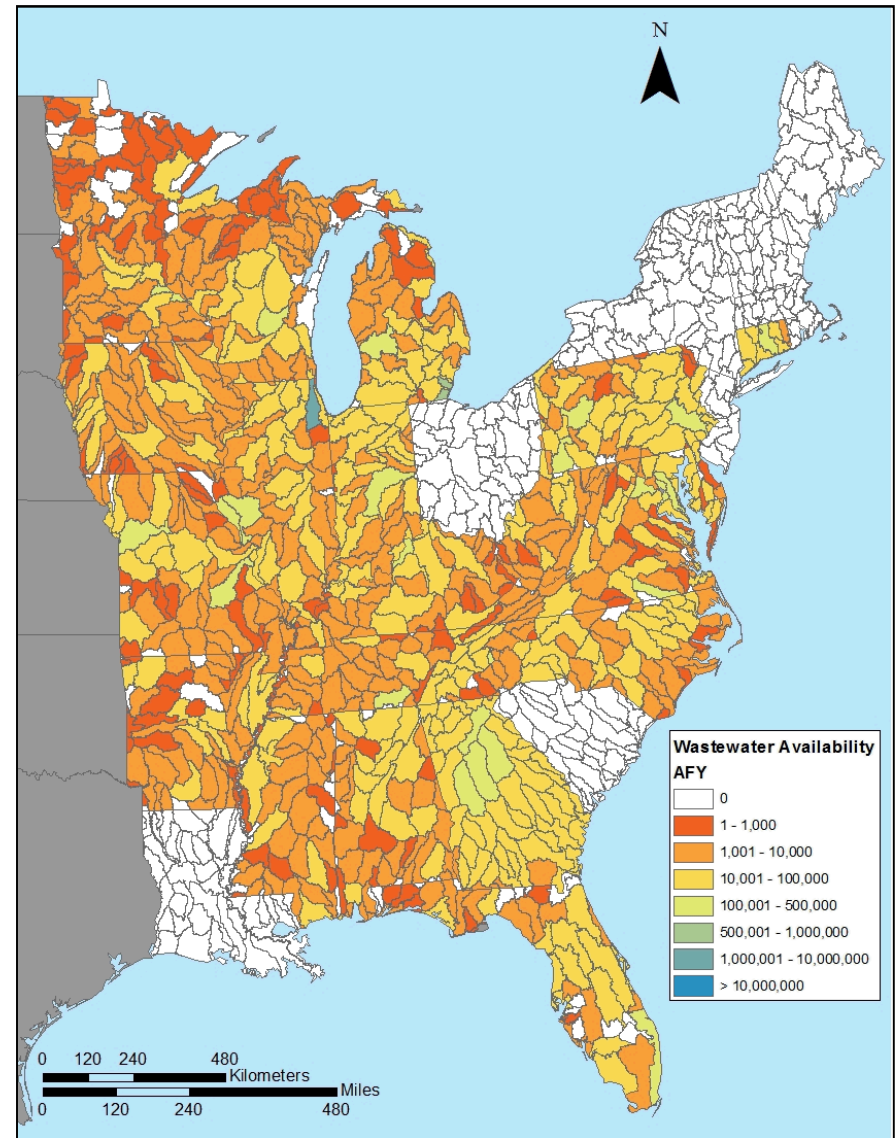
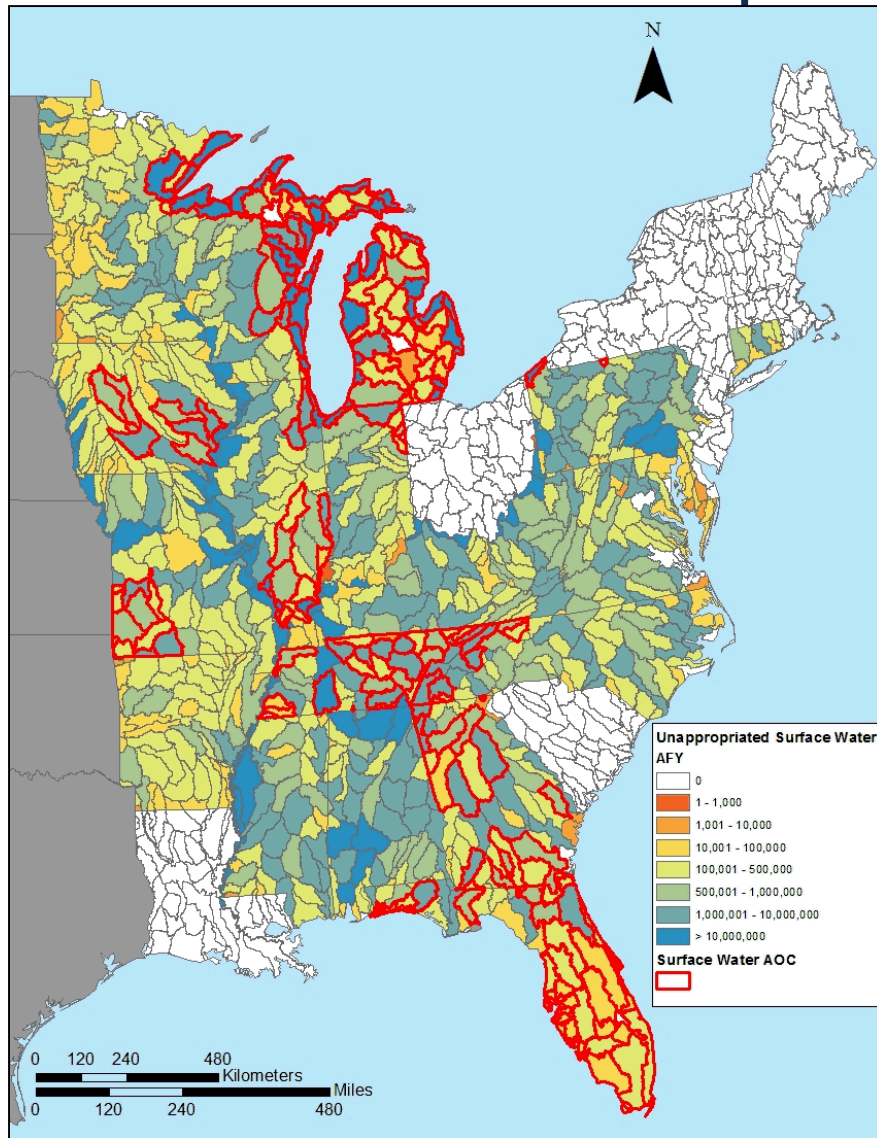
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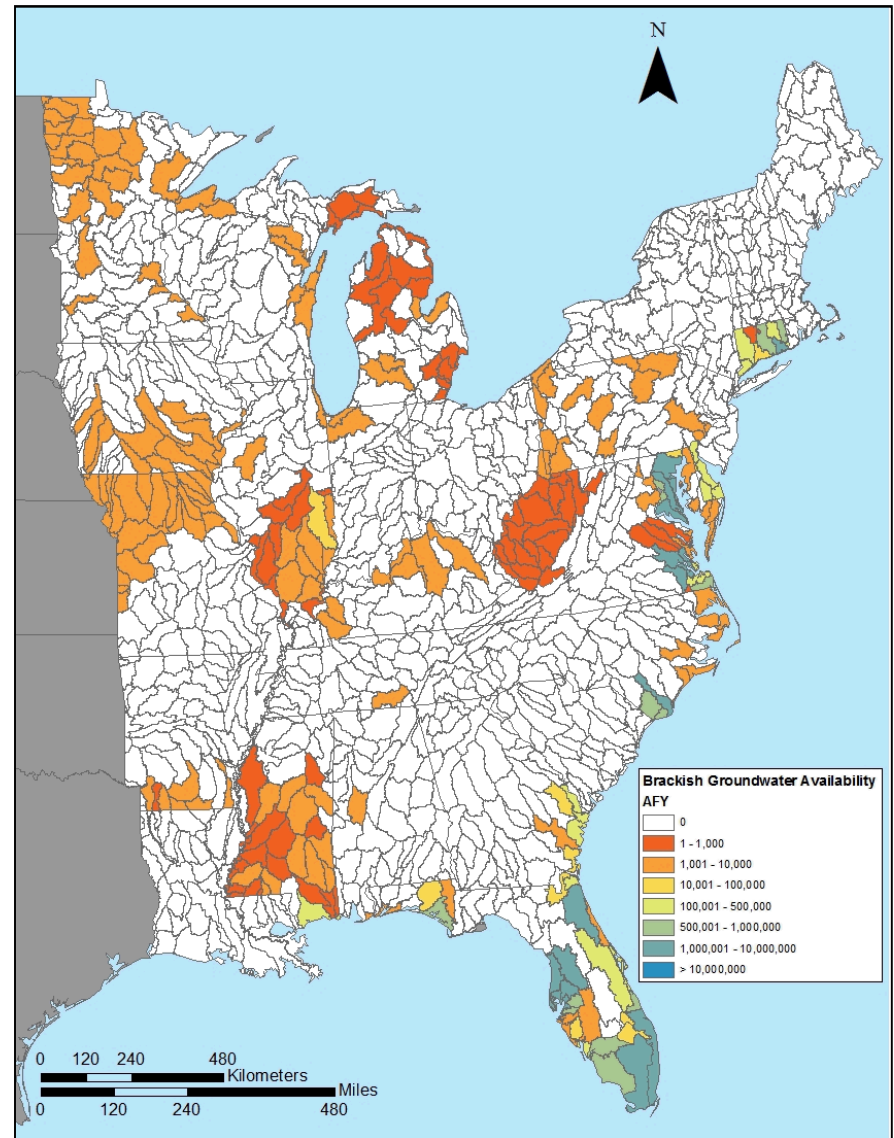
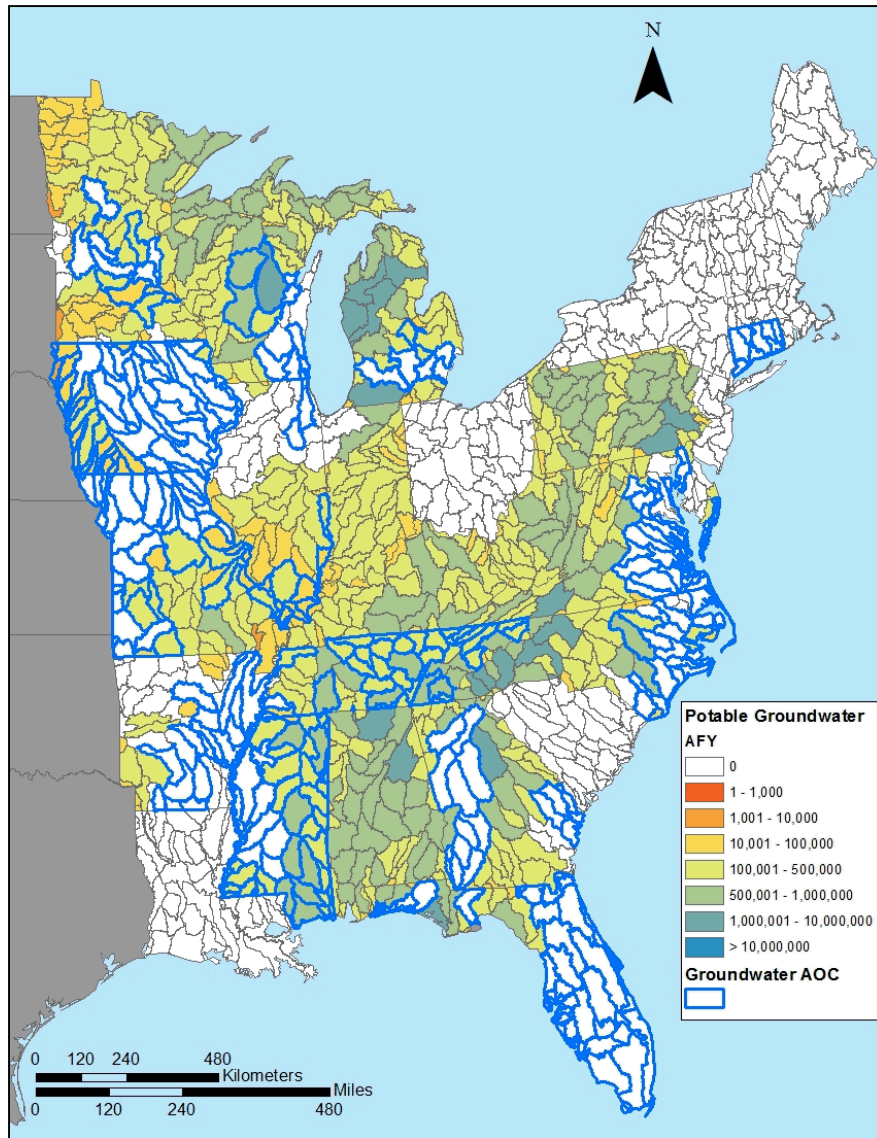
Current Research: Eastern States Water Atlas

- The objective of the proposed work is to develop both data and models to help better understand the linkage between thermoelectric power generation and water.
- This effort will involve two broad areas of research
 - Development of a Water Atlas (Sandia National Laboratories)
 - Develop water use requirement assessment of fossil-fueled electric power plants (Carnegie Mellon University (CMU))
 - Integration of Water Atlas and CMU's Integrated Environmental Control Model (IECM) data to identify water-energy nexus issues

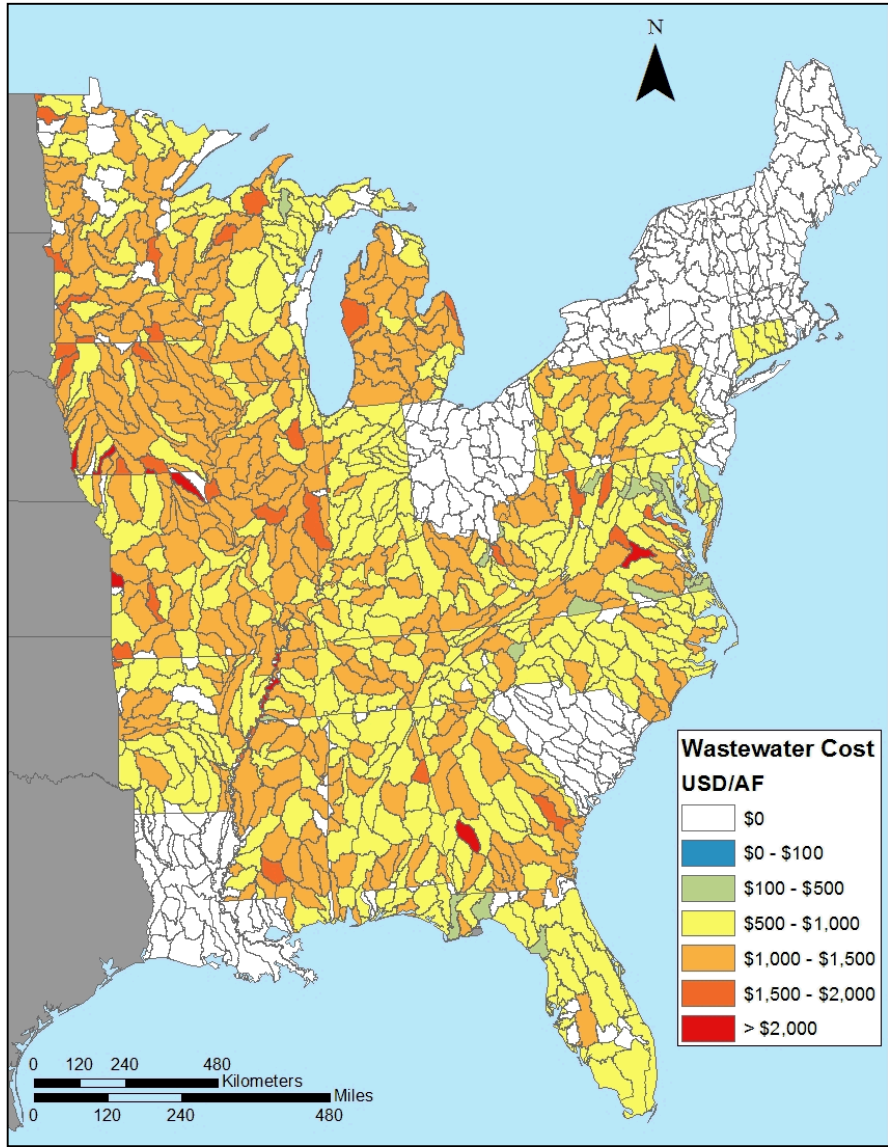
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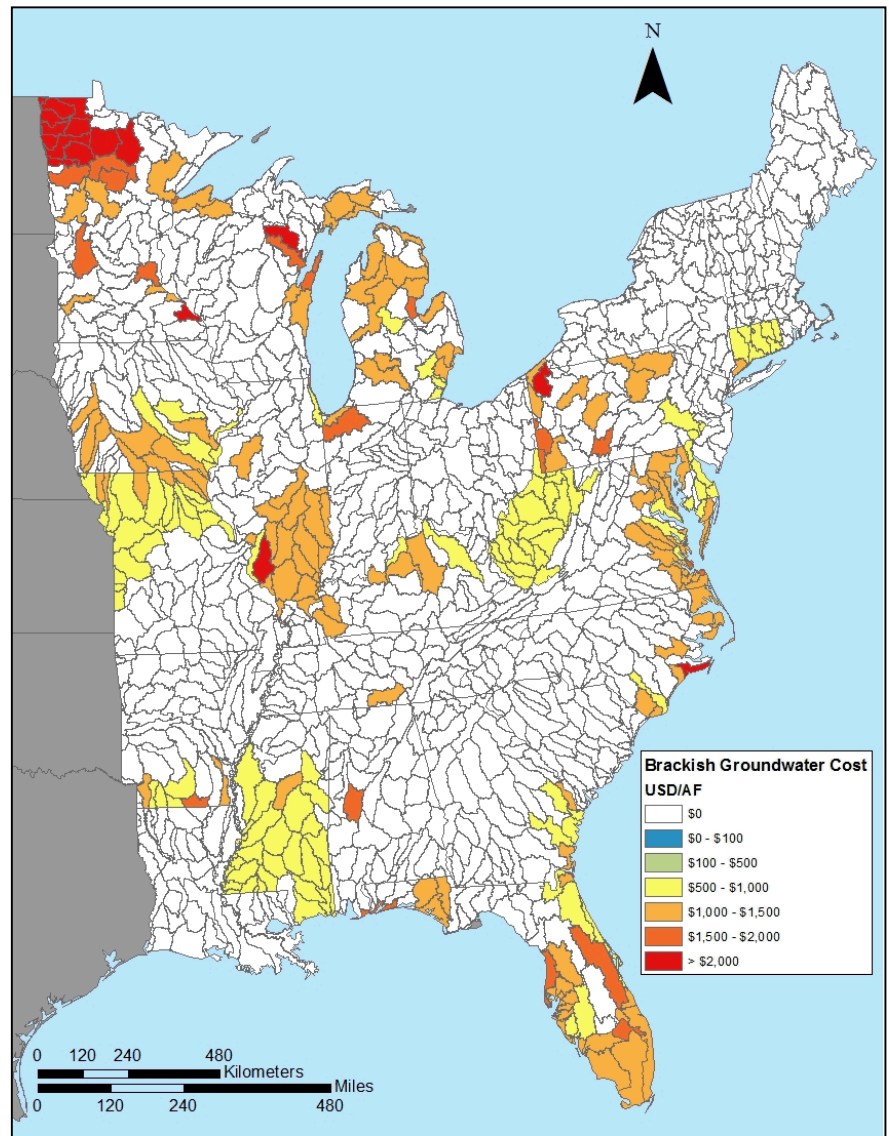
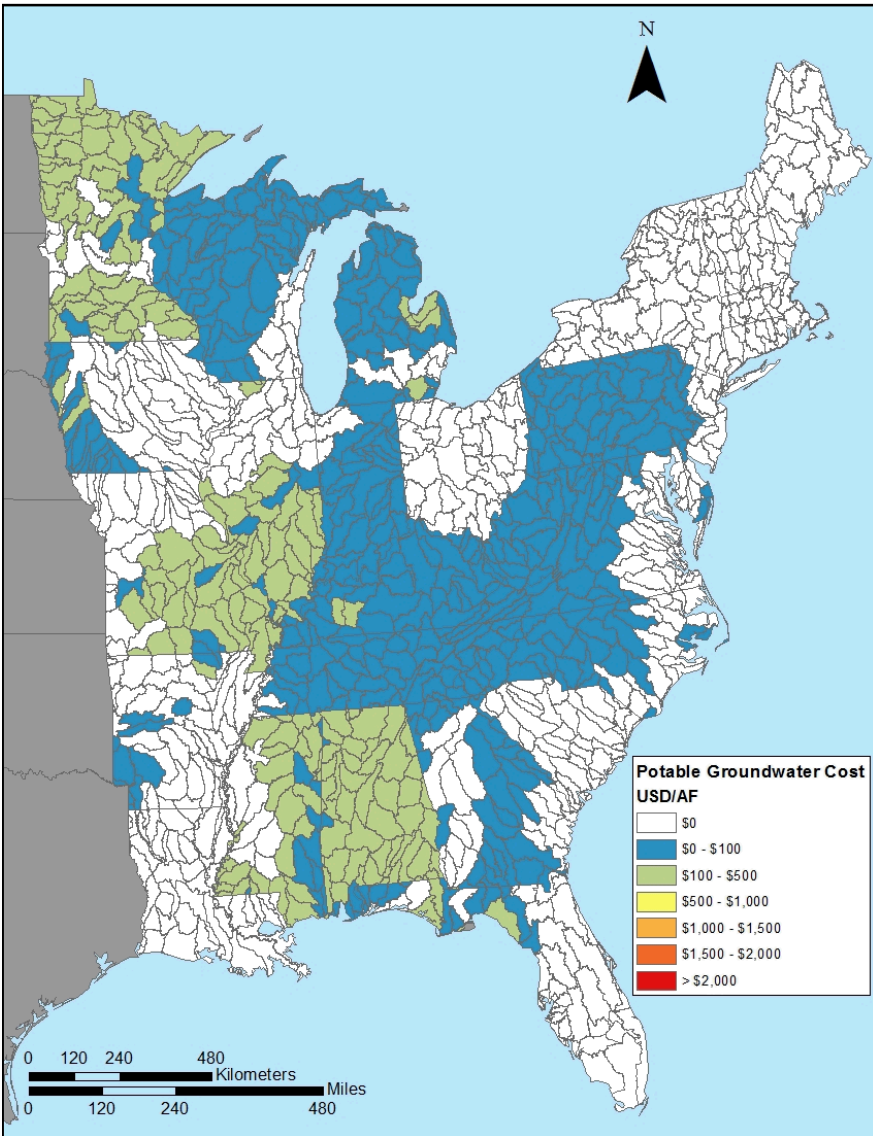
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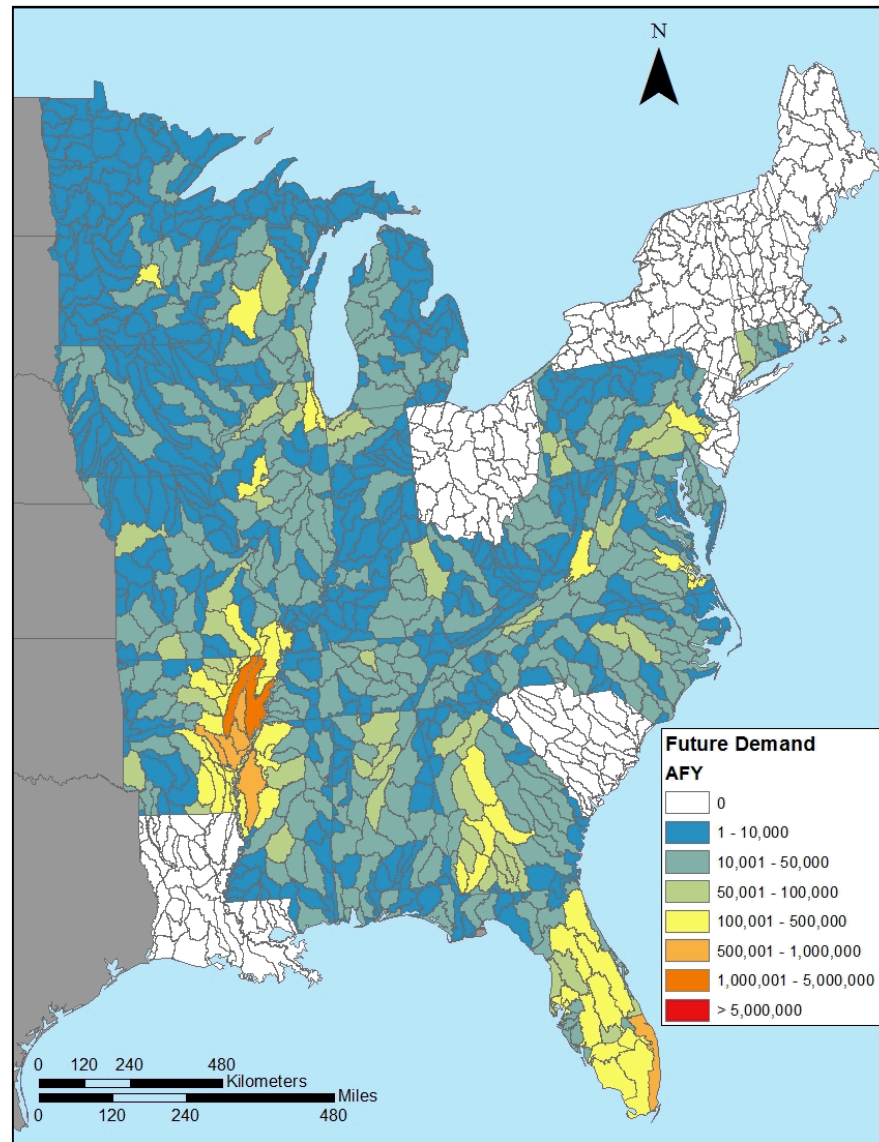
Relative Cost of Water: Municipal Wastewater



Relative Cost of Water: Potable and Brackish Groundwater

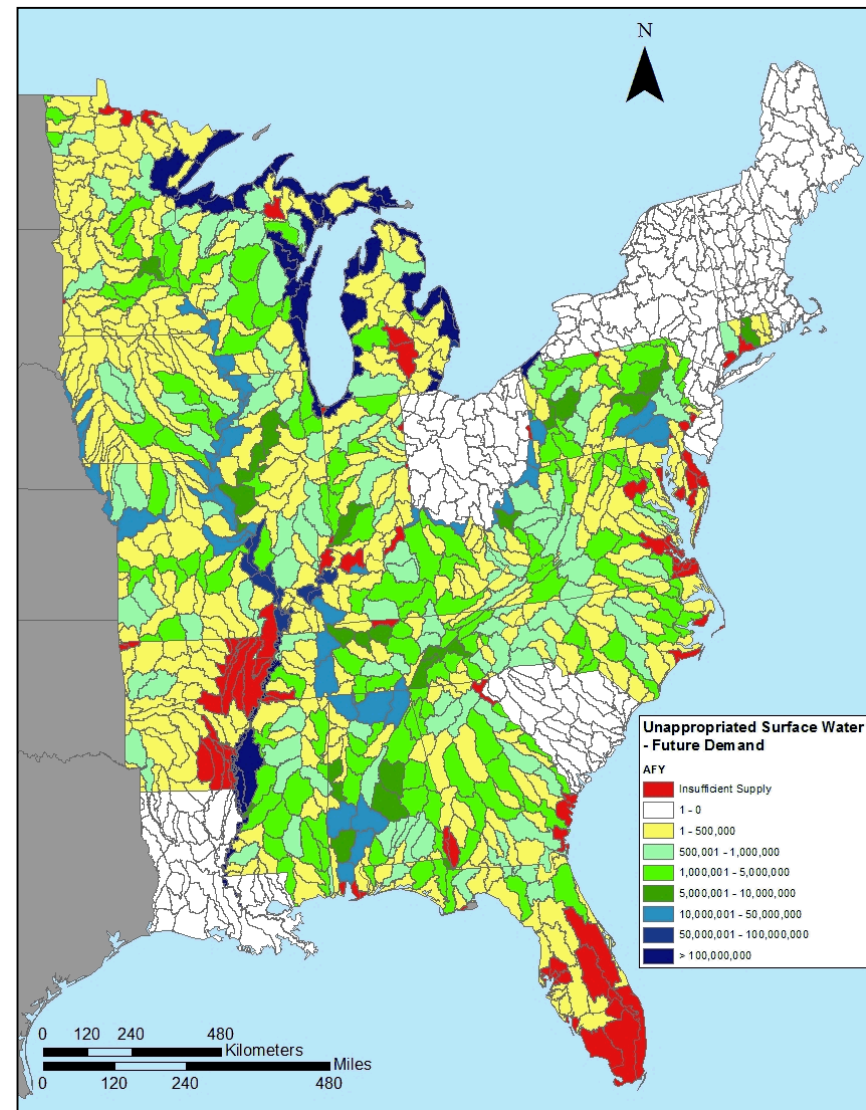


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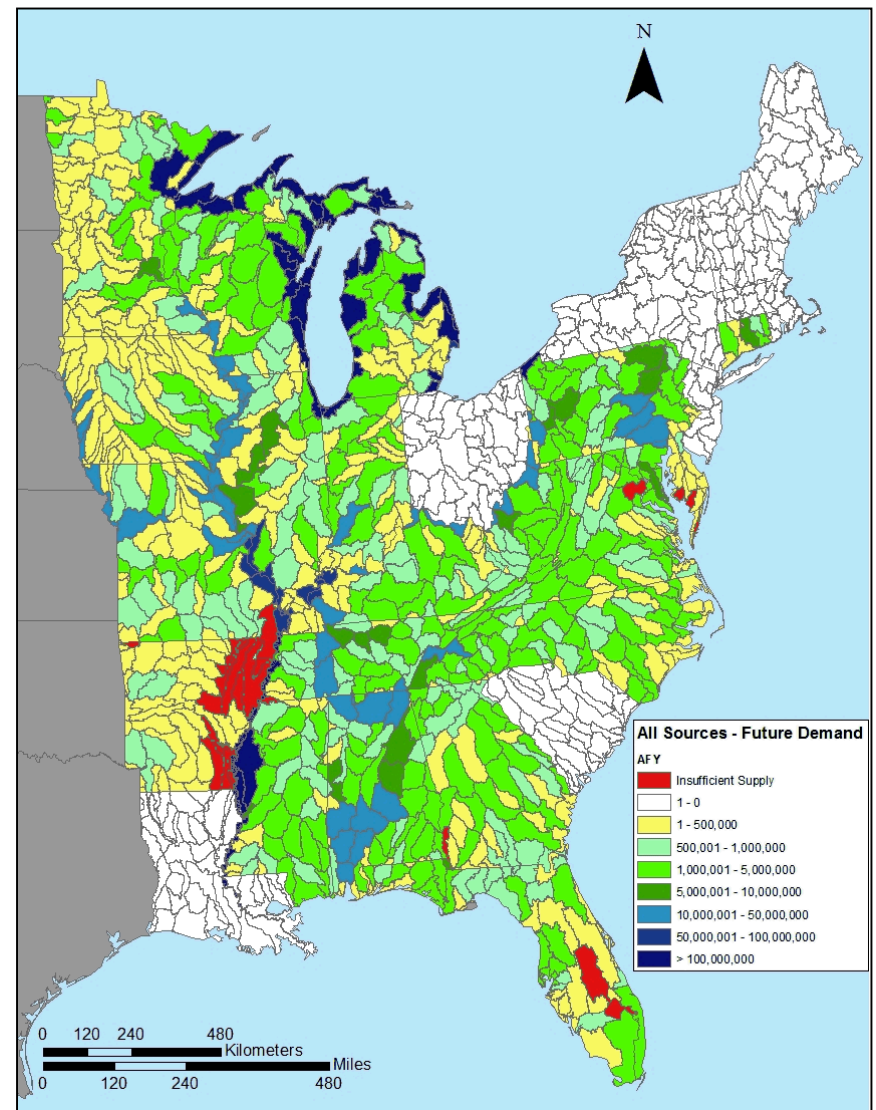


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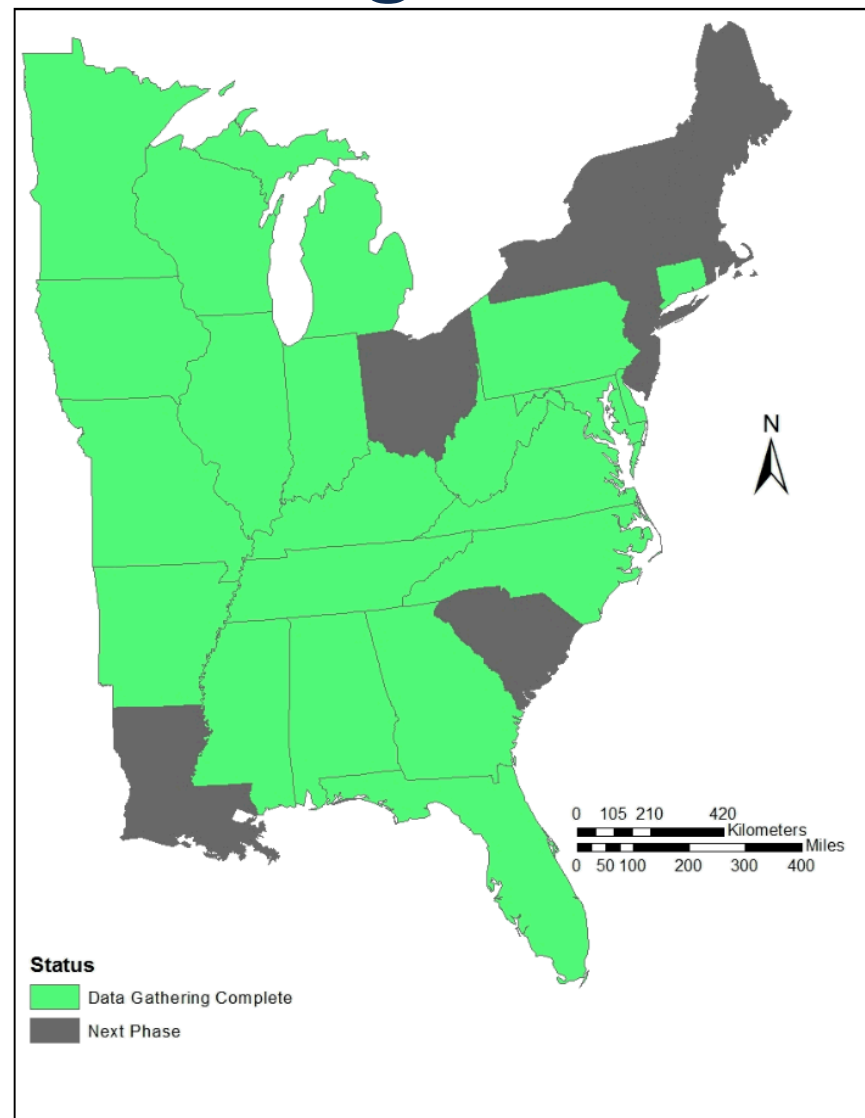
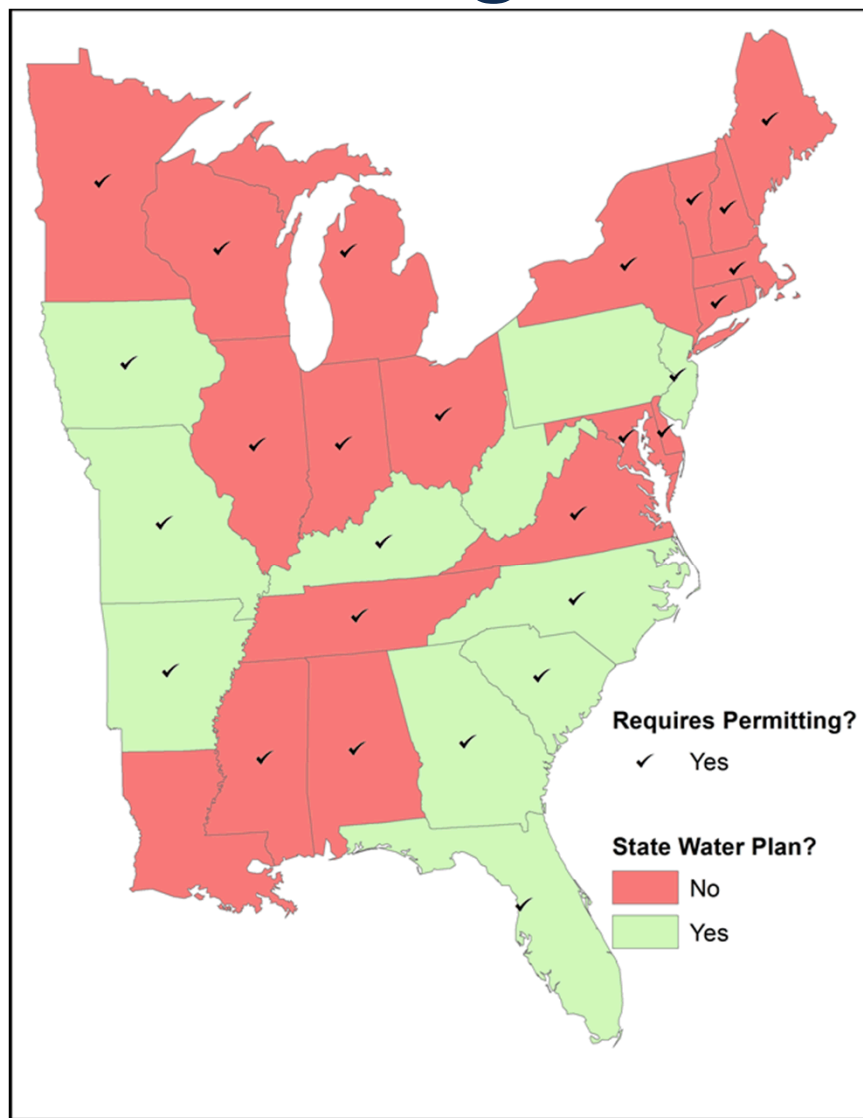
Unappropriated Surface Water – Future Demand




Total Water – Future Demand



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Water Scarcity Impacts Energy Production

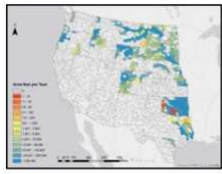
In the United States the energy sector accounts for approximately 41% of daily fresh water withdrawals and 49% of total overall daily water withdrawals for the following energy-related uses:

- Hydroelectric power generation
- Thermoelectric power plant cooling and air emissions control
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The Energy Information Administration projects the U.S. population will grow by **70 million people** between 2005 and 2030, increasing electric power demand by **50 percent** and transportation fuel demand by **30 percent**. This will require more water. Unfortunately, this growth in water demand is occurring at a time when the nation's fresh water supplies are seeing increasing stress from:

- Limitations of surface-water storage capacity
- Increasing depletion and degradation of ground water supplies
- Increasing demands for the use of surface water for in-stream ecological and environmental uses
- Uncertainty about the impact of climate variability on future water fresh surface and ground water resources



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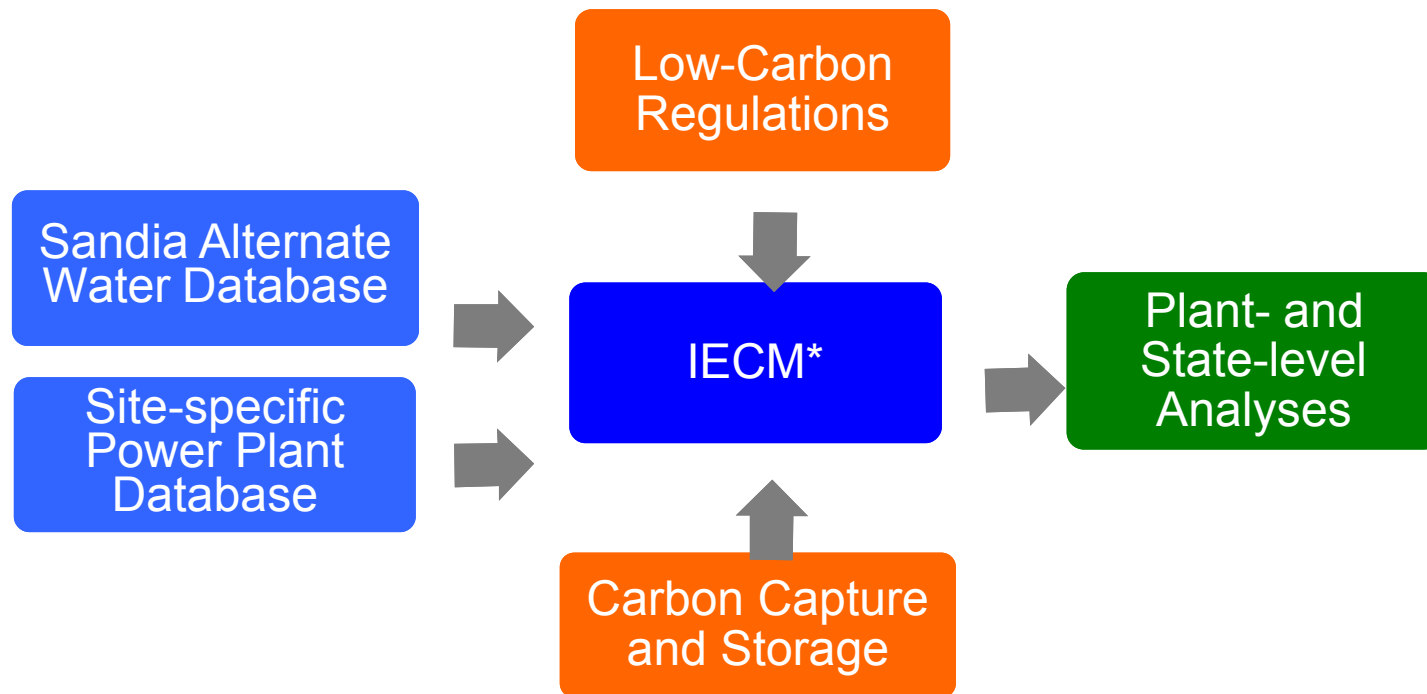
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Water Study Objectives and Assessment Framework

- Estimate water use of thermoelectric power plants under low-carbon regulations
- Evaluate role of alternate water resources in reducing power plant freshwater use



Concluding Points

- Conducted initial survey of states with water plans, states with permitting requirements and identified contacts
- Initial Results indicate most states have a modest amount of data on their water resources (some very little, others extremely detailed)
- Initial results encouraging as the team was able to calculate water availability and cost information using state-based partners and national sources
- What's next: Look to connect SNL data to CMU power plant modeling efforts

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