

# **Compliance Monitoring Program**

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# Presentation Overview

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- **Brief description and scope of the Compliance Monitoring Program and what is monitored**
- **Summary of what is new for this reporting period**
- **Briefly discuss Compliance Monitoring Program results for 2012**



# Compliance Monitoring Program

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- Addresses EPA requirements in 40 CFR 194.42 – Monitoring
- Compliance Monitoring is used to monitor the disposal system to detect any substantial and detrimental deviations from expected long-term repository performance
  - Monitoring parameters are based on their importance to the PA
  - “Substantial and detrimental deviations” are not expected
  - Program compares monitoring data against PA assumptions, repository conditions and expectations
  - Exceeding expected results (Trigger Values) does not indicate an out-of-compliance condition
- Annual assessment in COMPs reports
  - *Sandia National Laboratories Compliance Monitoring Parameter Assessment for 2012, ERMS 558589*



# What is Monitored

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- **Ten Compliance Monitoring Parameters (COMPs)**
  - **Drilling Rate**
  - **Probability of Encountering a Brine Reservoir**
  - **Waste Activity**
  - **Subsidence**
  - **Changes in Groundwater Flow**
  - **Change in Groundwater Composition**
  - **Creep Closure**
  - **Extent of Deformation**
  - **Initiation of Brittle Deformation**
  - **Displacement of Deformation Features**



## What's New

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- **2012 COMPs report concluded - monitoring results do not indicate unexpected conditions**
- **Draft 2013 COMPs report does not indicate unexpected conditions**



## COMP's Results for 2012

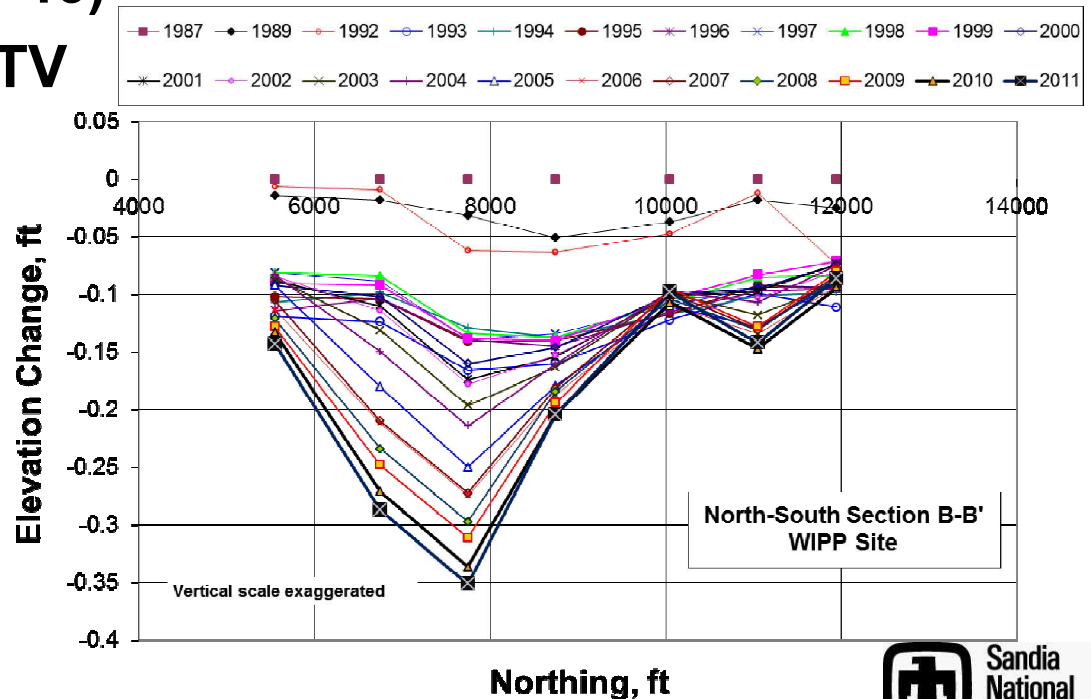
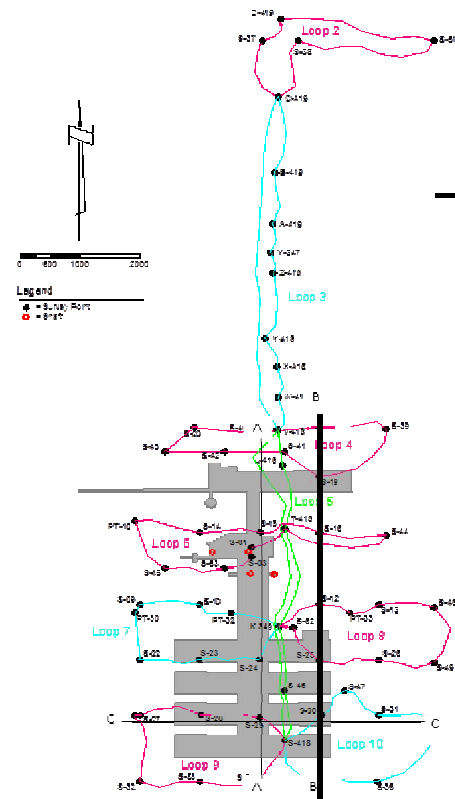
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- **Drilling Rate (bh/km<sup>2</sup>/10,000yrs)**
  - 2011 rate = 64.1
  - 2012 rate = 67.3
  - No TV
- **Probability of Encountering a Brine Reservoir**
  - No new Castile brine encounters
  - No TV
- **Waste Activity**
  - Emplaced Curies less than PA input parameters
  - RH less than 5.1 Million Curies (TV)

# COMPs Results for 2012

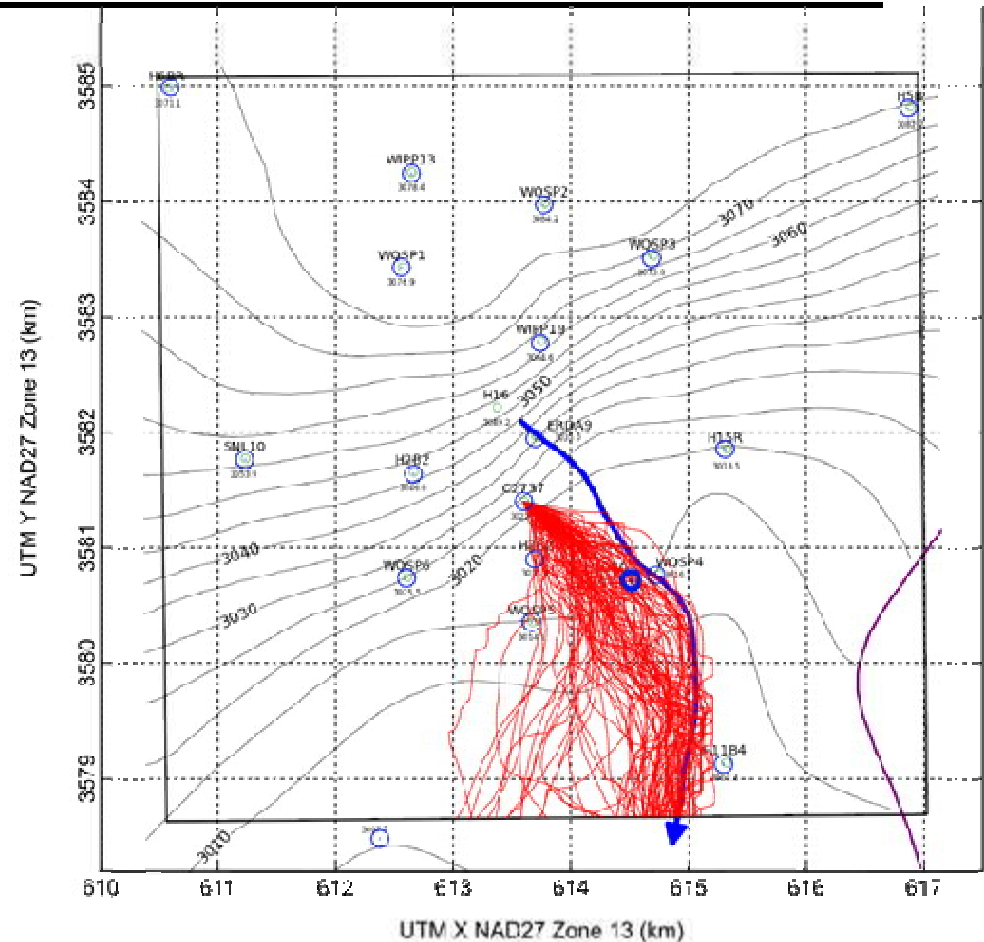
- **Subsidence**

- The highest subsidence rates measured for the 2010-2011 surveys correspond to benchmarks directly over the panels 2,3,6 & 7 (e.g., S-24, S-28, S-29 and S-46)
- Less than TV



# COMPs Results for 2012

- **Changes in Groundwater Flow**
  - Within new TV



Distribution of 100 particle traces (red lines) from C-2737 (center of waste panels) to WIPP LWB for CRA-2009 PABC. August 2011 Culebra potentiometric surface. Culebra monitoring wells are indicated with blue circles (COMPS 2012) .





# COMPs Results for 2012

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- **Change in Groundwater Composition**
  - TV is met when the Ion concentration for both primary and duplicate sample are outside the baseline 95% confidence window for 3 consecutive rounds
  - **Two Wells exceeded TV**
    - $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  ion concentration for WQSP-3 rounds 28 - 33
    - $\text{K}^+$  ion concentration in WQSP-4 rounds 27 - 33
  - No action recommended at this time in COMPs report. Further instances may invoke further analysis.
  - All other wells met the TV



# COMPs Results for 2012

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- **Creep Closure**
  - Creep rate within the TV
- **Extent of Deformation**
  - Within expectations – no TV
- **Initiation of Brittle Deformation**
  - Within expectations – no TV
- **Displacement of Deformation Features**
  - Within expectations – no TV



# COMPs Summary

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- **10 monitoring parameters are assessed and compared to PA expectations and assumptions**
- **No additional actions were specified in the 2012 COMPs report as a result of the monitoring data analysis**