

Compliance Monitoring Program

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Presentation Overview

- 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

- 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

- **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

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



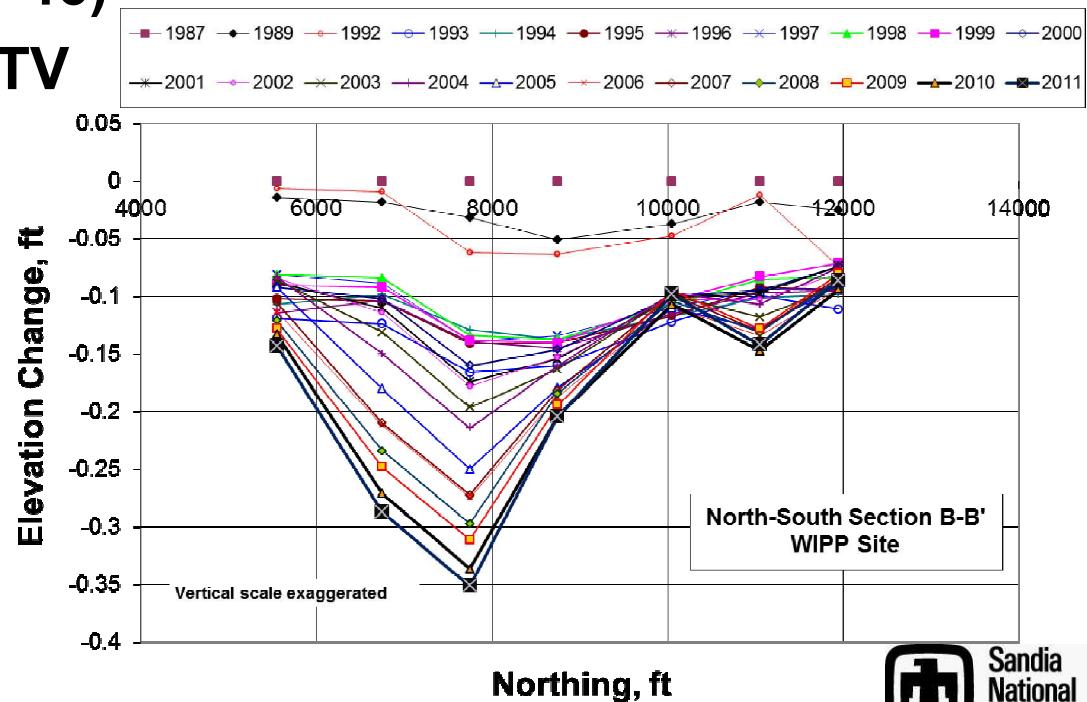
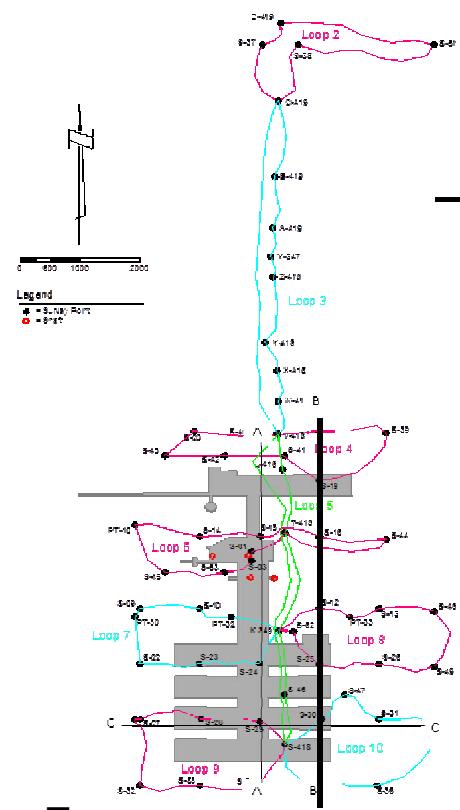
COMPs Results for 2012

- **Drilling Rate (bh/km²/10,000yrs)**
 - 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

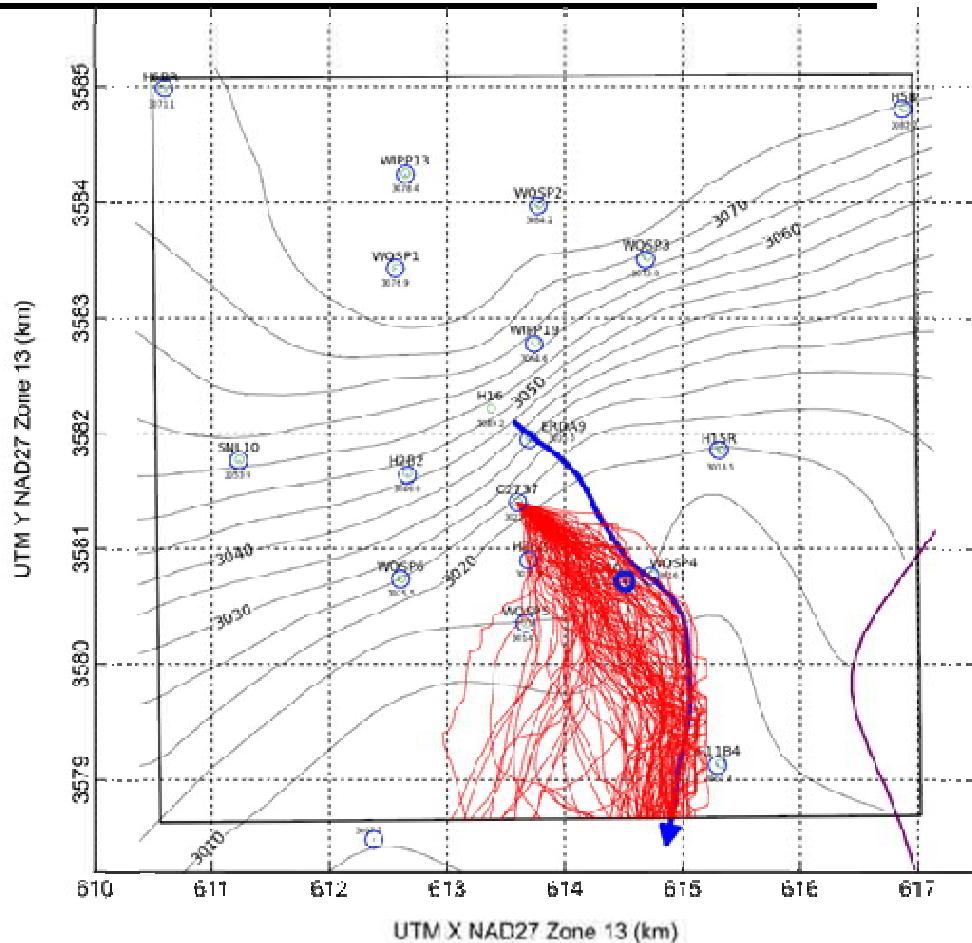
• **Subsidence**

- 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





COMPs Results for 2012

- **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**
 - SO_4^{2-} ion concentration for WQSP-3 rounds 28 - 33
 - 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

- **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

- 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