## NUMERICAL GROUNDWATER FLOW SIMULATON OF RED HILL RIDGE, OAHU



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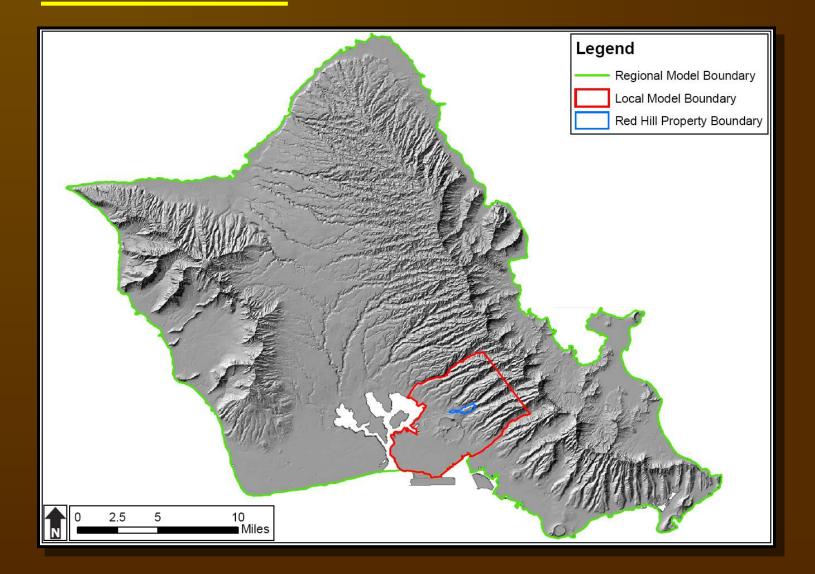




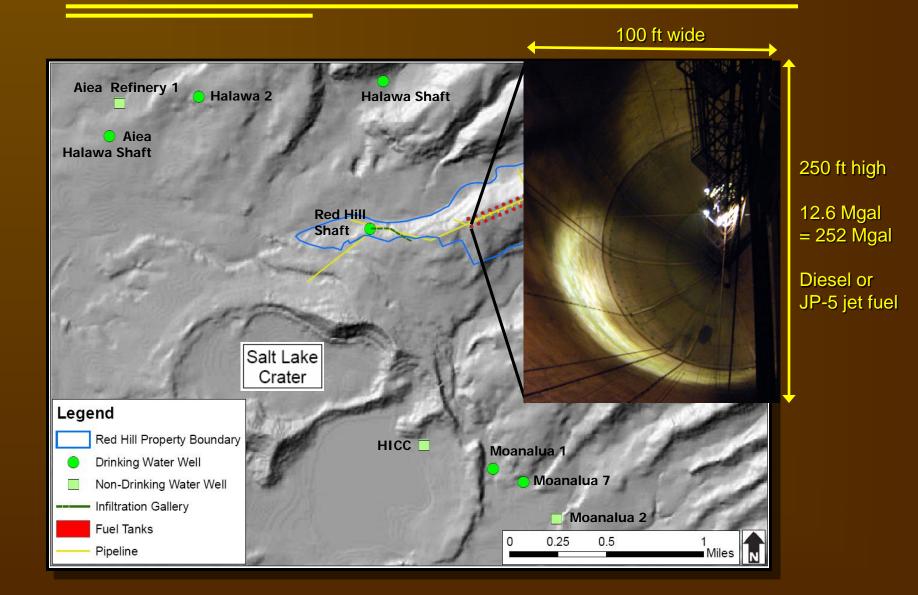
# Summary

- Objective: Red Hill Fuel Storage Tanks
- Regional model, SWAP
  - Source area delineations
  - Source water susceptibility to contamination
- Updated SWAP model
- Conversion to Red Hill model
  - Conceptualization
  - Calibration
  - Capture Zones

#### **PROJECT SITE LOCATION**



#### **RED HILL FUEL STORAGE FACILITY**





Determine groundwater flow around Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility:

- Develop 3-D groundwater flow model (MODFLOW)
- Determine capture zones of drinking-water wells
- Provide a flow model that can be used to simulate solute transport of dissolved hydrocarbons (RT3D)





#### **Source Area Delineations**

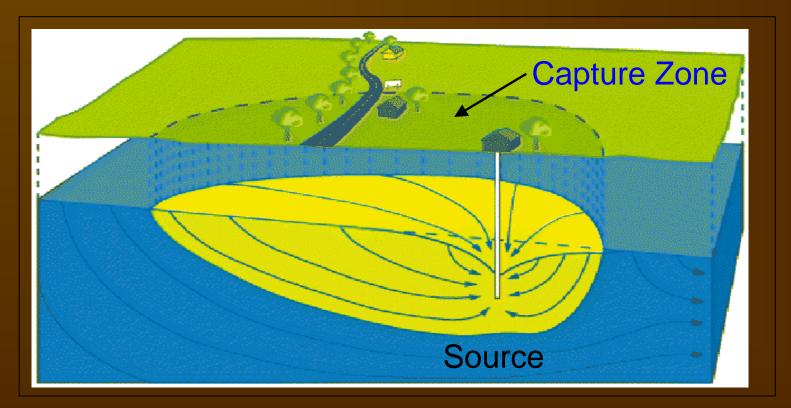
- Identify all public drinking water sources
- Island-wide groundwater flow models
- Source water capture zone delineation
  - Delineate Zone A (50-ft around well)
  - Delineate Zone B (2-year capture zone)
  - Delineate Zone C (10-year capture zone)

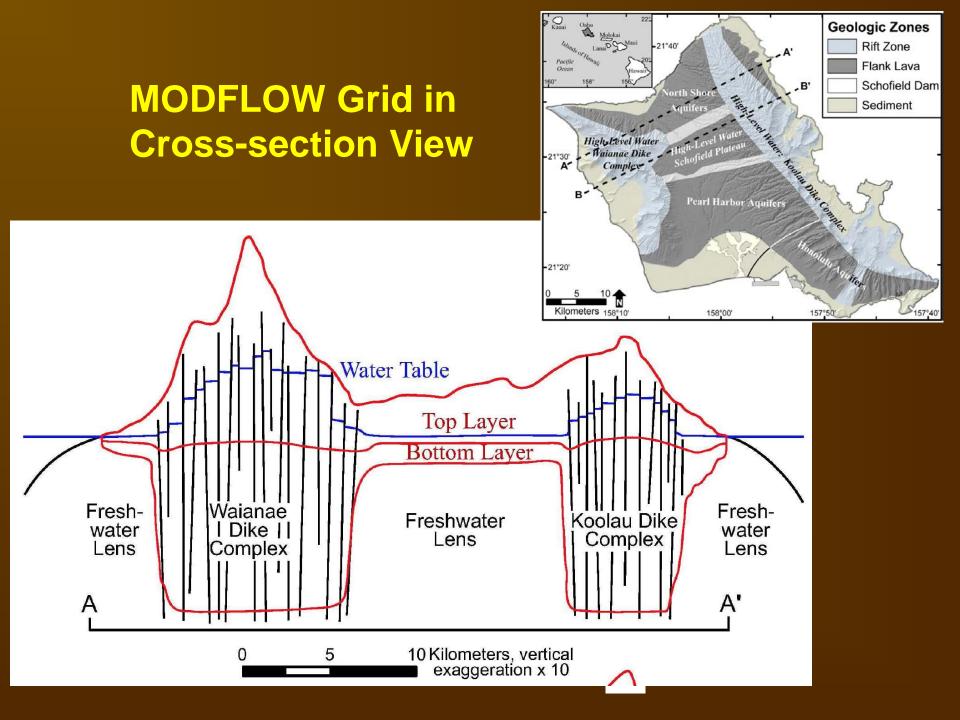
#### Source water susceptibility to contamination

- Potential contaminating activities assessment
- Assessing the susceptibility of water sources to contamination

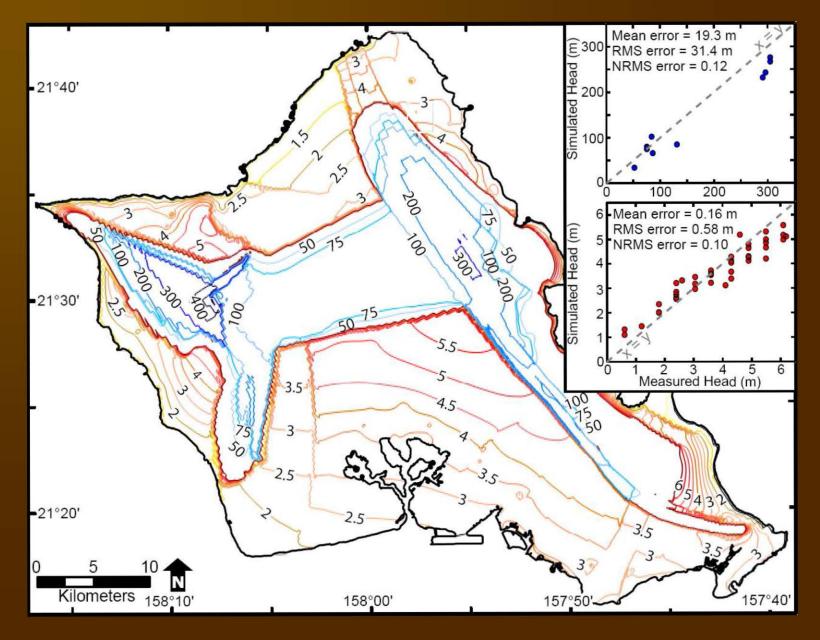
#### SOURCE WATER AREA DELINEATION

Zone through which contaminants, if present, are likely to migrate and reach a drinking water source (well or surface water intake)



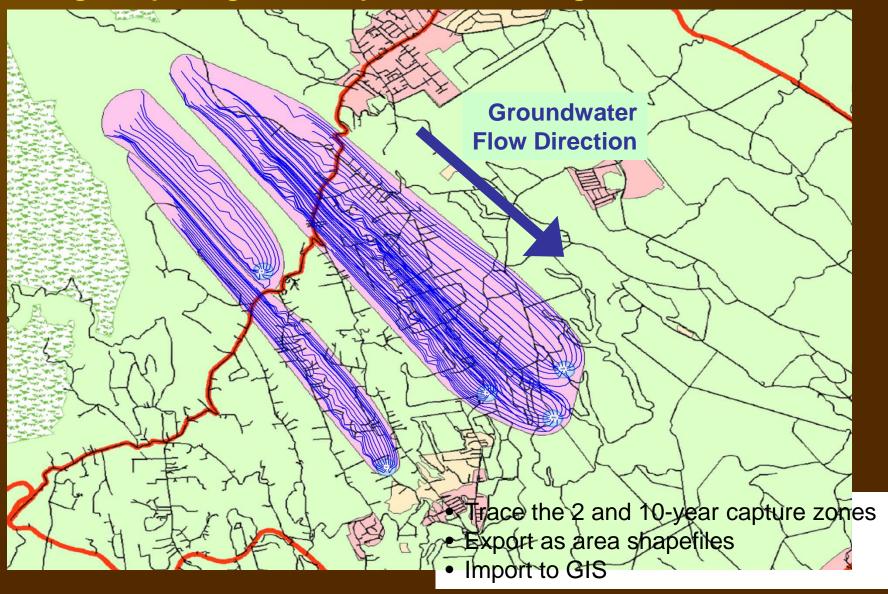


### Simulated Groundwater Levels, Oahu (in m)

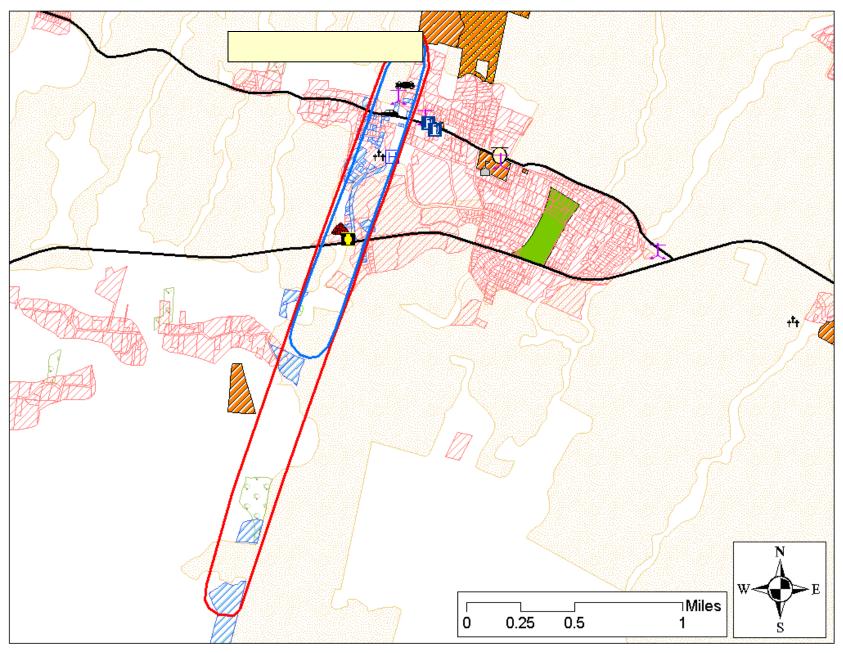


#### **Delineate Well Capture Zones**

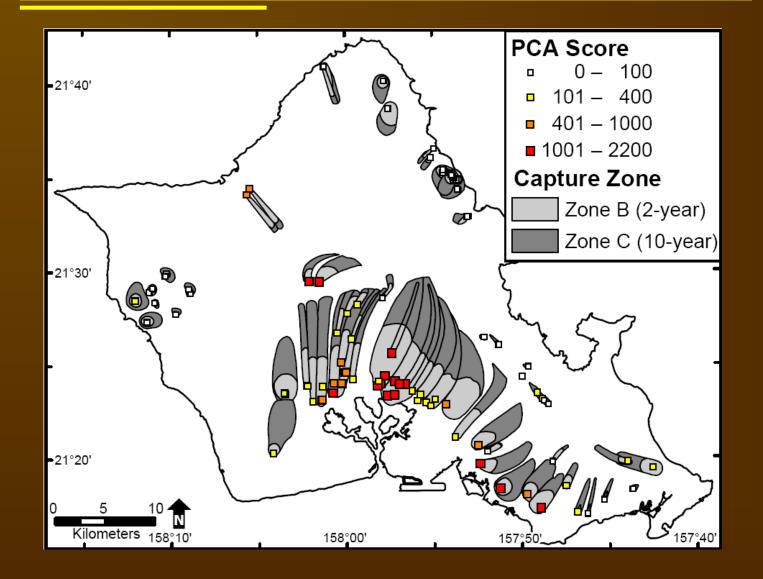
using computer generated particles traveling backwards



### **Potential Contaminating Activities**



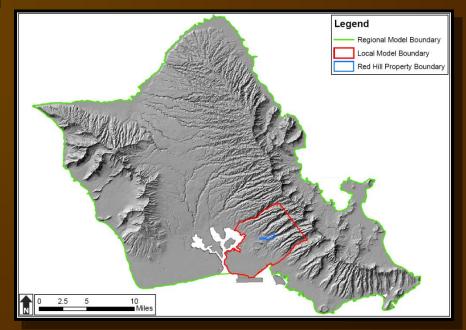
#### SWAP MODEL



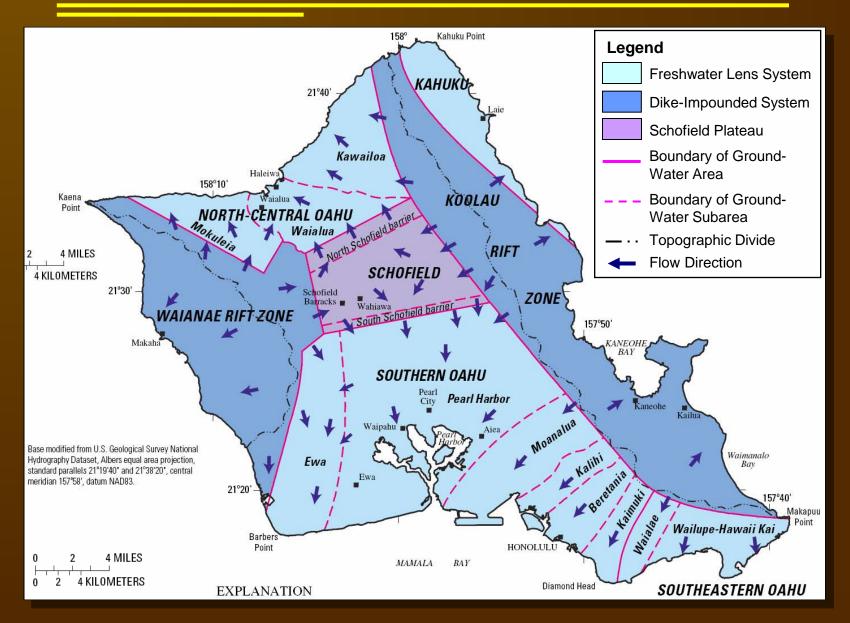
#### **METHODOLOGY**

Develop 3-D groundwater flow model:

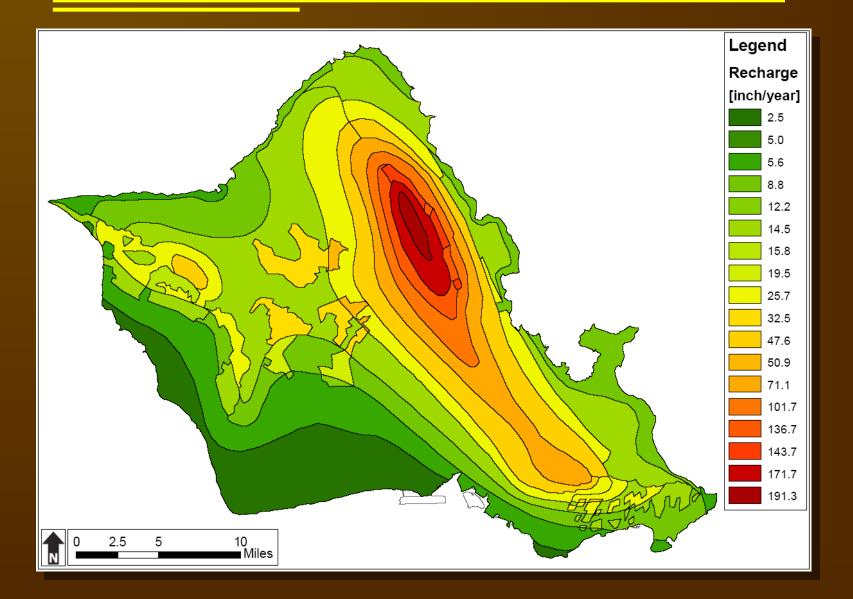
- Calibrate steady-state flow model with island-wide SWAP model
  - Recharge 1996-2005
  - Boundary conditions (specified head on sides, Ghyben-Herzberg interface as bottom boundary)
  - 10-year average withdrawal
- Calibrate transient flow model with a 18-day aquifer test



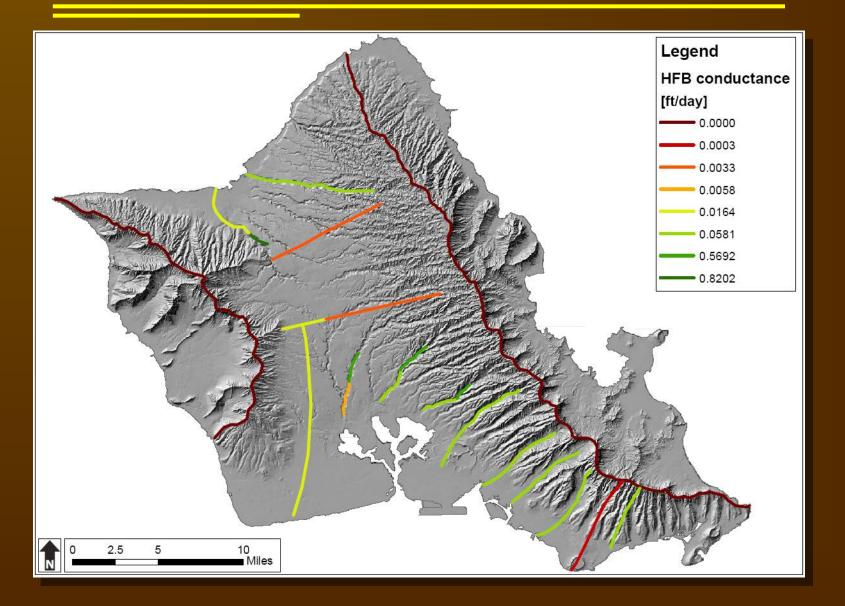
### **GROUNDWATER FLOW SYSTEM**



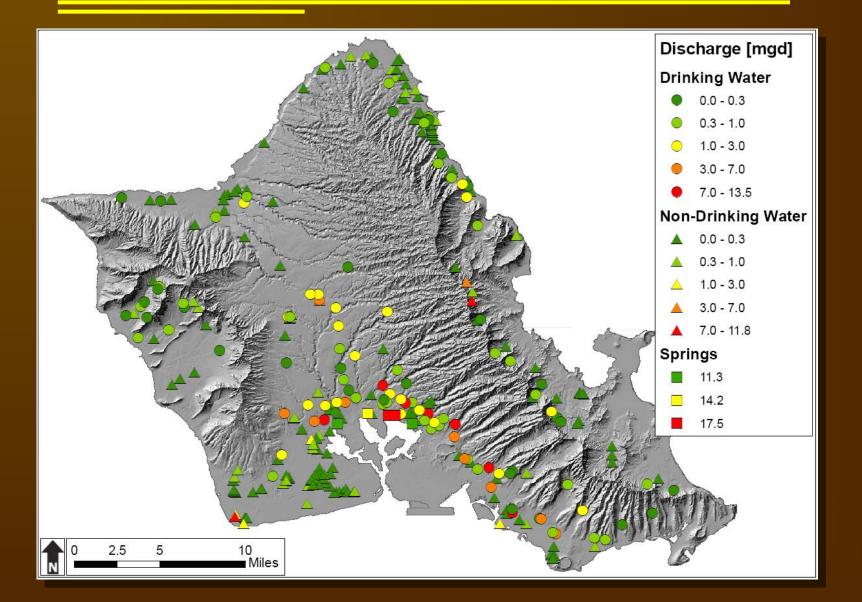




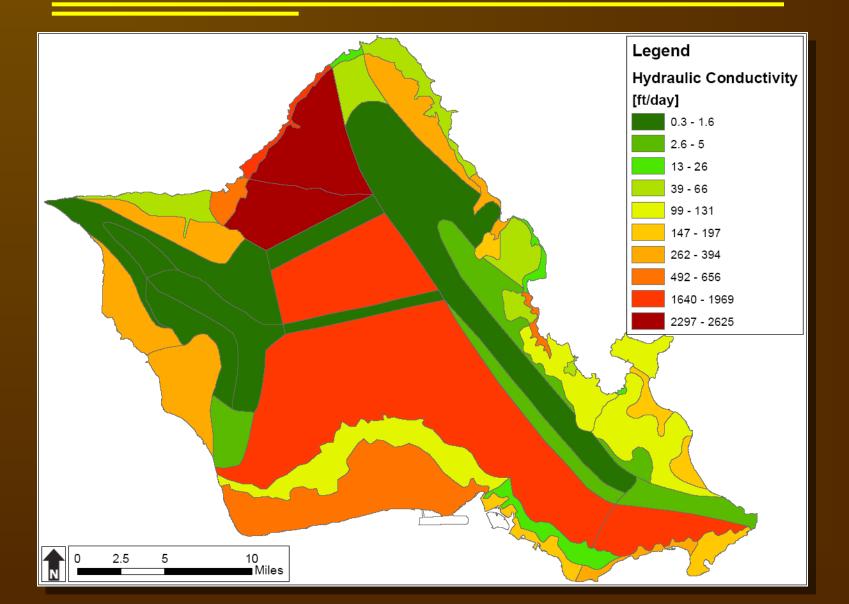
#### HYDRAULIC FLOW BARRIERS



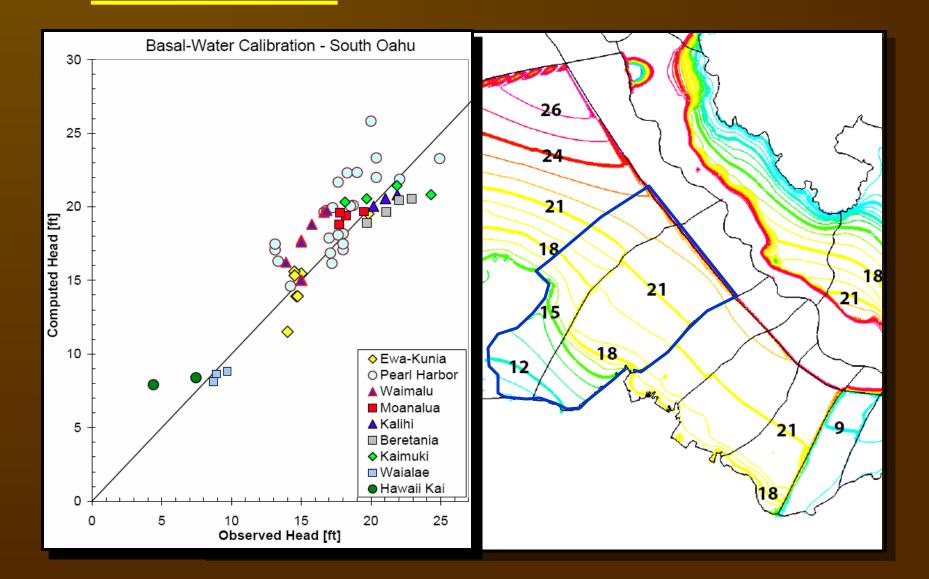
#### **10-YEAR AVERAGE PUMPAGE**



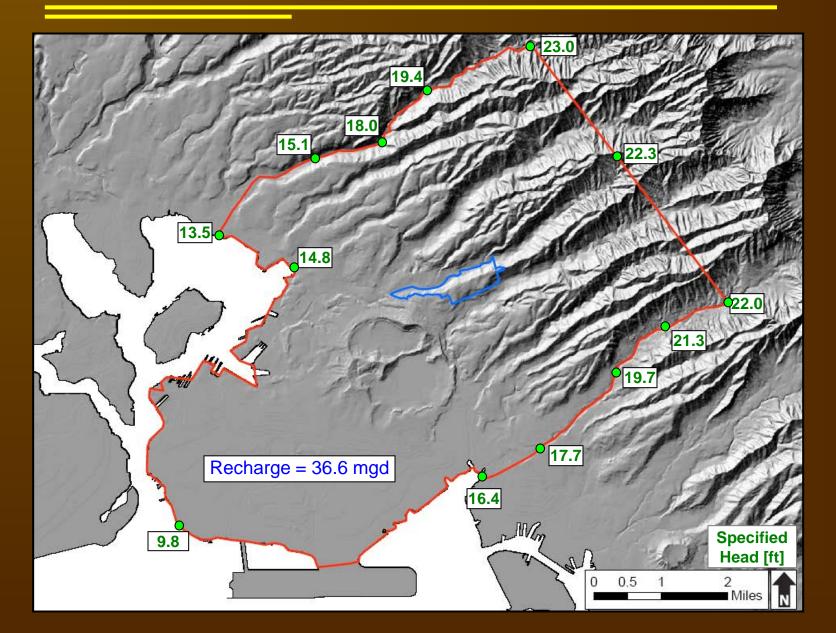
#### HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY



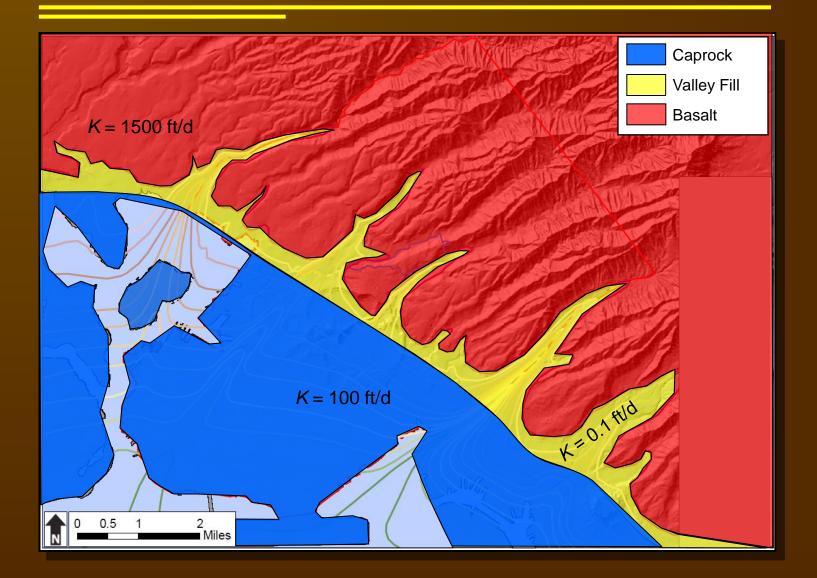
#### **REGIONAL SWAP MODEL – BOUNDARY CONDITIONS**



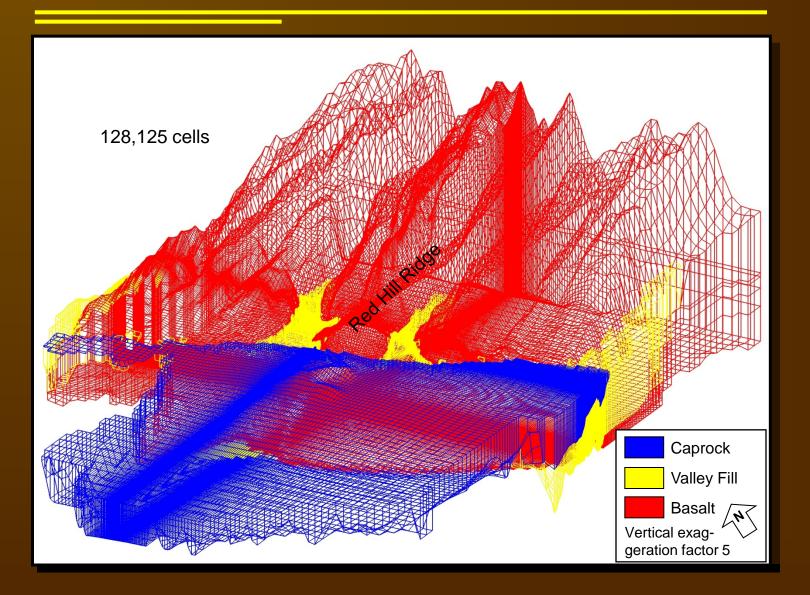
#### LOCAL MODEL - BOUNDARY CONDITIONS



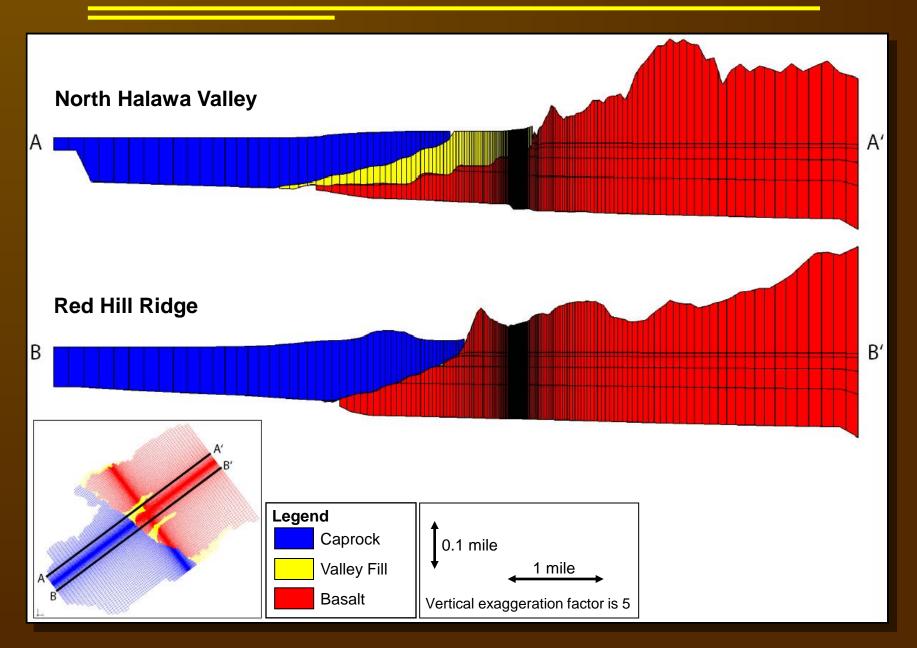
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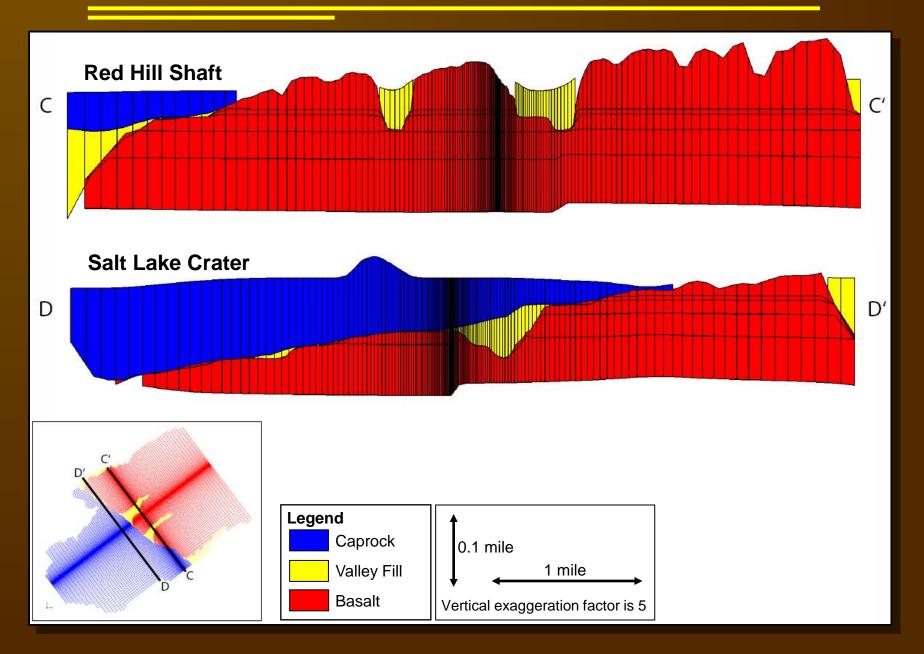
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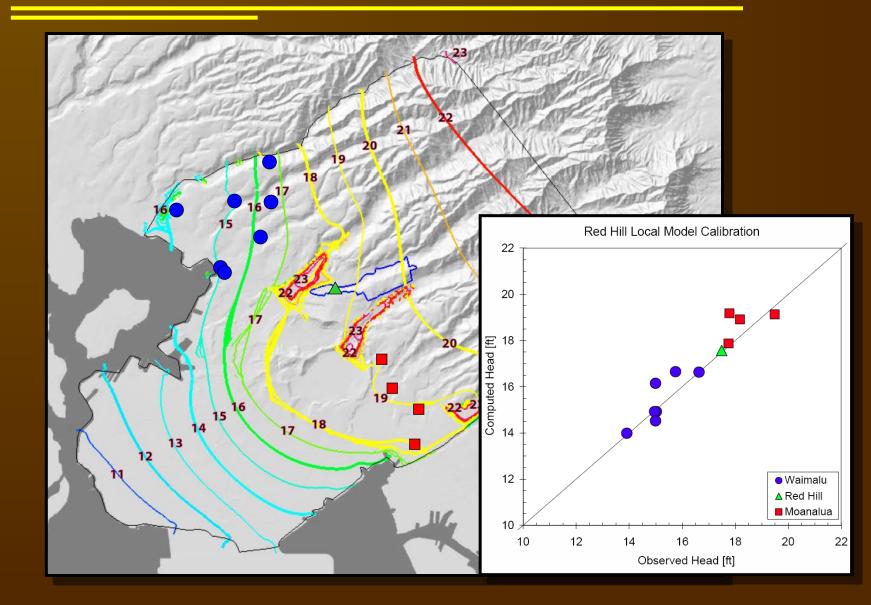
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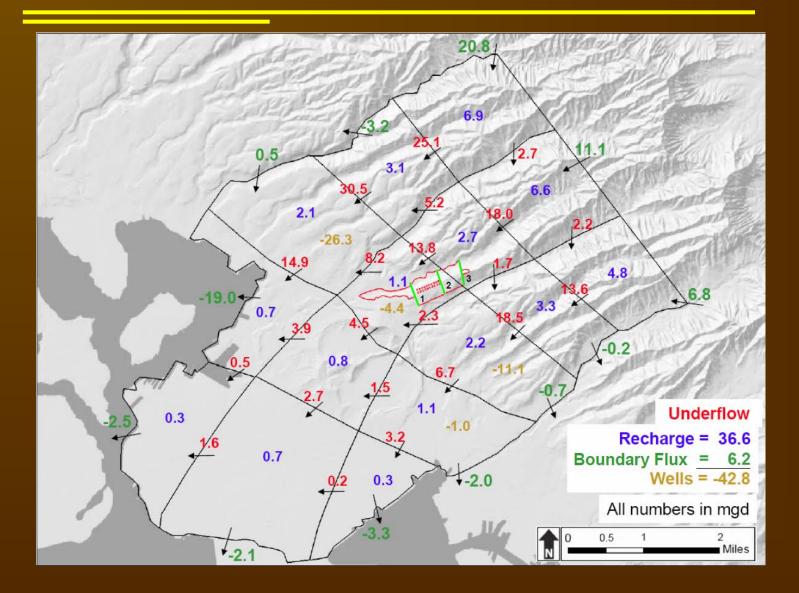
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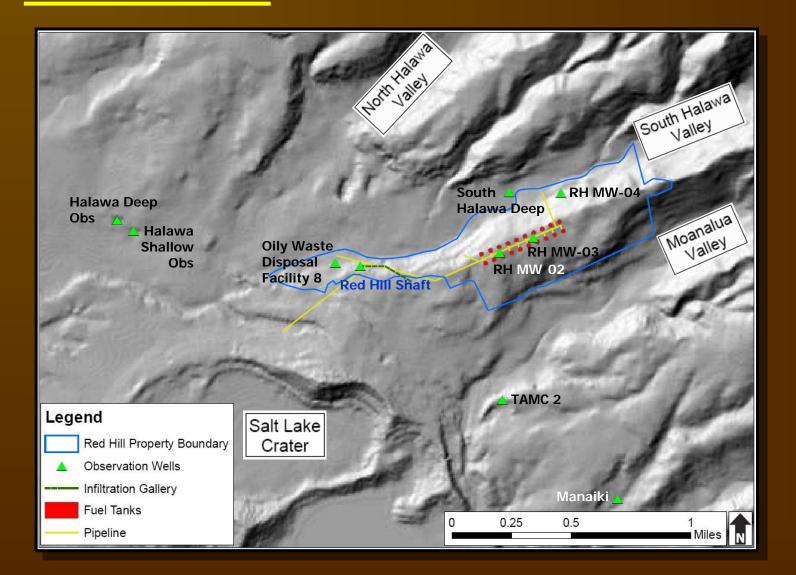
### CALCULATED WATER LEVELS



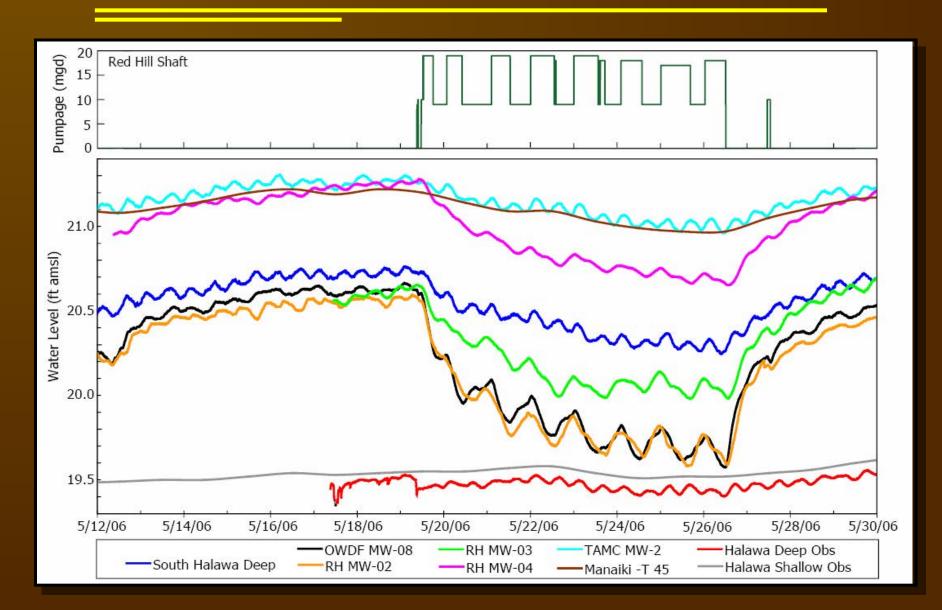
#### WATER BUDGET



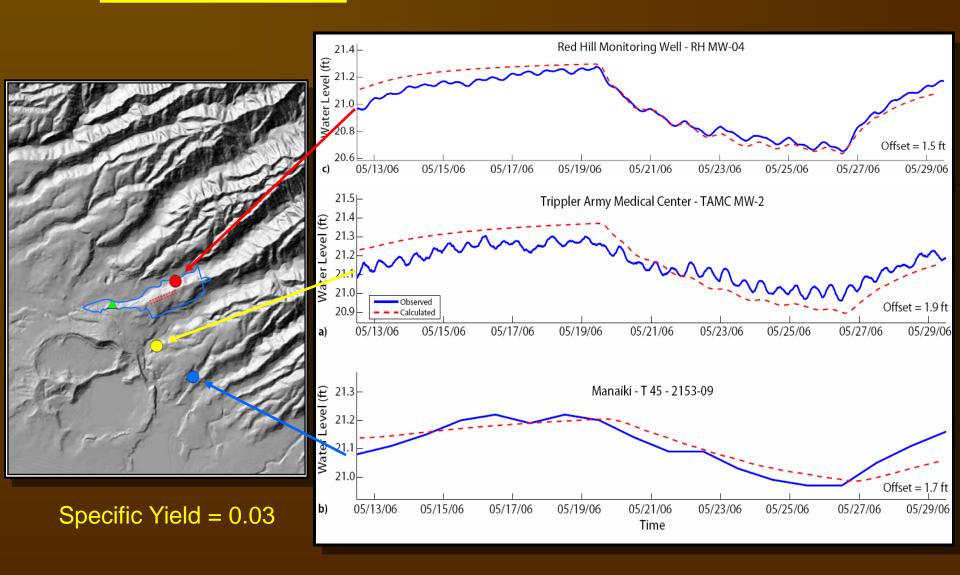
#### **OBSERVATION WELLS**



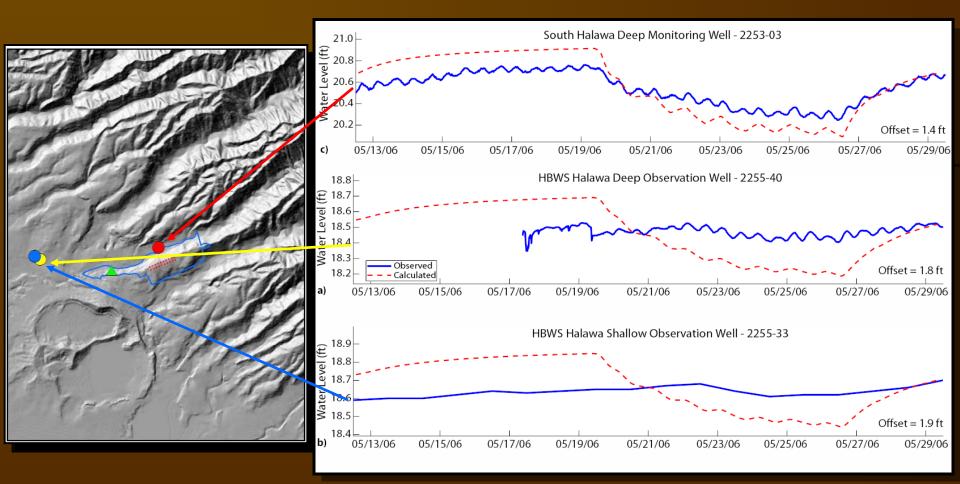
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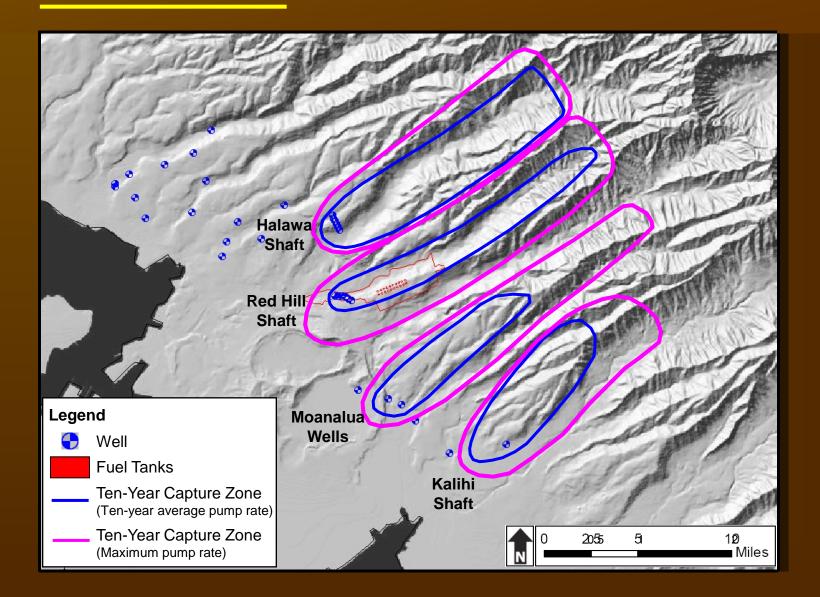
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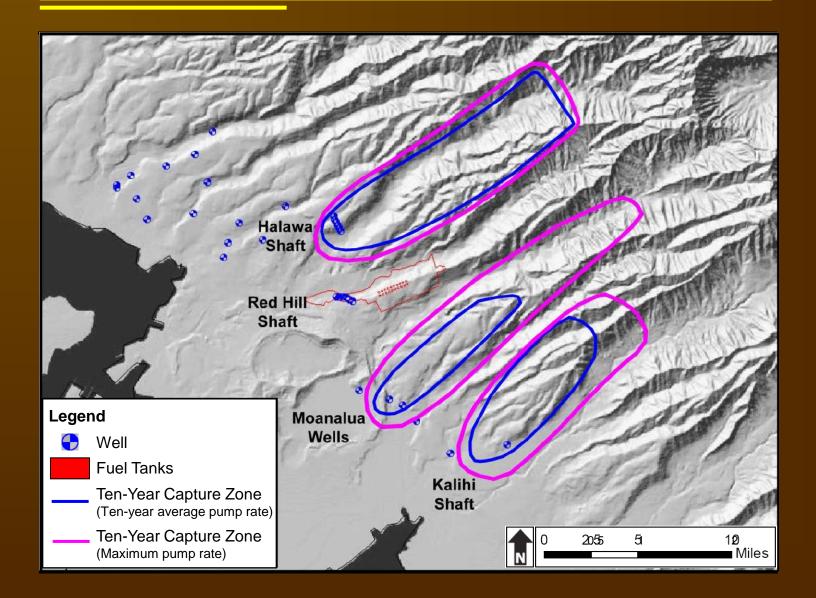
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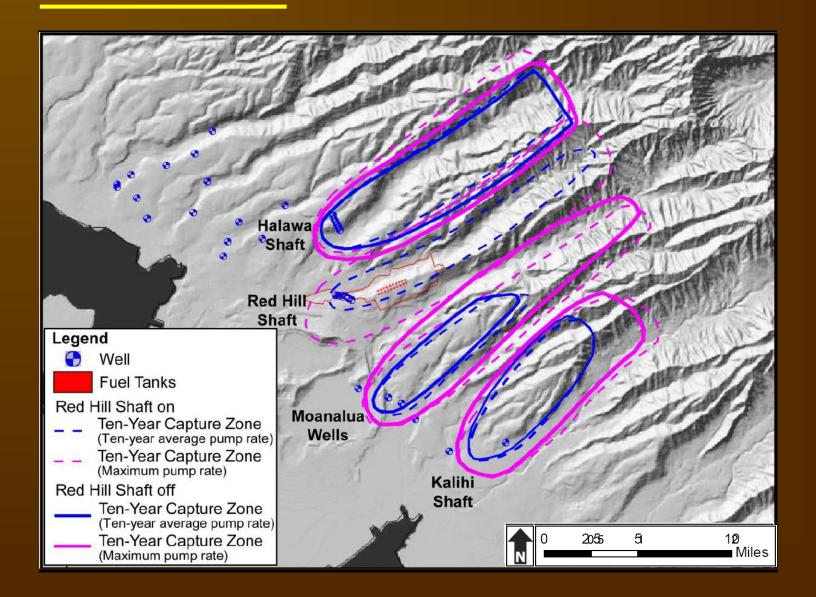
#### CAPTURE ZONE DELINEATION, all wells pumping



#### CAPTURE ZONE DELINEATION, Red Hill Shaft off

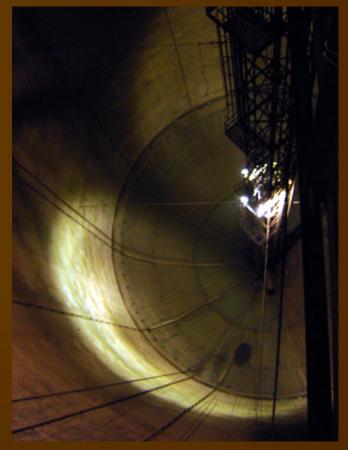


#### CAPTURE ZONE DELINEATION, both



#### CONCLUSIONS

- Incorporate geometries of low-permeability valley-fill barriers
- Successful regional to local model conversion
- Effectiveness of the North Halawa valley-fill barrier is underestimated
- Simulated aquifer test allows estimation of storage parameters ( $S_{\gamma} = 0.03$ )
- Capture zones of Red Hill Shaft only intersect Red Hill tanks
- Developed a groundwater flow around Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility that can be used to simulate solute transport (RT3D)



#### DATA GAPS & UNCERTAINTIES

Recharge

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Water level elevation

GPS survey of well measuring points

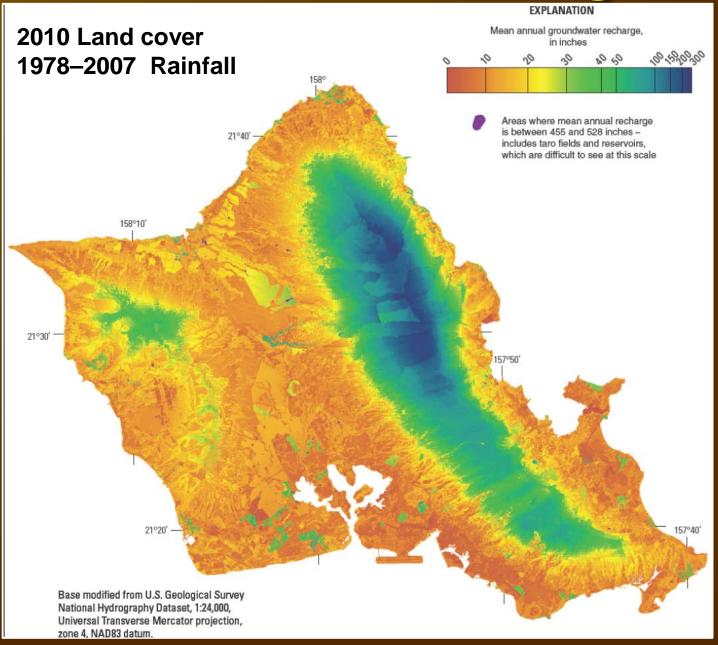
Geology

Updated structural basalt contours Include weathered basalt underneath valley fill Consider rejuvenated volcanism around Salt Lake Crater

Aquifer Test

Pump on/off at Halawa Shaft

## **Recent 2010 Recharge**

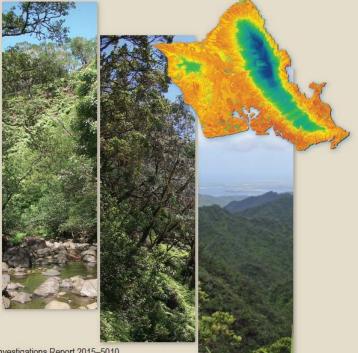


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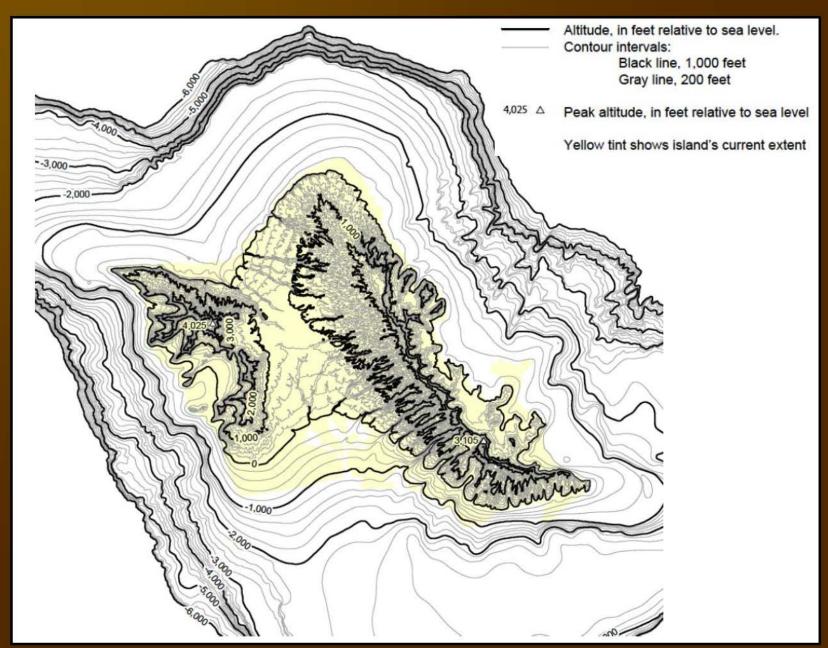
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