DATA COLLECTION MODERNIZATION IN NORTH DAKOTA

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DATABASE

- Internal IT department developed water use 4D database in late 1980s
- Expanded to include
 - Water chemistry
 - Water levels
 - Precipitation (Observer network)
 - Hydraulic structures (Dams/Drains/Sovereign Lands permits)
 - Water supply
 - Survey
 - Weather modification/cloud seeding data
 - Etc...

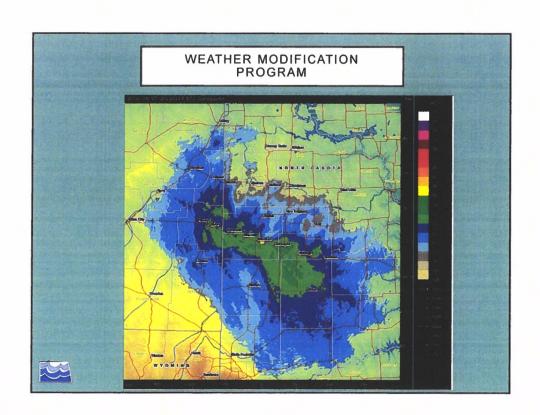


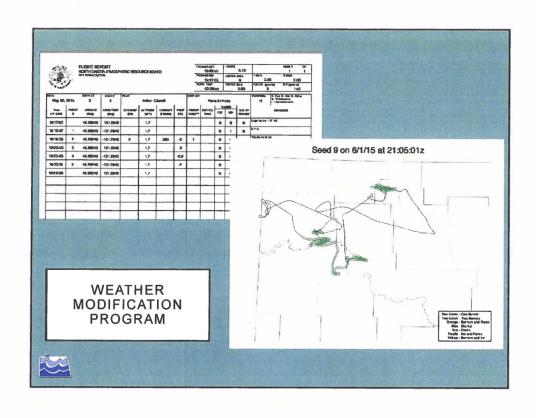
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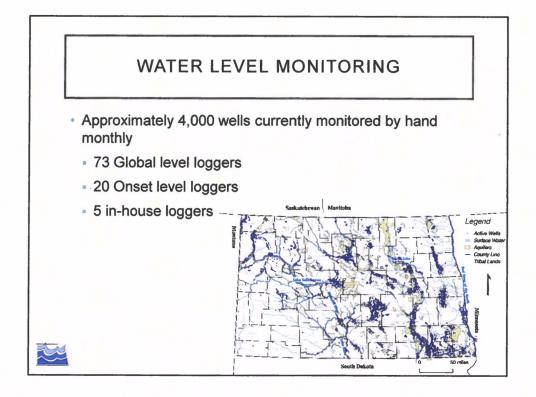
- Developed in late 1970s for hail suppression
- Atmospheric Resources Board oversees
- Involves about 10 to 15 interns annually

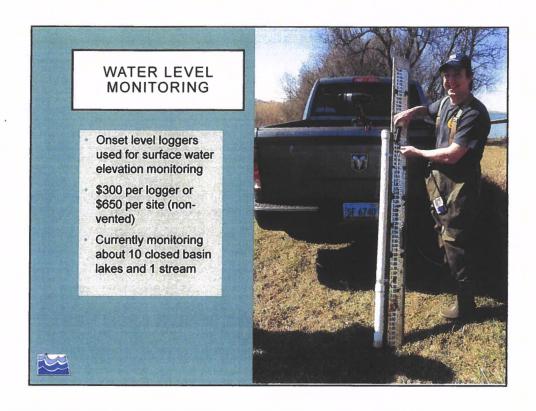


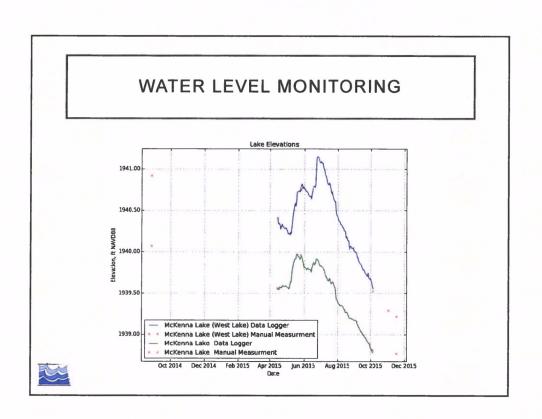










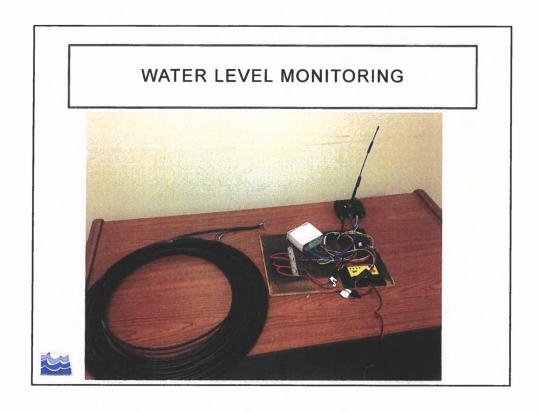


WATER LEVEL MONITORING

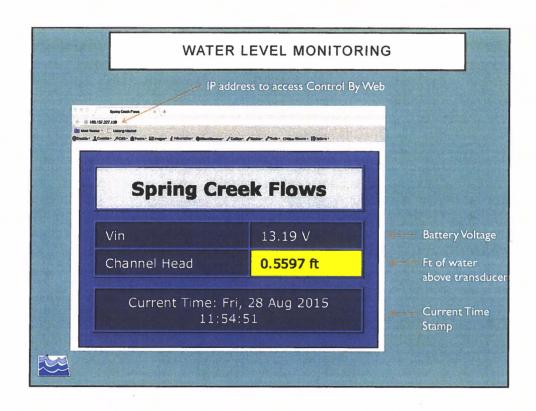
- Currently have constructed 5 real-time monitoring stations in-house
 - Current cost ~\$1,500 per site
 - Monitors pressure, other sensors can be added
 - Verizon Wireless network
 - Control By Web interface
 - Sampling interval can be adjusted

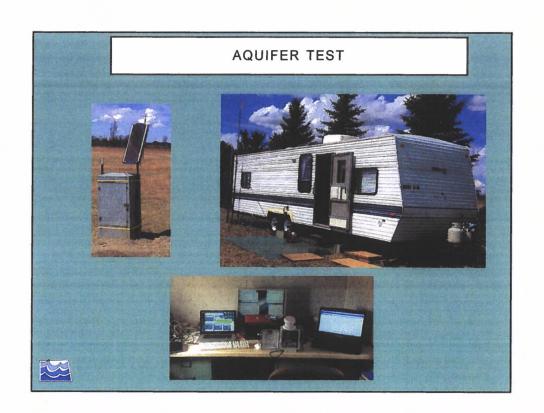


WATER LEVEL MONITORING Components Pressure transducer (vented system) Control By Web data acquisition device Verizon Wireless MiFi Antenna Solar Panel Solar power system 50 watt panel Verizon Wireless Charge controller **CBW DAQ** 12 v gel cell or marine batteries Charge Controller External signal antenna Transducer









OIL-FIELD WATER USE MONITORING

- Bakken oil boom resulted in rapid increase in industrial use (water depots) in western North Dakota
- Telemetry pilot test completed in 2011 by legislative request
- Requires water permit holders that provide water for oil field use to use water meters that automatically upload daily to the SWC database



OIL-FIELD WATER USE MONITORING

- System cost varies from \$1,000 to \$40,000 (multiple sites)
 - At \$0.02/gal \$10,000 = 1.5 acre-ft of water sales
- "Push" system using Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)
- Not a replacement for field inspections
- State does not assume responsibility for permit violations



