

Selected exhibits of USGS Studies
related to hearings on the city of Wichita's
applications to operate an aquifer storage and
recovery project in Harvey County, Kansas by the
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USGS background

- The USGS, founded in 1879, is part of the Department of Interior, with a mission to serve the nation by providing reliable scientific information to: describe and understand the Earth; minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and enhance and protect our quality of life
- Part of USGS mission is to describe water resources of the Nation
- USGS enters in to cooperative agreements to collect data and perform studies with other federal, State and local agencies where USGS contributes expertise and funds in cooperation with funding and expertise from the cooperating agency
- *Equus* study is an example of one of these type of studies in cooperation with the city of Wichita
- Funding during the demonstration project from 1995-2000, was \$3.8 Million with USGS contributing \$1.4 Million
- Funding for USGS activities with continued ground-water level monitoring and index well network from 2000 – 2004 are \$ 4.4 Million with USGS contributing \$1.3 million

USGS Role in *Equus* Beds Study

- Describe water resources in the *Equus* Beds area and Little Arkansas River by collecting and interpreting water-quantity and water-quality data
- Describe the hydrologic and geochemical processes affecting the aquifer
- Serve as a technical resource

Citations of information

City of Wichita Exhibit H

Myers, N.C, Hargadine, G.D, and Gillespie, J.B., 1996, Hydrologic and Chemical Interaction of the Arkansas River and the *Equus* Beds Aquifer Between Hutchinson and Wichita, South-Central Kansas: U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Investigations Report 95-4191, 100pp.

City of Wichita Exhibit E

Hansen, C.V., and Aucott, W.R., 2004, Status of ground-water levels and storage volume in the *Equus* Beds aquifer near Wichita, Kansas, January 200- January 2003: U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Investigations Report 03-4298, 36pp.

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Ziegler, A.C., Ross, H.C., Trombley, T.J., and Christensen, V.G., 2001, Effects of artificial recharge on water quality in the *Equus* Beds aquifer, south-central, Kansas, 1995-2000: U.S. Geological Survey Fact Sheet 096-01, 4 p.

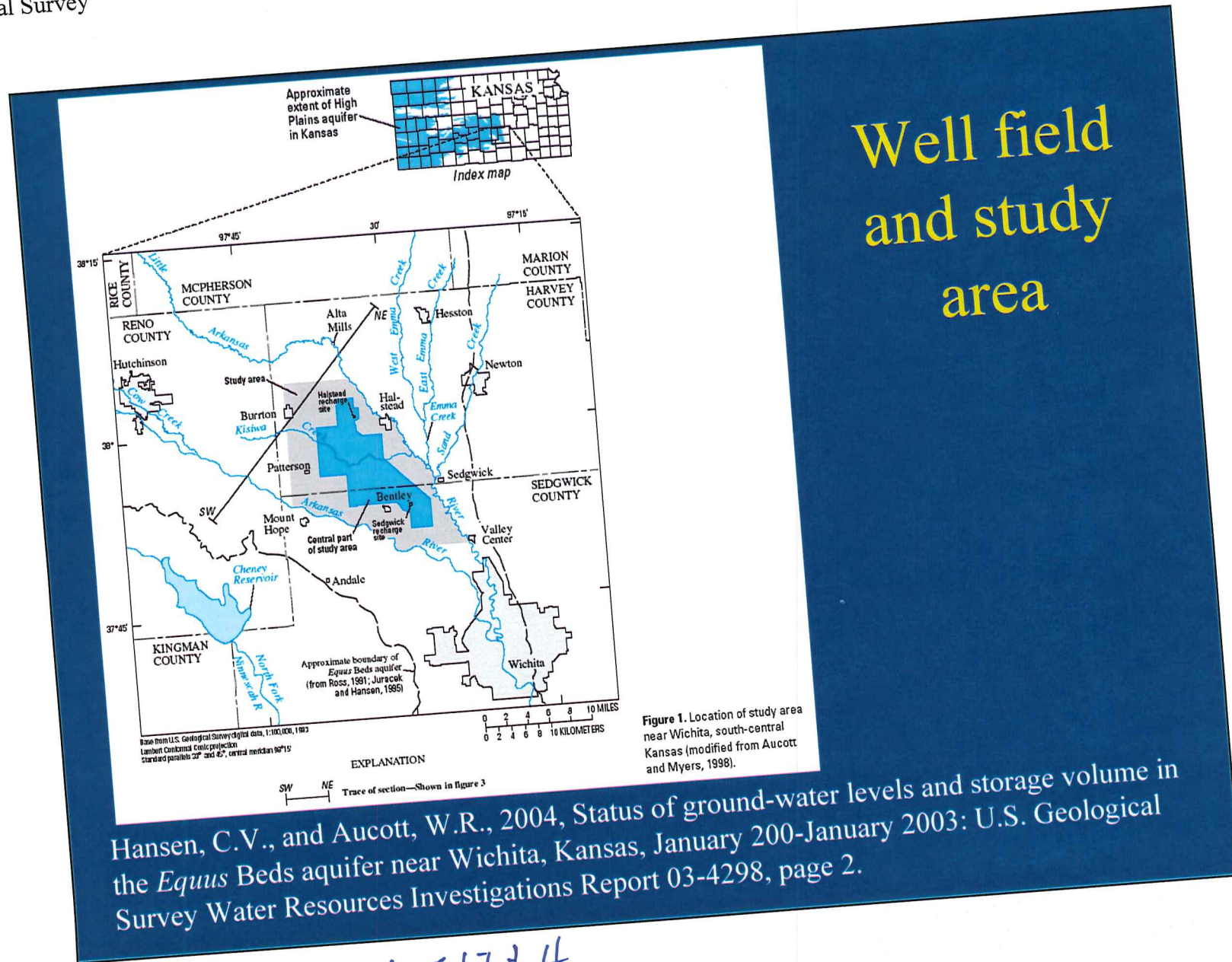
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Ziegler, A.C., written communication of summary of index well data from 2001 through 2004, and maps of average concentrations of arsenic, atrazine, chloride, nitrate, and sulfate.

Testimony related to the Chief Engineer's Questions

- Background ground-water information and chloride contamination movement
- Water-levels and storage changes in the *Equus* Beds area
- Water-quality/water-quantity during the demonstration project
- Water quality in the Index wells

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Chloride Sources to the *Equus* Beds Aquifer

- Arkansas River--natural
- Wellington formation—natural
- Oil-field activities
- Brine from salt-mining activities
- Evaporation-pan brine activities
- Sewage treatment facilities

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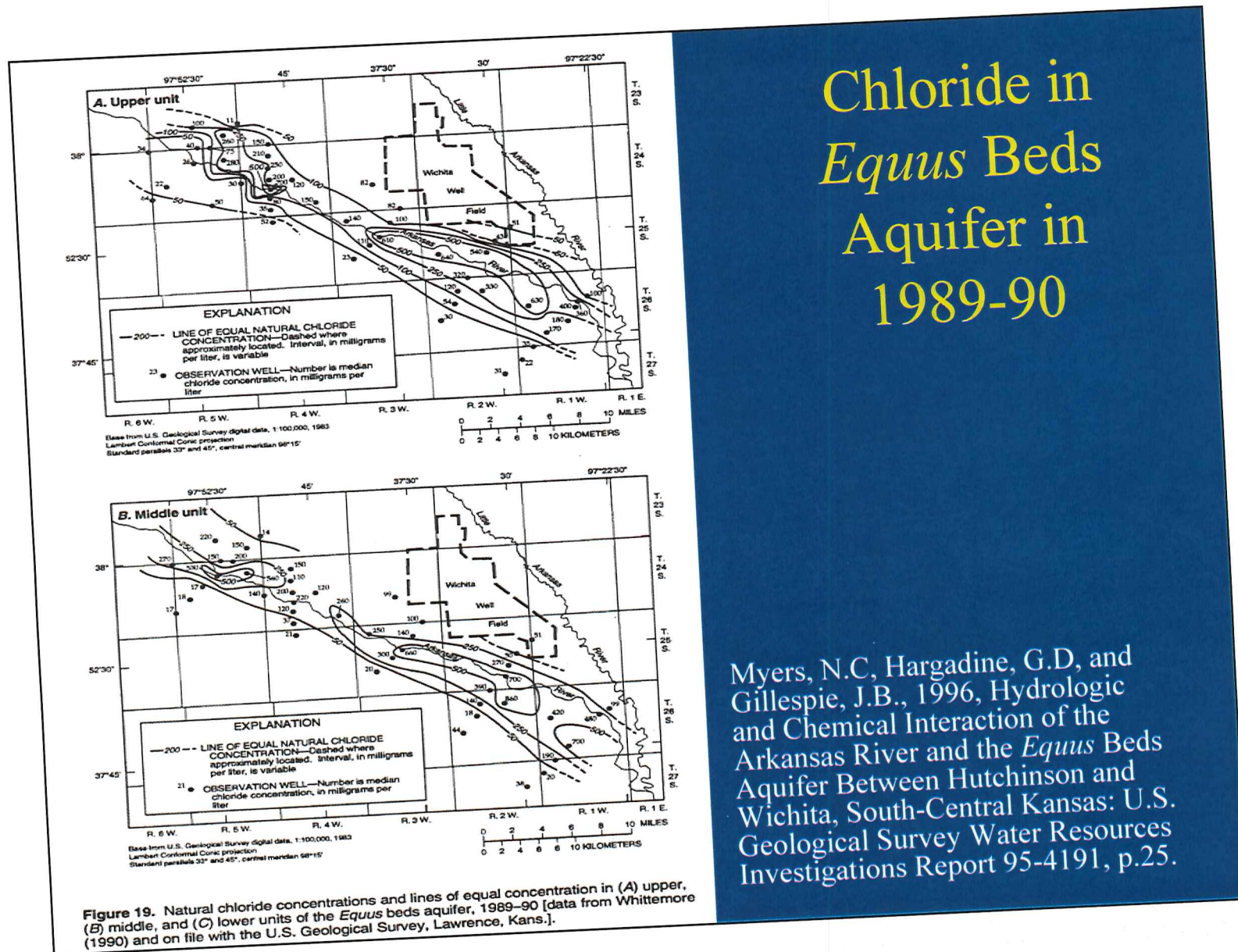
Table 2. Summary of chloride-concentration data collected from Cow Creek and the Arkansas River, August 1988–July 1991

Sampling-site name and number (fig. 6)	Number of samples	Chloride concentration, in milligrams per liter			
		Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Cow Creek near confluence with Arkansas River 375906097503900	22	533	495	380	740
Arkansas River at Hutchinson 375903097515700	27	621	640	340	1,100
Arkansas River near Hutchinson 07143330	40	634	640	190	1,100
Arkansas River near Mount Hope 375343097394000	29	610	620	380	1,000
Arkansas River 4 miles northeast of Colwich 375032097305500	30	619	635	240	1,100
Arkansas River near Maize 07143375	49	590	620	140	1,100
Arkansas River, all sites	175	613	630	140	1,100

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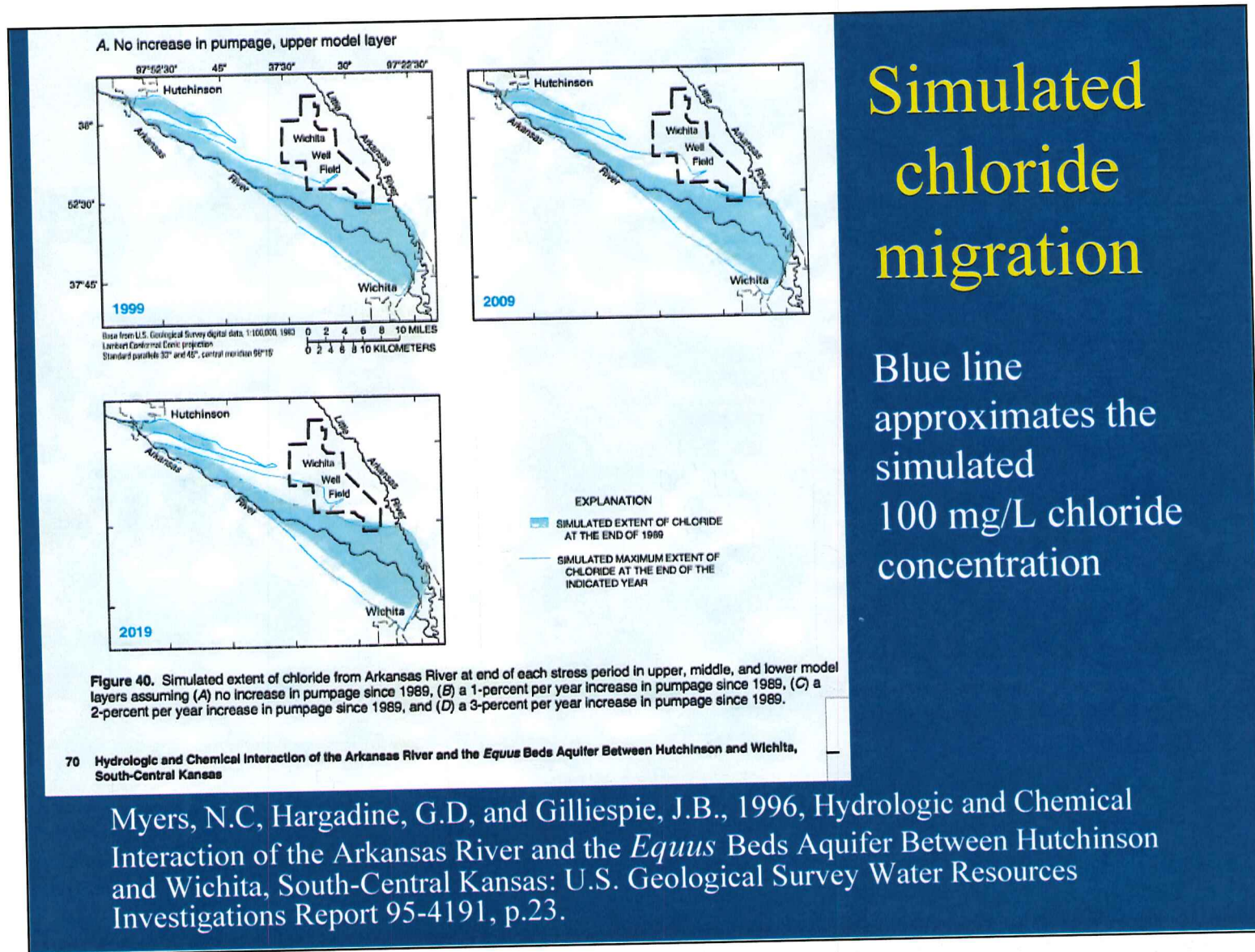
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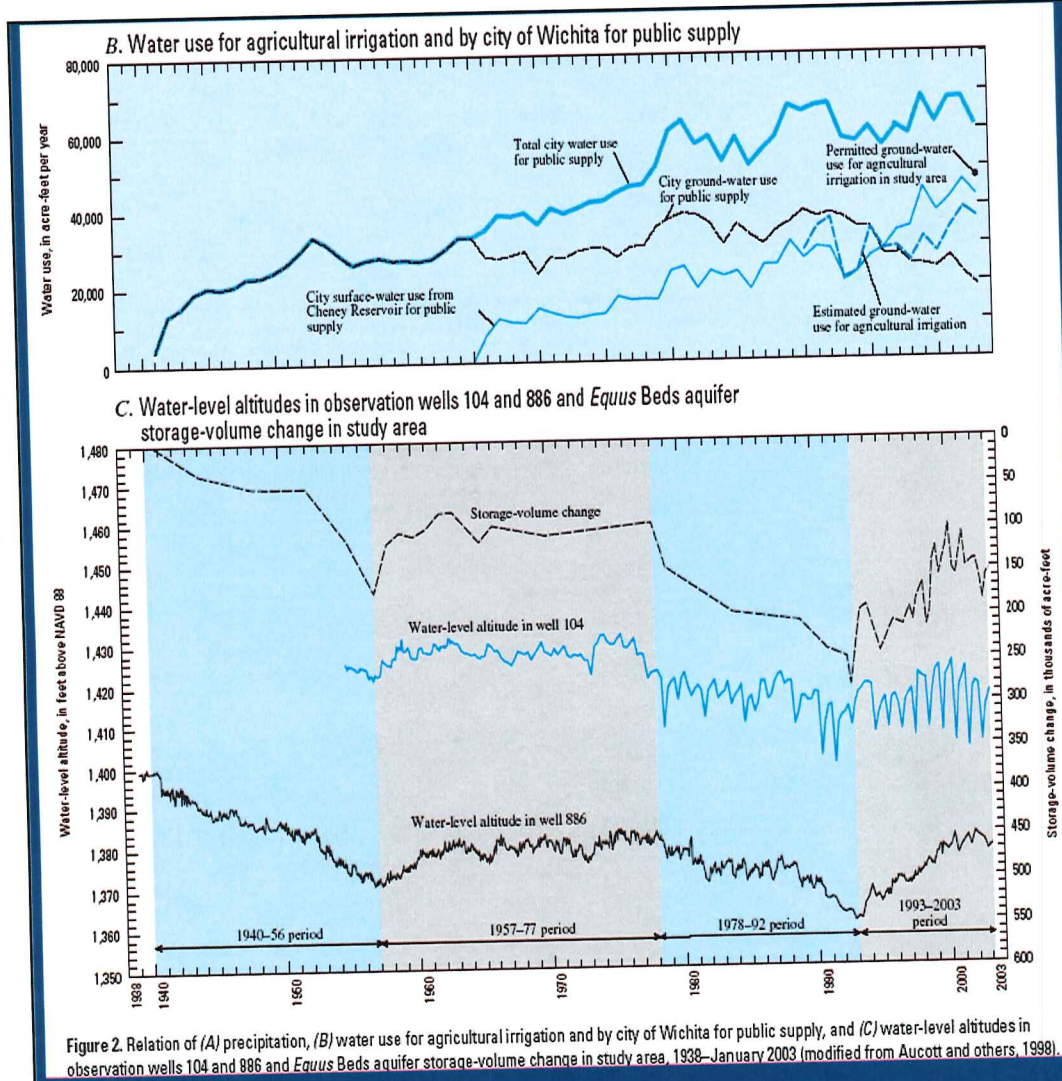
Chloride in *Equus* Beds Aquifer in 1989-90

Myers, N.C, Hargadine, G.D, and Gillespie, J.B., 1996, Hydrologic and Chemical Interaction of the Arkansas River and the *Equus* Beds Aquifer Between Hutchinson and Wichita, South-Central Kansas: U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Investigations Report 95-4191, p.25.



Simulated chloride migration

Blue line approximates the simulated 100 mg/L chloride concentration

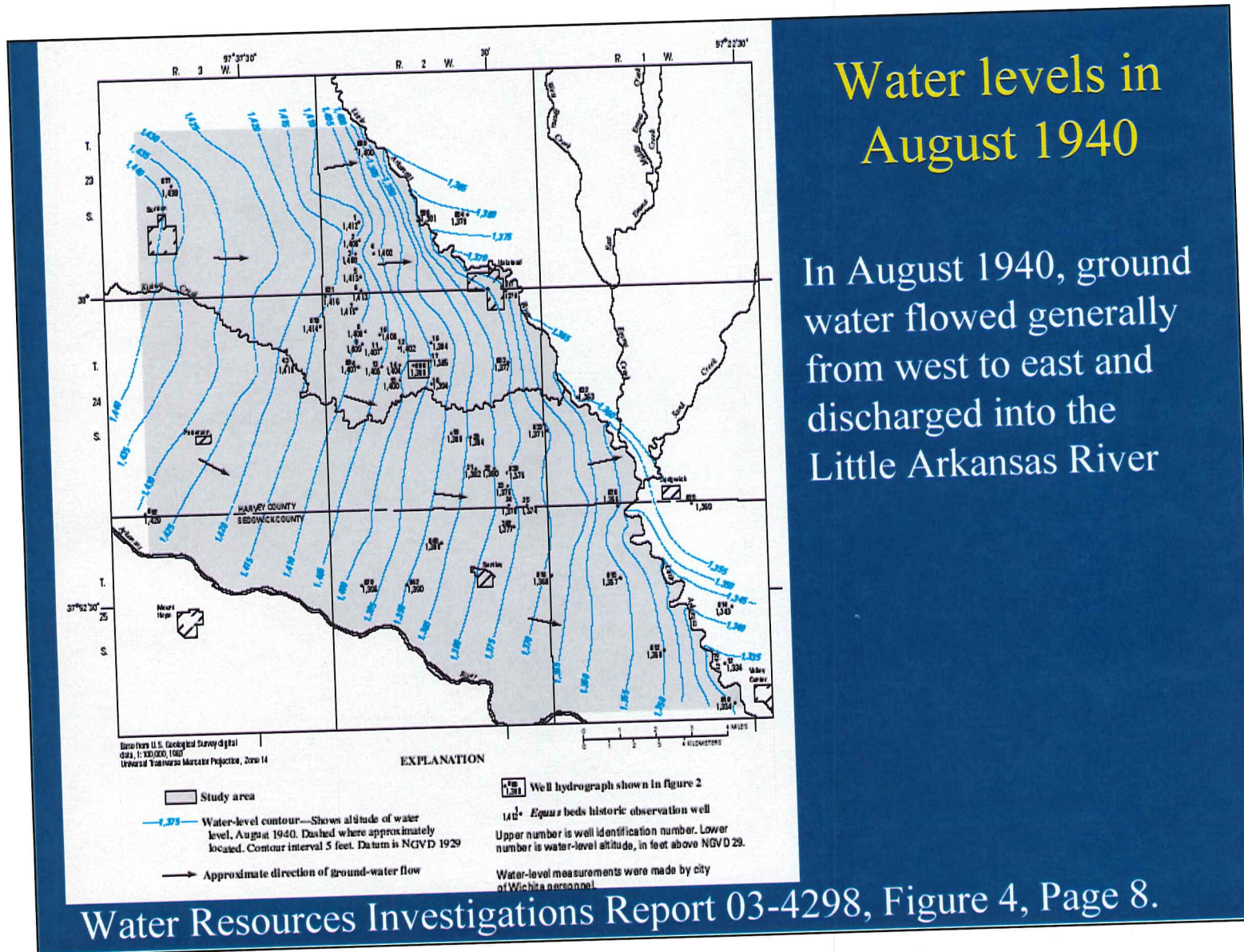


Historical water use and storage-volume change in the Equus Beds Aquifer, August 1940 – January 2003

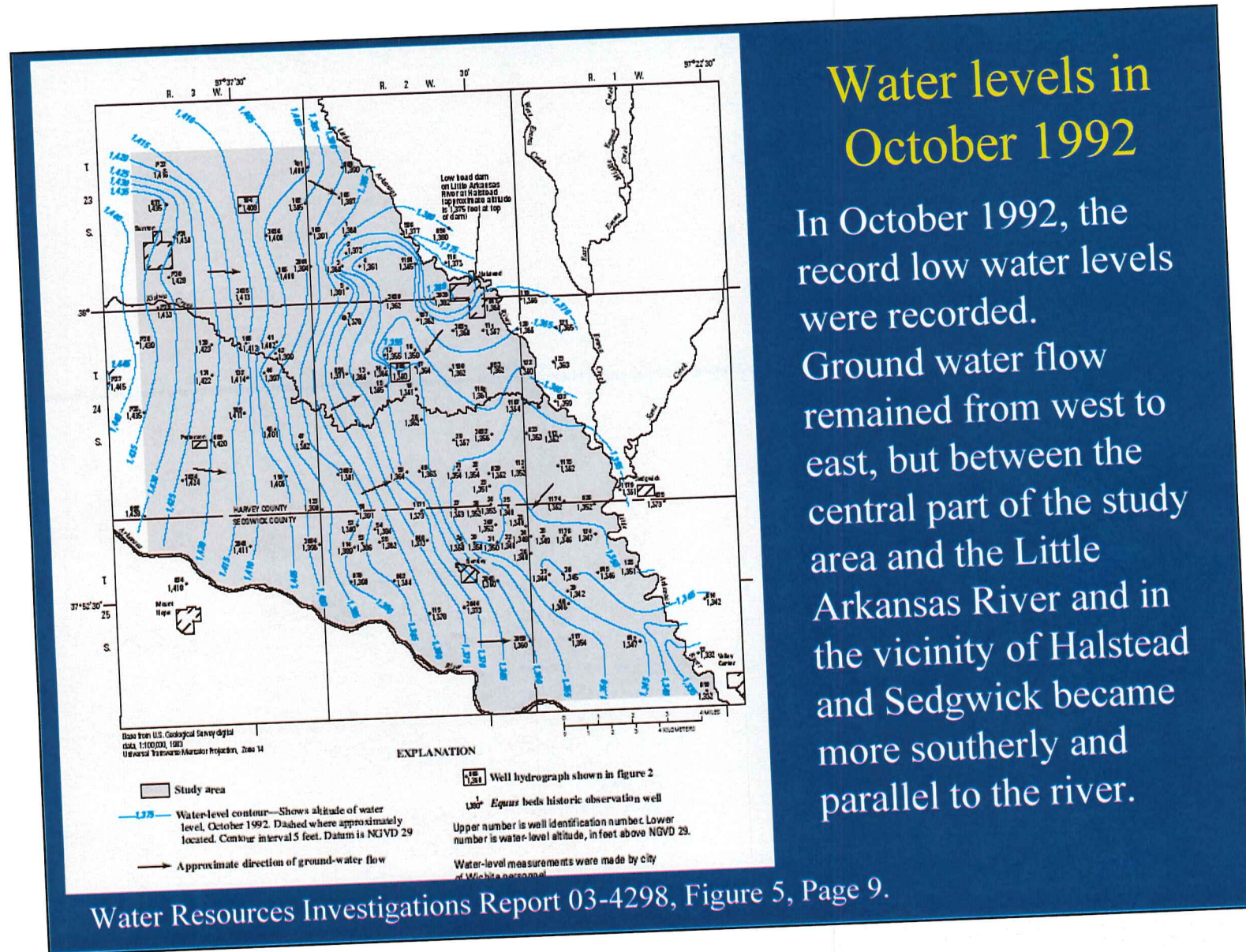
- City withdrawals have decreased by 50 percent since 1997
- Agricultural withdrawals are less than the permitted amounts

Water Resources Investigations Report 03-4298, page 4.

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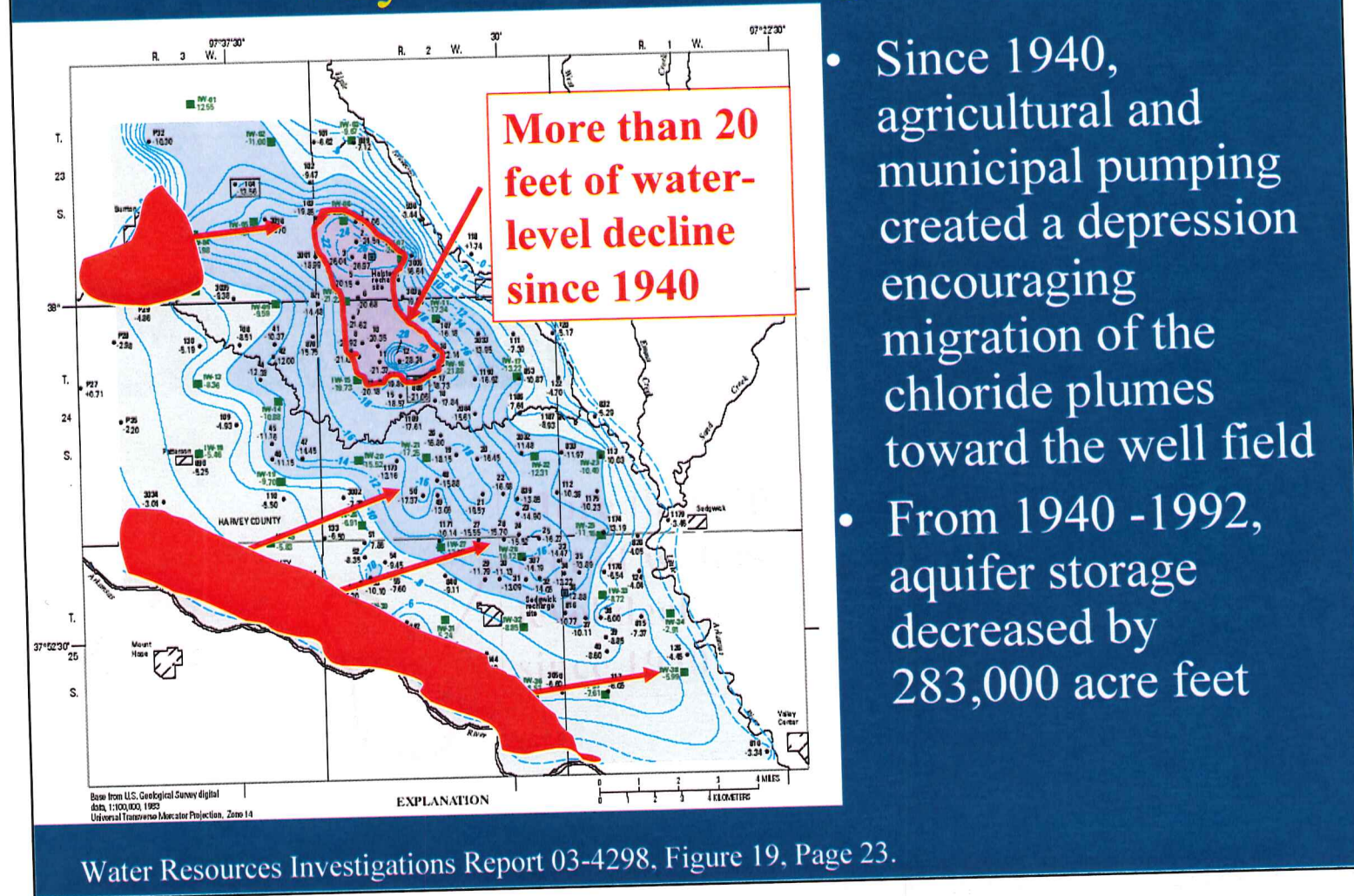
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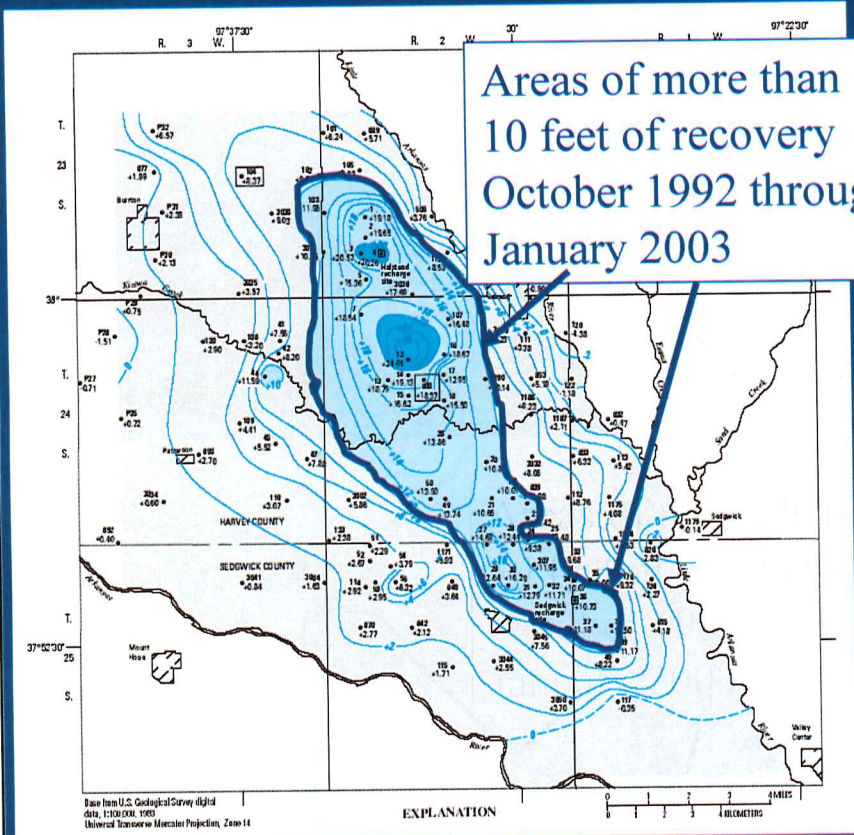
Water levels in October 1992

In October 1992, the record low water levels were recorded. Ground water flow remained from west to east, but between the central part of the study area and the Little Arkansas River and in the vicinity of Halstead and Sedgwick became more southerly and parallel to the river.

Why is salt water migrating?



Greater use of water from Cheney has had a positive effect on *Equus* Beds water levels



Areas of more than 10 feet of recovery October 1992 through January 2003

As of 2003, aquifer storage volume has recovered 124,000 acre feet since the low in 1992 partly because of decreased pumping by Wichita and normal to wet precipitation decreasing agricultural pumping

- From 1940 – 2003, the aquifer storage volume decreased 159,000 acre feet

Water Resources Investigations Report 03-4298, Figure 22, Page 27.

Table 1. Storage-volume changes in *Equus* Beds aquifer near Wichita, south-central Kansas, August 1940–January 2003.

[Data on file with U.S. Geological Survey, Lawrence, Kansas]

Time period	Storage-volume change, in acre-feet		Proportion of change in study area that occurred in the central part of the study area (percent)
	Within study area	Within central part of study area	
August 1940–October 1992	¹ -283,000	¹ -159,000	56
August 1940–January 1993	² -255,000	² -154,000	60
August 1940–January 2000	¹ -126,000	¹ -70,600	56
August 1940–April 2000	-101,000	-74,500	74
August 1940–July 2000	-152,000	-76,700	50
August 1940–October 2000	-159,000	-87,000	55
August 1940–January 2001	-134,000	-78,900	59
August 1940–April 2001	-110,000	-72,500	66
August 1940–July 2001	-149,000	-74,900	50
August 1940–October 2001	-146,000	-76,700	52
August 1940–January 2002	-142,000	-77,100	54
August 1940–April 2002	-141,000	-74,900	53
August 1940–July 2002	-162,000	-78,600	49
August 1940–October 2002	-187,000	-90,100	48
August 1940–January 2003	-159,000	-83,400	52
October 1992–January 2000	+157,000	+88,400	56
October 1992–April 2000	+182,000	+84,500	46
October 1992–October 2002	+96,000	+68,000	72
October 1992–January 2003	+124,000	+75,600	61
January 2000–October 2002	-61,000	-19,500	32
January 2000–January 2003	-33,000	-12,800	39
April 2000–October 2002	-86,000	-15,600	18
April 2000–January 2003	-58,000	-8,900	15

¹Storage-volume change previously reported by Hansen and Aucott (2001)

²Storage-volume change previously reported by Aucott and Myers (1998).

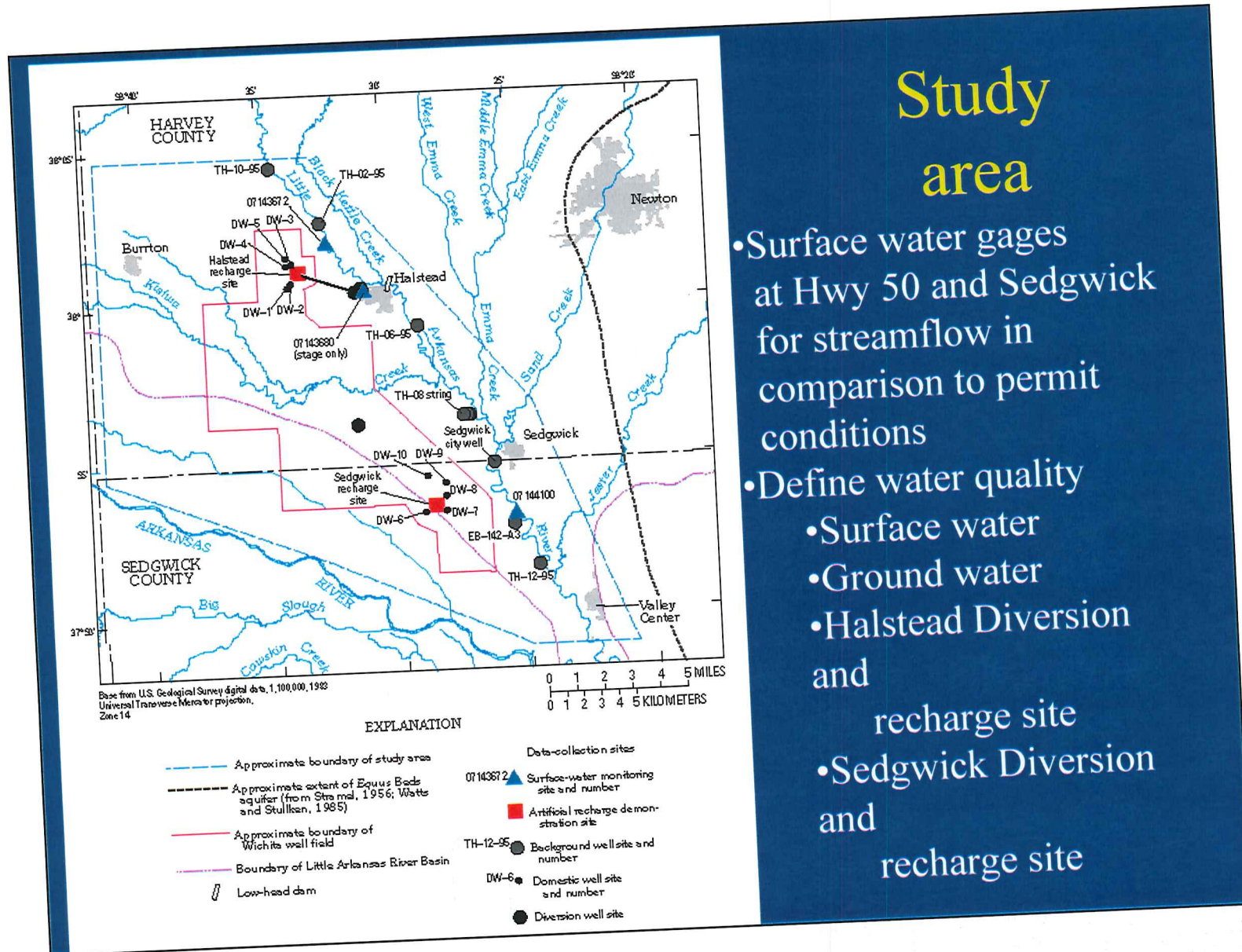
Storage changes in the aquifer
 Water Resources Investigations Report 03-4298, page 32.

Equus Beds Water Quantity and Quality

- Demonstration project (1995-2000)
 - Surface-water quantity on the Little Arkansas River at Highway 50, at Sedgwick, and stage at Halstead.
 - Surface-water quality in the Little Arkansas River and ground-water quality in the vicinity of the two recharge areas
 - Defined chemicals of concern and effects of recharge
- Index well network (2001-present)
 - Define current water quantity and quality throughout the area
 - Monitor potential future changes from land use and artificial recharge
 - Continued continuous water-quality and quantity monitoring of streams.

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Study area

- Surface water gages at Hwy 50 and Sedgwick for streamflow in comparison to permit conditions
- Define water quality
 - Surface water
 - Ground water
- Halstead Diversion and recharge site
- Sedgwick Diversion and recharge site

Streamflow, ground-water, and water –quality monitoring

- Little Arkansas River at Highway 50:
 - DWR term permit requirements of 42 cubic feet per second from April 1 through September 30 and 20 cubic feet per second from October 1 through March 31 each year
- Little Arkansas River at Halstead: Measured continuous ground-water levels during diversion well pumping. Demonstrates the river/aquifer connection
- Little Arkansas River near Sedgwick streamflow and ground-water levels:
 - DWR term permit requirements of 40 cubic feet per second at all times
- The Little Arkansas River at Sedgwick has exceeded permit flows for more than 100 days annually during 1995 through 2002
- Since 1998, continuous water-quality monitors at 2 stream sites measured specific conductance, water temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity to estimate hourly chloride and other constituents

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Chemicals analyzed in surface and ground-water samples

- **More than 4,000 samples analyzed for as many as 400 chemicals on the EPA MCL list including:**
 - Major ions (egs. Calcium, sodium, chloride, sulfate,....)
 - Nutrients (nitrate, ammonia, phosphorus,)
 - Trace metals (arsenic, iron, manganese,)
 - Radionuclides (uranium, alpha and beta radiation)
 - Bacteria (total coliform and fecal coliform)
 - Herbicides (alachlor, atrazine,....) and metabolites
 - Organophosphorus and organochlorine Pesticides (malathion, dieldrin,)
 - Volatile organic compounds (chloroform, vinyl chloride,
 - Organic compounds (anthracene, phthalates (plastics),.....)

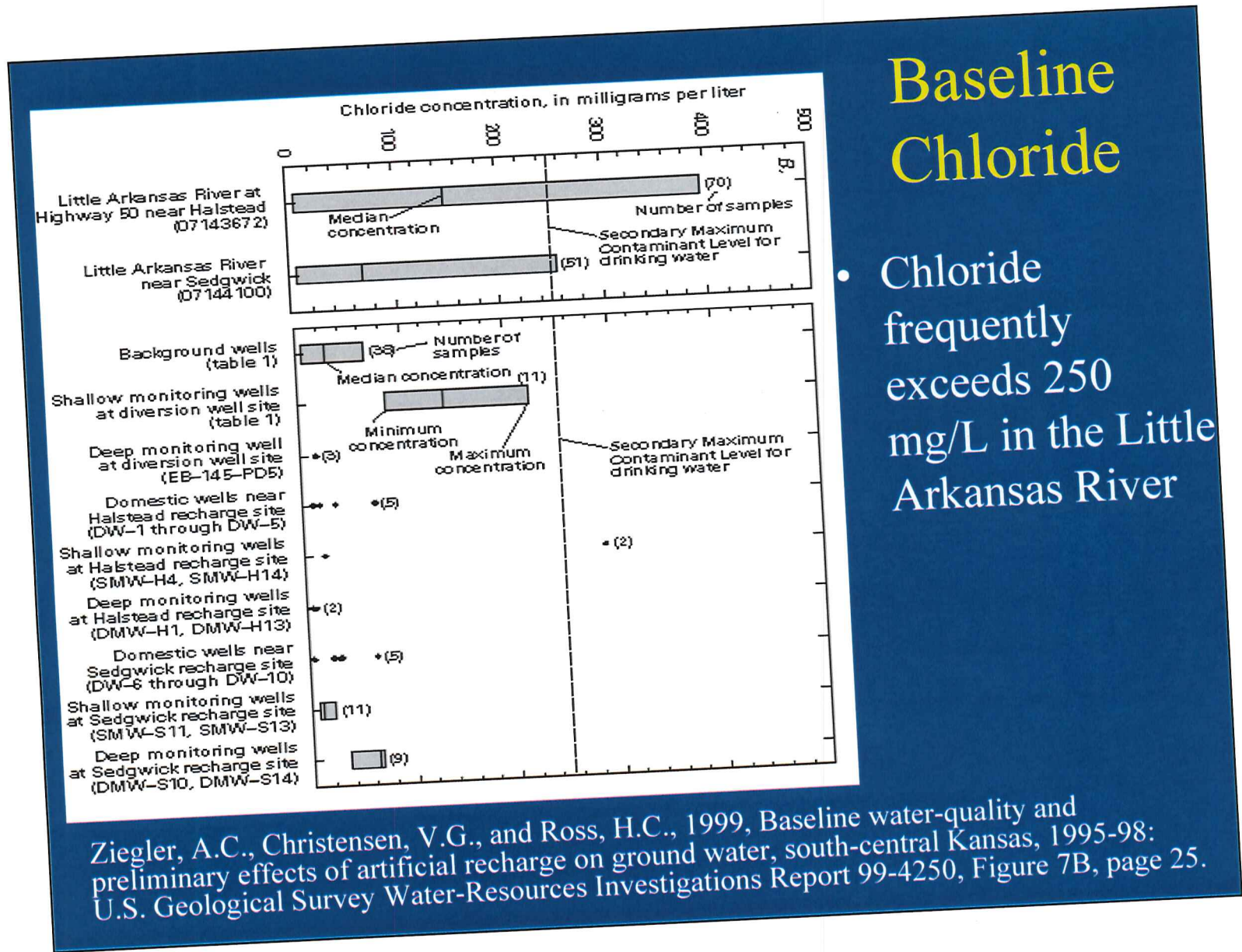
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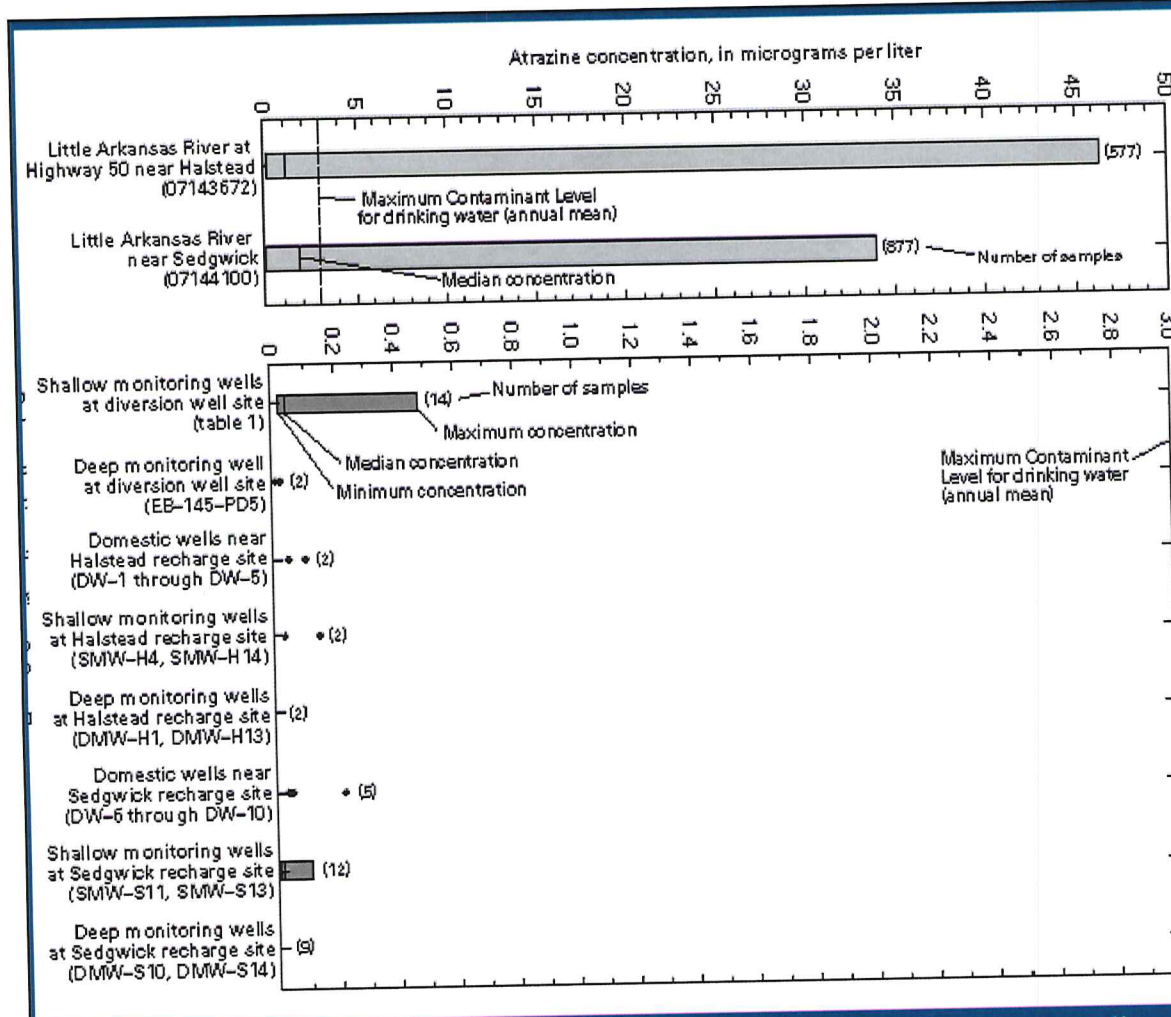
Baseline water-quality conditions

- Constituents of concern-frequently (20 percent of the samples) exceed drinking water standards
 - Surface water
 - Sodium, chloride, total coliform bacteria, and atrazine.
 - Ground water
 - Nitrite plus nitrate, arsenic, iron, manganese

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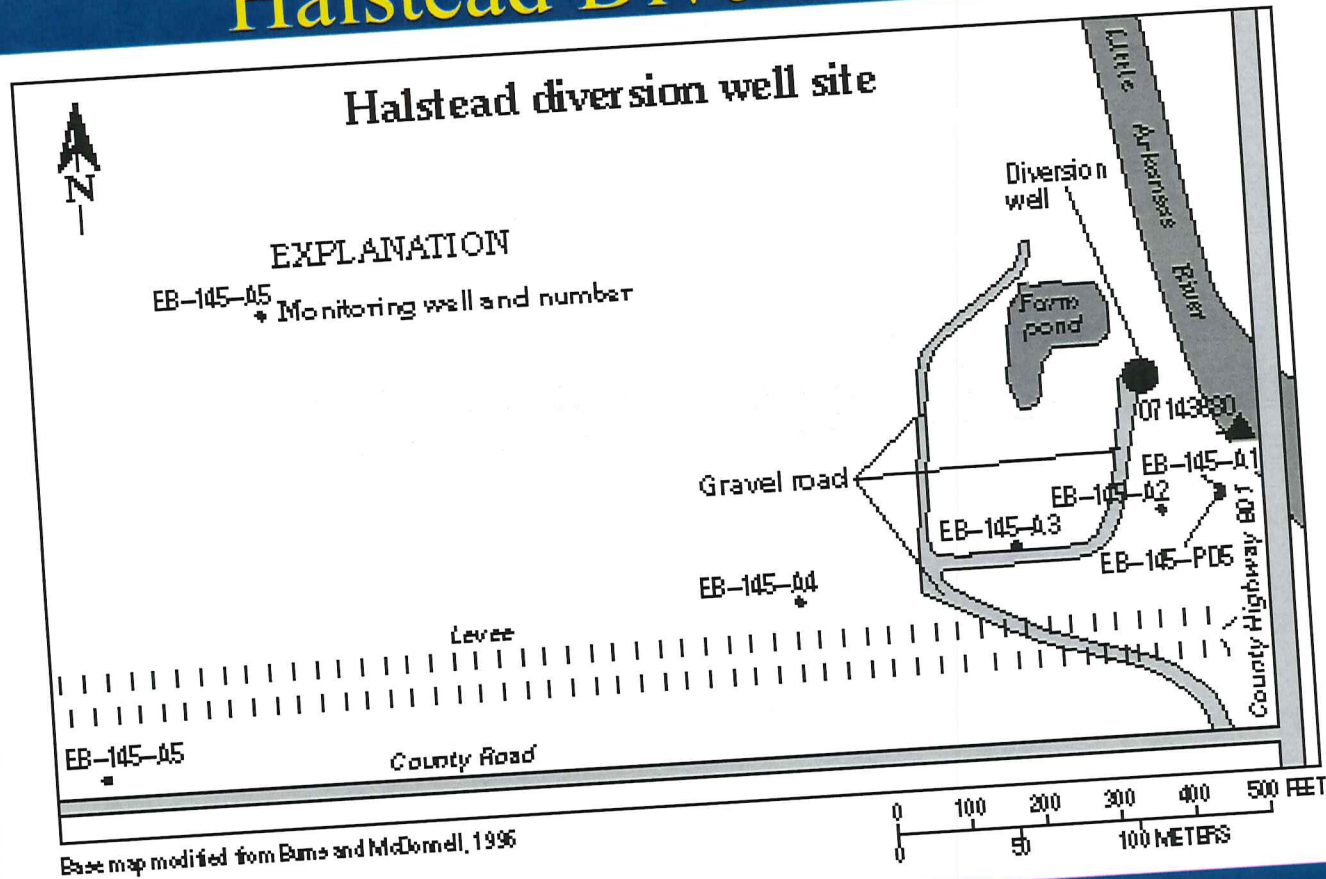


Baseline Atrazine

- Atrazine frequently exceeds 3 micrograms per liter in the Little Arkansas River
- Range from less than 0.1 to 46 micrograms per liter
- Detected in ground water samples before recharge

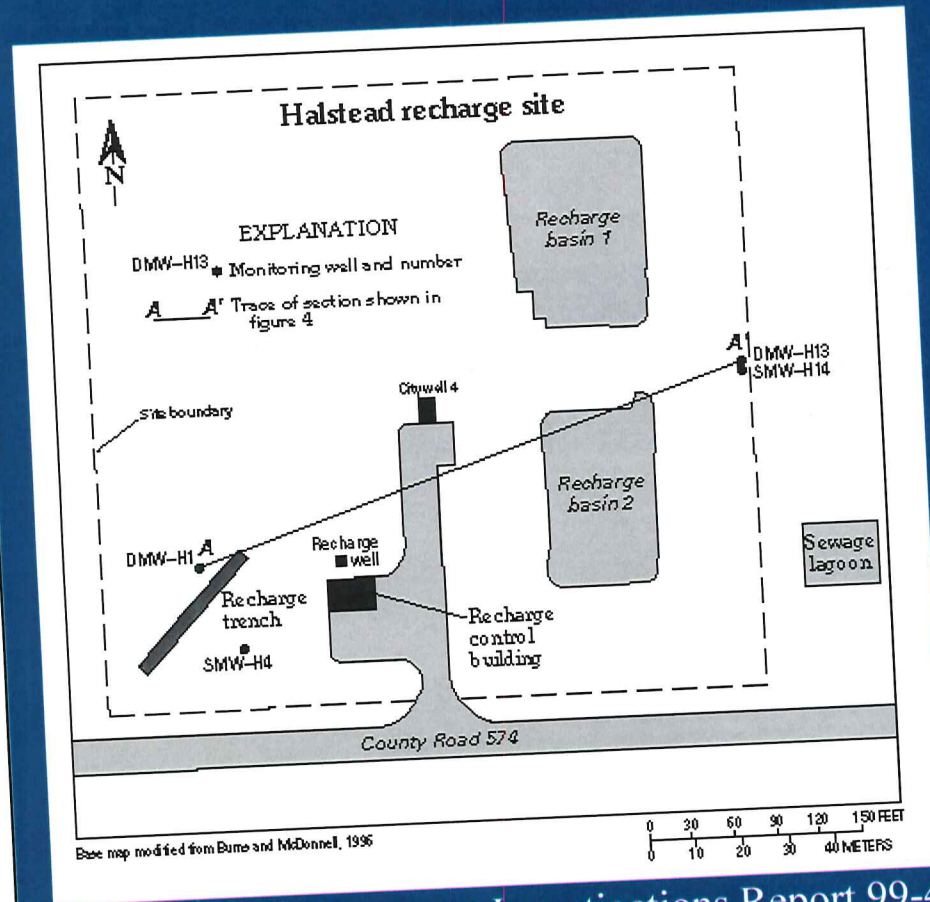
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Halstead Diversion Site



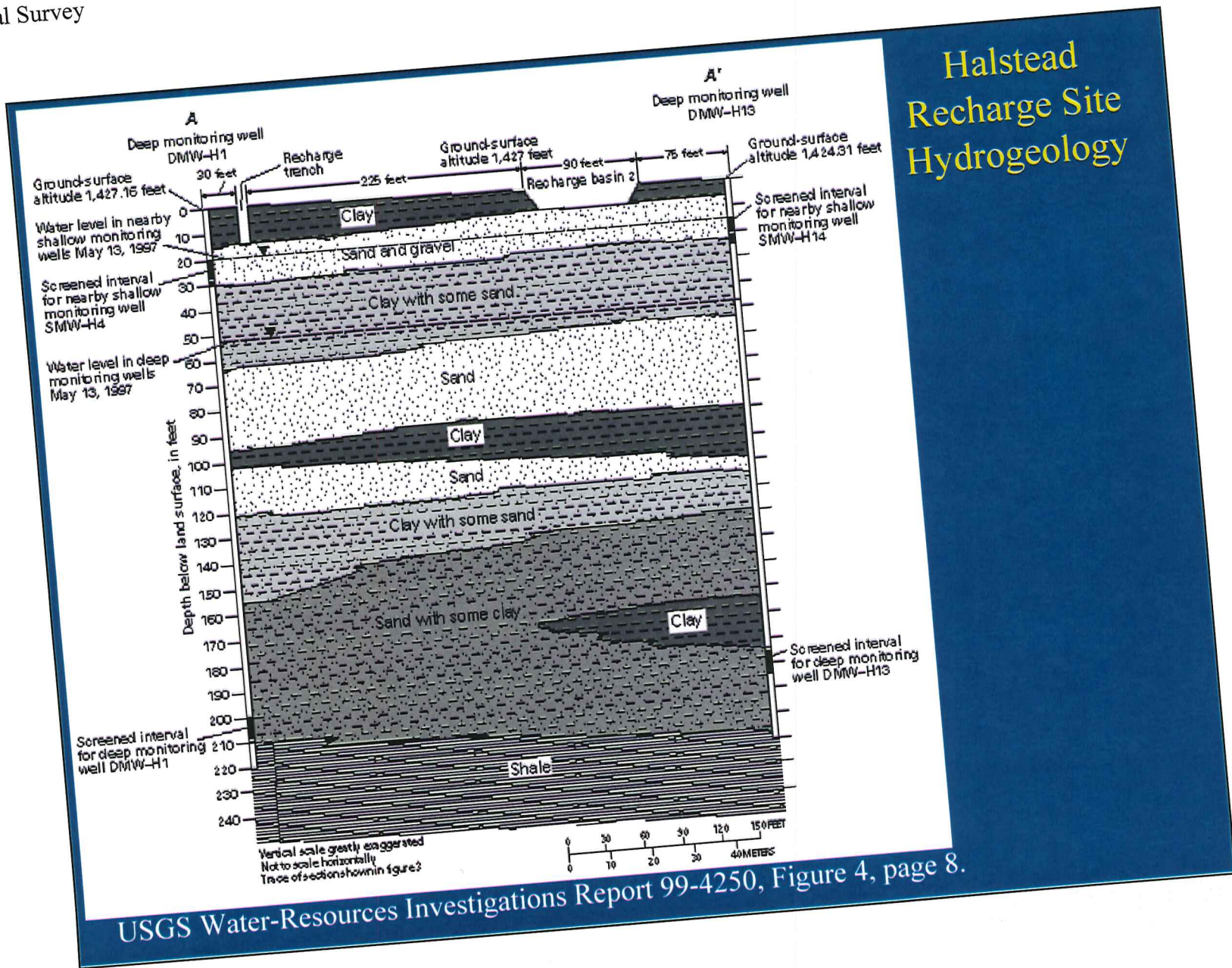
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Halstead Recharge Site

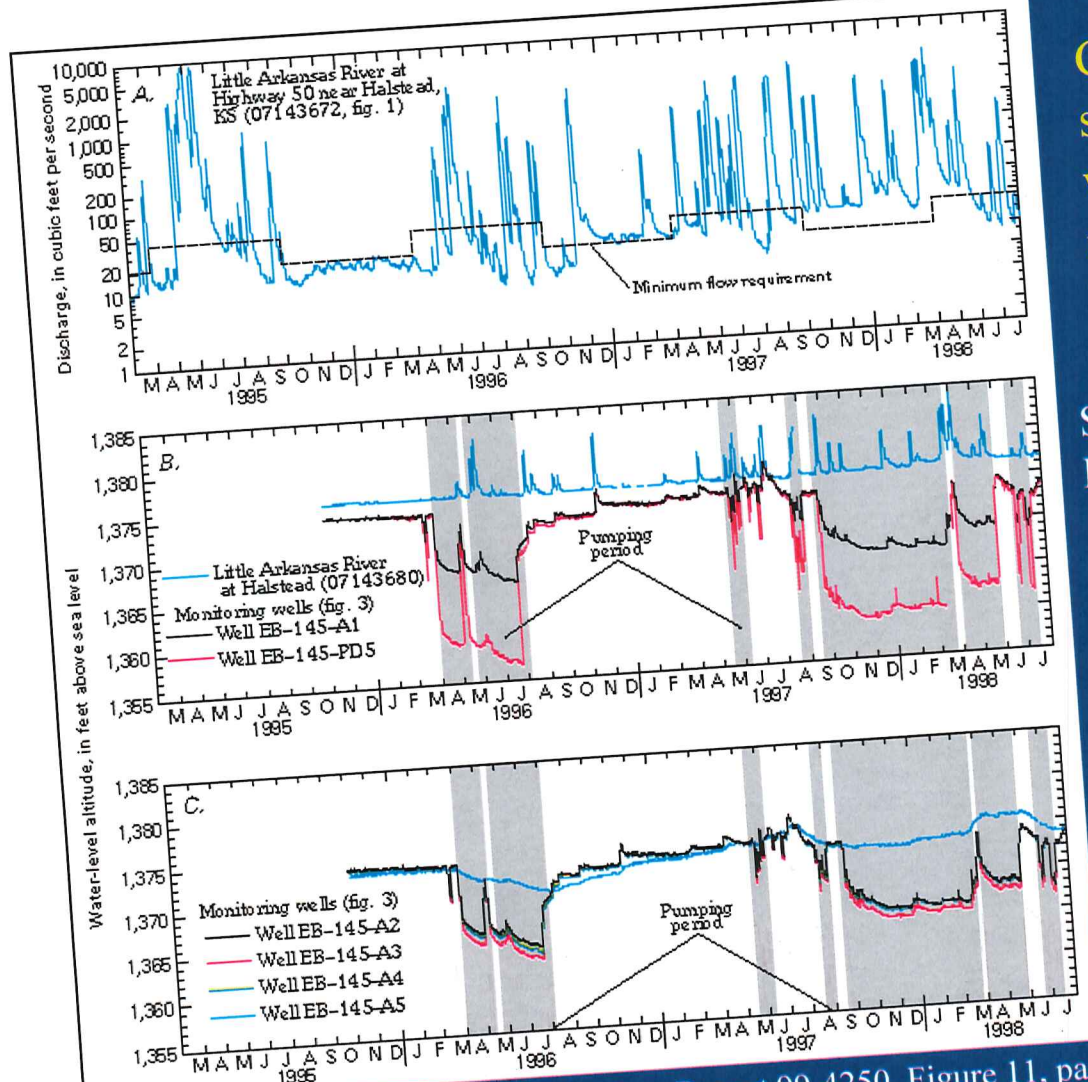


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Continuous streamflow and water-quality monitoring near Halstead

Streamflow exceeded Permit flow requirements
114 days in 1995
130 days in 1996
270 days in 1997
199 days in 1998

Ground-water levels rise in response to rises in the surface water altitude

USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 99-4250, Figure 11, pages 49- 50.

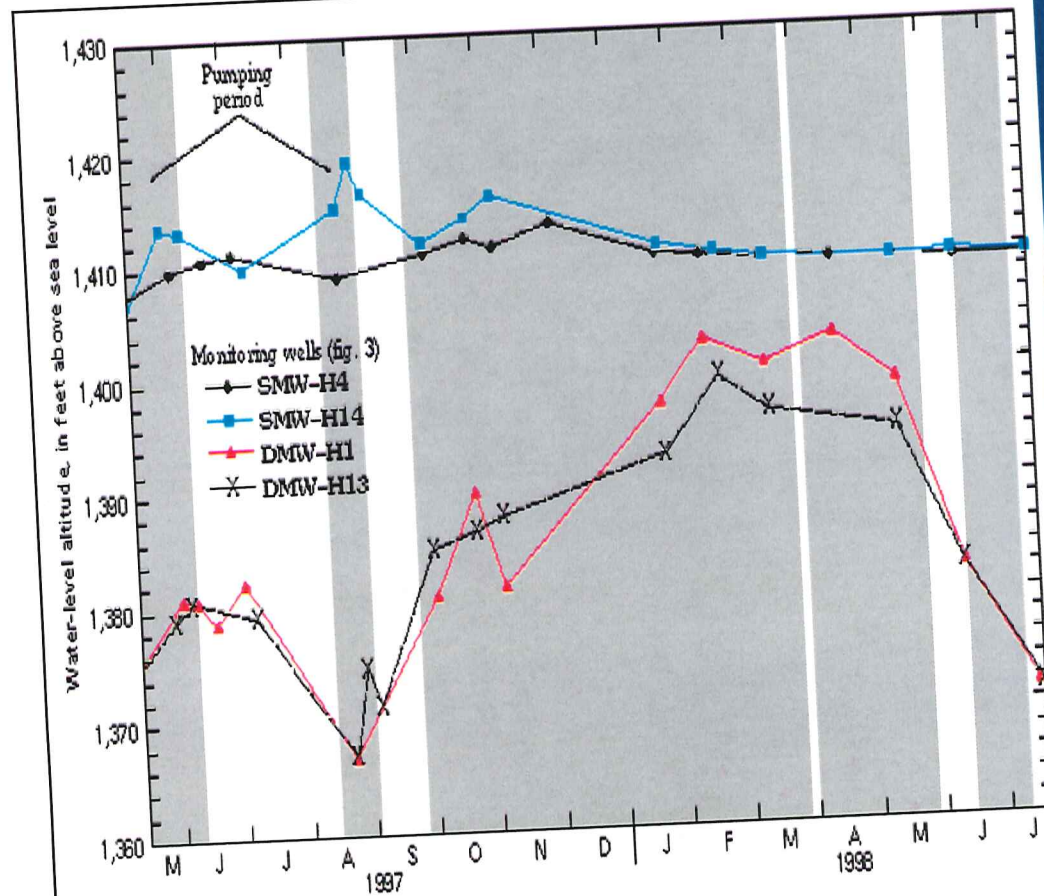
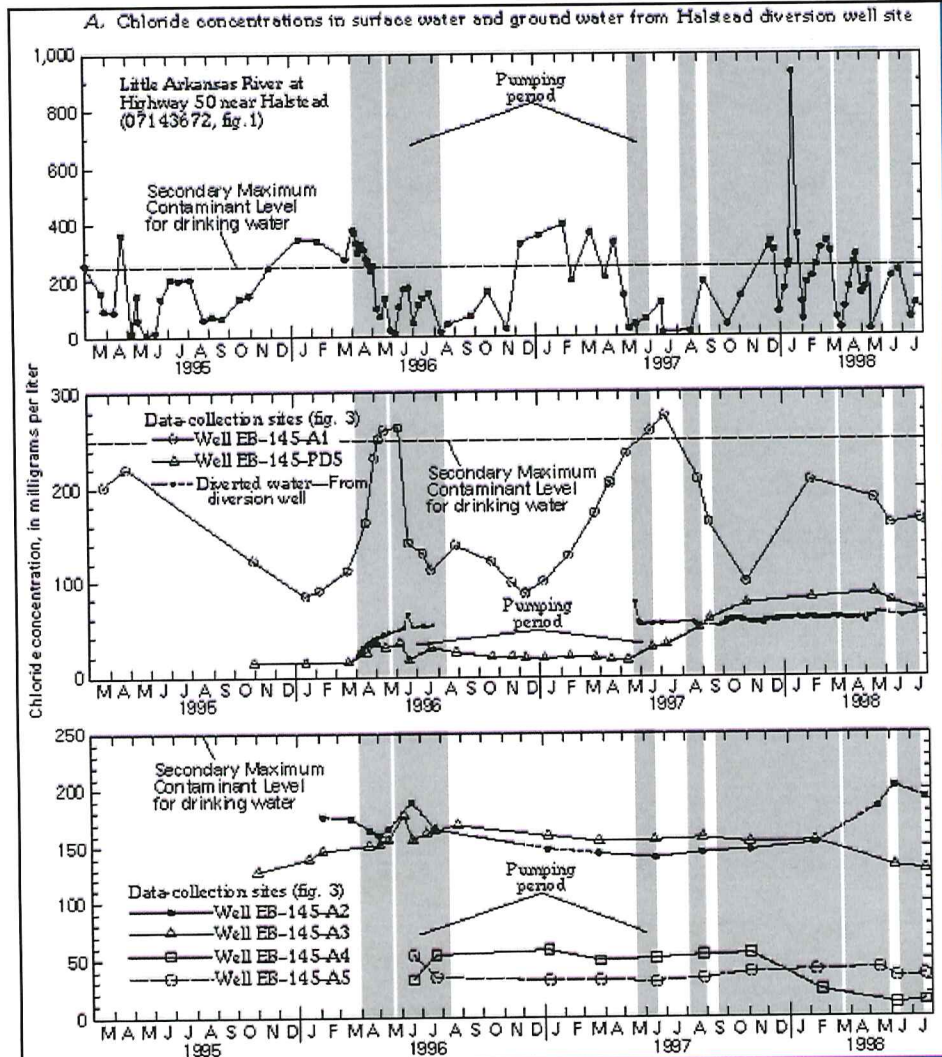


Figure 13. Water-level altitudes in monitoring wells completed in the *Equus* Beds aquifer at Halstead diversion well site, May 1997-July 1998.

Water levels at Halstead Recharge Site

Ground-water levels increased during recharge and receded when artificial recharge stopped.

USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 99-4250, Figure 13, page 51.



USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 99-4250, Figure 19, page 58.

Chloride concentrations at Halstead Diversion site

- River ranges from 20 to 930 milligrams per liter
- Diversion well averages 60 milligrams per liter
- Deep well PD5 concentrations increased from 14 to 60 milligrams per liter because of surface water being induced into the ground water

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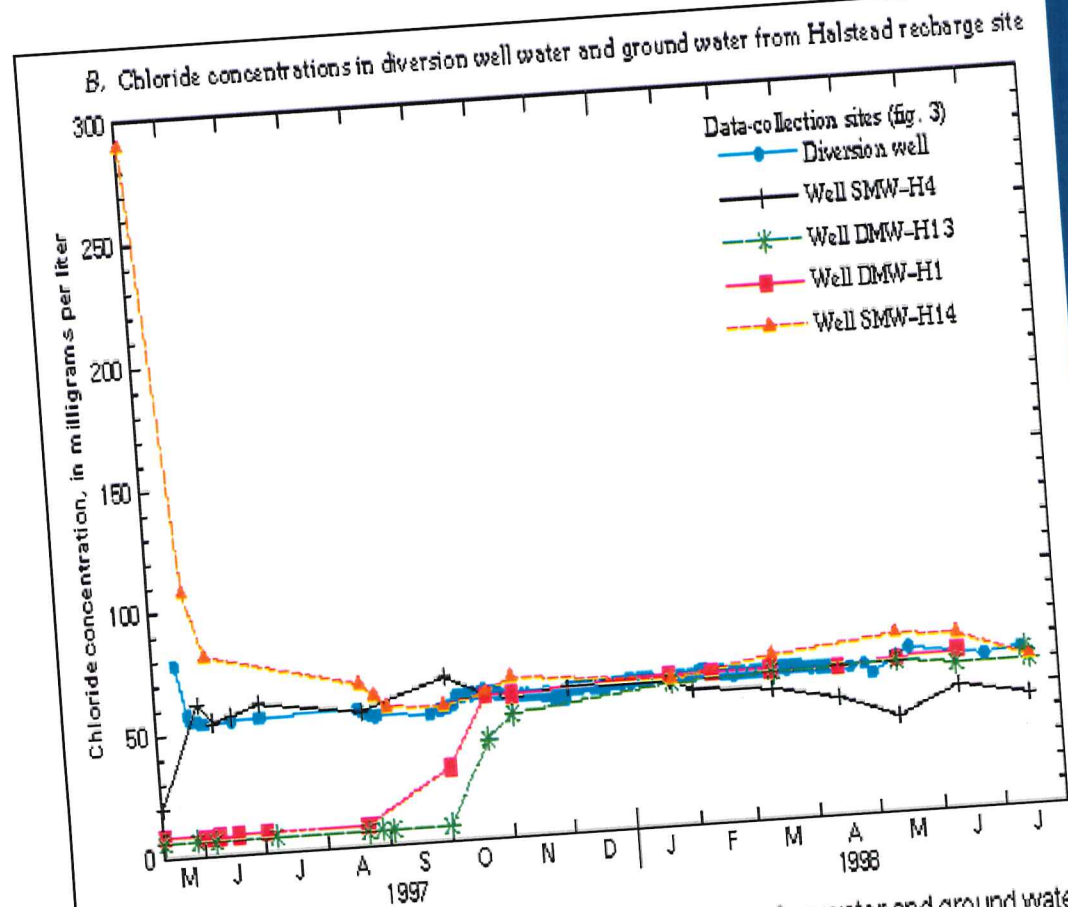
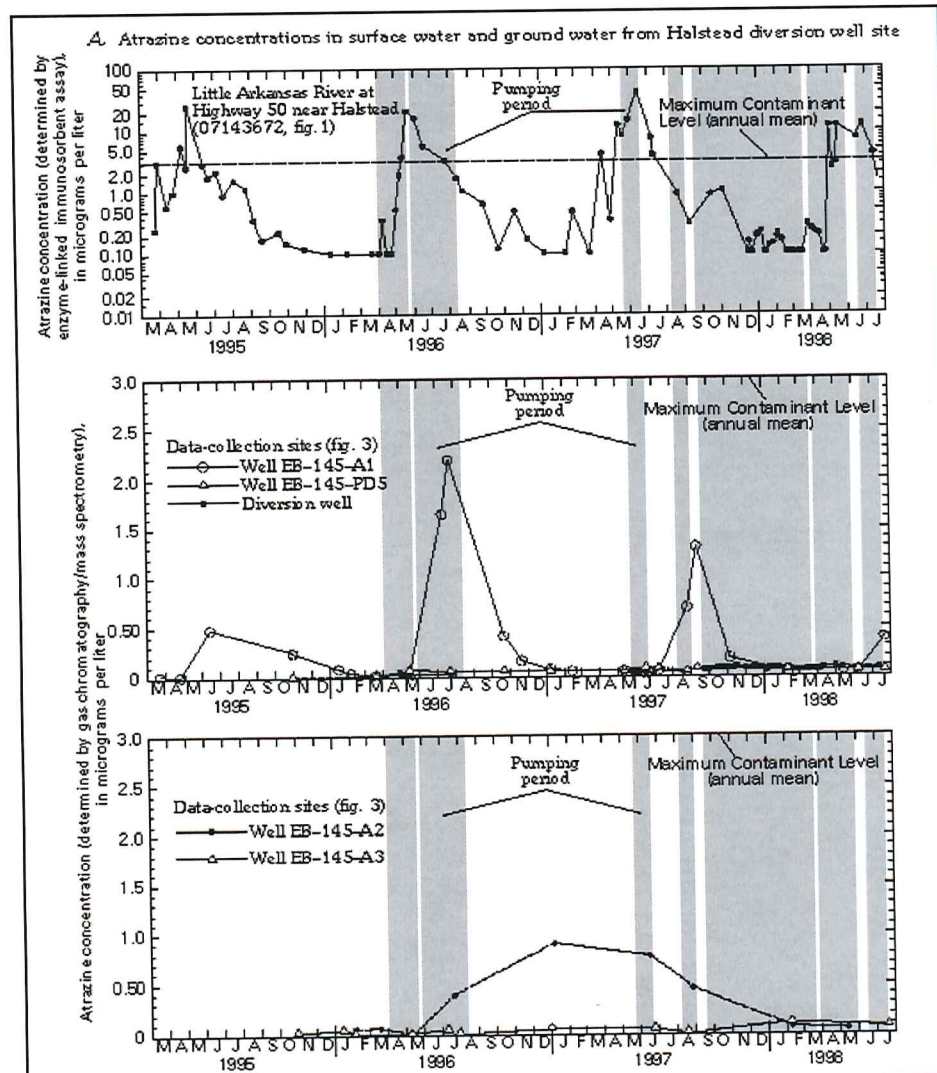


Figure 19b. Comparison of chloride concentrations (A) in surface water and ground water from Halstead diversion well site, March 1995-July 1998, and (B) in diversion well water and ground water from Halstead recharge site, May 1997-July 1998. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1999)--Continued.

USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 99-4250, Figure 19, page 59.

Chloride at Halstead Recharge site

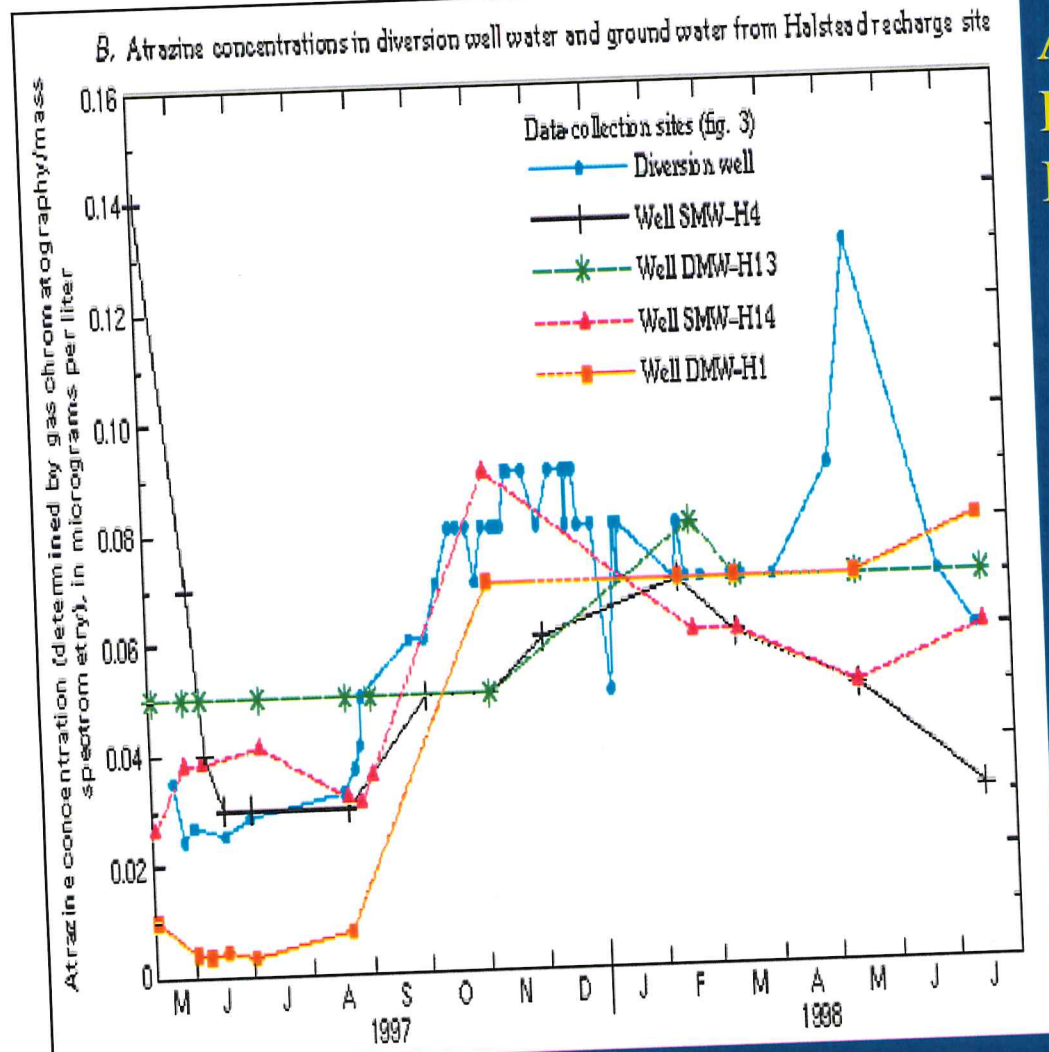
- Concentrations decreased from 290 to 64 milligrams per liter in shallow wells
- Concentrations increased from less than 10 to 60 milligrams per liter, similar to recharge water and within the range of baseline concentrations at the site



USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 99-4250, Figure 20, page 60.

Atrazine at Halstead Diversion site

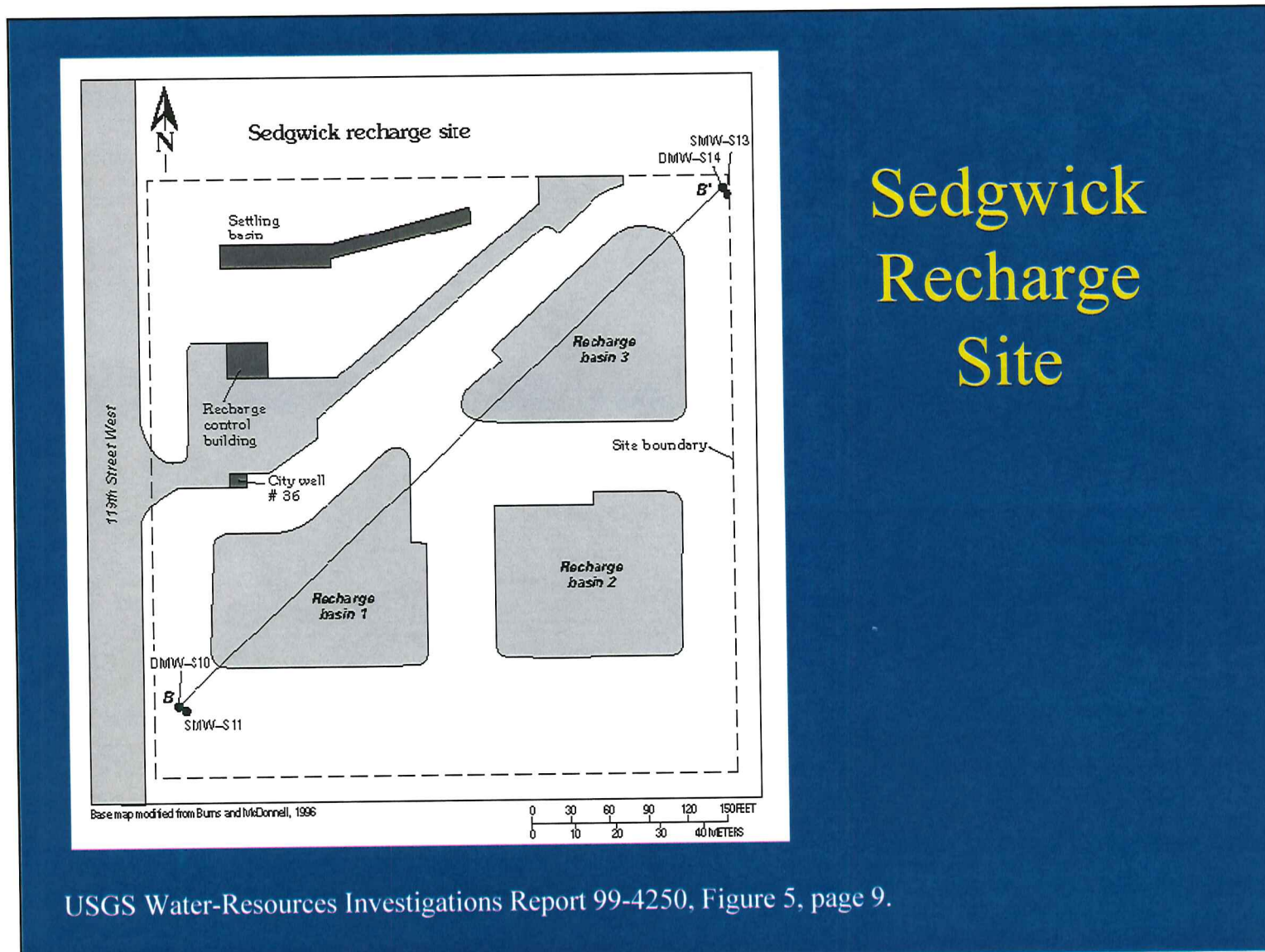
- River range from 0.1 to 46 micrograms per liter
- Diversion well concentration ranged from 0.006 to 0.09 micrograms per liter
- Deep well PD5 concentrations increased from <.001 to 0.08 micrograms per liter because of surface water being induced into the ground water



Atrazine at Halstead Recharge site

- Diversion well concentration ranged from 0.006 to 0.09 micrograms per liter
- Concentrations increased slightly in deep wells, but did not exceed the baseline maximum of 0.14 micrograms per liter

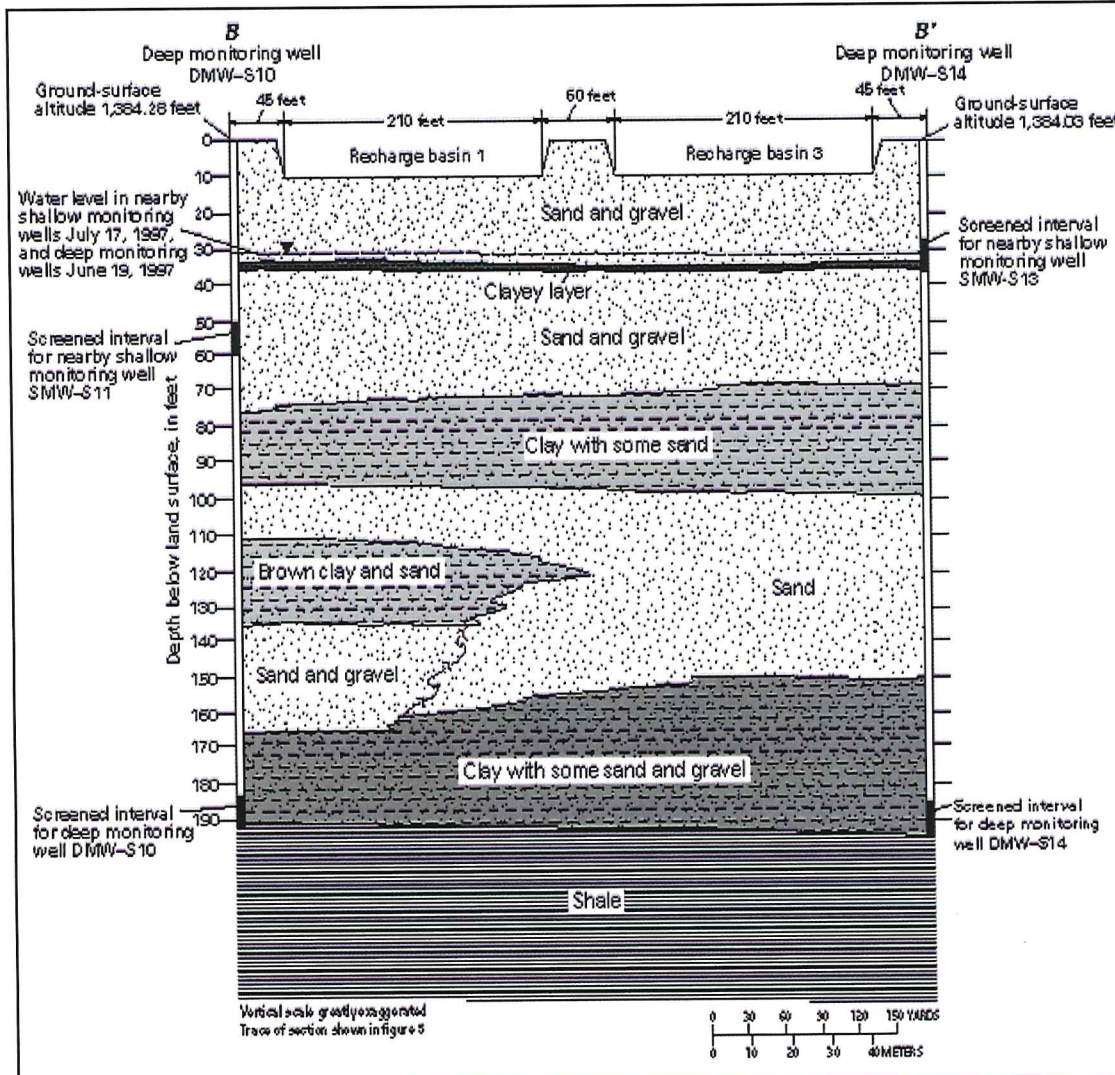
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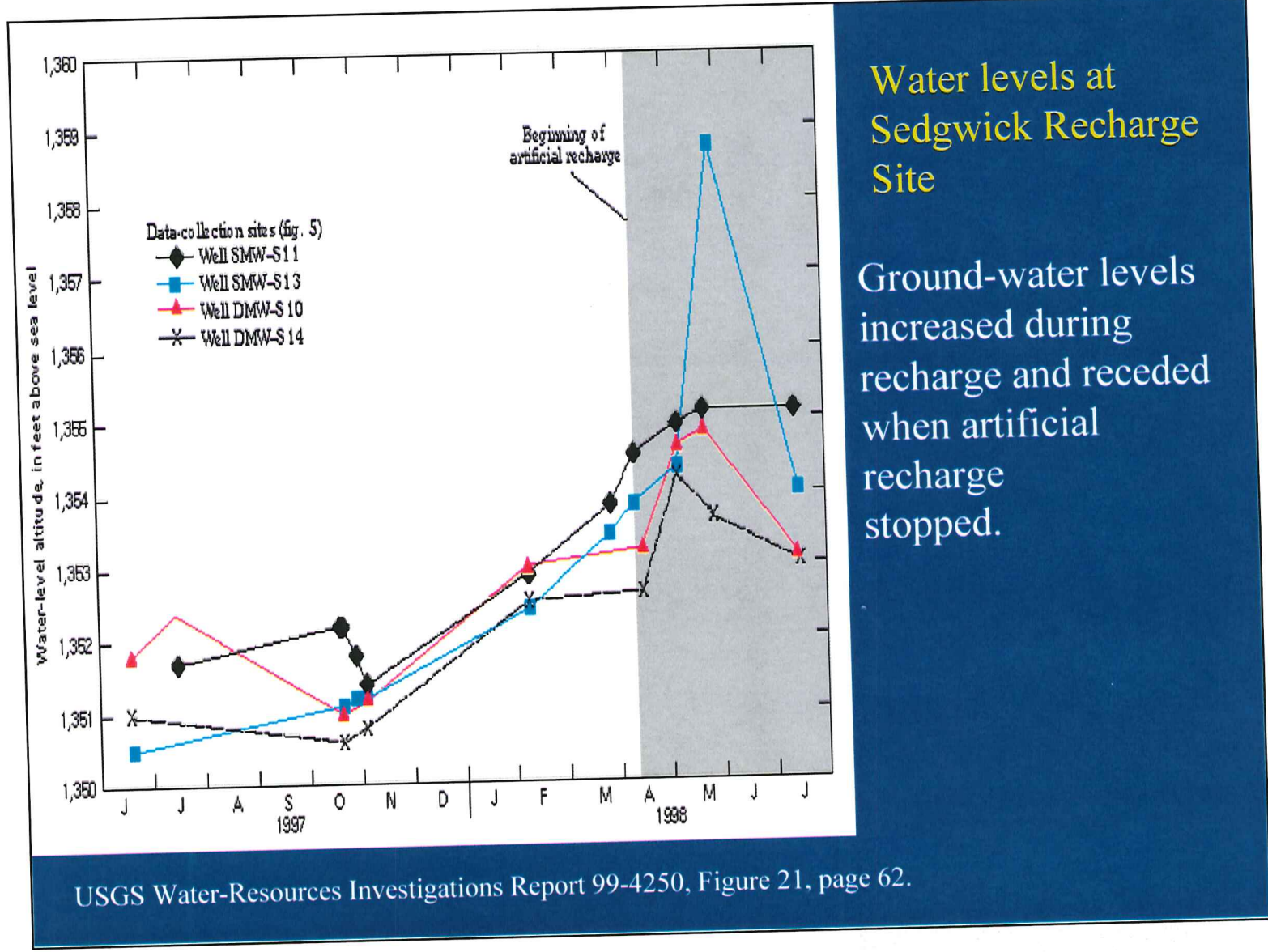
Sedgwick Recharge Site

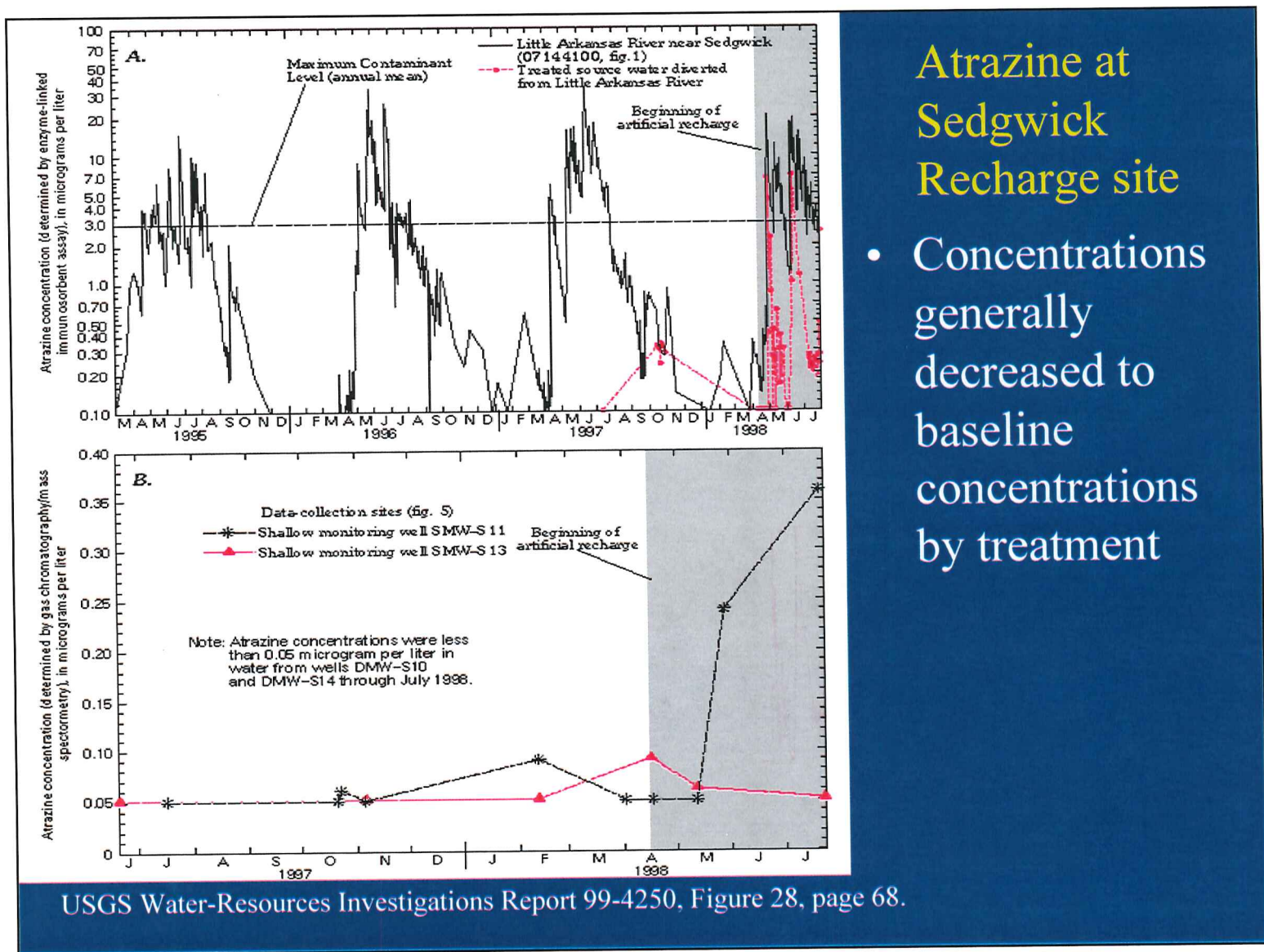
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Sedgwick Recharge Site Hydrogeology



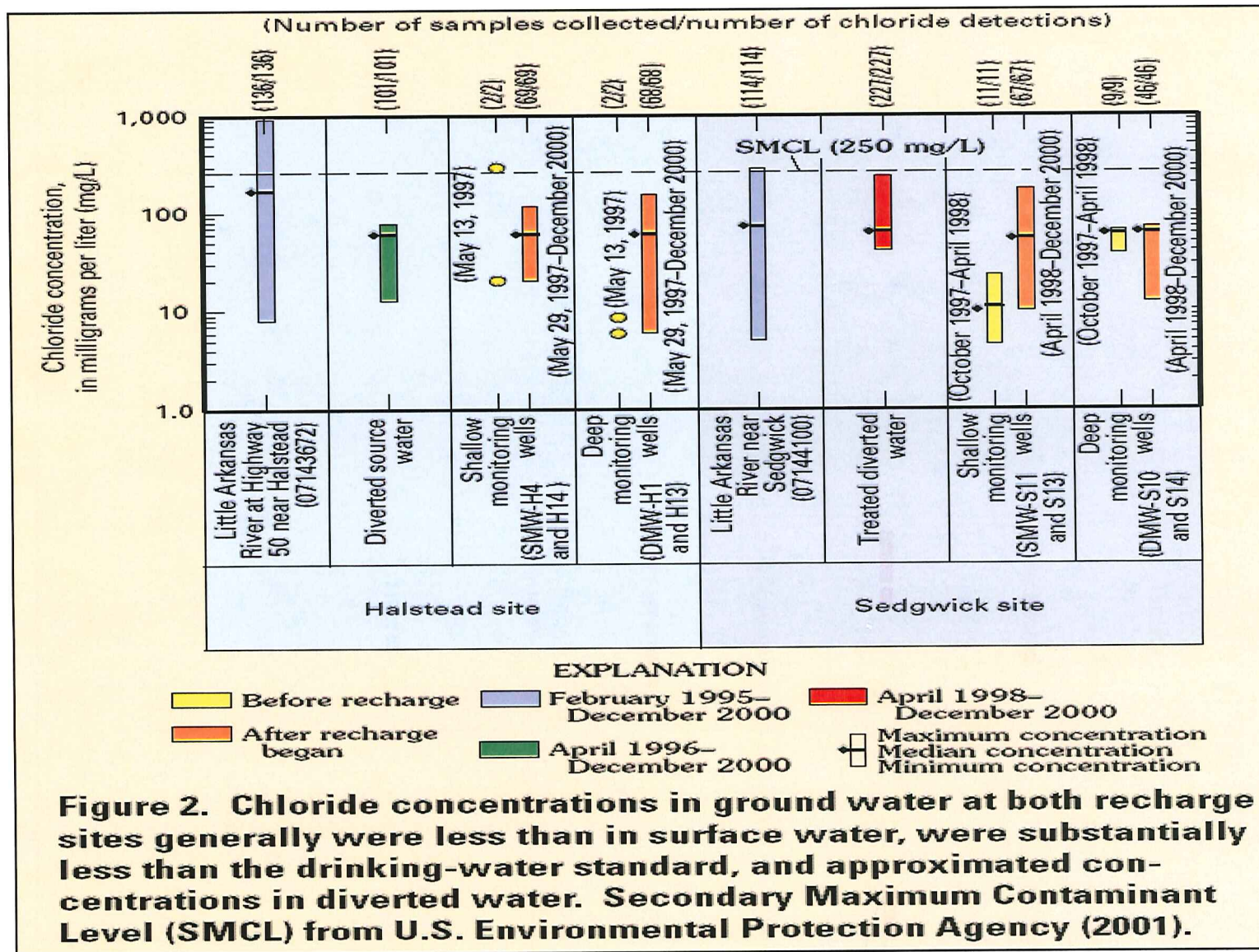
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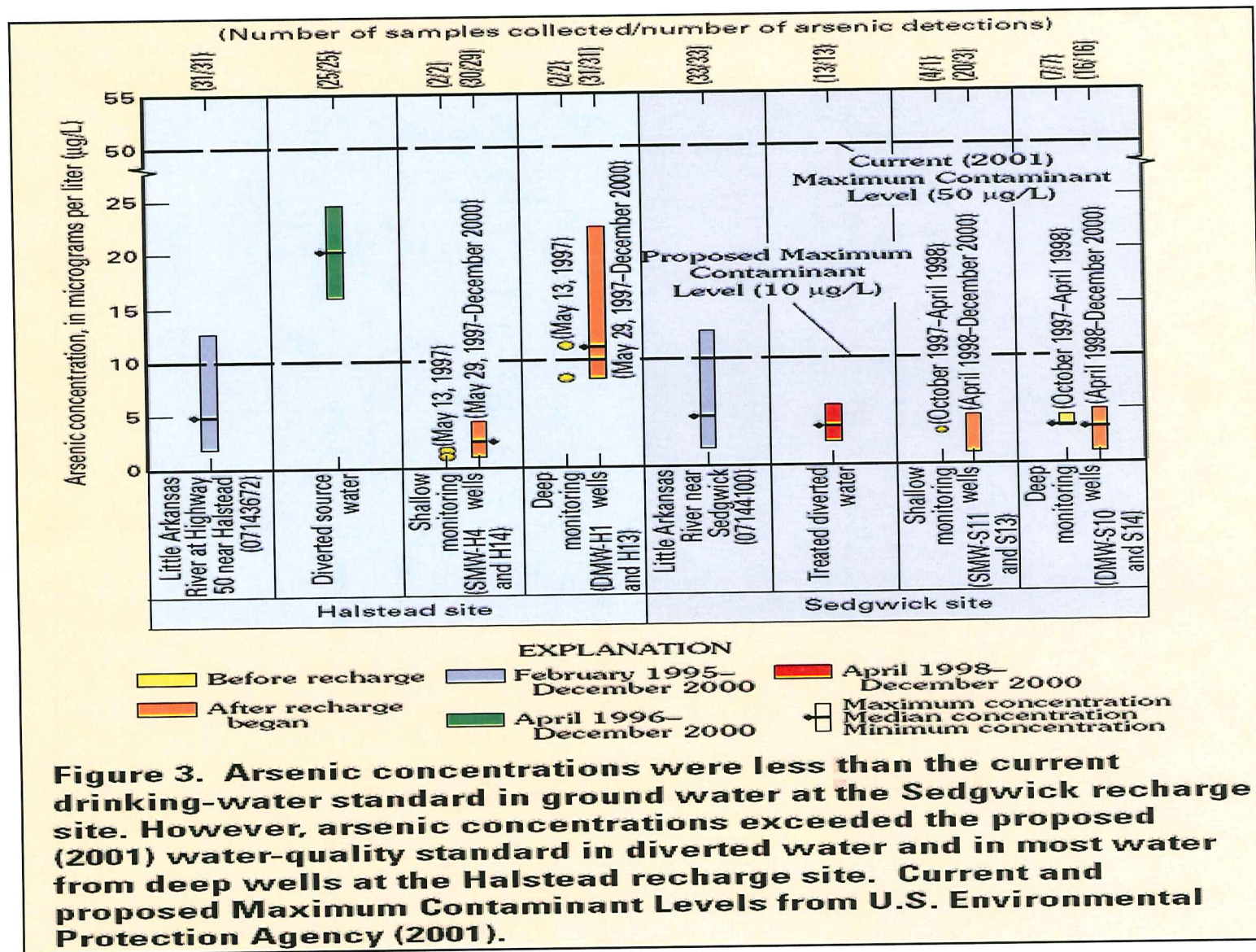


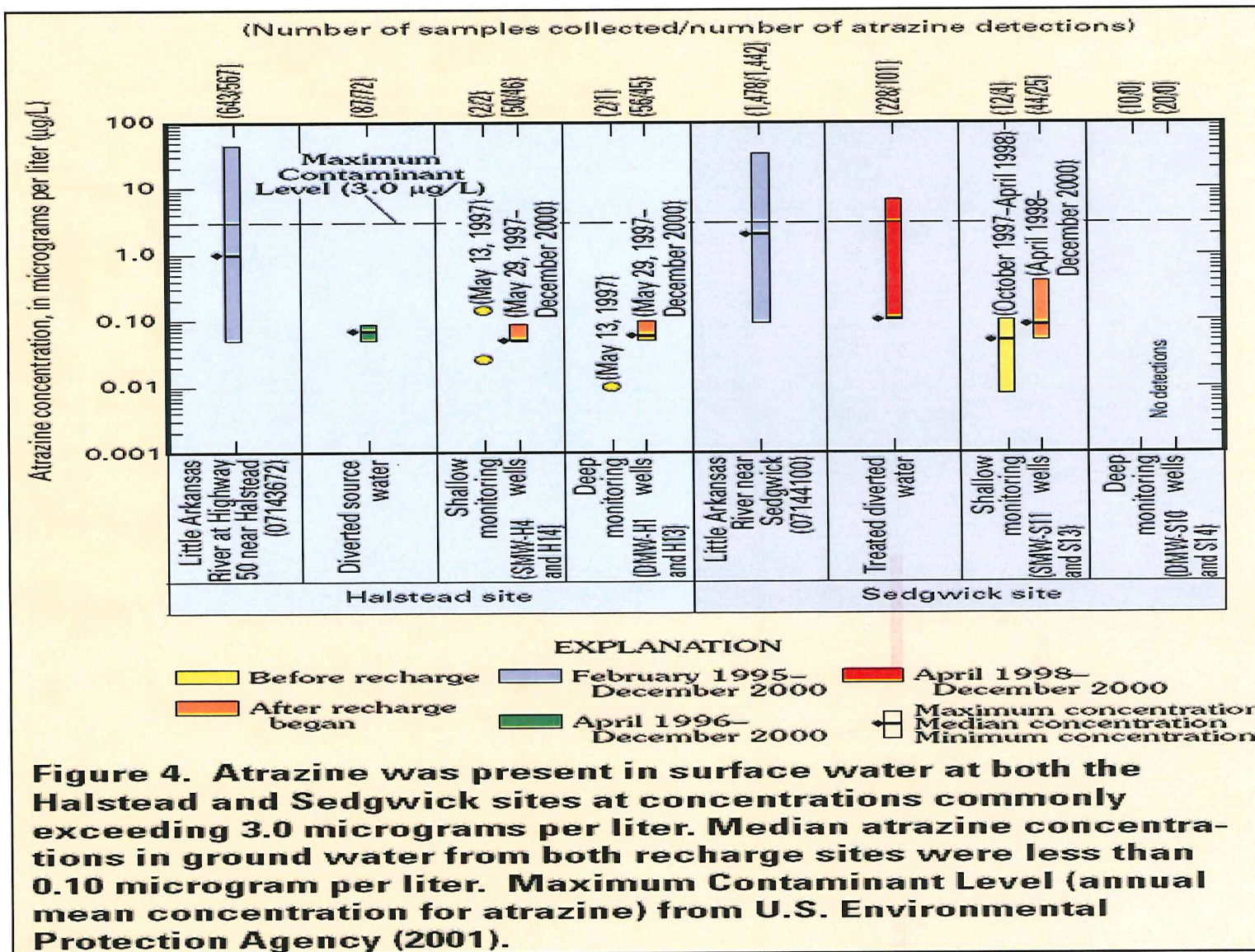
Atrazine at Sedgwick Recharge site

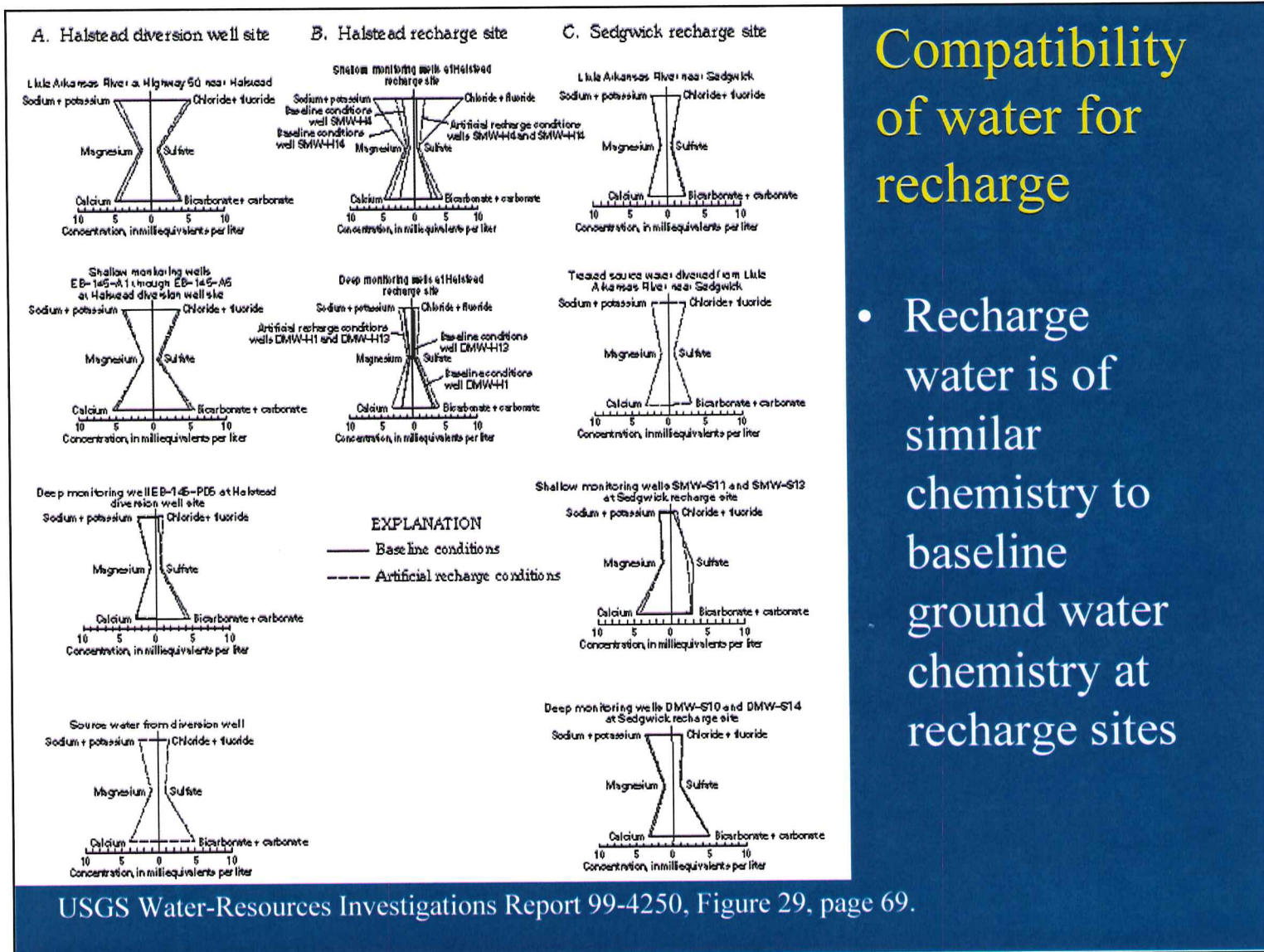
- Concentrations generally decreased to baseline concentrations by treatment



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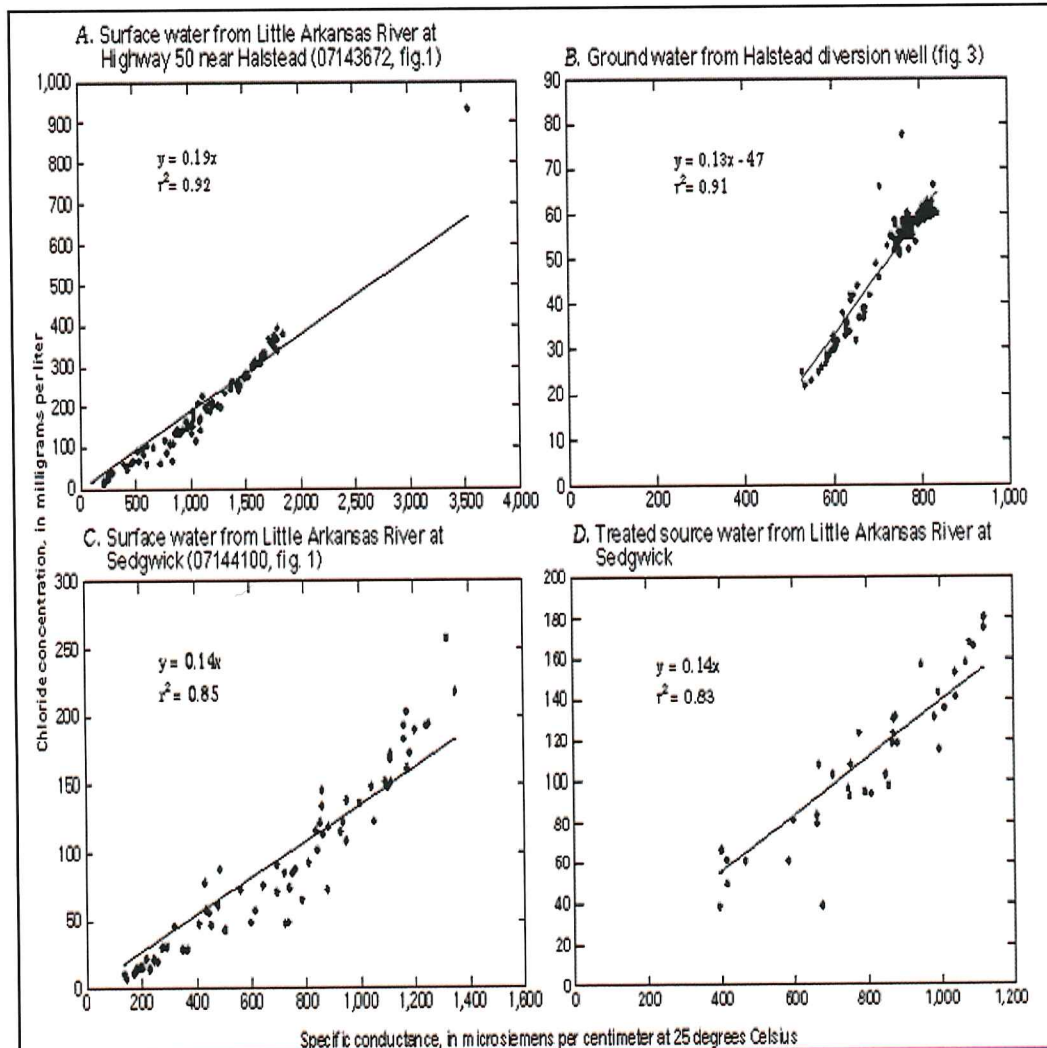






Compatibility of water for recharge

- Recharge water is of similar chemistry to baseline groundwater chemistry at recharge sites



USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 99-4250, Figure 30, page 71.

Future Monitoring

- Use of real-time water quality monitoring for chloride using specific conductance
- Monthly sampling of source water and quarterly sampling of ground water probably are adequate to monitor changes in water quality

Summary of demonstration water quality

- More than 4,000 samples were collected and analyzed for more than 400 chemicals and bacteria in surface and ground water before and after recharge.
- Before recharge,
 - only fecal coliform, chloride, and atrazine frequently exceeded MCLs in surface water
 - Halstead recharge ground water and one well at the Halstead recharge site exceeded the 2001 MCL for arsenic of 10 micrograms per liter.
- Concentrations of these constituents after 6 years of recharge were similar to those before recharge.

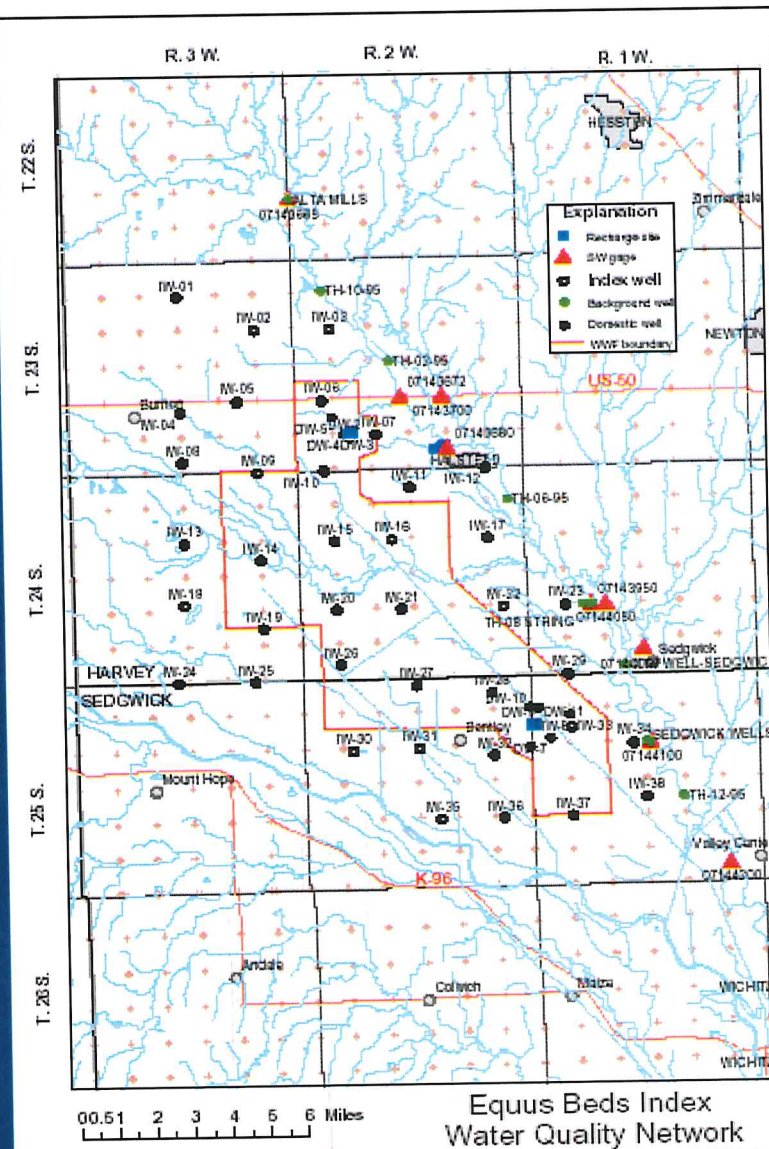


Index well network 2001-2004

- Objective is to define the general water quality and quantity in the *Equus* Beds and monitor changes
 - 38 locations (every 4 square miles)
 - Represents existing water quality (background)
 - Shallow and deep well at each location
 - Shallow (25 to 80 feet) mean depth = 46 feet
 - Deep (more than 80 feet) mean depth = 142 feet
 - Water levels measured quarterly by GMD2 and Wichita staff to determine changes in water levels and storage
 - 76 Wells sampled every 6 months since November 2001 for a total of 6 times through August 2004



Location of data-collection sites



Summary of index well data collected by the U.S. Geological Survey for selected water-quality constituents, *Equus* Beds area near Wichita, Kansas November 2001 through August 2004.


[Shallow wells are less than 80 feet deep. Deep wells are more than 81 feet deep. Water-quality criteria established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2004); mg/L, milligrams per liter; SWDR, Secondary Drinking Water Regulation; mg/L as N, milligrams per liter as Nitrogen; MCL, Maximum Contaminant Level; ug/L, micrograms per liter; <, less than]

	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2004) Water-Quality Criteria	Shallow Index Wells				Deep Index Wells			
		Average concentration	Number of samples	Percentage of detections	Percentage of wells exceeding water-quality criteria ¹	Average concentration	Number of samples	Percentage of detections	Percentage of wells exceeding water-quality criteria ¹
Chloride, dissolved (mg/L)	250 mg/L (SDWR)	76	231	100%	5%	111	232	97%	5%
Sulfate, dissolved (mg/L)	250 mg/L (SDWR)	155	231	100%	21%	108	233	99%	13%
Nitrite plus nitrate, dissolved (mg/L as N)	10 mg/L (MCL)	3.5	231	70%	13%	0.41	233	52%	0%
Arsenic, dissolved (ug/L)	10 ug/L (MCL)	3.8	231	48%	13%	7.5	233	84%	34%
Atrazine, dissolved (ug/L)	3 ug/L as an annual average (MCL)	<.05	58	9% ²	0%	<.05	25	0% ²	0%
Triazine herbicide screen, dissolved, (ug/L as atrazine)	3 ug/L as an annual average (MCL)	<.1	232	13% ²	0%	<.1	233	2% ²	0%

¹Percentage of wells exceeding water-quality criteria were calculated by determining the average concentration of the six samples from each individual well. If the average concentration exceeded the water-quality criteria, the well was included in the percentage that exceeded water-quality criteria.

²The percentage of detections for atrazine and triazine herbicide screen were calculated if any sample from a well was detected at a concentration greater than or equal to 0.1 micrograms per liter.

The average concentration of chloride, sulfate, nitrite plus nitrate, or arsenic exceeds water-quality criteria in 42.1 percent of shallow wells and 39.5 percent of deep wells.

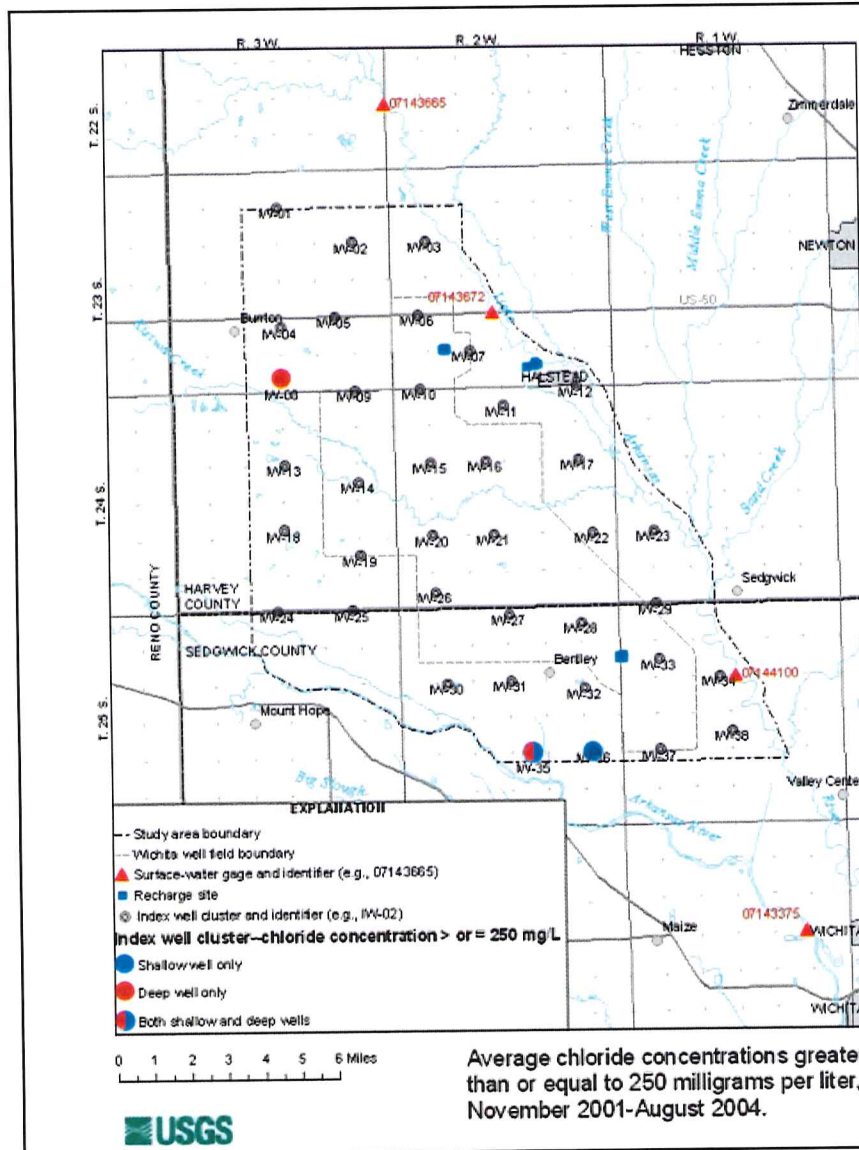


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Organics in ground water detected

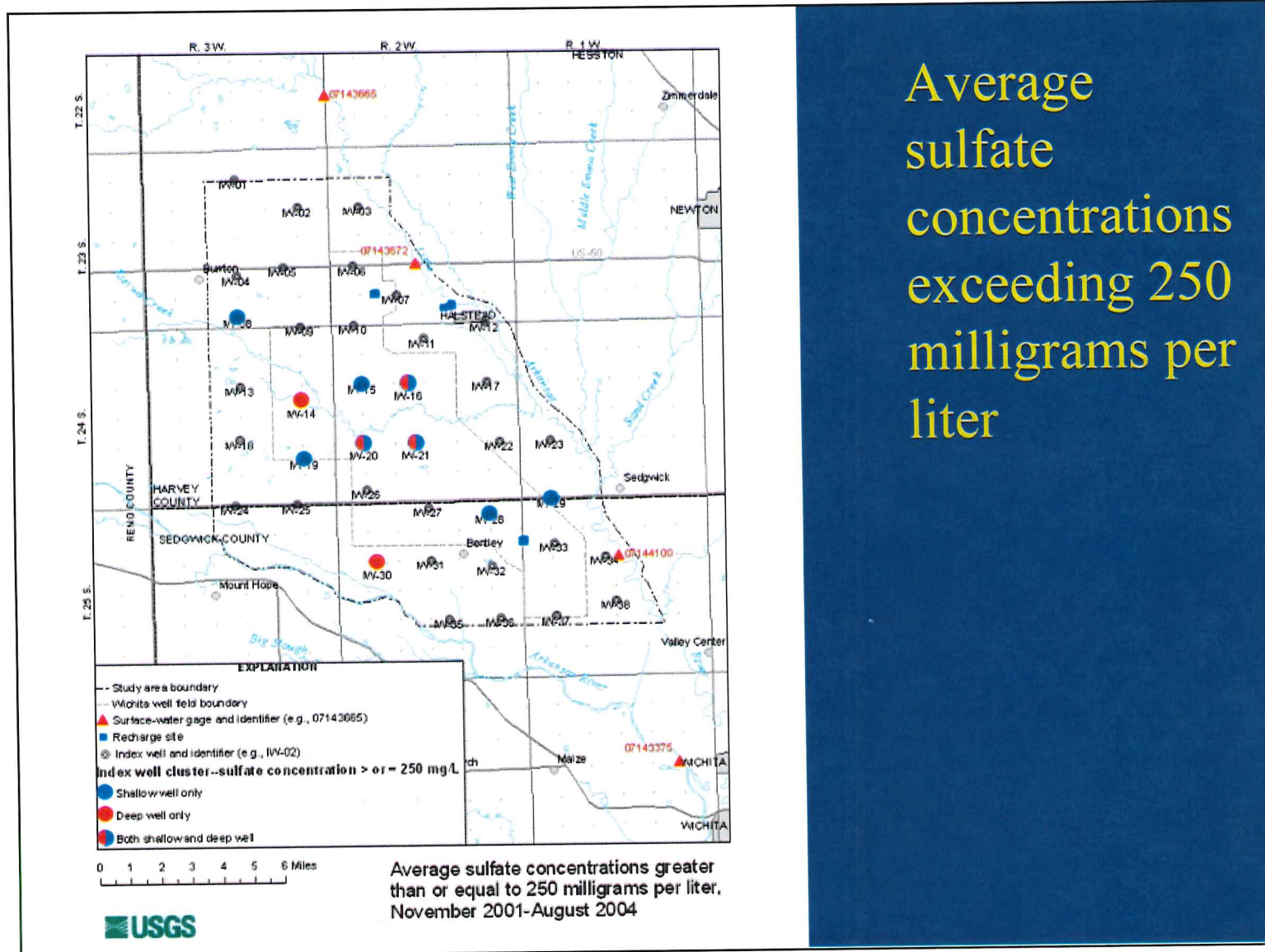
- Shallow wells
 - 1,2 Dichloroethane, MTBE, Trichloromethane (Chloroform), Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, Di-n-butyl phthalate, De-ethyl atrazine, Alachlor, Atrazine, Metolachlor, Molinate, Prometon, Tebuthiuron, Alachlor OXA, Metolachlor ESA, Metolachlor OXA, Clorotetracycline, Didalkylatrazine, Diuron, **AMPA (glyphosate degradation product)**
- Deep wells
 - 1,2-Dichloroethane, MTBE, Trichloromethane (Chloroform), 2,6-Diethylaniline, De-ethyl atrazine, Atrazine, Metolachlor, Acetochlor, Alachlor, Cyanazine acid, De-ethyl cyanazine acid, Diuron
- None exceed water-quality standards

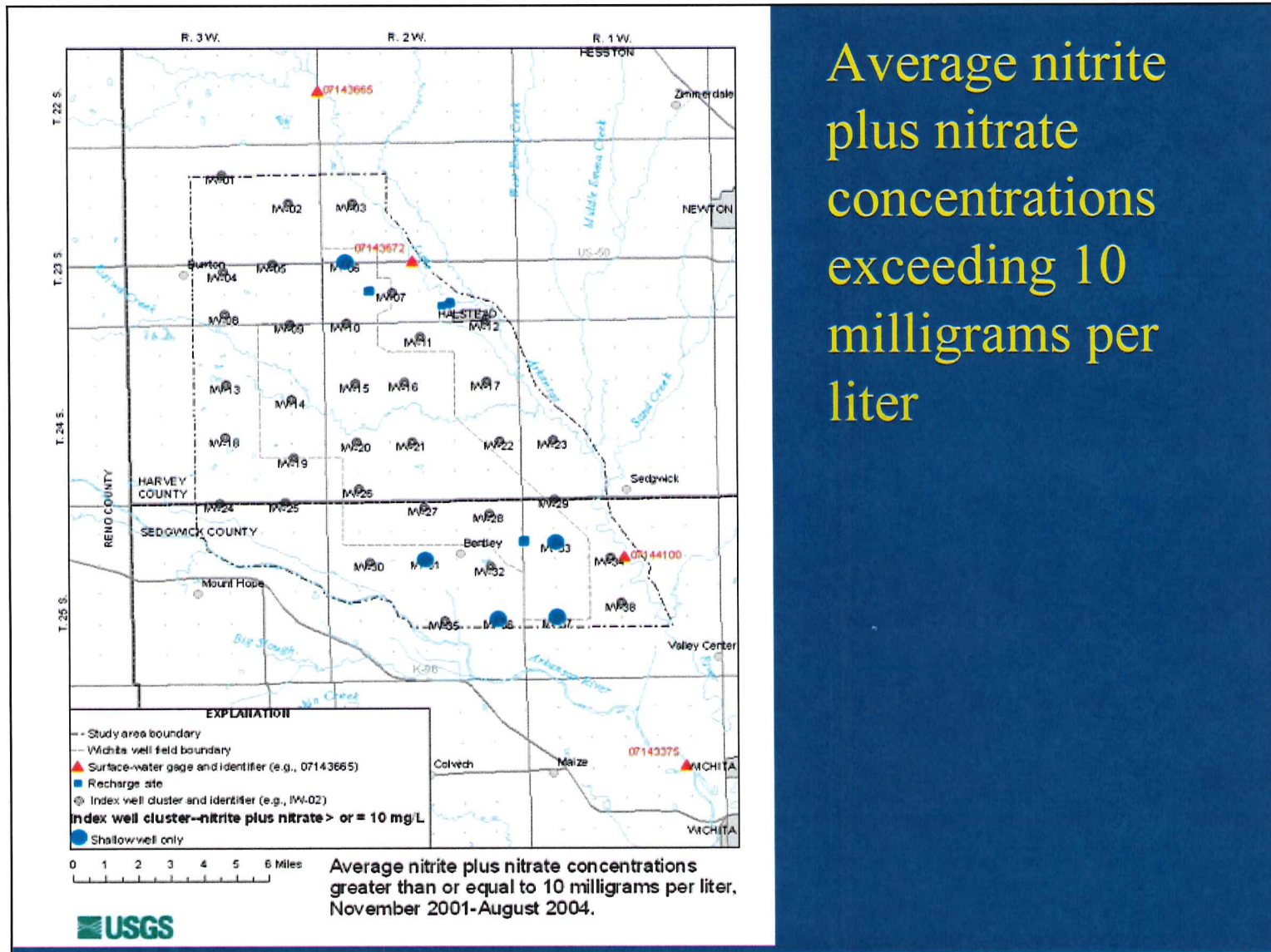


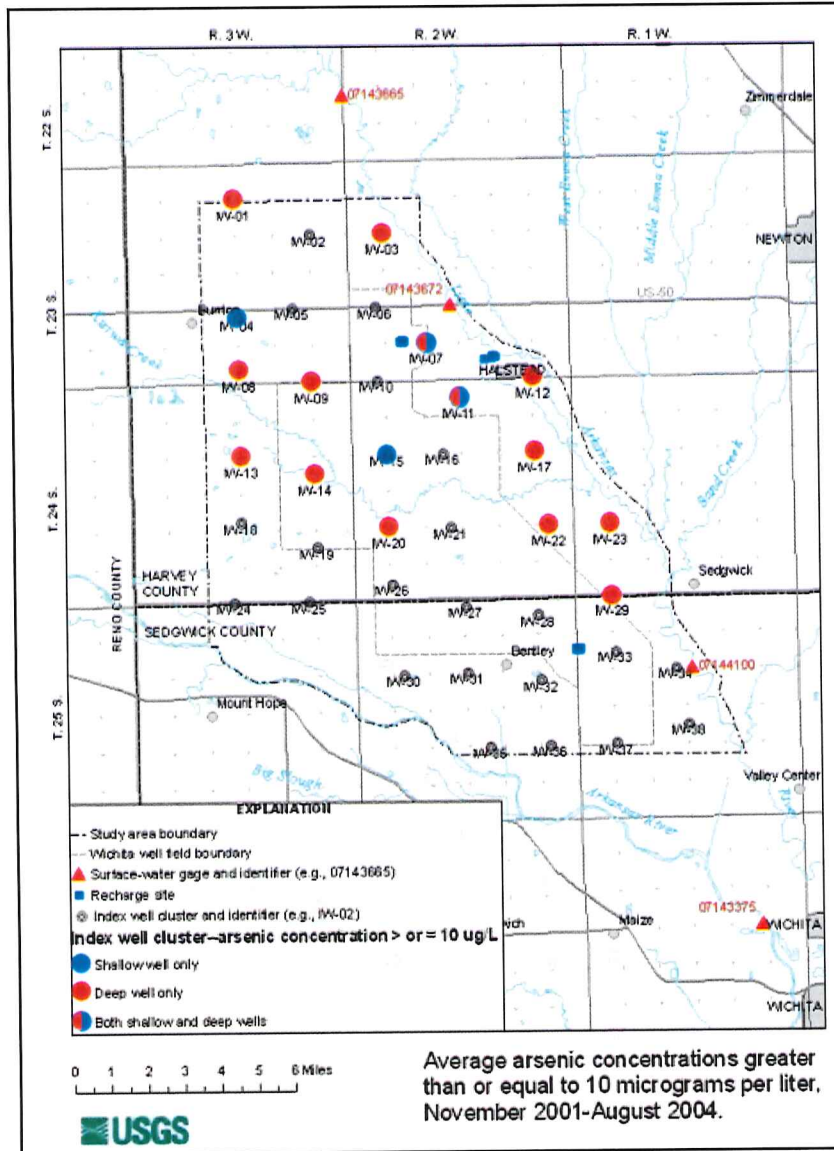


Average chloride concentrations greater than or equal to 250 milligrams per liter, November 2001-August 2004.

Average chloride concentrations exceeding 250 milligrams per liter

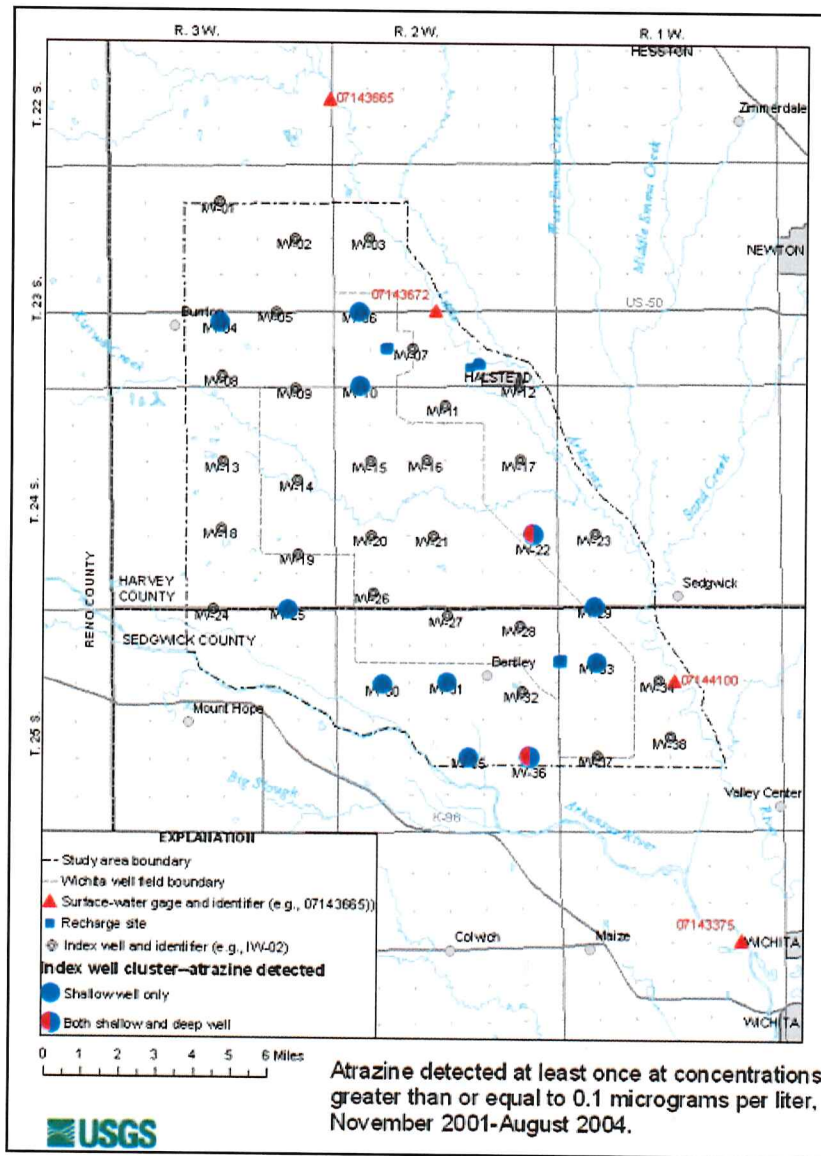






Average arsenic concentrations greater than or equal to 10 micrograms per liter, November 2001-August 2004.

Average arsenic concentrations exceeding 10 micrograms per liter



Atrazine detected at least once at concentrations greater than or equal to 0.1 micrograms per liter, November 2001-August 2004.

Atrazine concentrations detected at least once exceeding 0.10 microgram per liter

Summary of Background Shallow and Deep Index Well Water Quality 2001 - 2004

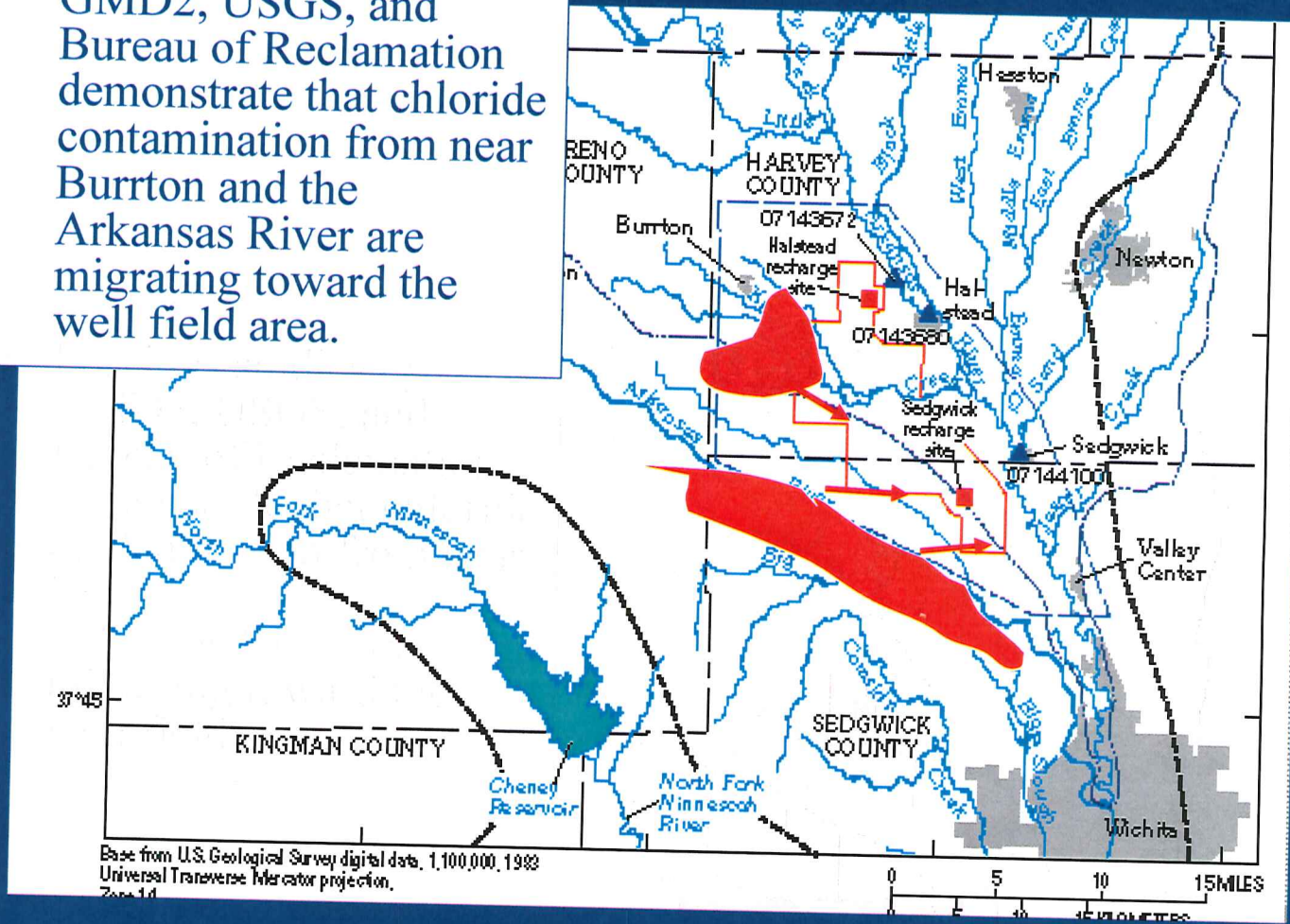
- Large chloride and sulfate values generally near Ark River and area near Burrton
- Nitrate, arsenic, and atrazine distributed throughout the area.
- Nitrate highest in shallow wells.
- Arsenic highest in deep wells.
- Atrazine detected in 28.9 percent of shallow wells and in 5.3 percent of deep wells. No samples exceed standards



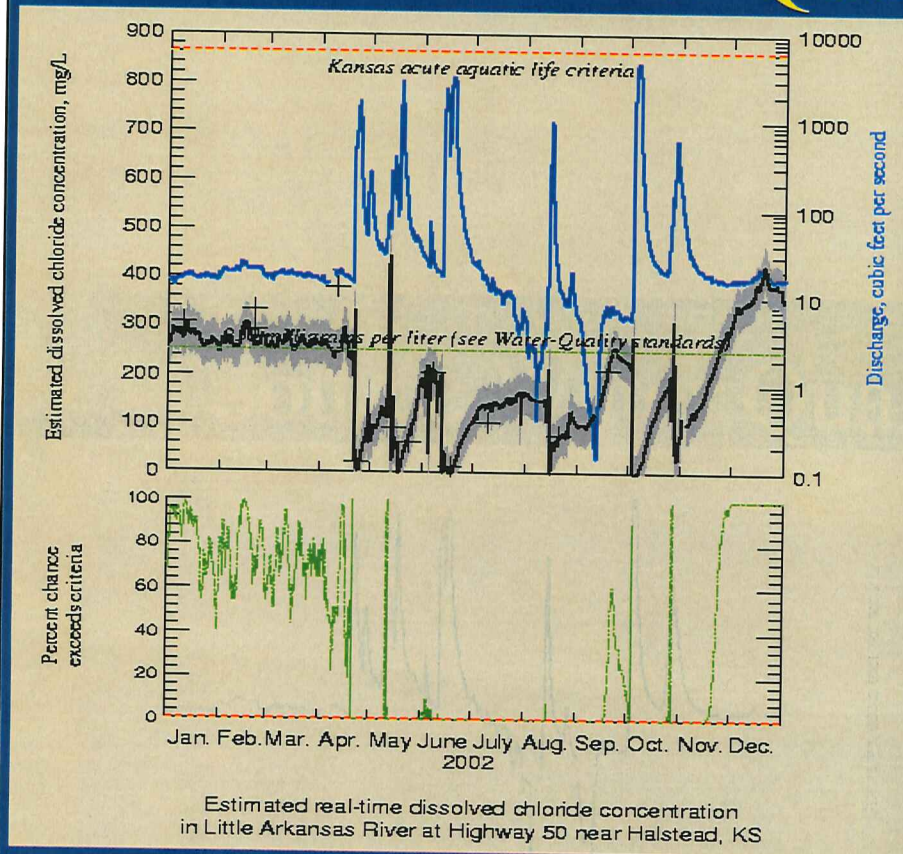
End of exhibit presentations

Ground-water and chloride

- Previous studies by GMD2, USGS, and Bureau of Reclamation demonstrate that chloride contamination from near Burrton and the Arkansas River are migrating toward the well field area.



Source Water Quality-RTQW



- New real-time water-quality approach using in-stream water quality monitors, collected samples, and statistical analysis developed to estimate concentrations in surface water before it is recharged.



<http://ks.water.usgs.gov/Kansas/rtqw/>

Chloride concentrations in the Little Arkansas River exceeded the KDHE standard 38 percent of 2002

