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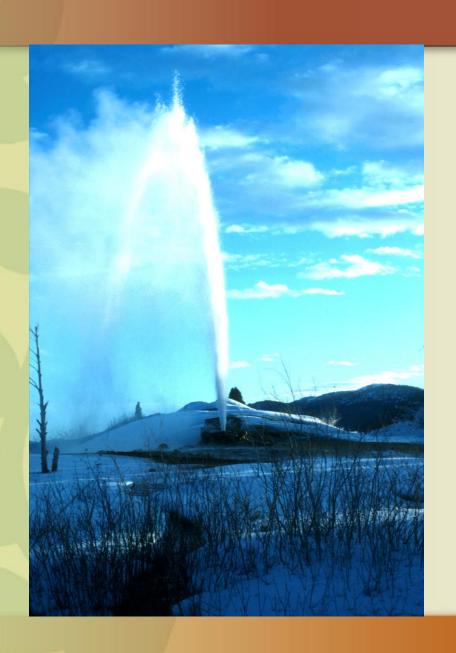
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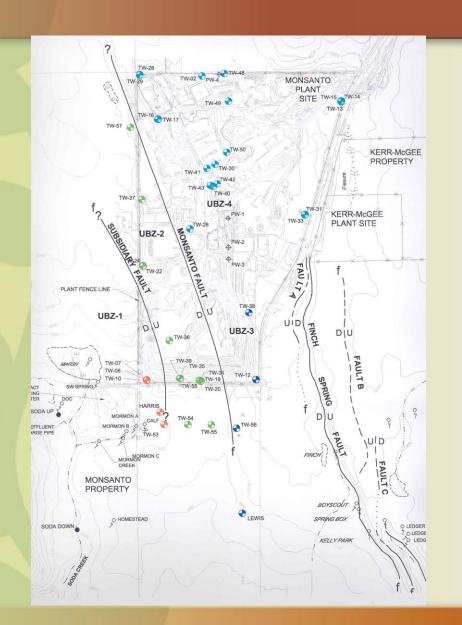




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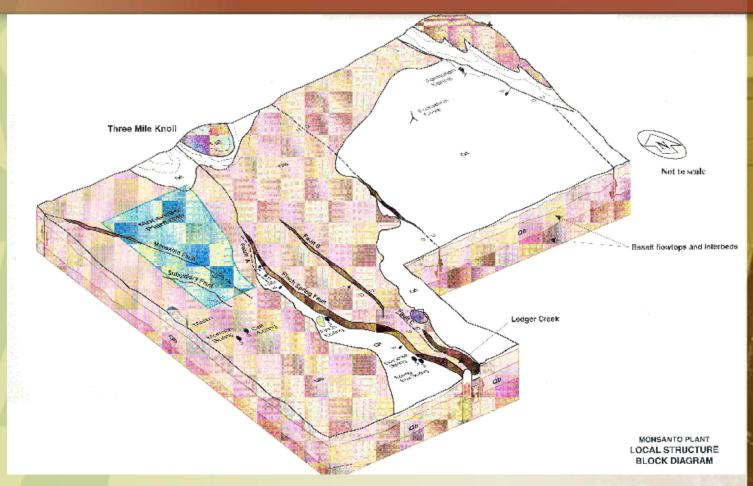


Monsanto has spent millions of \$

characterizing and monitoring the aquifer(s) in and around our operations, including the installation of nearly

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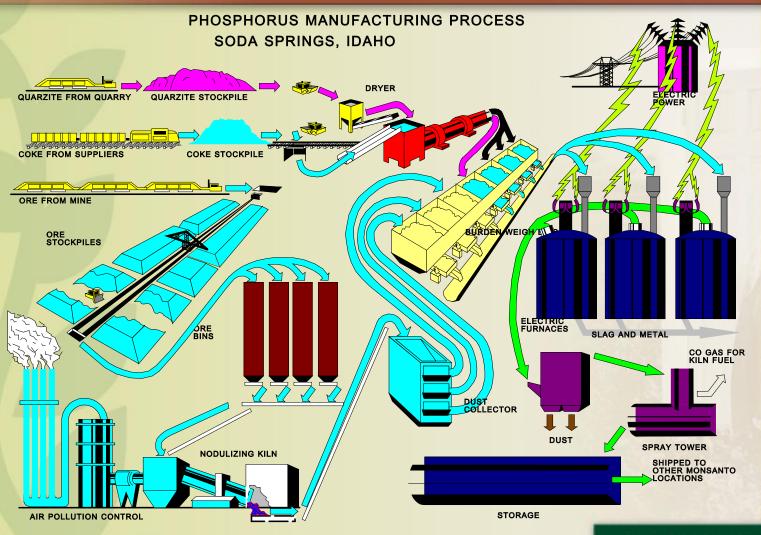




Understanding the hydro-geology in and around Monsanto's operations has been a key component of our business for decades now.







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Some Guiding Principles (Water 2025)

- •Recognize and respect state, tribal, and federal water rights, contracts, and interstate compacts or decrees of the United States Supreme Court that allocate the right to use water.
- Maintain and modernize existing water facilities so they will continue to provide water and power.
- Enhance water conservation, use efficiency, and resource monitoring to allow existing water supplies to be used more effectively.



Some Guiding Principles (Water 2025)

- Use collaborative approaches and market based transfers to minimize conflicts.
- Improve water treatment technology, such as desalination, to help increase water supply.
- Existing water supply infrastructure can provide additional benefits for existing and emerging needs for water.