Project Update: Bulk Fuels Facility Jet Fuel Leak

Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee

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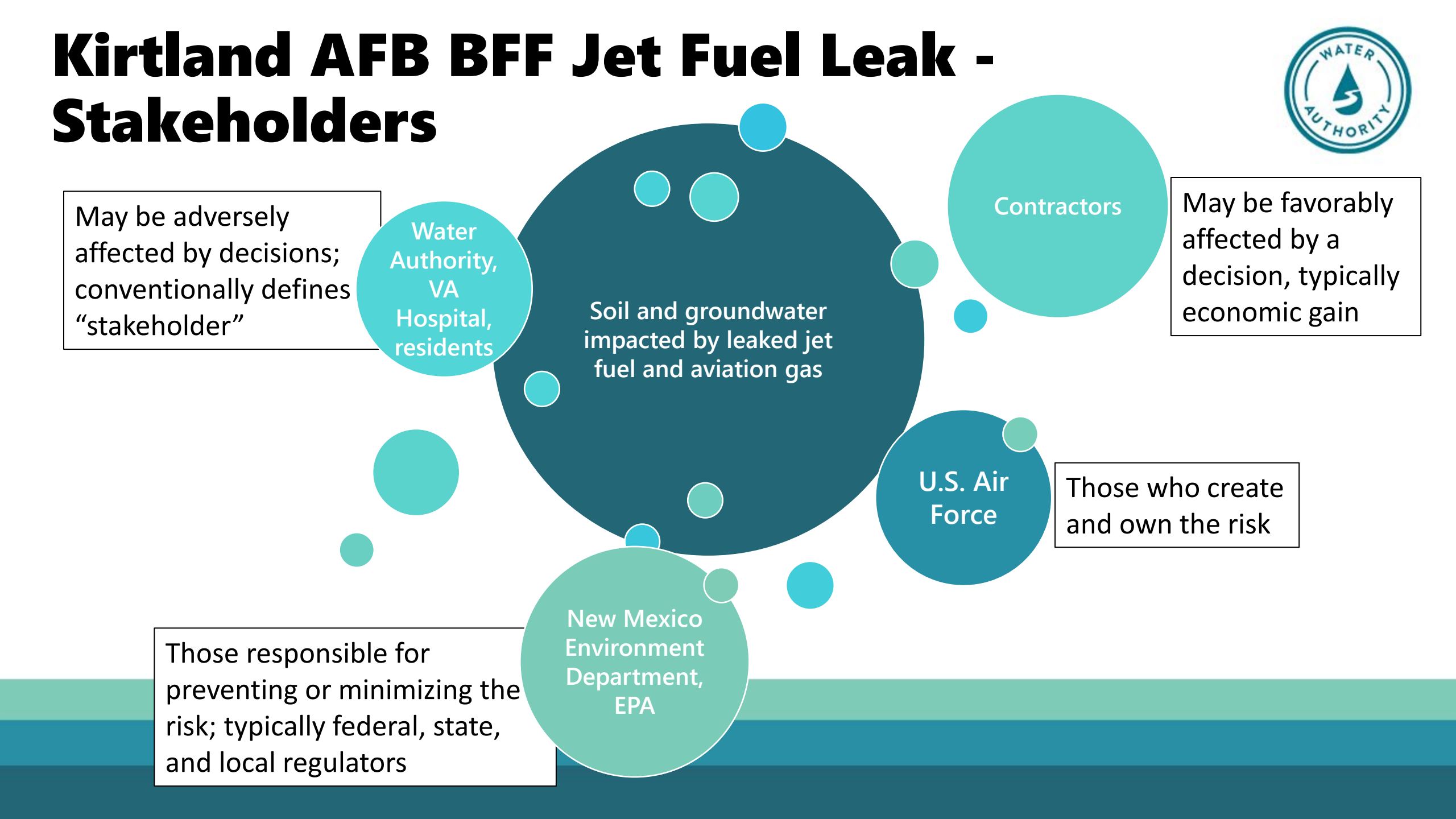
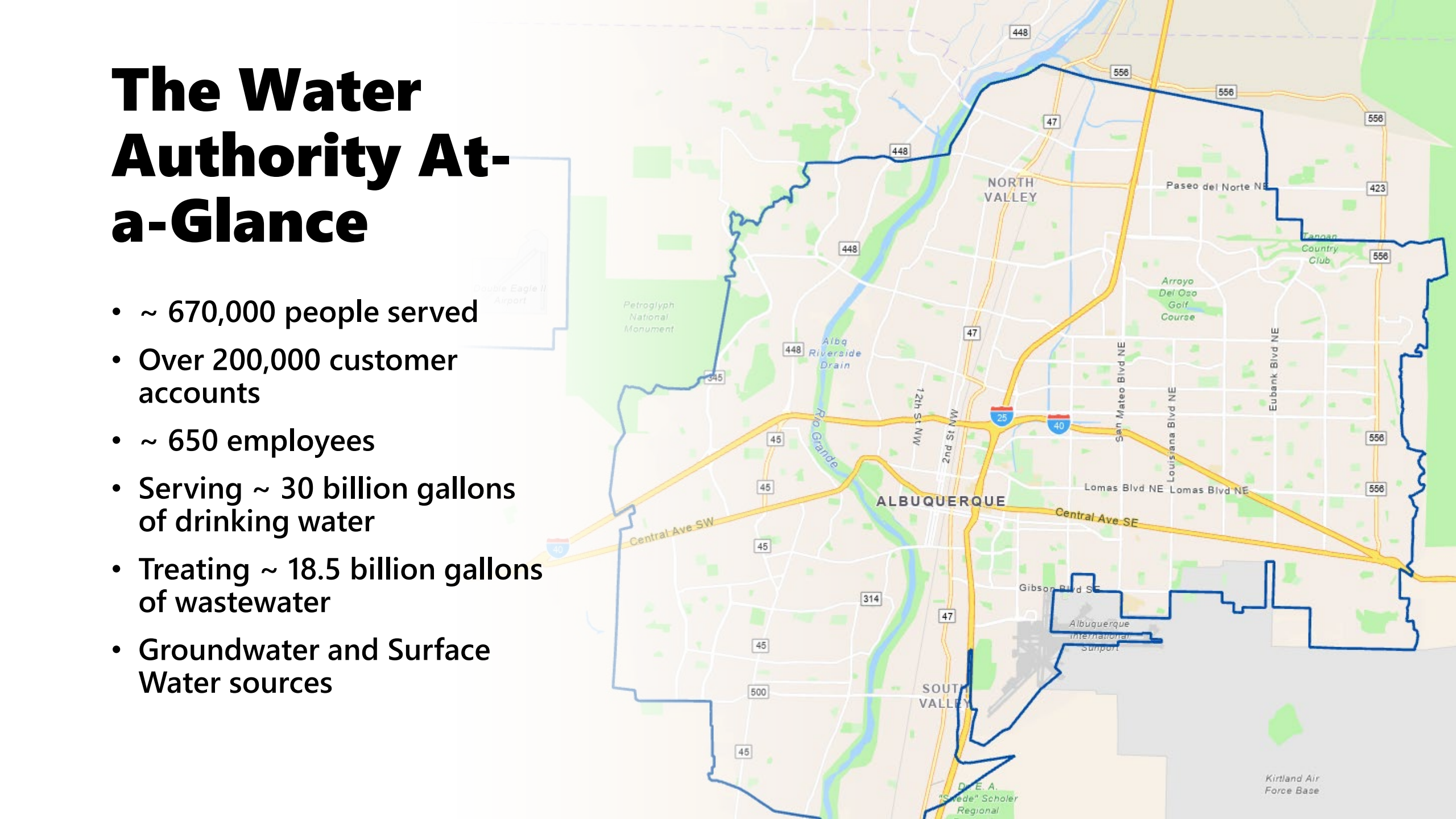
Kirtland AFB BFF Jet Fuel Leak - Stakeholders



The Water Authority At-a-Glance

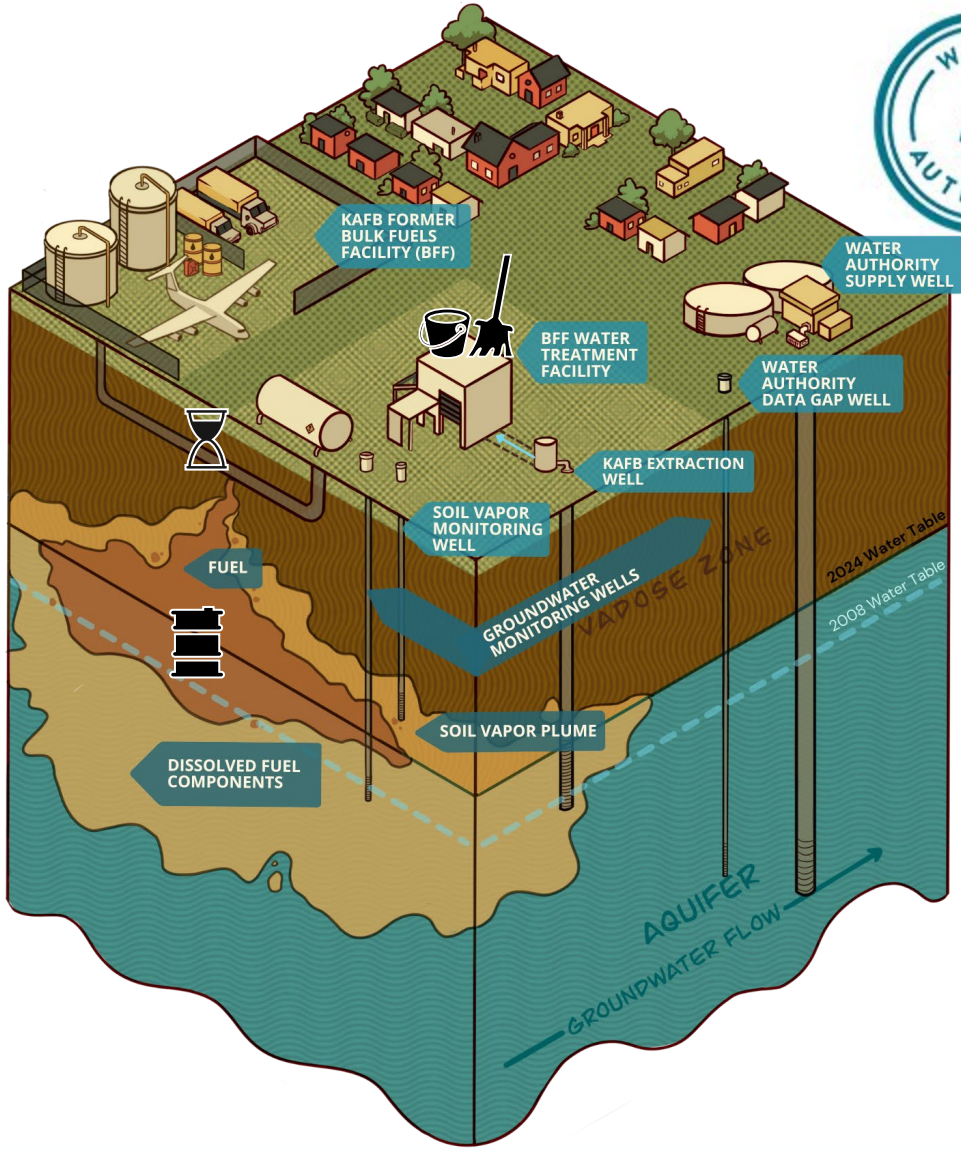
- ~ 670,000 people served
- Over 200,000 customer accounts
- ~ 650 employees
- Serving ~ 30 billion gallons of drinking water
- Treating ~ 18.5 billion gallons of wastewater
- Groundwater and Surface Water sources



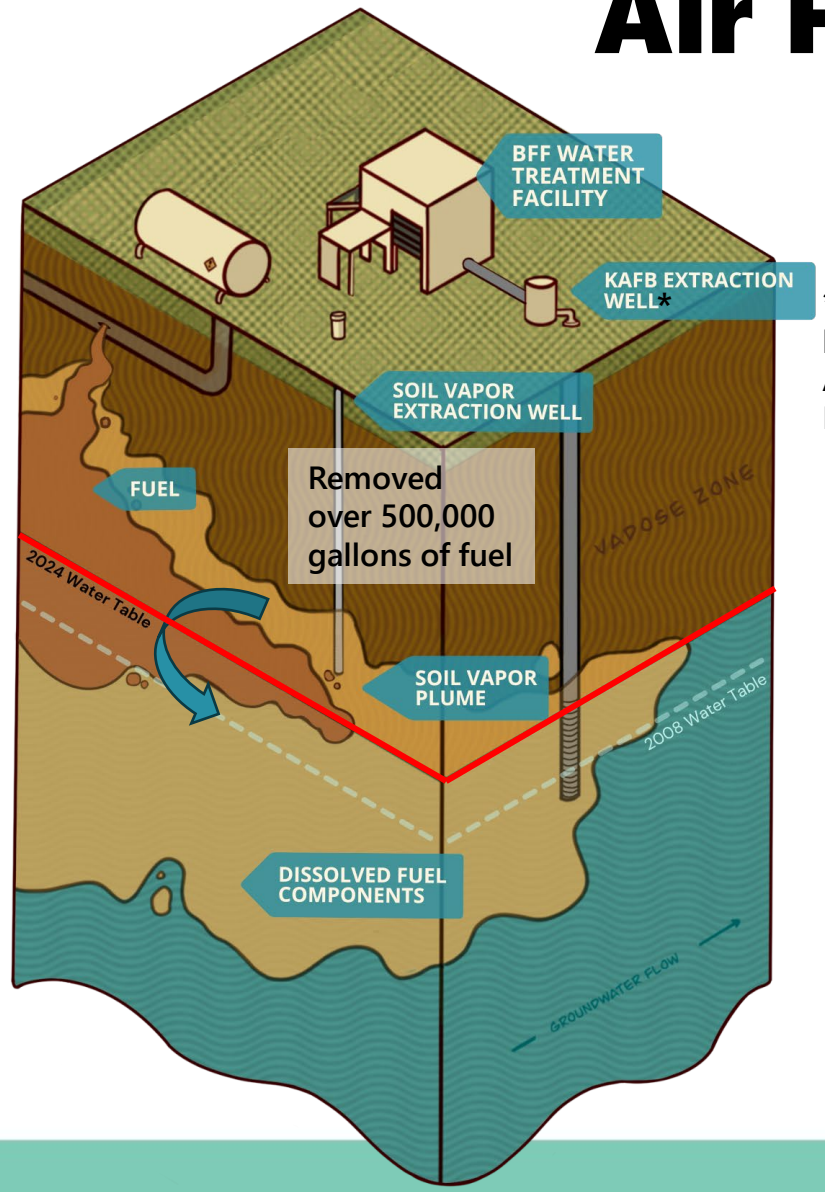
Site Overview and Background

- Decades long jet fuel leak discovered 25 years ago
- Both soil (vadose zone) and aquifer are impacted
  - Fuel component, ethylene dibromide (EDB), spread to within a ½ mile of drinking water supply wells
- Cleanup follows RCRA Corrective Action process
  - Breaks cleanup into:
    1) Investigation
    2) Cleanup Method Selection
    3) Final Cleanup

Interim Measures



Air Force Proactive Actions – Interim Measures



*Collaboration between Water Authority and Air Force

PAST: Soil Vapor Extraction with multiple SVE units (2006 – 2015)

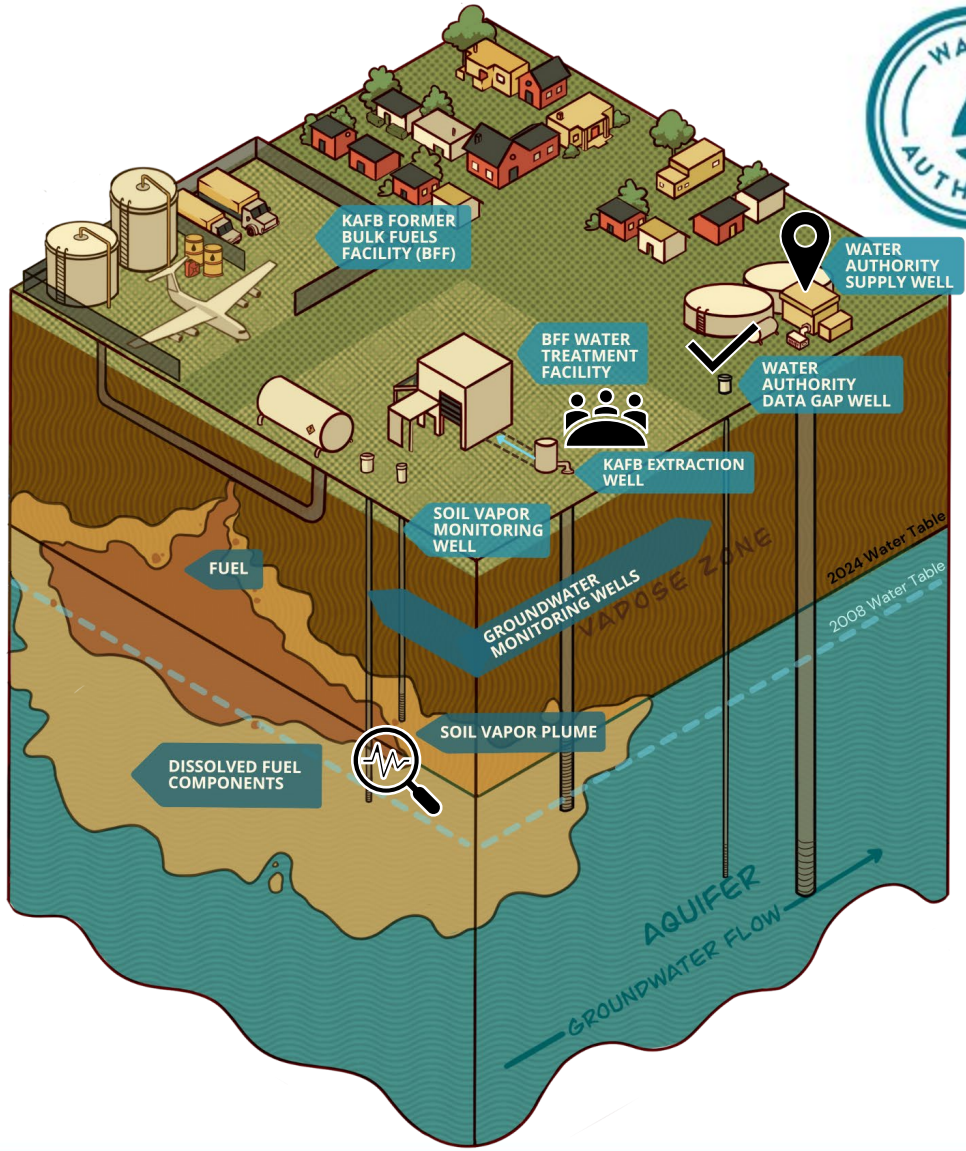
CURRENT: Groundwater "Pump & Treat" with 4 extraction wells (est. 2015)

Source Water Impacts

- Currently no active fuel treatment, allowing groundwater contamination to persist
- Without active treatment of the remaining fuel in the ground, cleanup is estimated to take over 800 years

Water Authority Proactive Actions

- Voluntarily sample all nearby supply wells for fuel components
- Consolidate and conduct technical analyses of site data
- Installed and continue to sample the Data Gap Monitoring Well
- Coordinate with local, state, and federal representatives to ensure effective site cleanup



Water Authority Concerns

- Groundwater contamination will persist without active source cleanup
- No meaningful involvement of the Water Authority on key site decisions
- Progress towards cleanup is being overstated by incomplete data and analysis

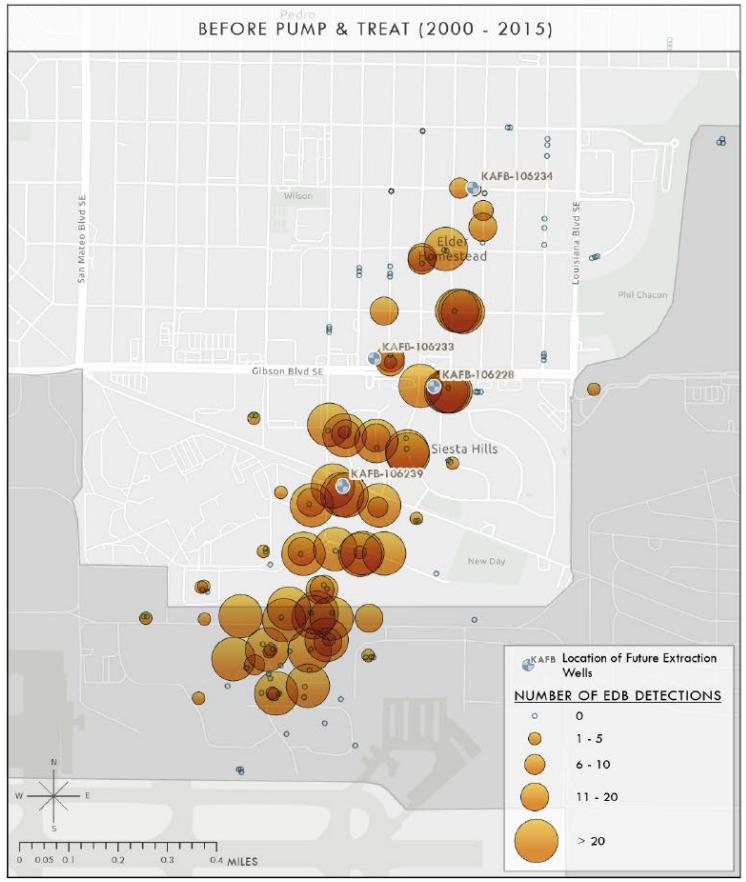
Pump and Treat Modification

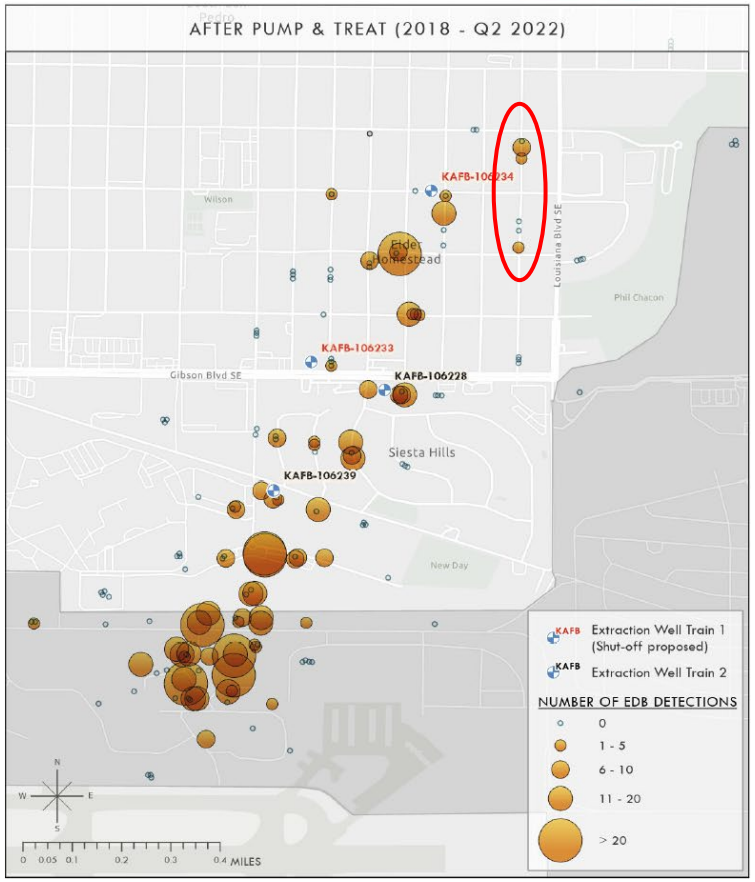
- On July 9th, 2024, the Air Force provided notice to NMED of its intent to turn off 2 out of the 4 interim measure extraction wells
  - Pumping will be increased at the remaining extraction wells
  - Shut-down wells will be "idled" to turn on when needed

➢Little technical justification was provided

➢A robust analysis of potential impacts to EDB migration was not completed

➢Unclear what would trigger resuming operation of the two extraction wells taken offline

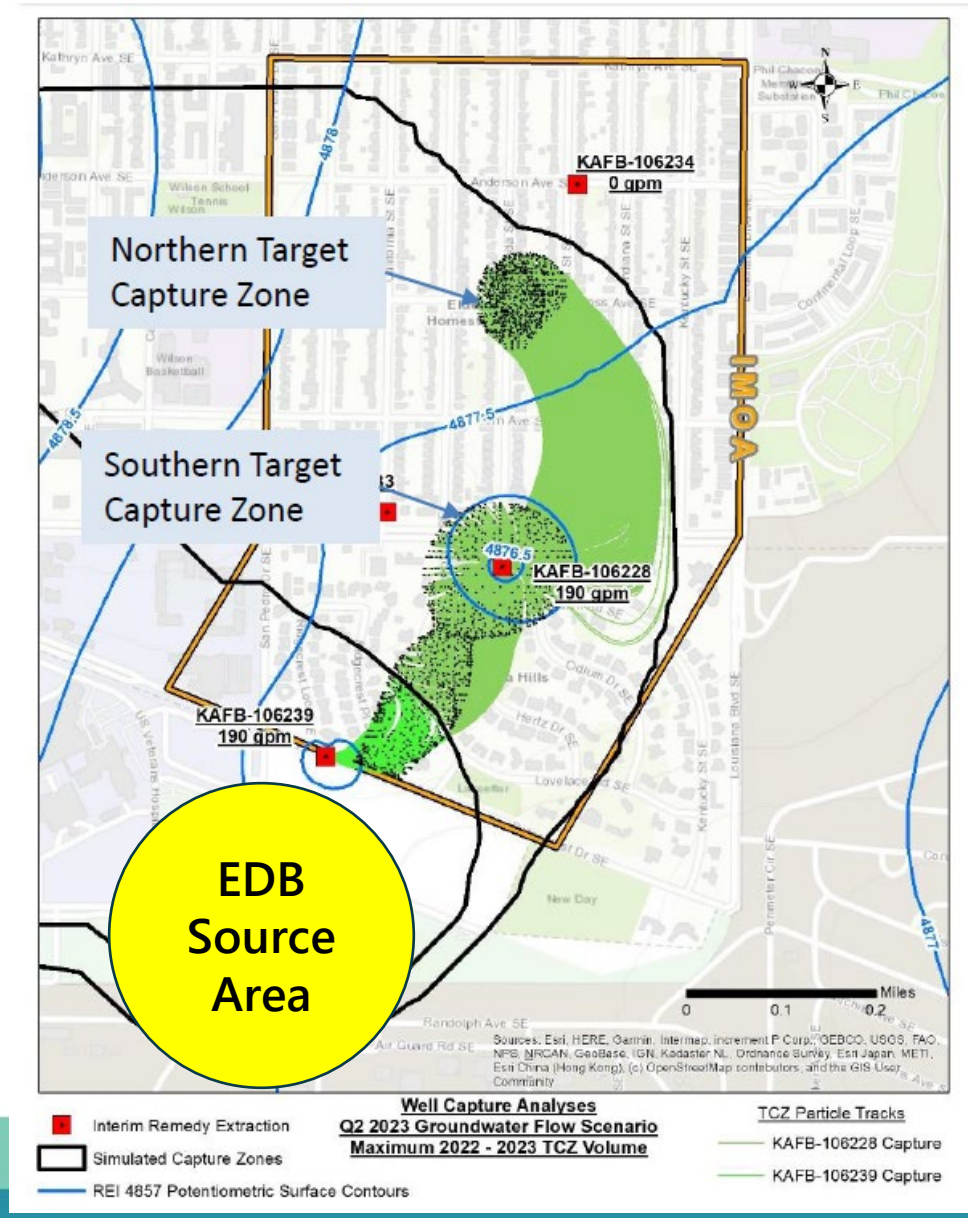




EDB Migration

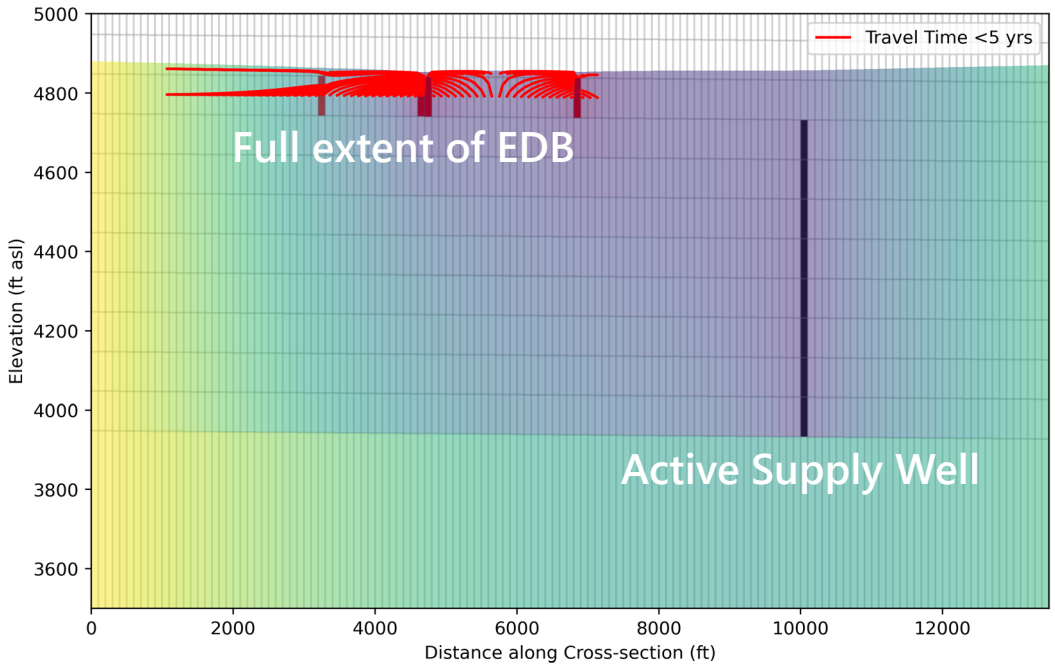
Air Force stated objective is "…provide protection to water supply wells by hydraulic capture of the dissolved-phase EDB utilizing well pumping."

- Air Force analysis leaves out important information
  - EDB south of Ridgecrest Drive (Source Area)
  - Regional supply well pumping
- Incomplete semi-annual analyses drive management decisions
  - Air Force concluded no EDB breakthrough

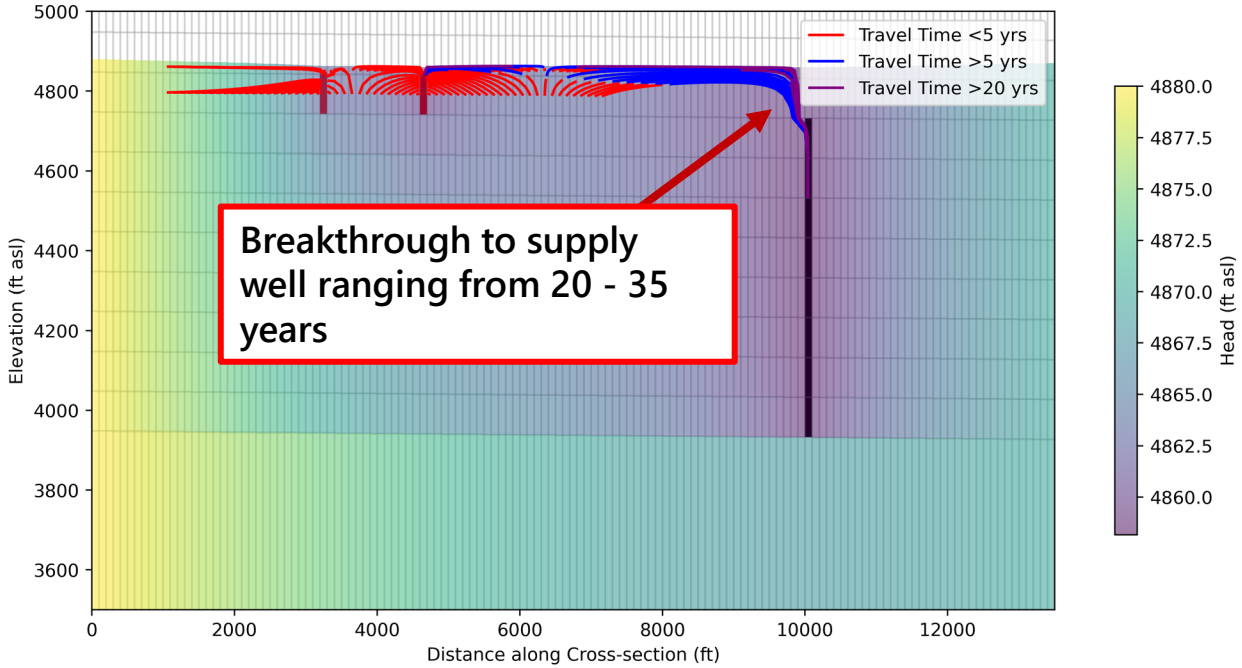


Water Authority Analysis

Current Operation
All extraction wells on

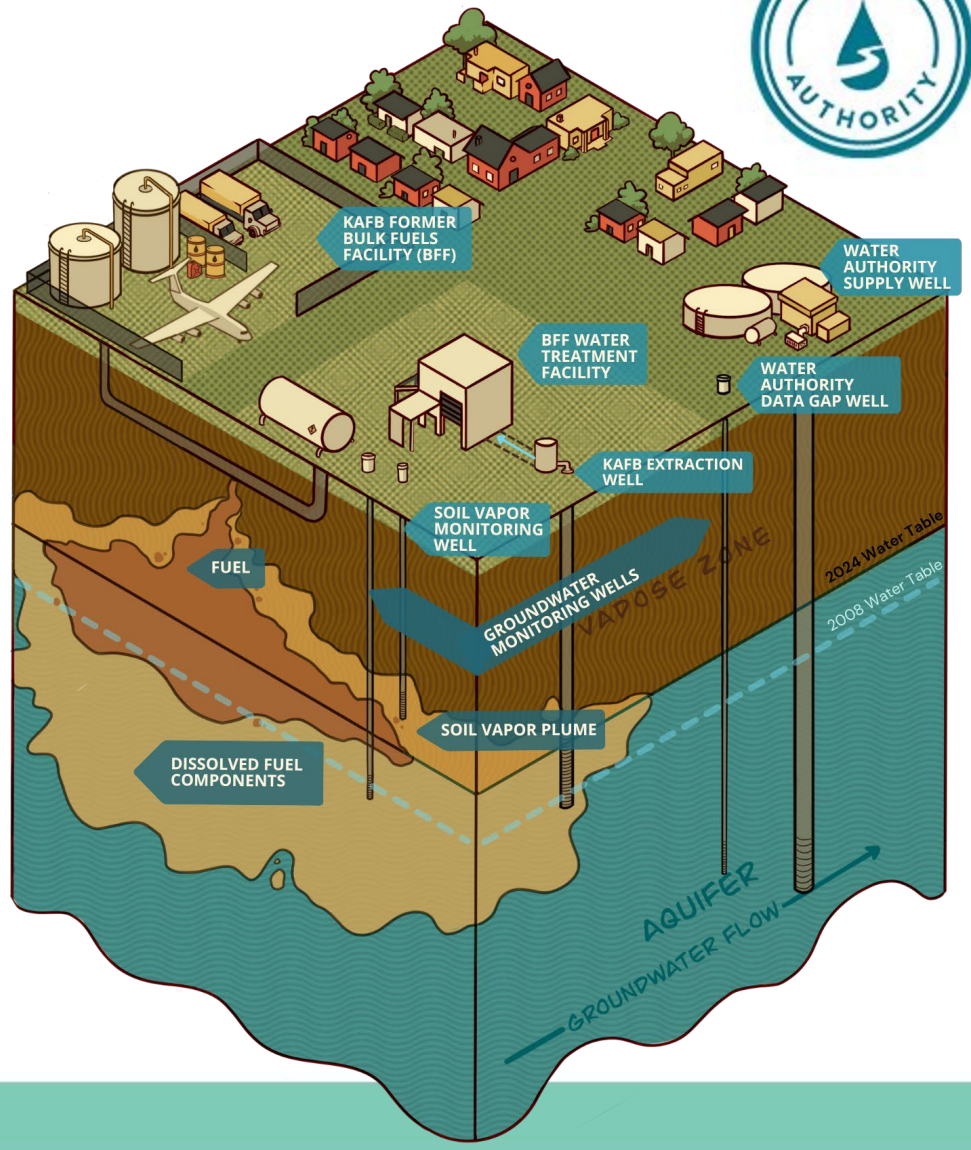


Proposed Operation
Two extraction wells off



What is needed?

- Active cleanup of remaining fuel
- Water Authority involvement in technical discussions and decision making
- Dedicated regulatory staff to project



Questions?