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# Liabilities into Assets for Post-Mining Communities in Michigan

**PUSH: Pumped Underground Storage Hydropower**

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# Michigan's U.P. goes head-to-head with its energy future

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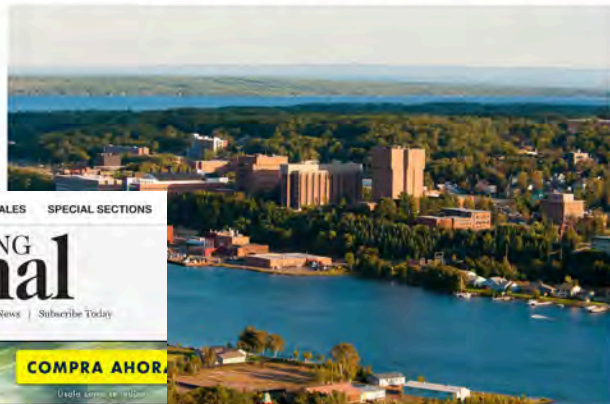
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## Michigan researchers say state's utilities 'manipulate' system to their advantage

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Michigan Technological University campus is located in Houghton, Michigan, in the state's Upper Peninsula, one of the highest electric rates in the U.S.

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Last month by Michigan Tech researchers says utilities in the Upper Peninsula use political power to put up barriers for customer-owned solar and distributed generation — and regulators



### Monopolies and Demographics: Why Meeting UP Energy Needs is Both Challenging and Expensive

## Power bills are whoppers for some in the U.P.

Keith Matheny, Detroit Free Press Published 3:49 p.m. ET Sept. 7, 2016 | Updated 11:56 a.m. ET Sept. 8, 2016



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Opening an electric bill is no one's favorite moment of the month. But for some Upper Peninsula residents, it comes with a particular dread.

Ratepayers with Upper Peninsula Power, pay 23 cents-25 cents per kilowatt hour for their electricity — about 67% higher than the Michigan average. The utility, known as UPPCO, has about 54,000 electric retail customers in 10 of the U.P.'s 15 counties, mostly in the northwest and north-central parts of the peninsula.

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That rate is higher — much higher — than the average kilowatt hour rate in 49 of the 50 states. Only residents in Hawaii pay more for power.

And UPPCO is asking the Michigan Public Service Commission, the state's utility regulator, for a further rate increase of 6%-12%.

For the utility's customers in an area with a struggling

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### UPPCO's customers need bold solutions for problems

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The fact that UPPCO's residential electricity rates are among the highest in the continental United States is old news to the people who pay the bills each month. As of June 1, the utility's household rates were 68% higher than the Michigan average, in a state that has the 12th highest rates in the country.



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MTU scientist says high rates make rooftop solar a good Up North deal  
Solar Power | September 29, 2014 | By Jim Dutzo

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Abhishek Kantamnen used data from solar panels at Houghton's Keweenaw Research Center, where he works, to determine that small-scale solar systems make good economic sense in many parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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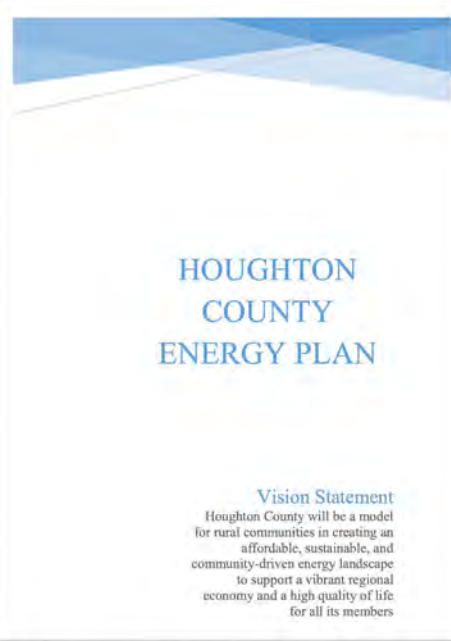




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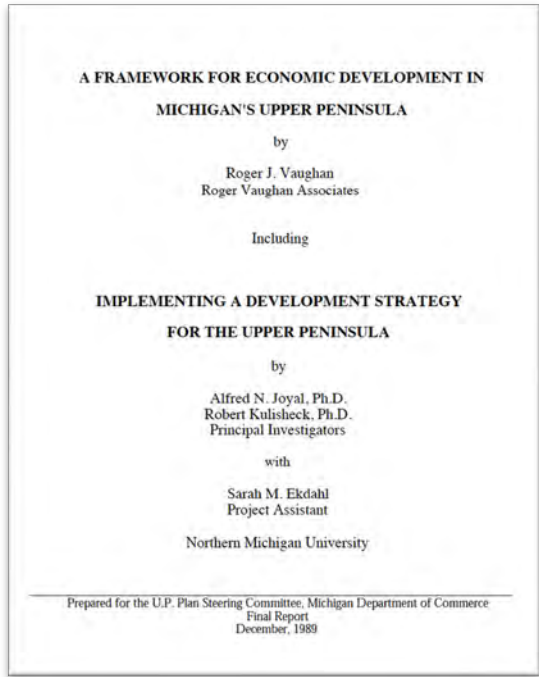


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**Vision Statement**  
Houghton County will be a model for rural communities in creating an affordable, sustainable, and community-driven energy landscape to support a vibrant regional economy and a high quality of life for all its members



**A FRAMEWORK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN  
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**IMPLEMENTING A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
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# The Energy Transition

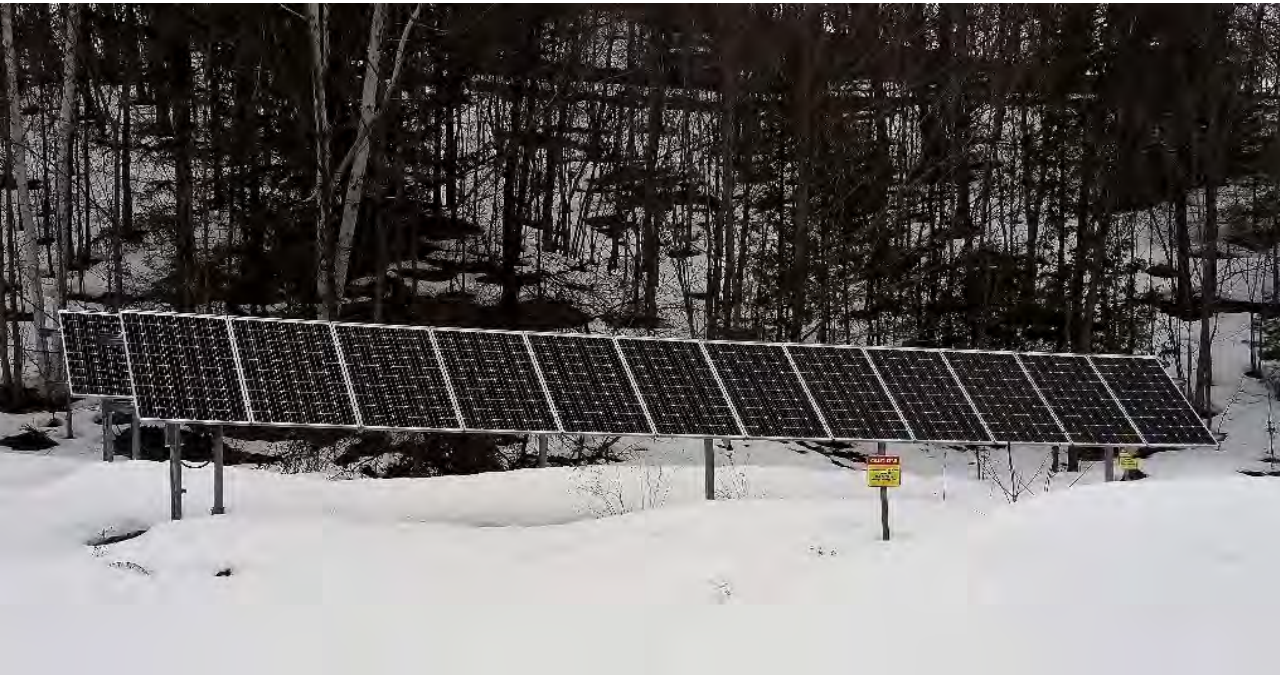
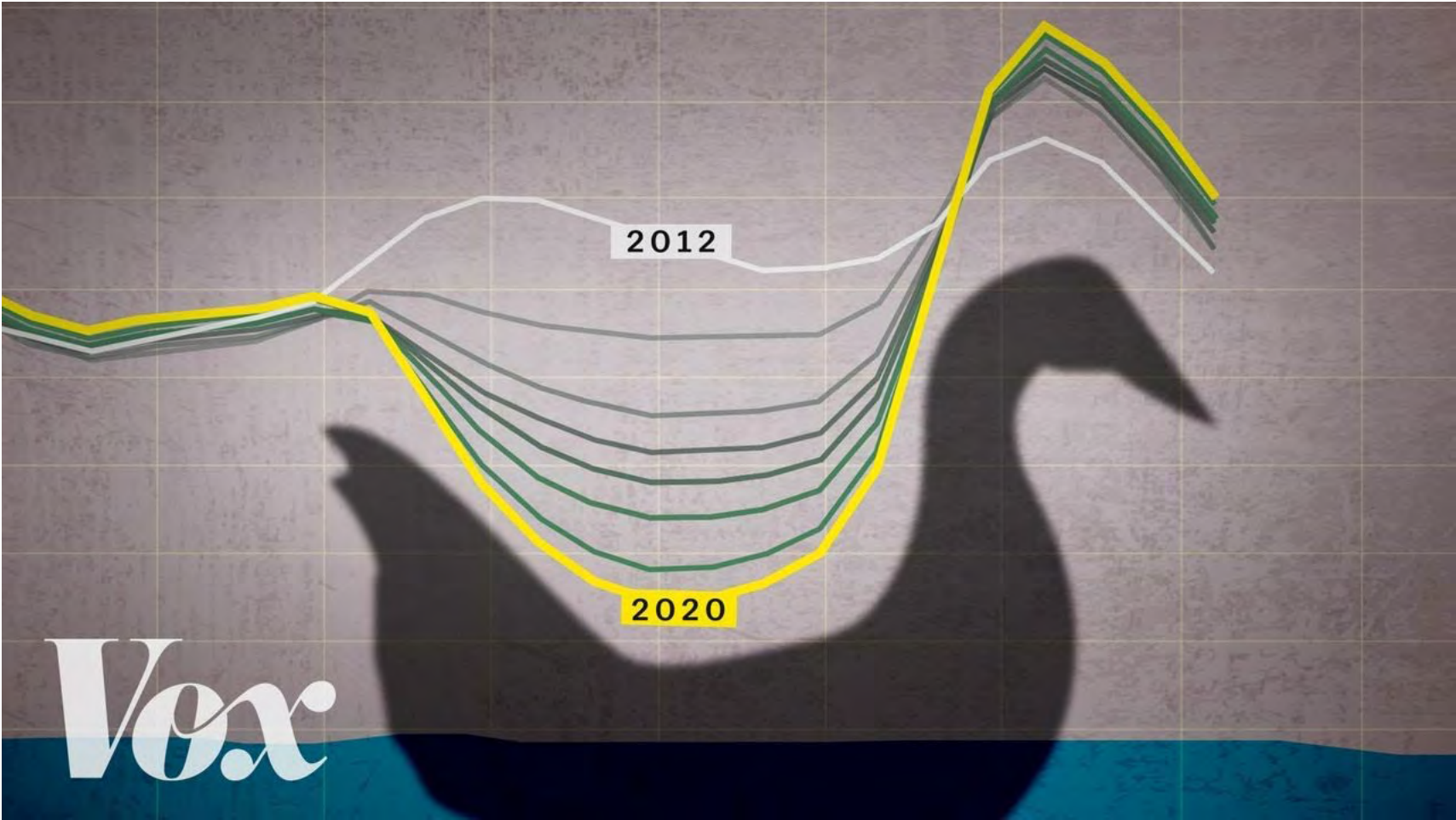


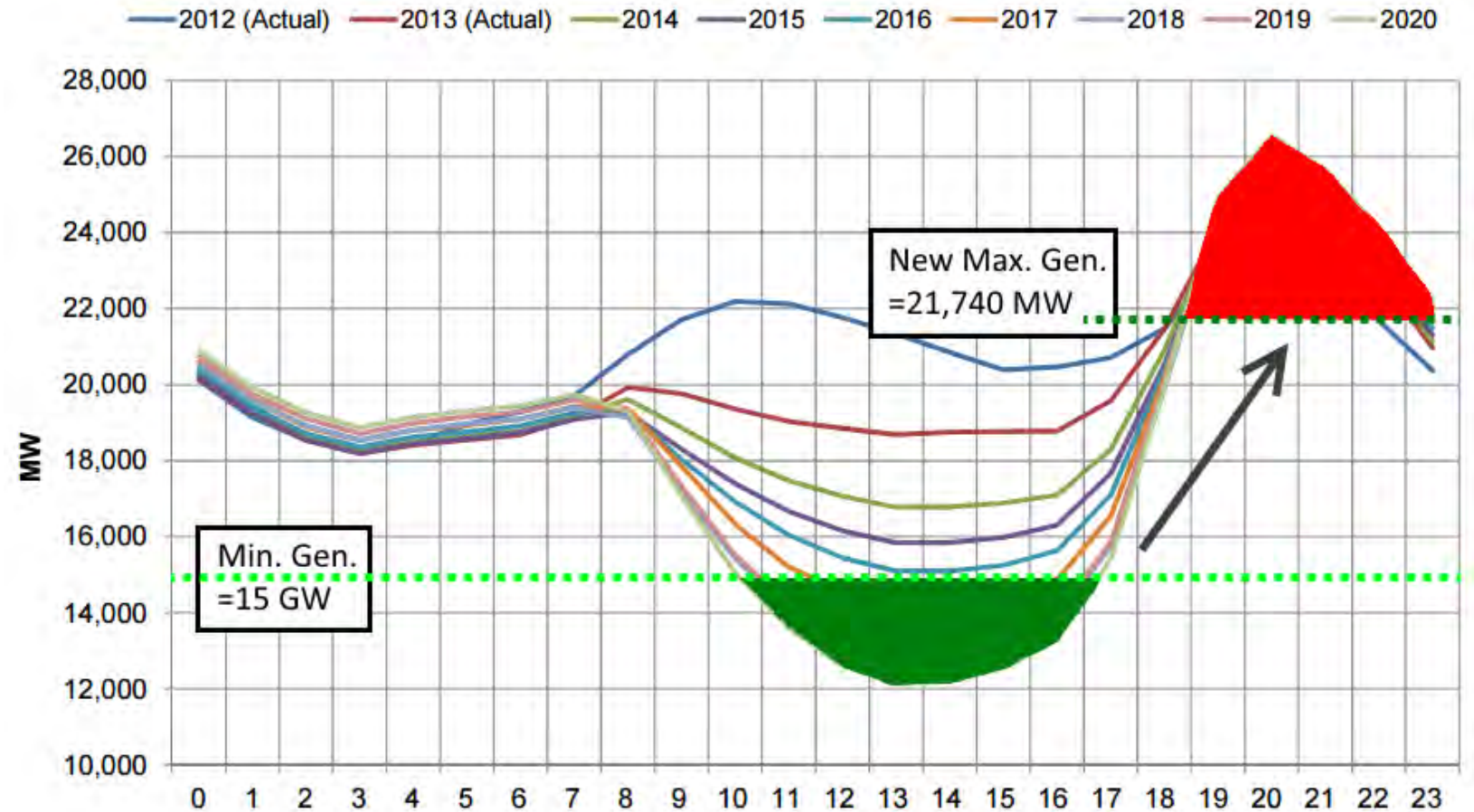
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# The "Duck Curve"





# Energy Storage





# Pump Storage Hydro: Ludington







# Storage must grow:

## 2020: 23.2 GW

## 2050: 120 GW

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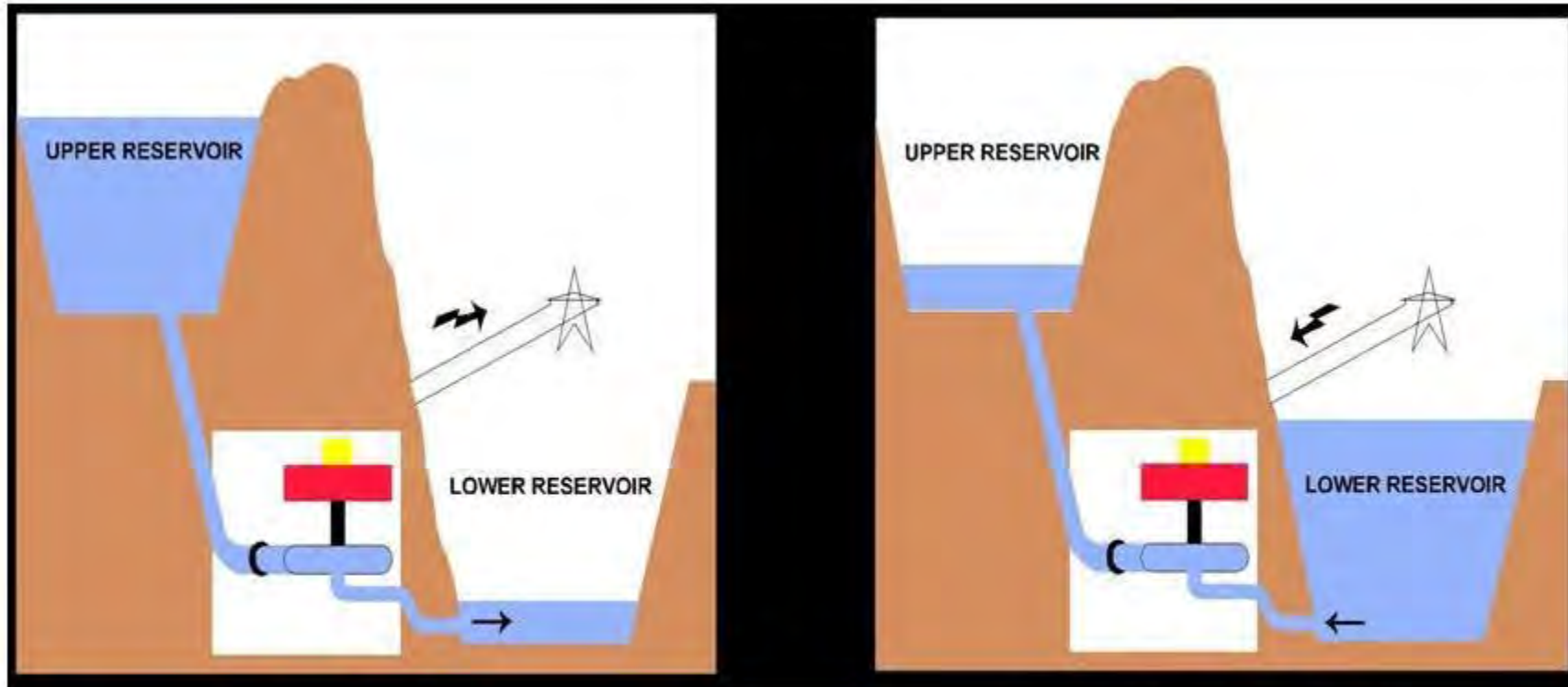


# Batteries





# "Regular" Pump Storage Hydropower



GENERATING MODE

PUMPING TO STORAGE MODE

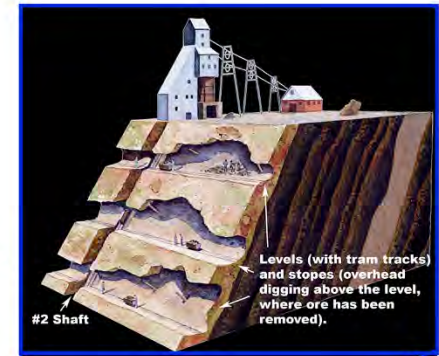
pumped hydro operating principals



# PUSH in a nutshell

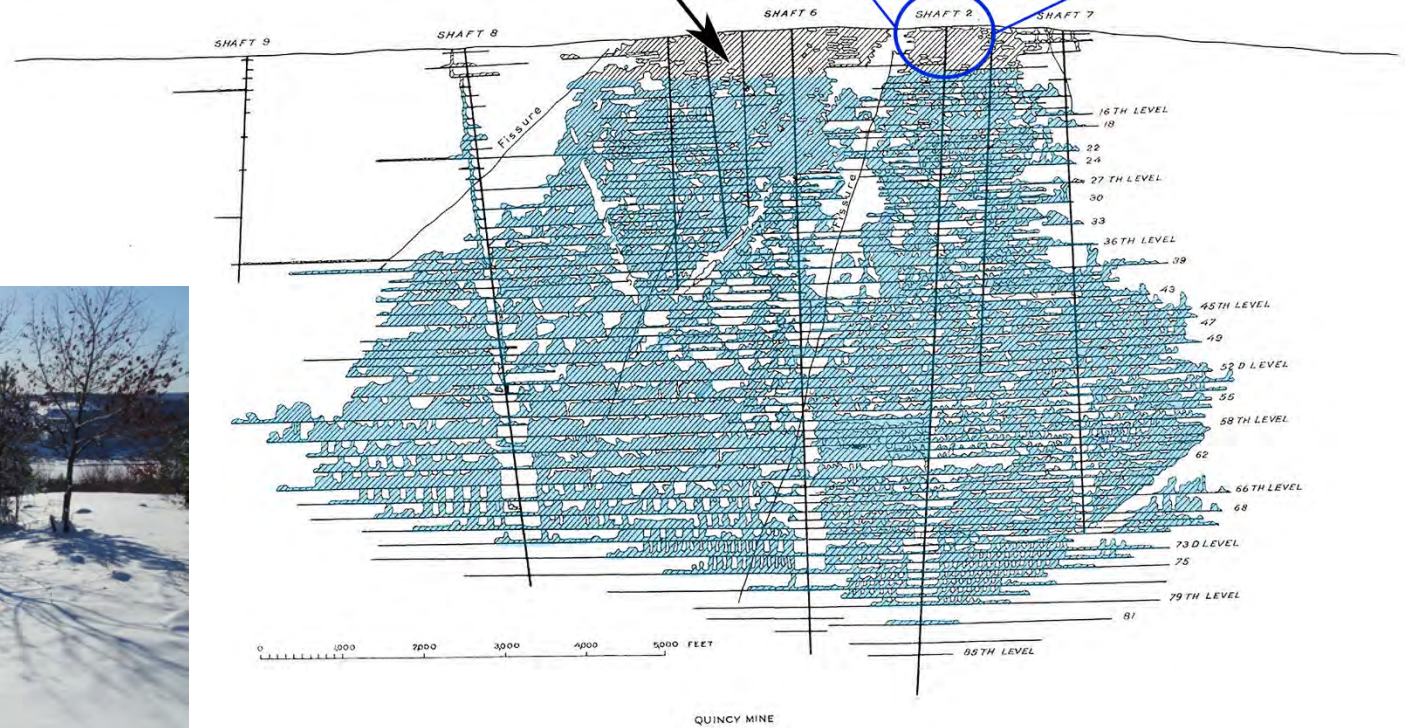


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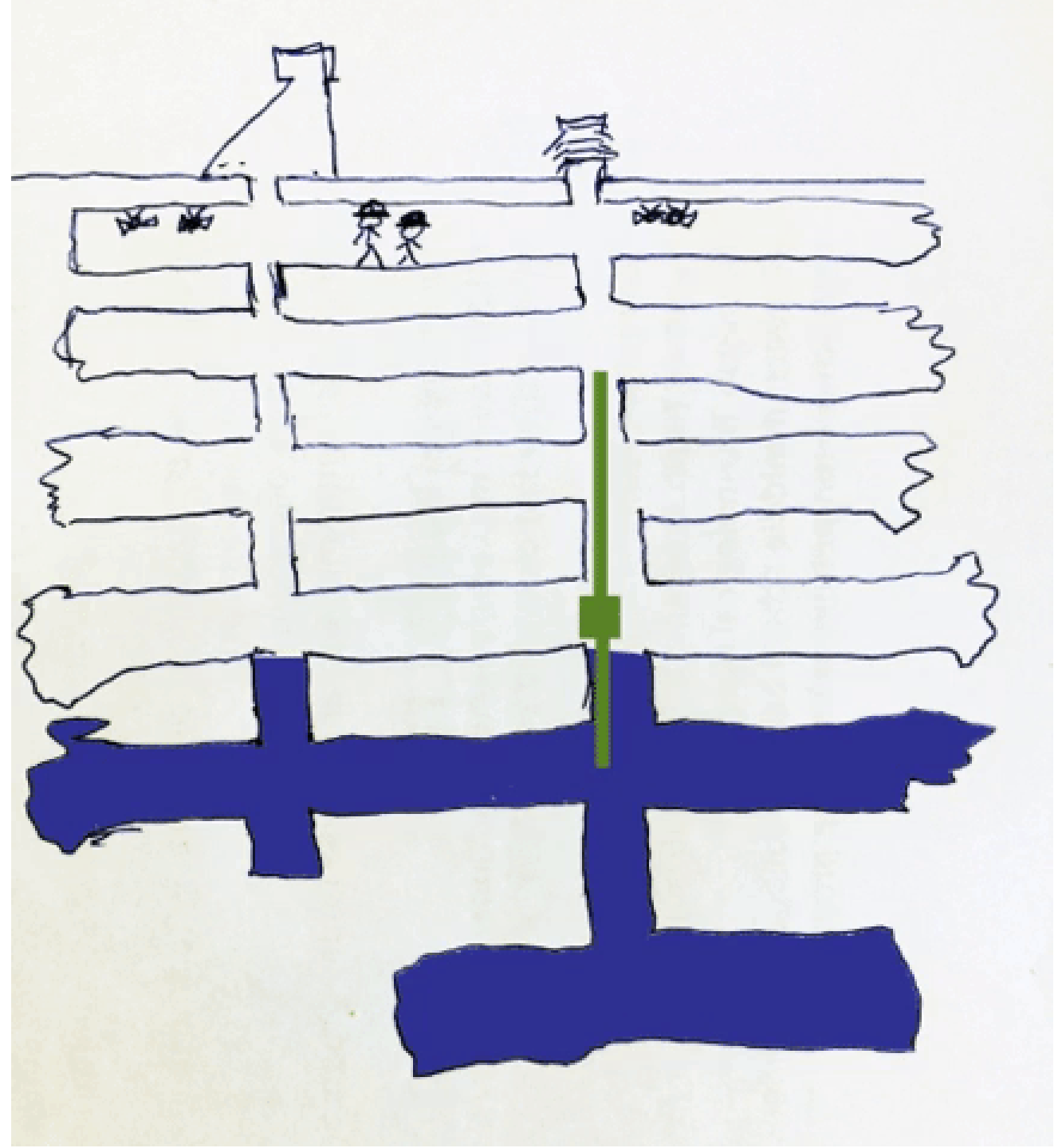


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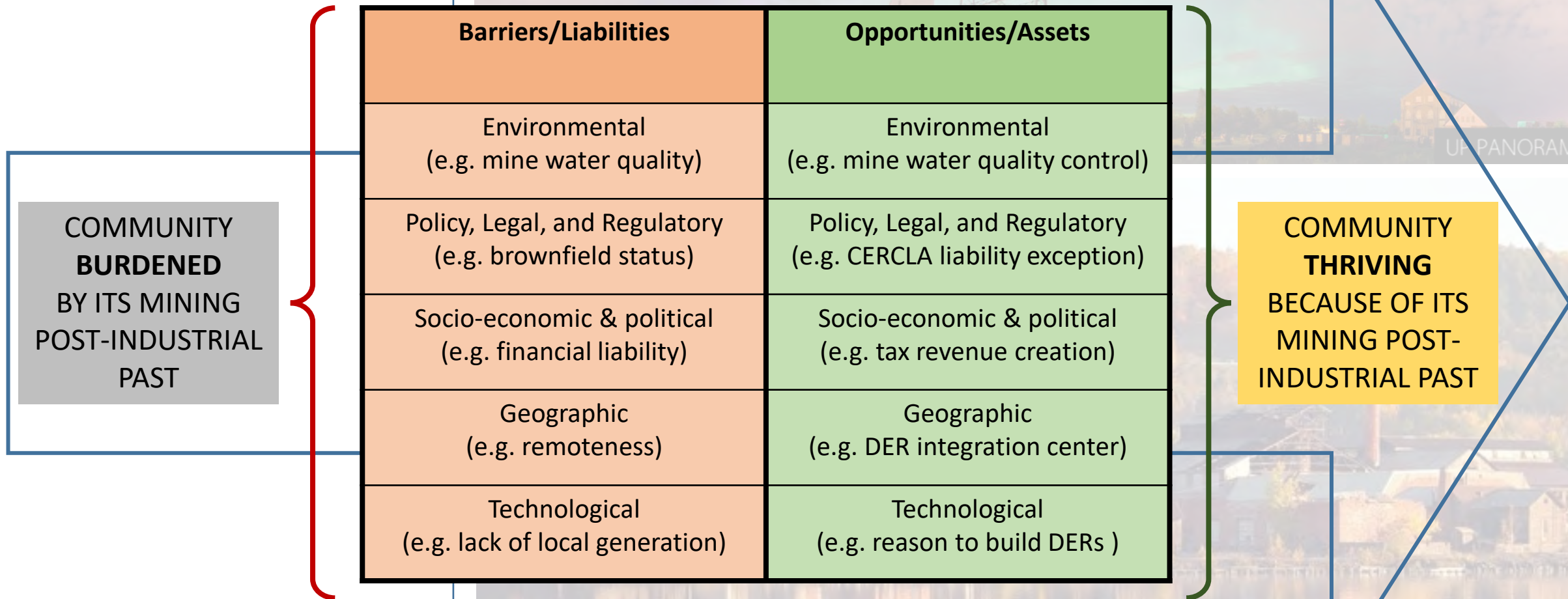








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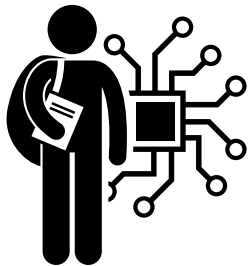
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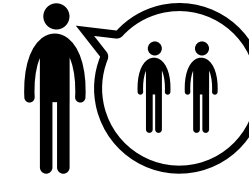
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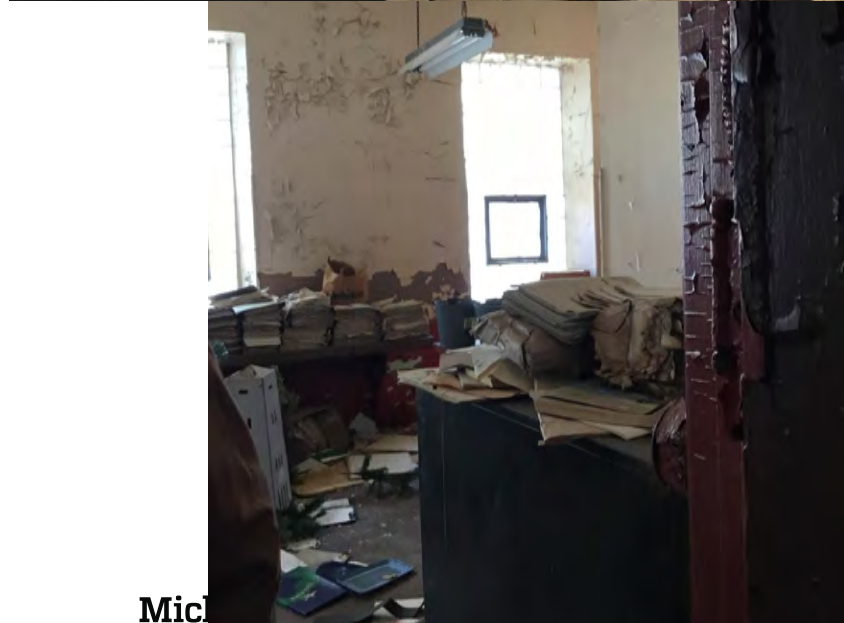


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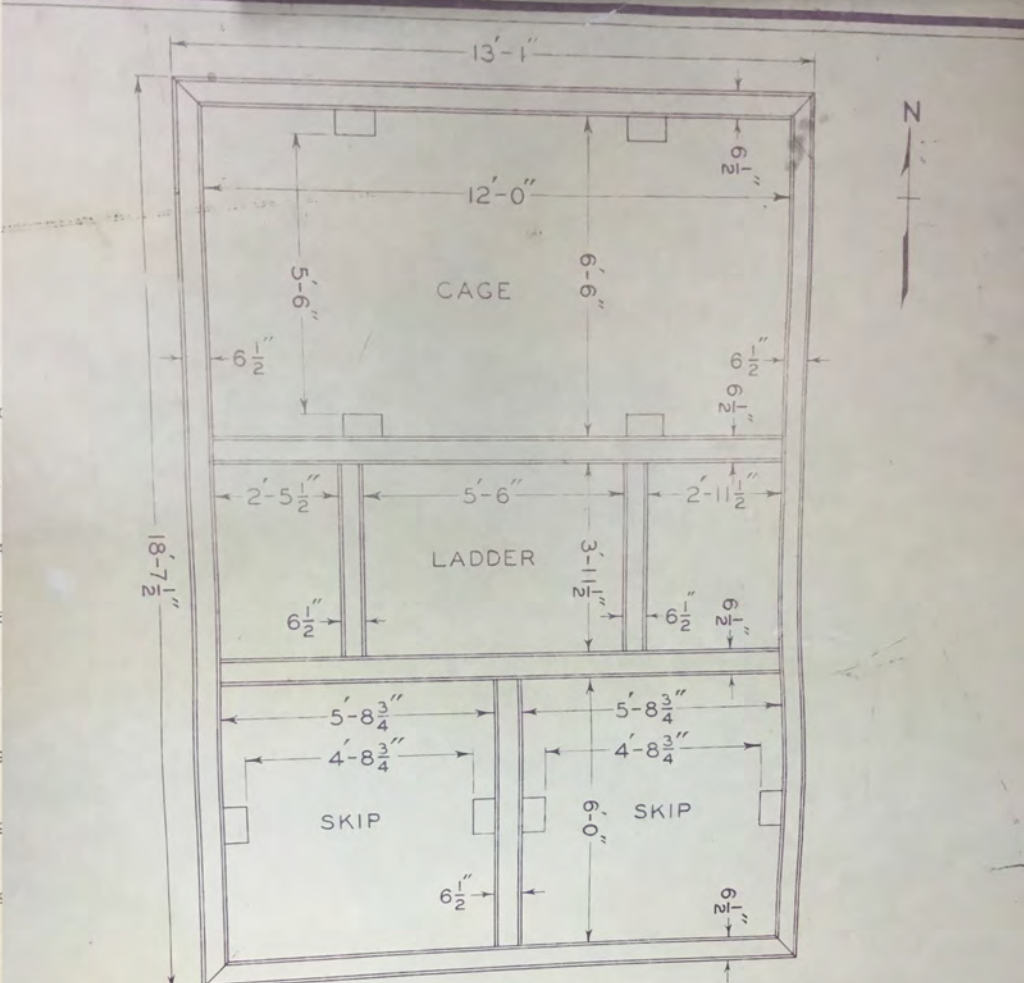
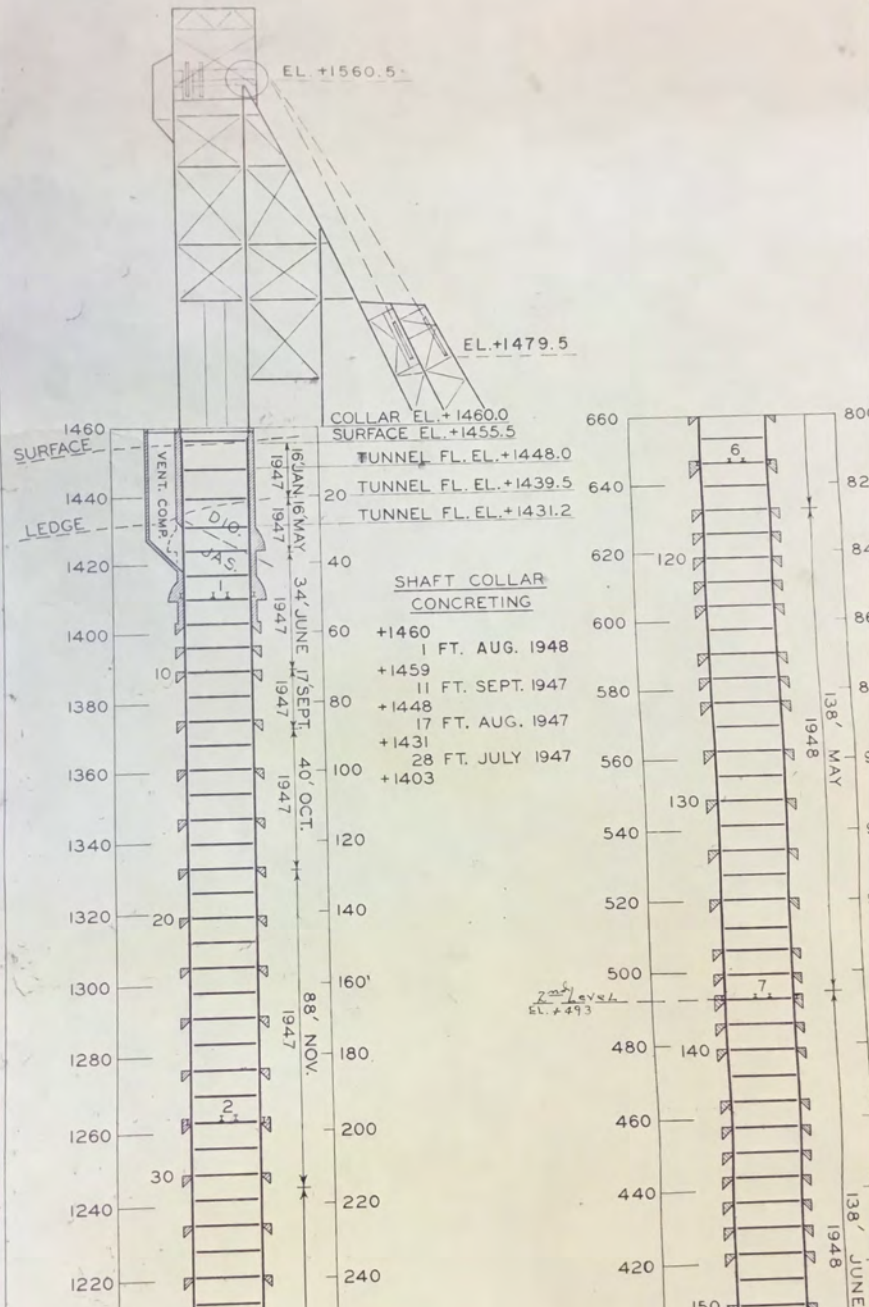
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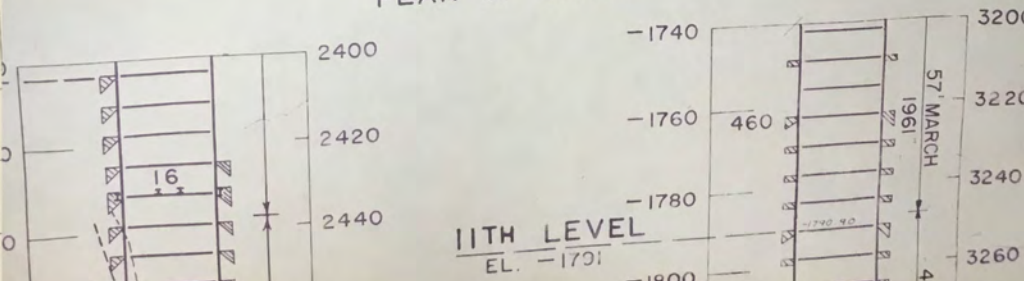




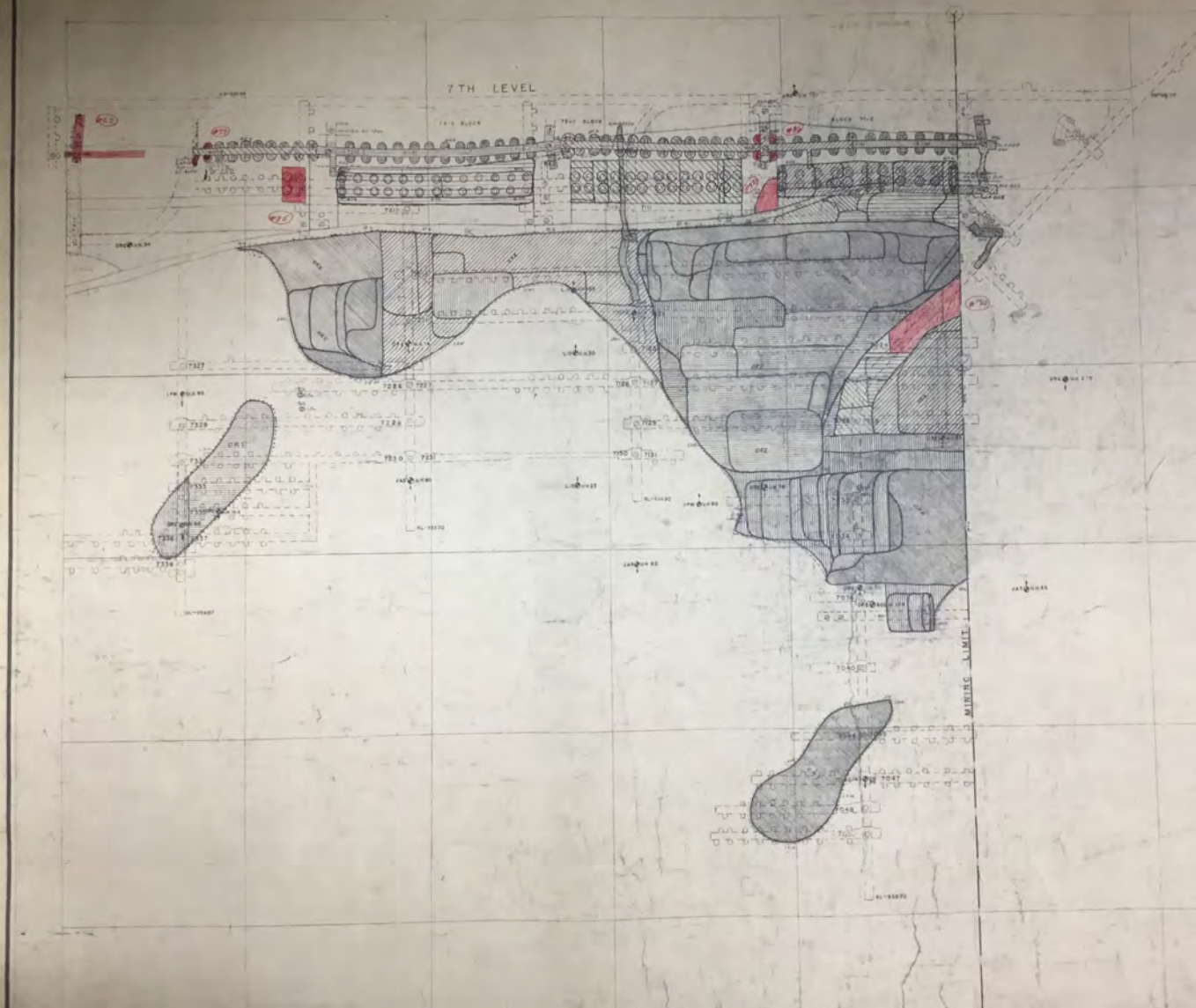
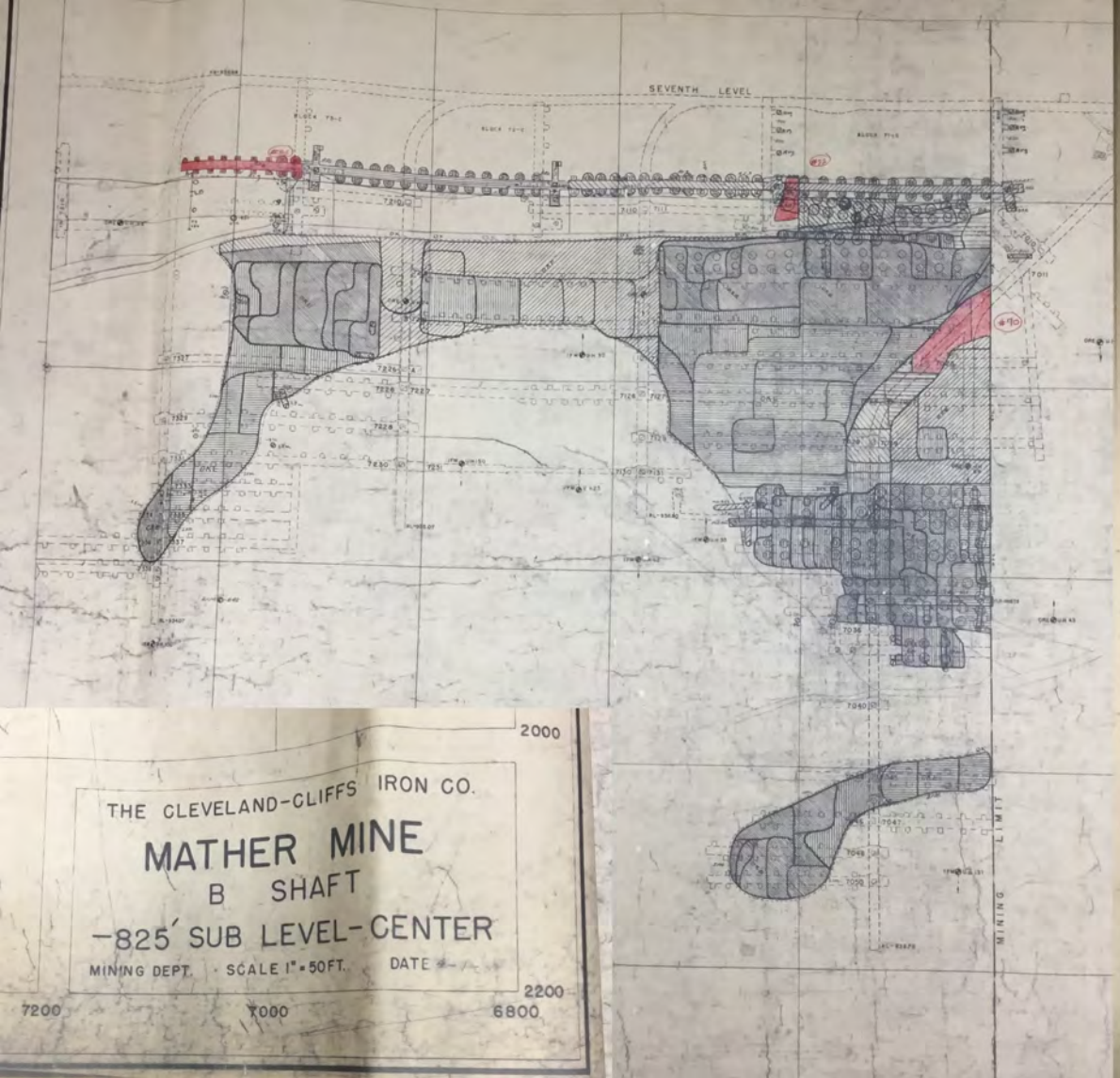




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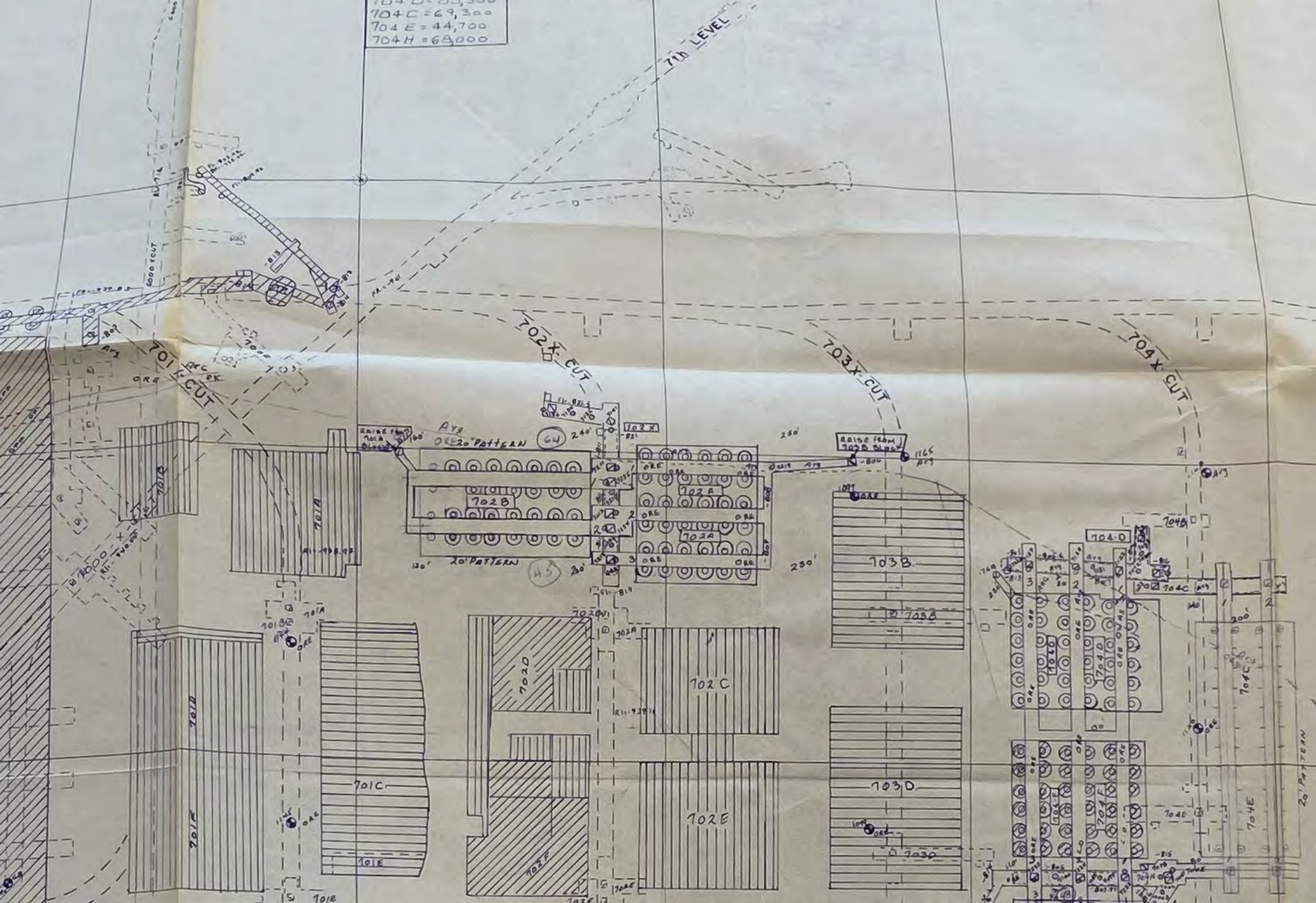




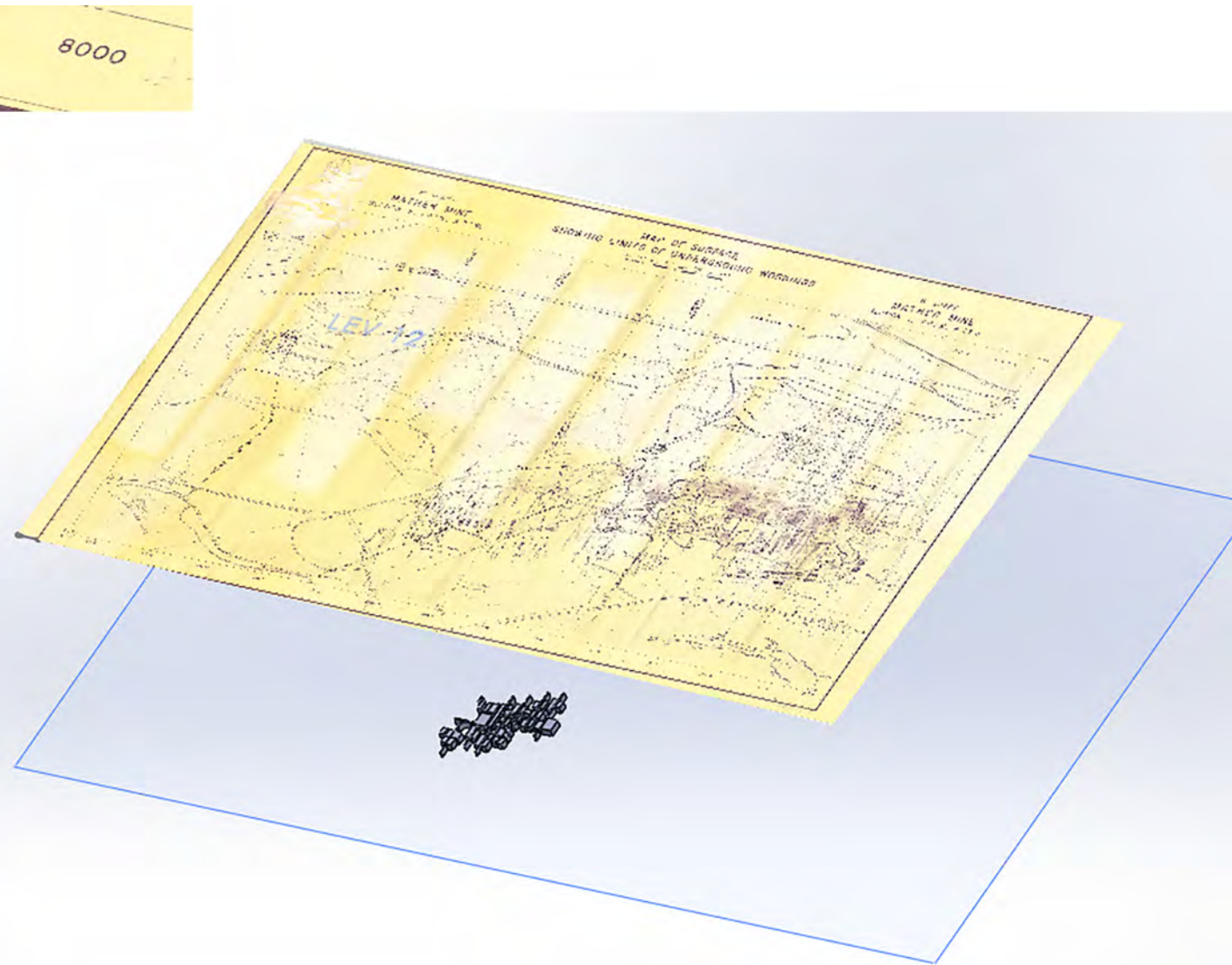
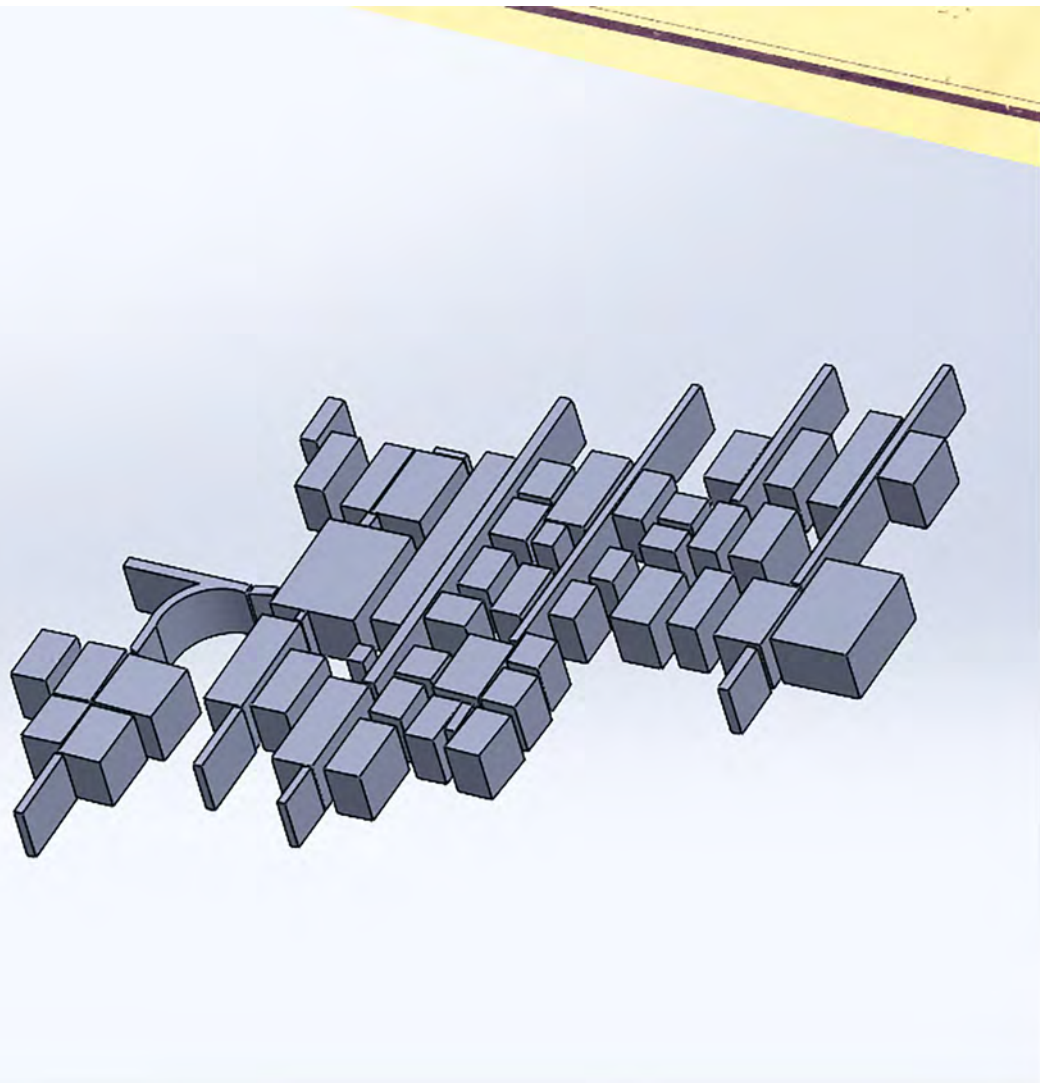


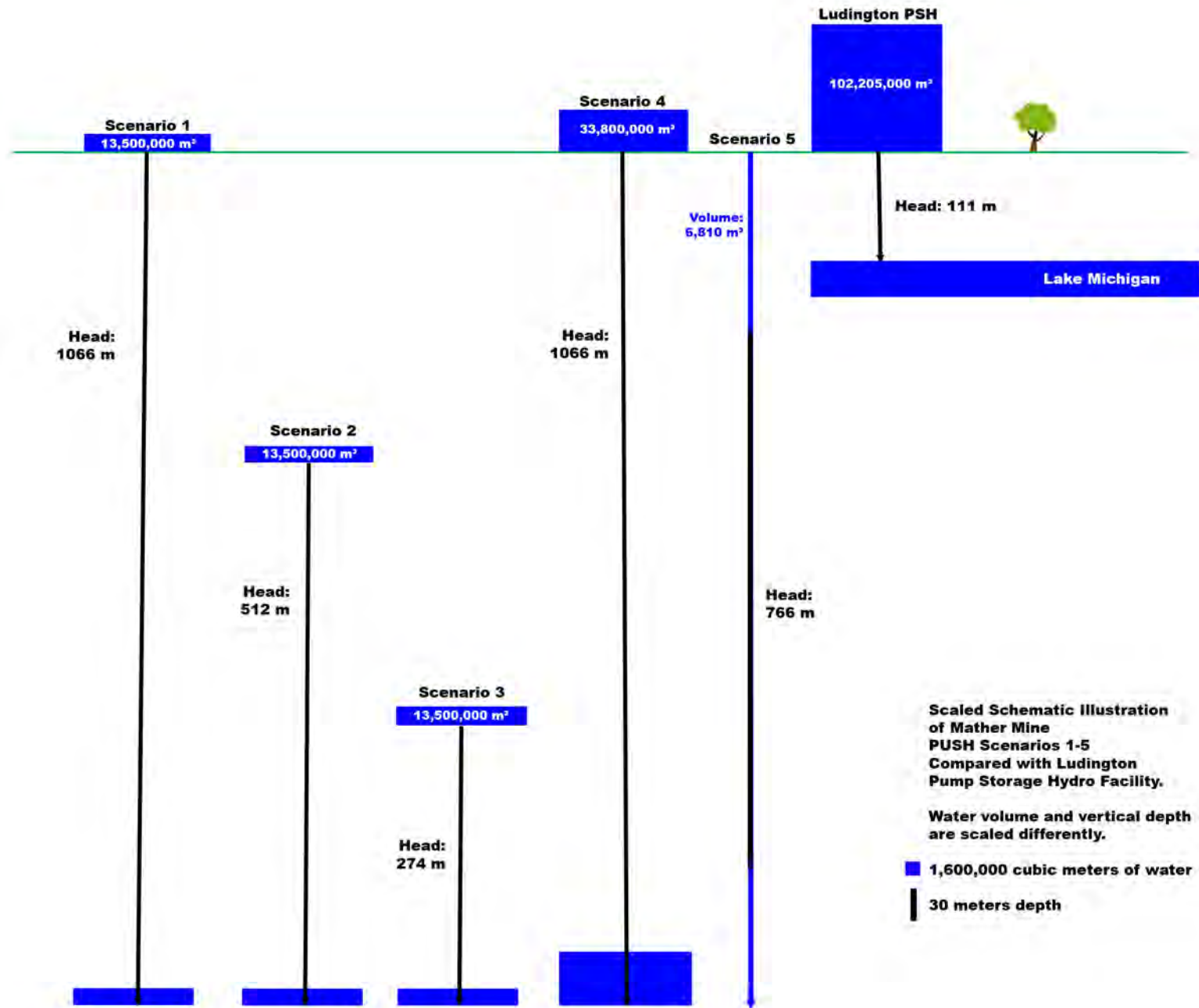


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# Top Hydro Power plants in the World

Rank	Name of Power plant	Generation Capacity (MW)	Type
1	Three Gorges, China	22, 500	Not Pump storage
2	Itaipu, Brazil	14,000	Not Pump storage
3	Xiluodo, China	13,860	Not Pump storage
4	Belo Monte, Brazil	11, 233	Not Pump storage
5	Guri, Venezuela	10,235	Not Pump storage
	<b>PUSH 1 (constrained by shaft size)</b>	<b>9,824</b>	<b>Pump storage</b>
	<b>PUSH 2 (constrained by shaft size)</b>	<b>4,912</b>	<b>Pump Storage</b>
1	Bath county (USA)	3,003	Pump storage
5	Ludington Pumped Storage Plant	1,872	Pump storage

# Technical Results

Volume: 75600 m <sup>3</sup> ; flow rate 10m <sup>3</sup> /sec per shaft ; pumping time: 7hrs; overall efficiency: 80%						
Scenarios	Gross head (m)	Head Loss(Hf) m	Net head(m)	Penstock Dia (m)	Power (MW)	Energy Generated (MWh)
1.1	1,067	101.07	965.92	1.2*3	<b>283.98</b>	<b>1,605.20</b>
2.1	610	57.78	552.21	1.2*3	<b>162.35</b>	<b>917.69</b>
2.2	305	28.89	276.10	1.2*3	<b>81.18</b>	<b>458.84</b>
3b.1	762	72.18	689.81	1.2*3	<b>202.81</b>	<b>1,146.36</b>
4b.1	511	48.40	462.59	1.2*3	<b>136.00</b>	<b>768.75</b>

Table showing the feasibility of daily energy storage under different head scenarios

- ❖ Scenarios based on different heads that are possible in the mines
- ❖ These scenarios make use of existing shafts that are available with minimum modification



# Comparison slide with Ludington

Ludington Power Plant				PUSH in Mather B mine Negaunee			
Total capacity (MW)	Head (m)	Energy Storage (MWh)	Volume of storage (m3)	Total capacity (name plate) (MW)	Head (m)	Energy Storage (MWh)	Available Volume of storage (m3)
2,172 (1,872)	111	752 GWh	102,206,118 (27 billions US gallons)	284	1,067	1,605	25,371,896

- ❖ In terms of name plate estimates PUSH in Mather B is around 1/7 in the capacity of Ludington
- ❖ We are not considering here the full volume that could be utilized in the mine
- ❖ We are only using less than 10% of the volume available in the mine

# Technical Results

- ❖ 15,960 MWh is the average yearly household electricity consumption in Negaunee
- ❖ This is over 3.5 times and 1.5 times the energy storage available in high and low estimate scenario of PUSH
- ❖ Total Average yearly electricity consumption of people living in Negaunee city is 59,083 MWh\*.
- ❖ This 59,083 MWh is roughly equivalent to long term energy storage based on high volume scenarios

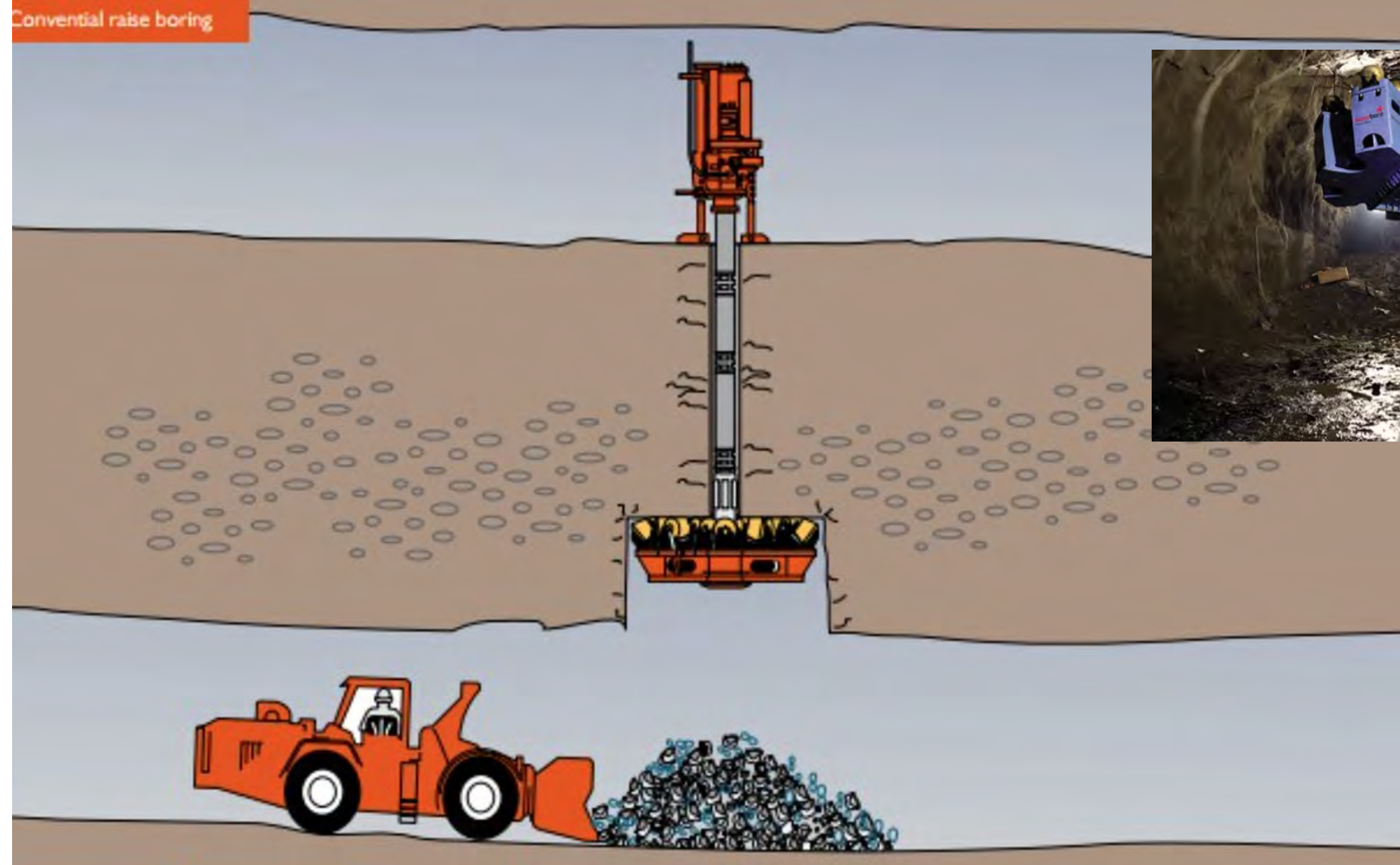
Seasonal Storage	UR and LR vol (m3)	Net Head (m)	Flow rate (one pipe) m <sup>3</sup> /sec	Gen time (hr)	Power (MW)	Total Power Generation
Scenario 1 (High volume estimate)	25,371,896.3	965.92	10	704.77	75.73	53,371 MWh
Scenario 1 (Low volume estimate)	12,685,948.15	965.92	10	352.38	75.73	26,685 MWh

Table showing the feasibility of seasonal energy storage

\* The number is based on average per capita electricity consumption of the US 



# What would it cost to build?





# Revenue with Capital Cost: Not promising?

Scenarios	Power (MW)	Energy Generation (MWh)	Annualized Capital Investment (\$/yr)	Avg Off peak Price per Mwh	Avg On peak price per Mwh	Total Annual Cost (\$)	Revenue Generation (\$)	Profit/Loss (\$)
1.1	284	561,858	29,783,052.51	17.61	25.74	41,380,778	14,462,237	-27,275,485
2.1	162	320,496	16,988,924.32	17.61	25.74	23,739,538	8,249,586	-15,693,561
2.2	81	160,248	\$8,494,462.16	17.61	25.74	12,026,911	4,124,793	-8,003,923
3b.1	203	401,610	21,288,590.35	17.61	25.74	29,668,151	10,337,444	-19,585,847
4b.1	136	269,059	14,262,306.84	17.61	25.74	19,979,929	6,925,578	-13,225,282

Table: Revenue estimate while including the investment and maintenance cost

- ❖ We consider the initial incentives and tax credits for the renewable energy storage

# Revenue with Capital Cost

- ❖ Impact of changing the difference between peak and off peak price
- ❖ The difference in peak and off peak price is likely to go up with influx of more renewable energy
- ❖ Comprehensive valuation can show us the real value of storage

\*PVPR is the peak value price ratio

Item	PVPR* 1:2	PVPR 1:3	PVPR 1:4	PVPR 1:5	Unit
Electricity Revenue	\$19,788,724	\$29,682,984	\$39,577,312	\$49,471,640	\$/Yr
Annual profit	-\$21,949,067	-\$12,054,739	-\$2,160,410	<b>\$7,733,917</b>	\$/Yr
Size of facility	284	284	284	284	MW
Annual stored (produced)	561,858	561,858	561,858	561,858	MWh

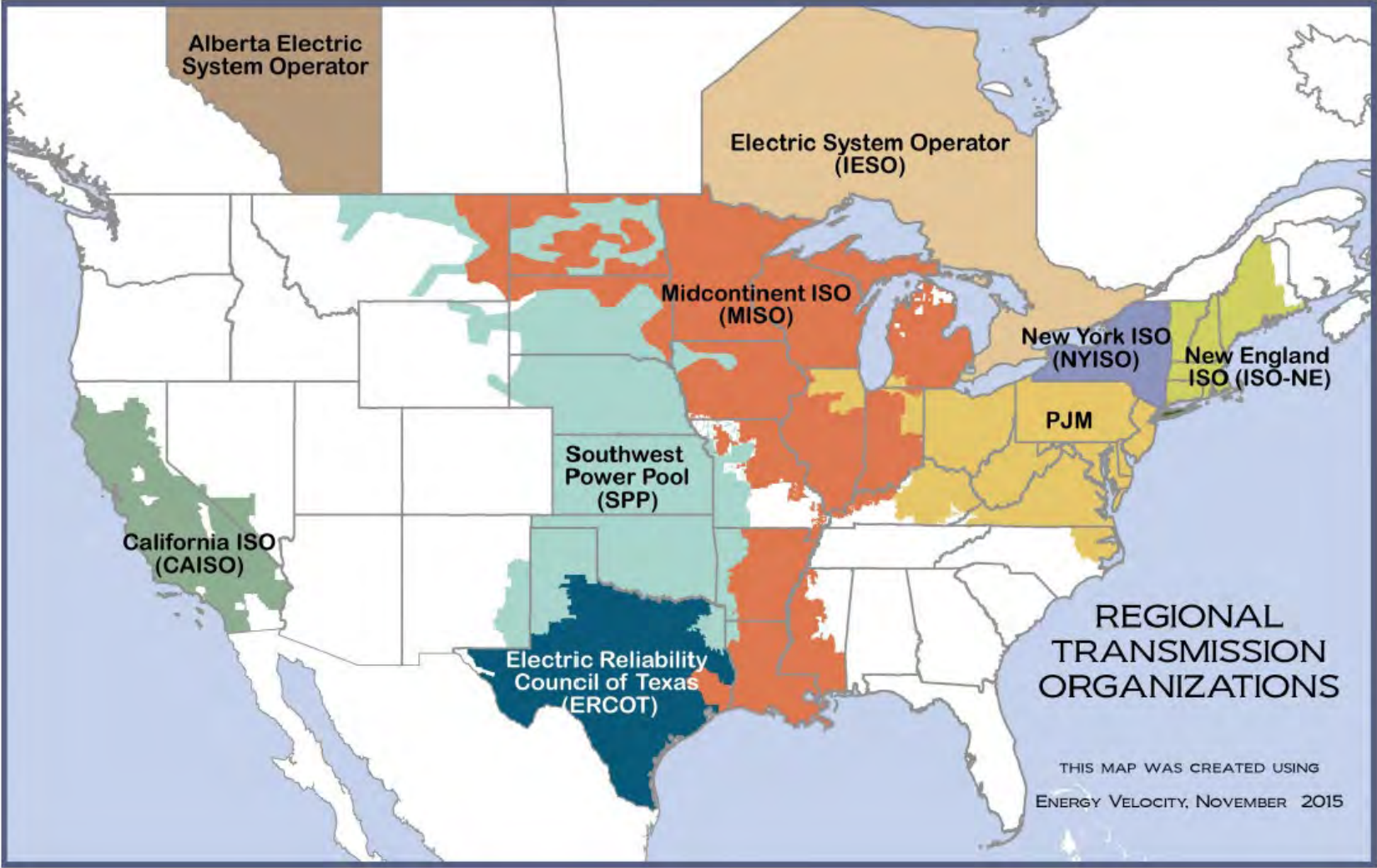
Item	PVPR* 1:2	PVPR 1:3	PVPR 1:4	PVPR 1:5	Unit
Electricity Revenue	\$5,643,947	\$8,465,921	\$11,287,895	\$14,109,869	\$/Yr
Annual profit	-\$6,484,768	-\$3,662,794	-\$840,820	<b>\$1,981,152</b>	\$/Yr
Size of facility	81	81	81	81	MW
Annual stored (produced)	160,248	160,248	160,248	160,248	MWh

Table 6: Annual Revenue estimates with effect of different pricing





# RTO/ISO Map



# What are risks of Environmental Impacts? Water Quality?



# Mine Water Quality Sampling



# Contaminants of Concern

- Mercury
- Other metals
  - Arsenic
  - Cadmium
  - Copper
  - Lead
  - Lithium
- PCBs



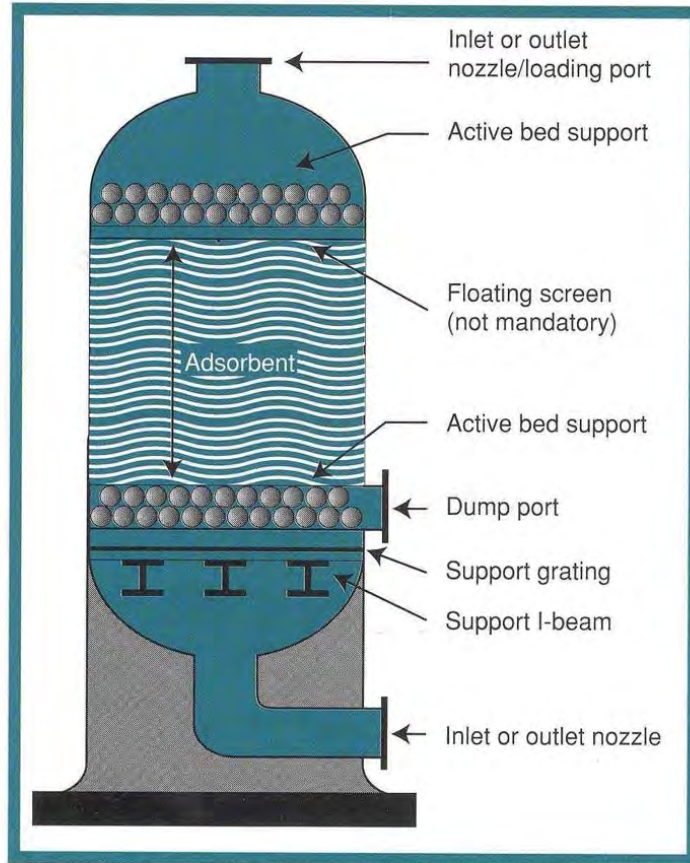


Parameter	Units	Measured Concentration	MDL	
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/L	110	9.1	
pH	pH units	6.9 - 7.0	0.10	
Arsenic	ug/L	ND	0.91	
Cadmium	ug/L	ND	0.27	
Copper	ug/L	ND	4.3	
Lead	ug/L	ND	0.41	
Lithium	ug/L	17	0.40	910
Mercury (LL)	ng/L	0.48 - 0.62	0.332	1.4
PCBs*	ug/L	ND	0.18 - 0.25	

**ND** = Not Detected, **AMV** = Aquatic Maximum Value (EGLE), **MDL** = Method Detection Limit

\*Multiple PCBs were analyzed: 1016, 1221, 1232, 1242, 1248, 1254, 1260

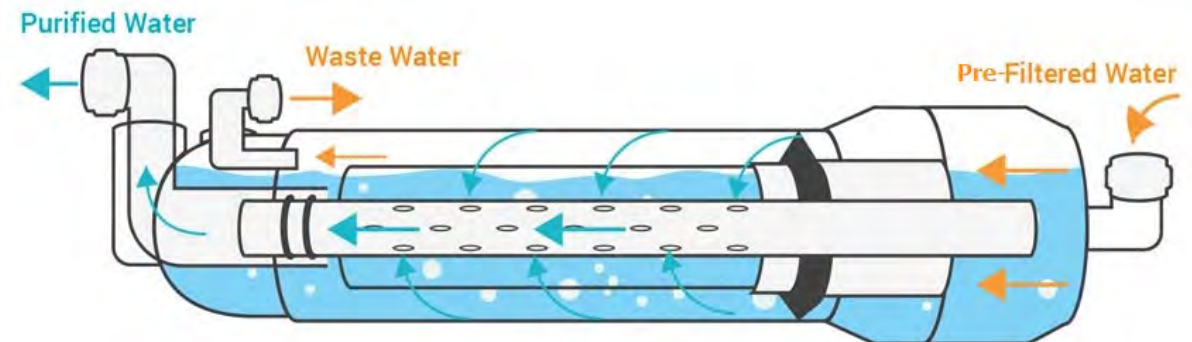
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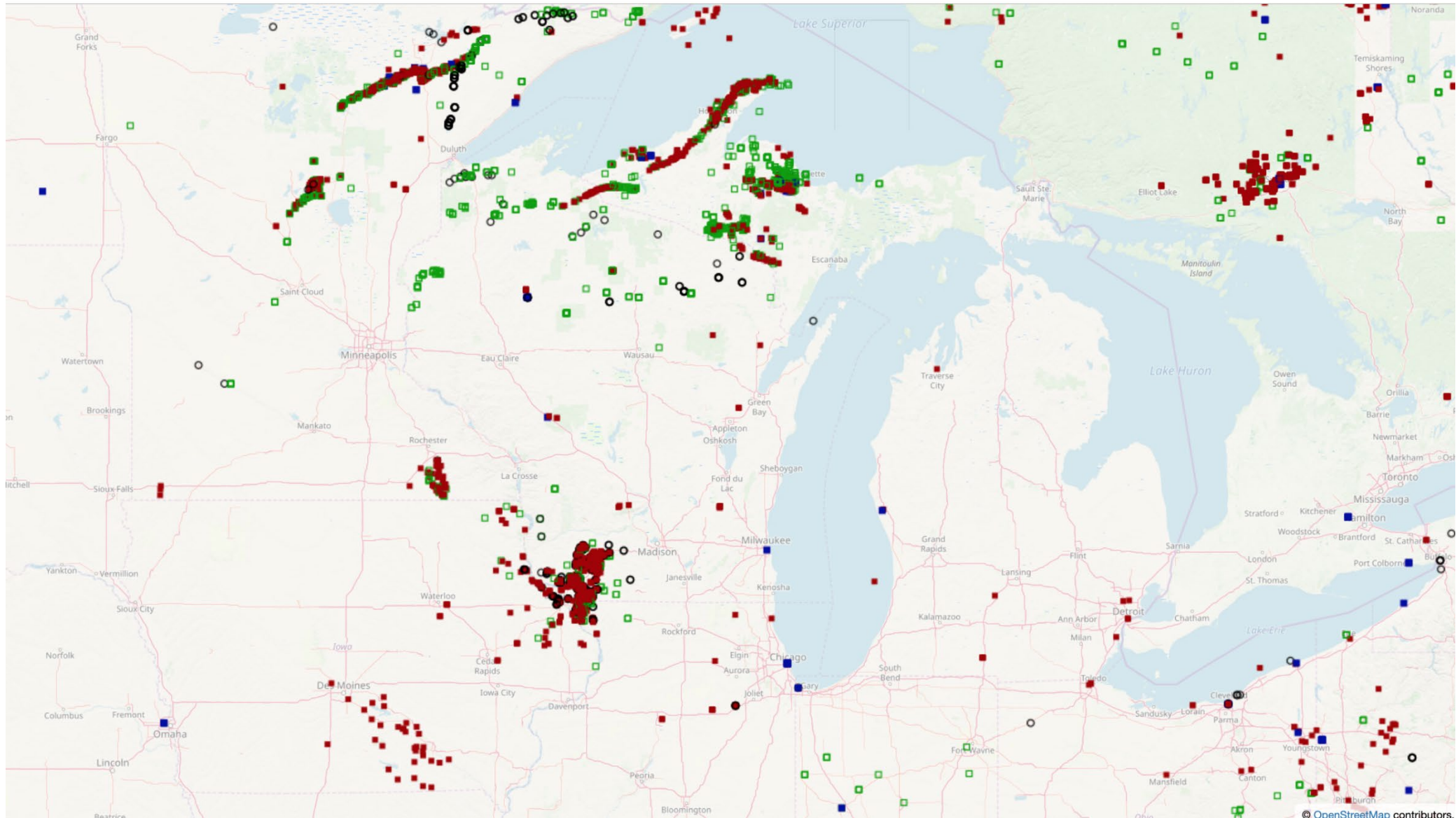
2) Precipitation/co-precipitation (Source: USGS)



3) Membrane filtration  
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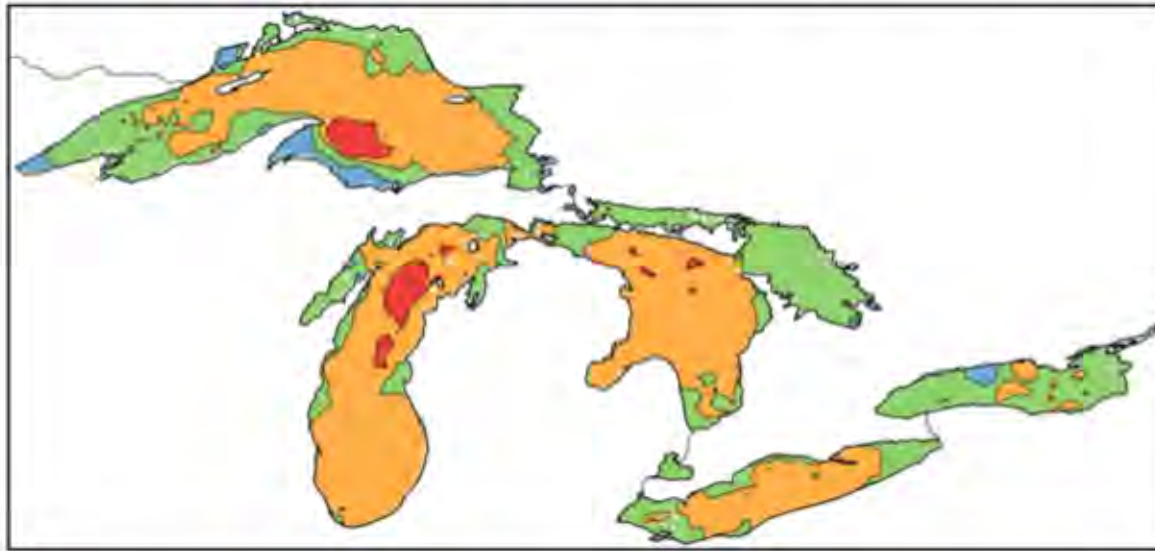
# What did the Mather and Negaunee teach us about the state and the national picture?







# Wind atlas for the Great Lakes



	10 m		25 m		50 m		90 m		150 m	
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Red	< 7.5	< 258	< 8.1	< 326	< 8.6	< 390	< 9.0	< 447	< 9.4	< 509
Orange	< 6.6	< 176	< 7.2	< 229	< 7.6	< 269	< 8.0	< 314	< 8.3	< 350
Green	< 5.8	< 120	< 6.3	< 153	< 6.7	< 184	< 7.0	< 210	< 7.3	< 238
Blue	< 5.0	< 077	< 5.4	< 096	< 5.7	< 113	< 6.0	< 132	< 6.2	< 146

Fig. 12. Observationally-derived wind atlas for the Great Lakes as obtained from QuikSCAT, SAR, coastal stations and buoys. Wind atlas is described both in terms of mean wind speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ) and mean energy density ( $0.5 \rho u^3 \text{Wm}^{-2}$ ) at five heights (10, 25, 50, 90, 150 m). The mean energy density was calculated assuming the given wind speed as constant. Note that nine-point local smoothing was applied to the plot. The classes and coloring conventions used are as in the European Wind Atlas (Troen & Petersen, 1989). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

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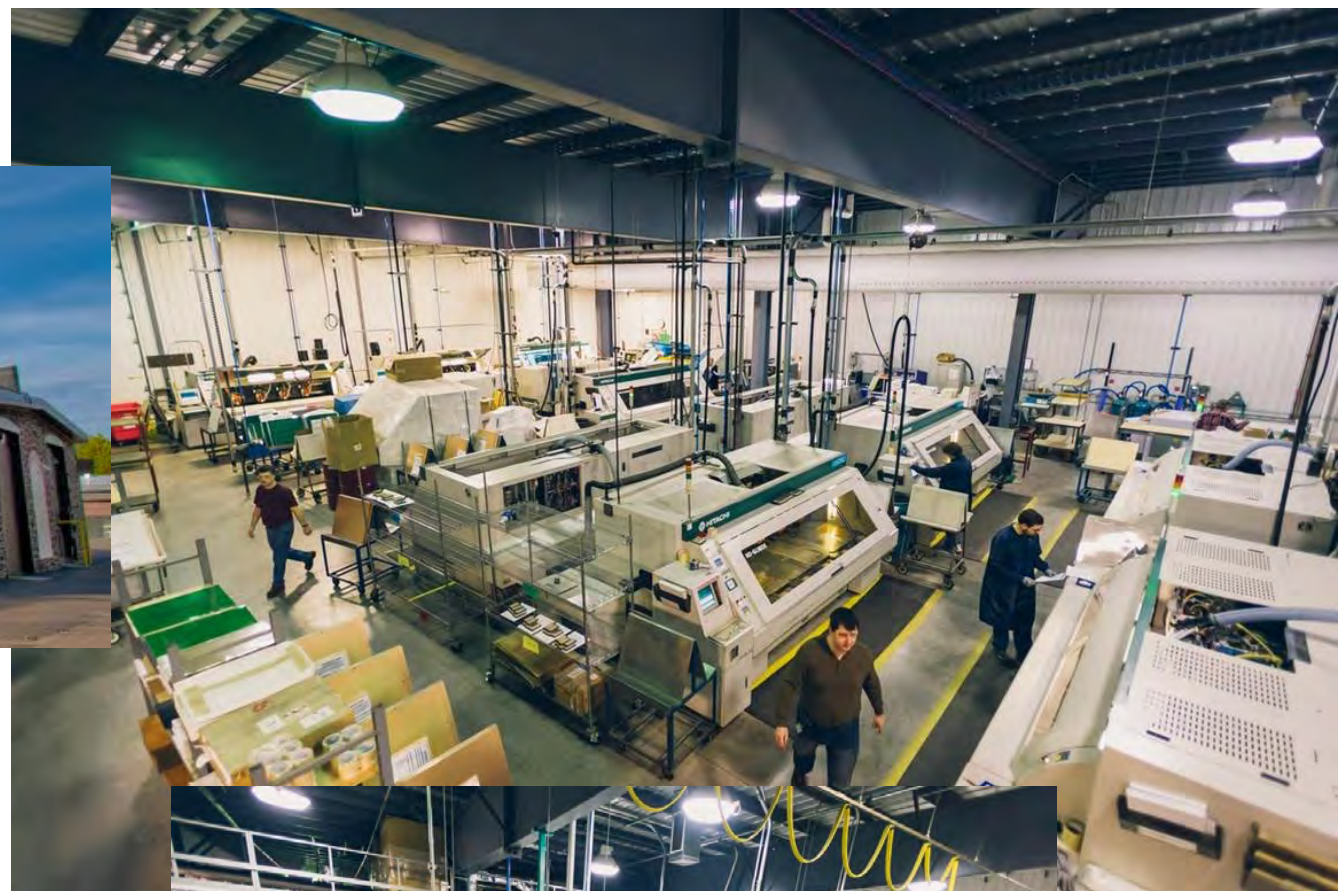
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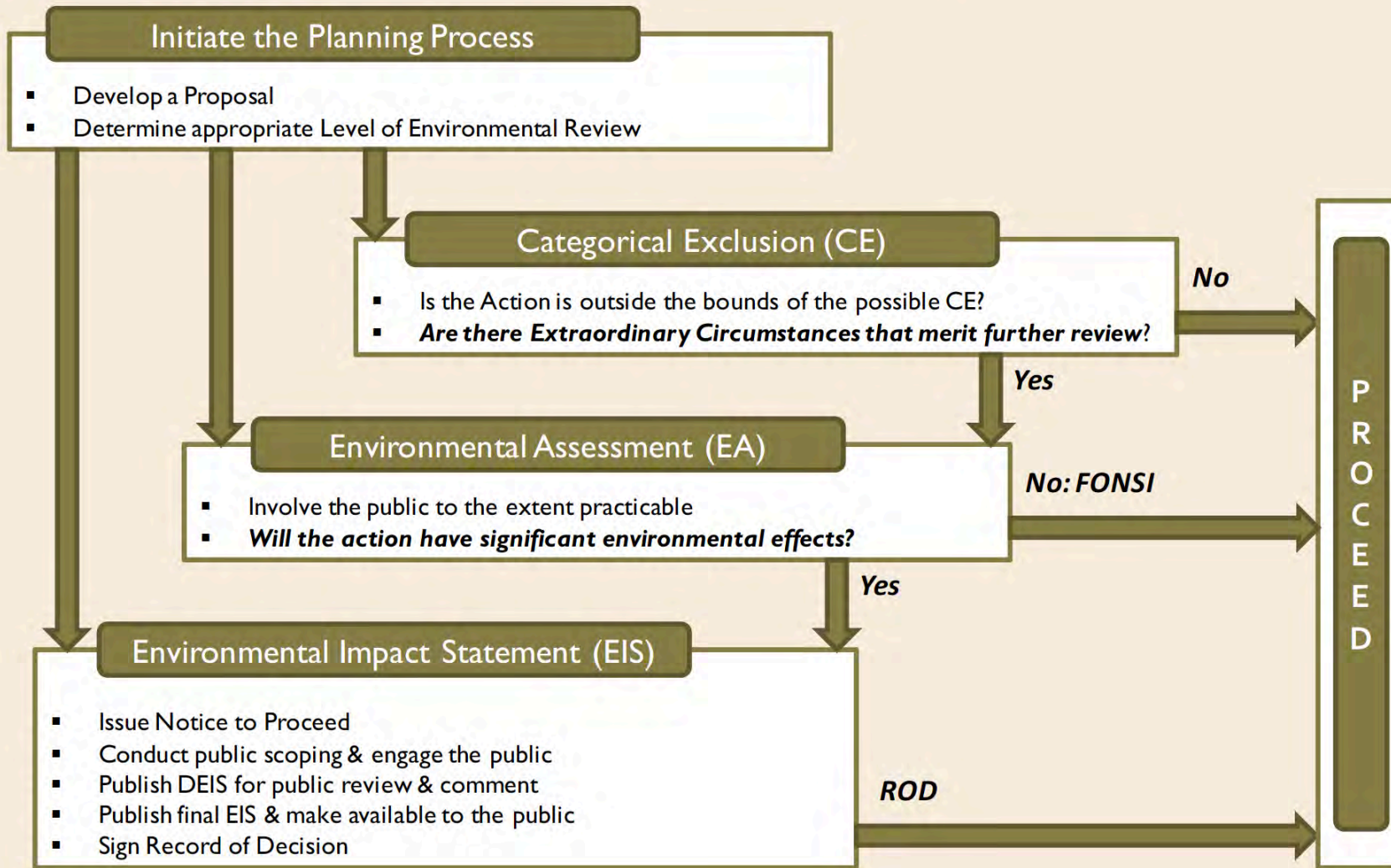
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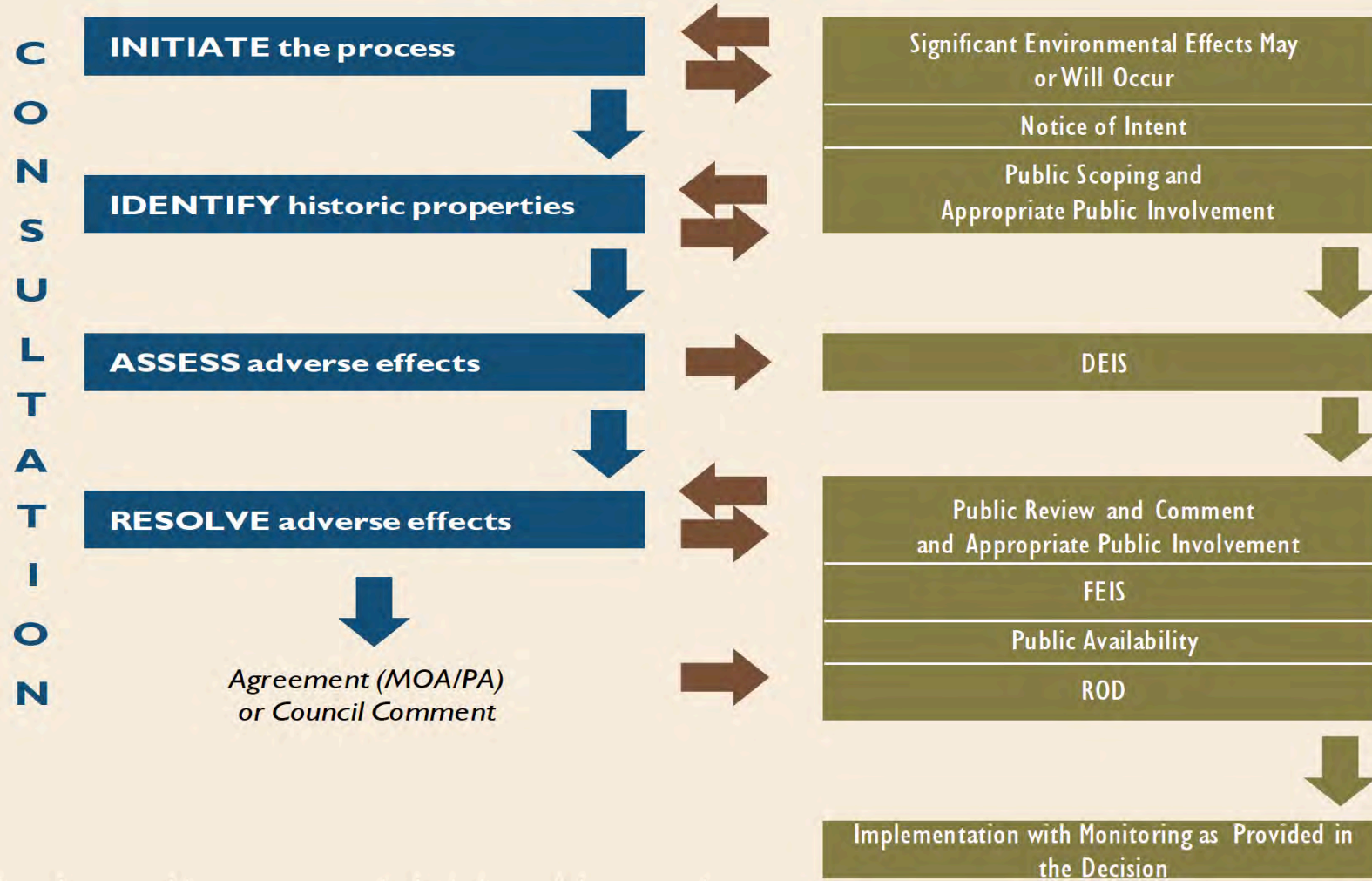




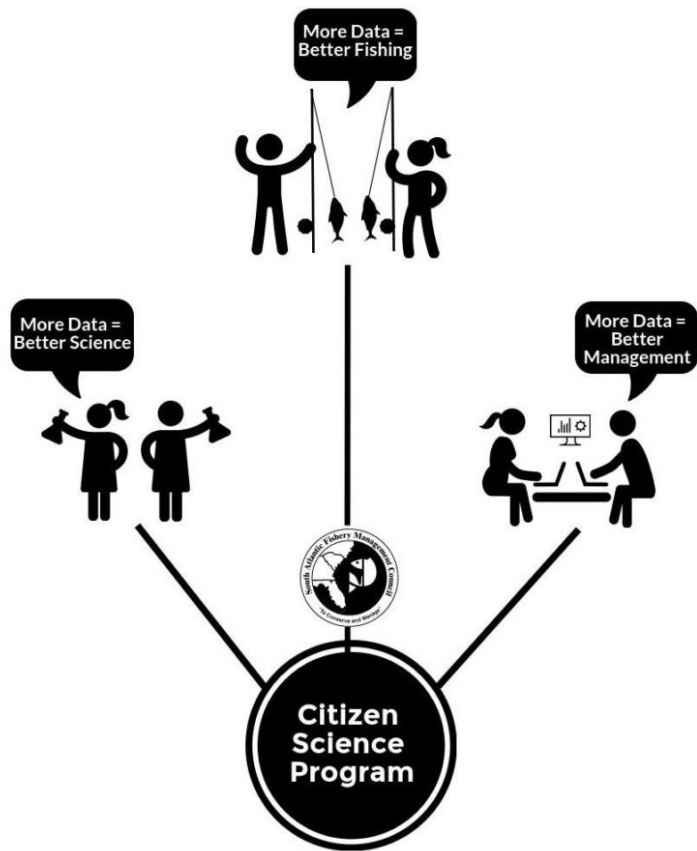
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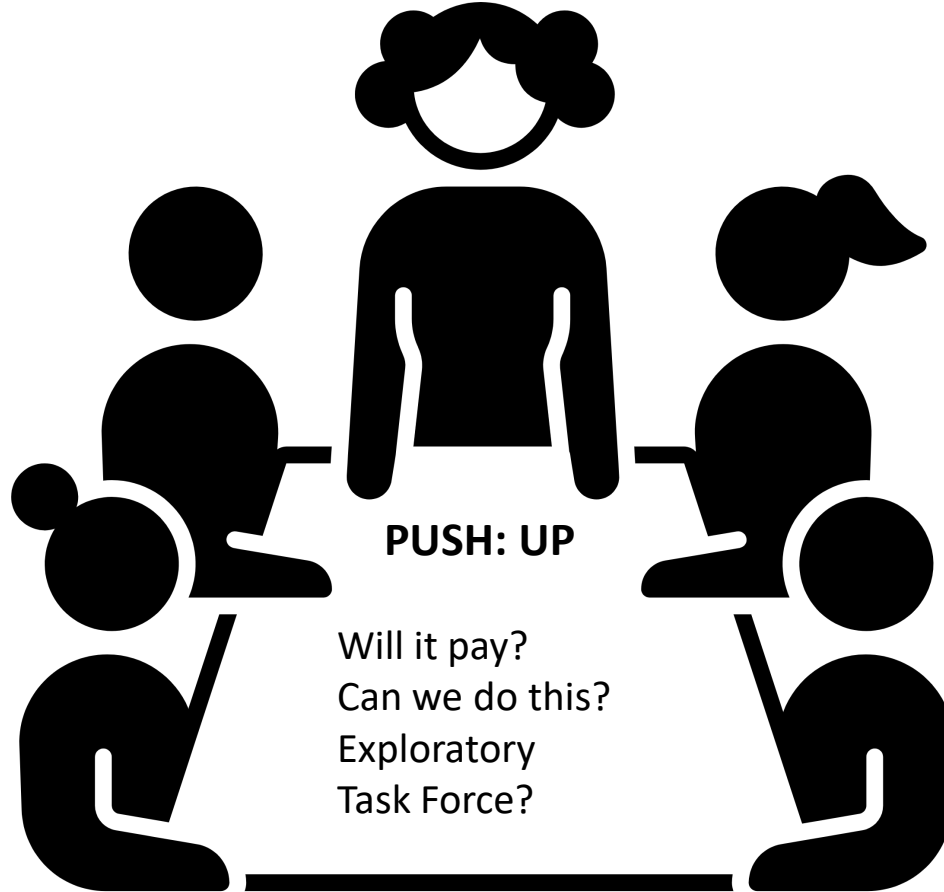
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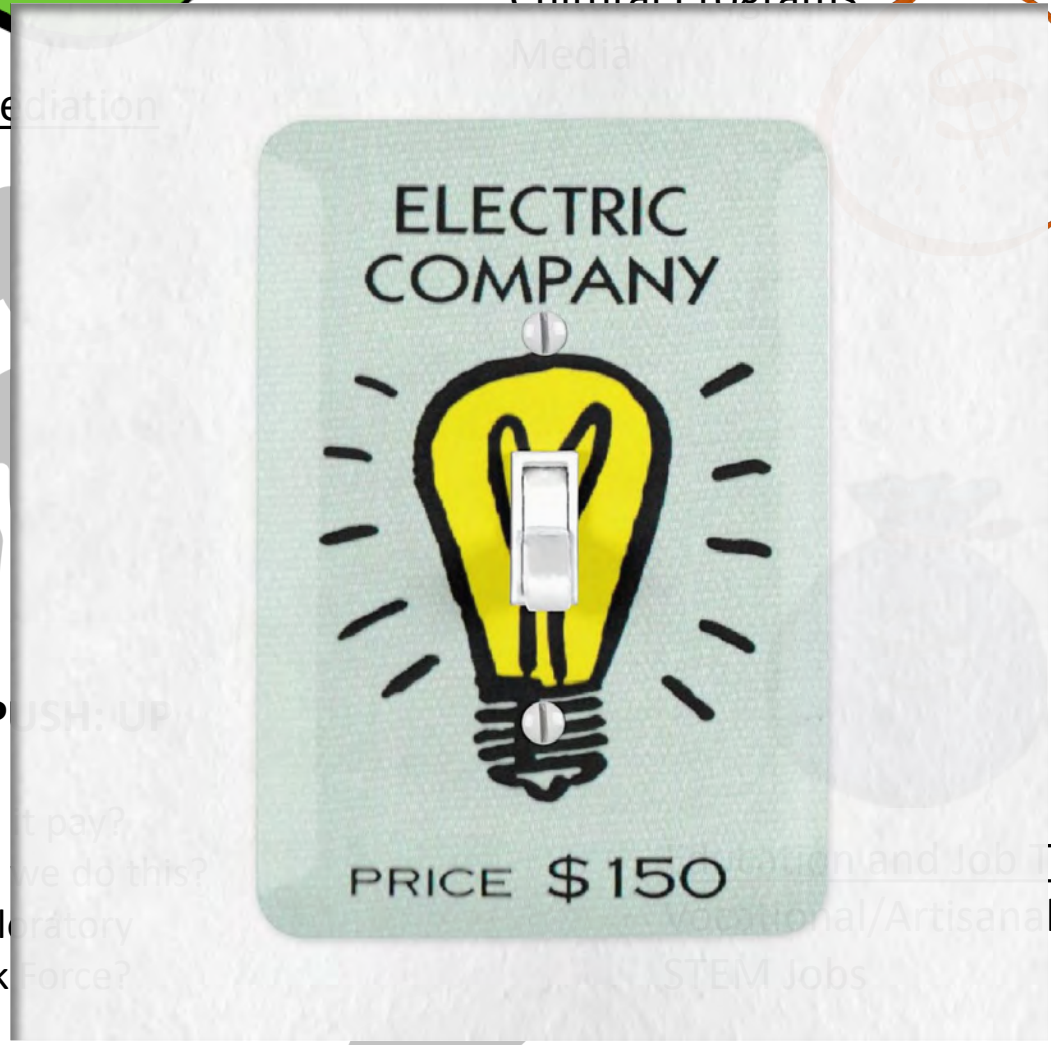
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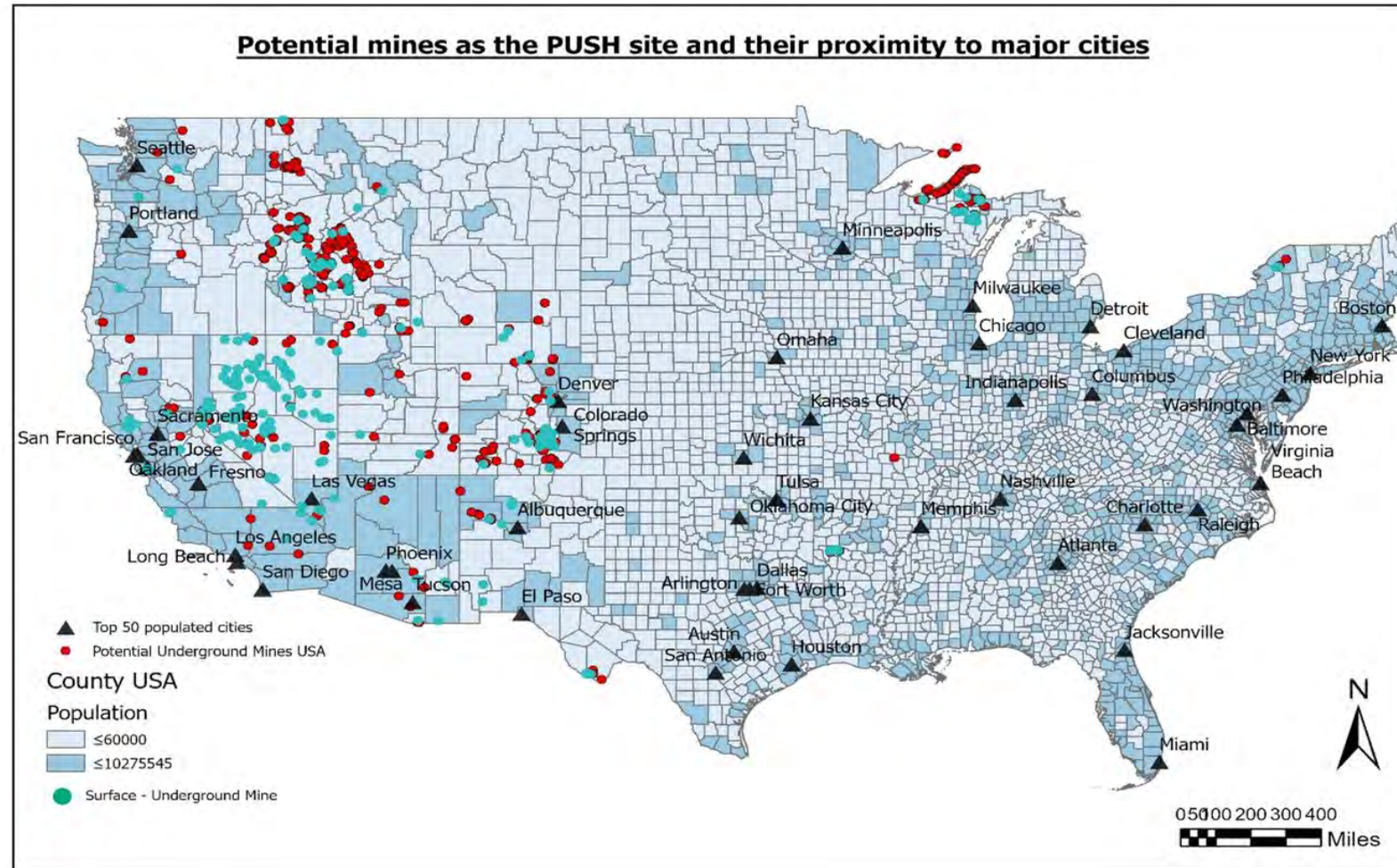
Will it pay?  
Can we do this?  
Exploratory  
Task Force?

and Job Training  
Skills



# Potential PUSH site location with solar map

- ❖ Total 968 mines identified as feasible mines for PUSH development
- ❖ 873 mines are past producing mines and 95 are currently operational
- ❖ 706 mines are completely underground and 262 are semi – underground mines
- ❖ Marquette county have the most mines feasible for PUSH in a county with over 60,000 people



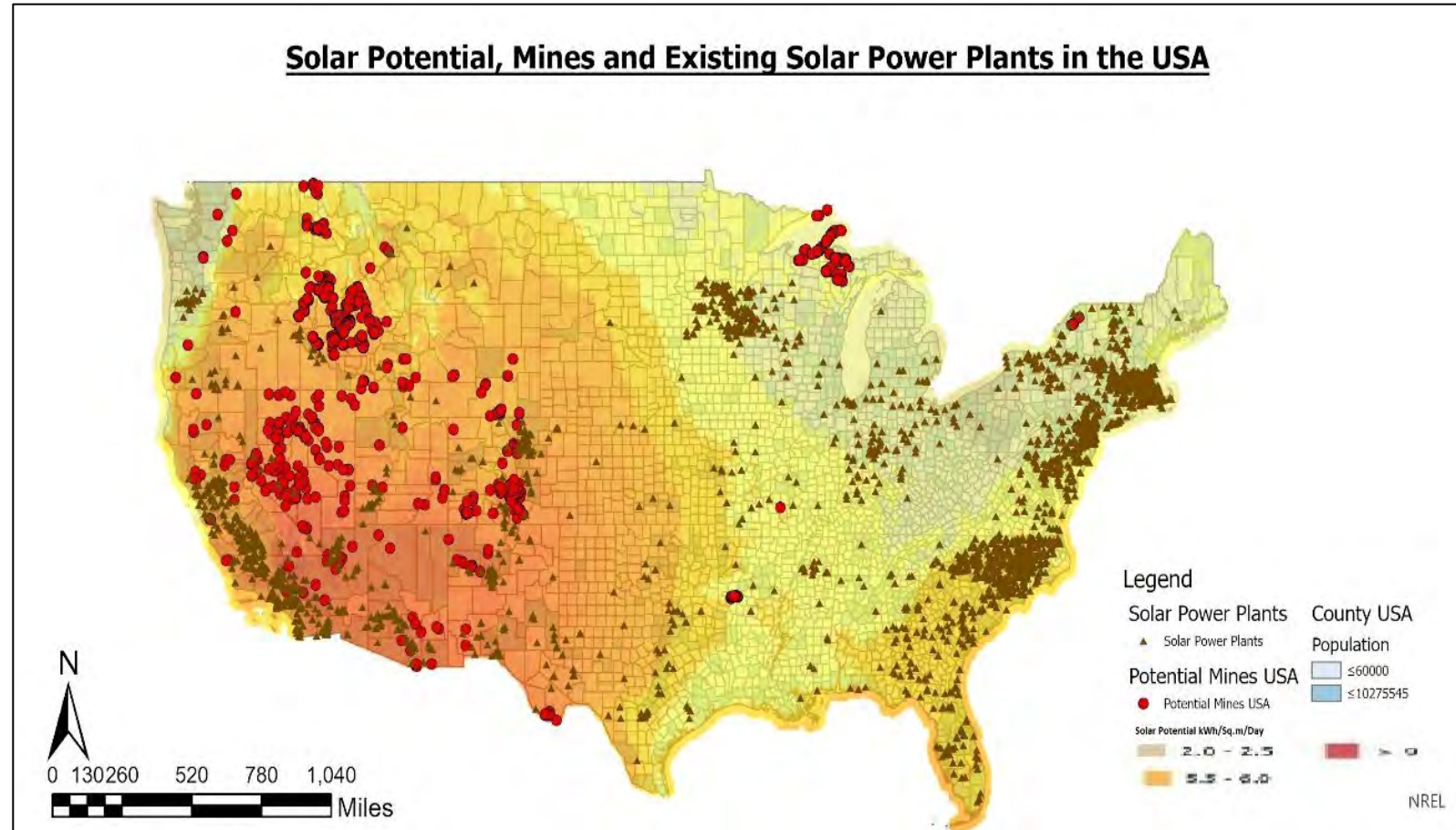
Map showing load centers (cities and counties) with mine location





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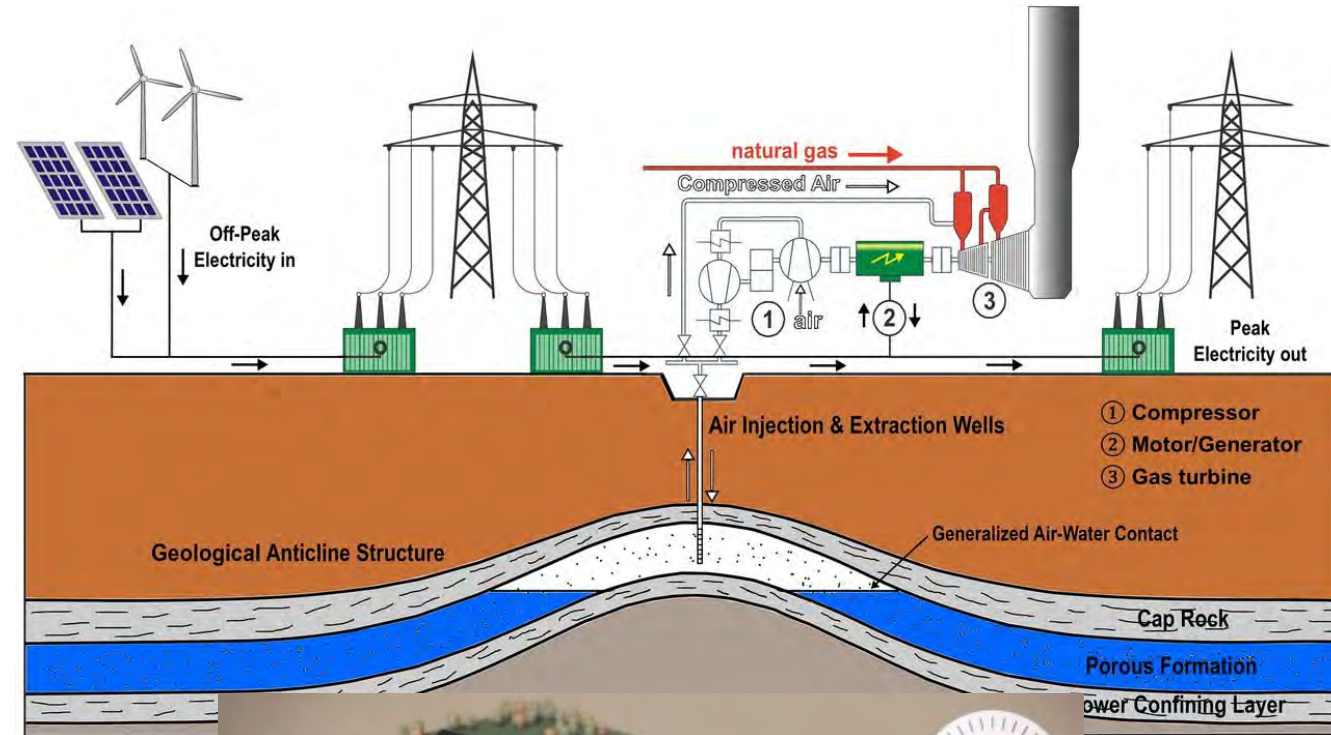
- ❖ The base map is the solar potential map of the USA
- ❖ Most mines are located in UP, west coast of the US and western United States
- ❖ There are potential mines in 15 state of the US
- ❖ Up does not have solar potential however limited solar power plants



Map of mines and solar power plants in the solar potential map of the US

# Not only PUSH: Other maturing tech systems:

Compressed air storage

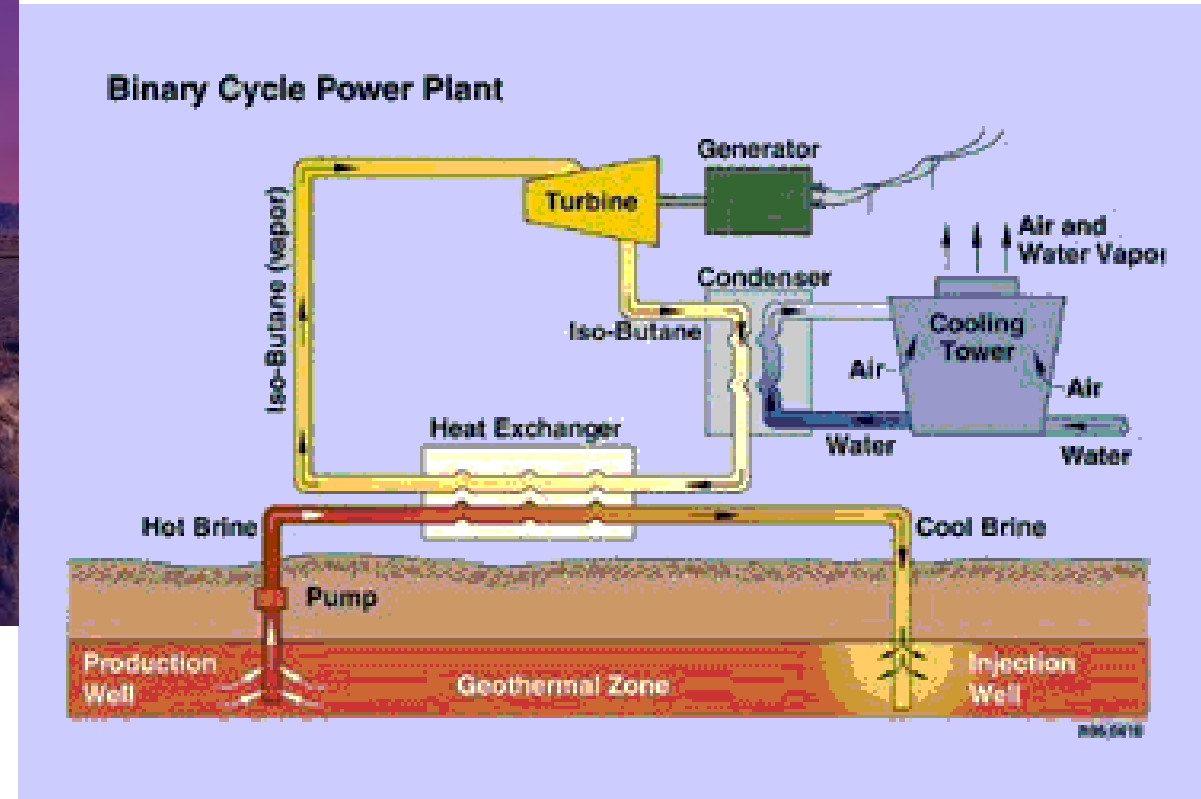




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Binary cycle geothermal generation (“low-differential thermal”)



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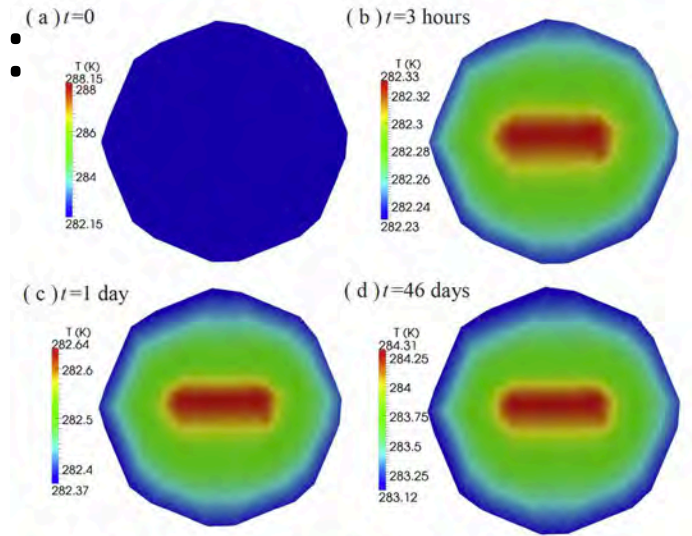
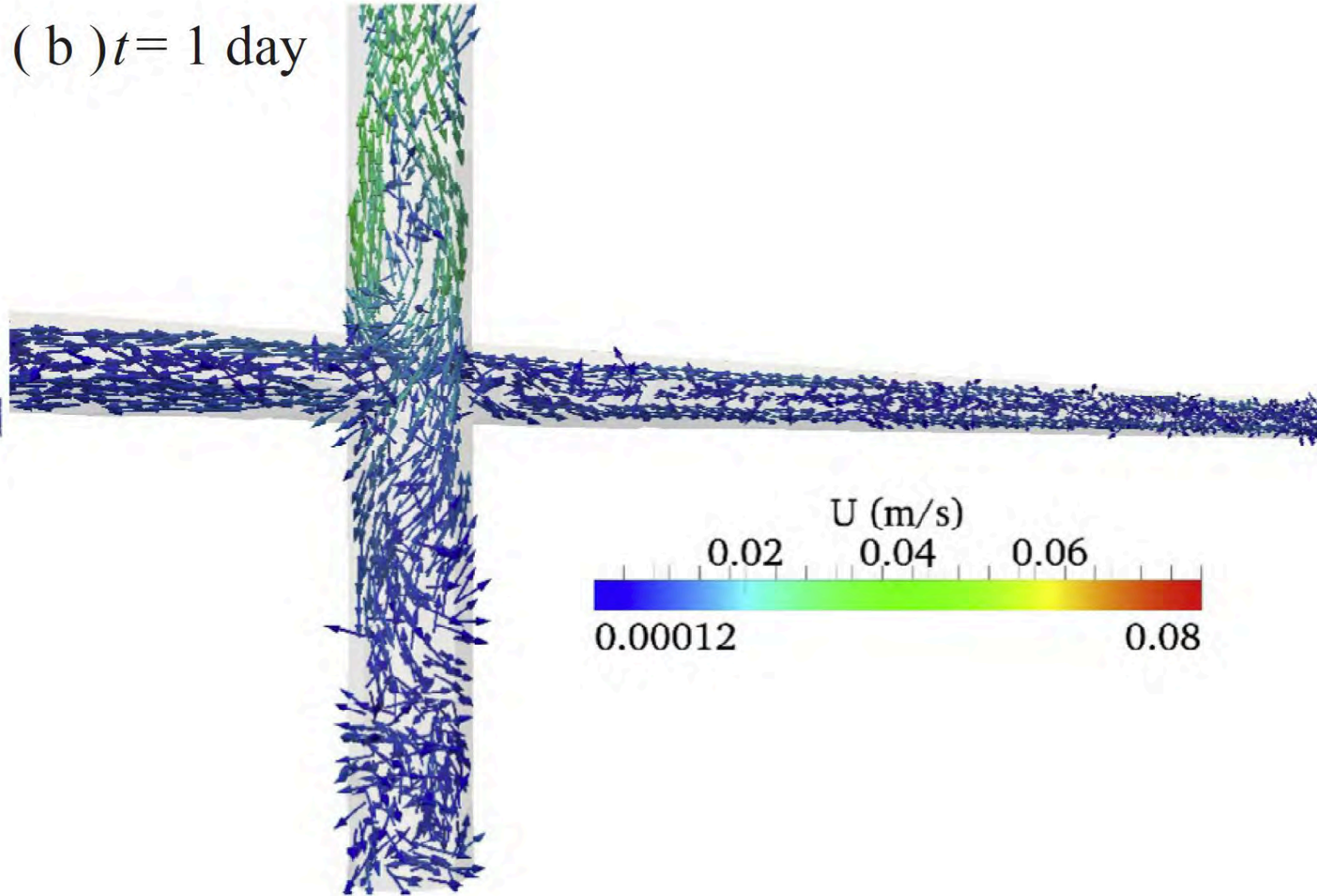
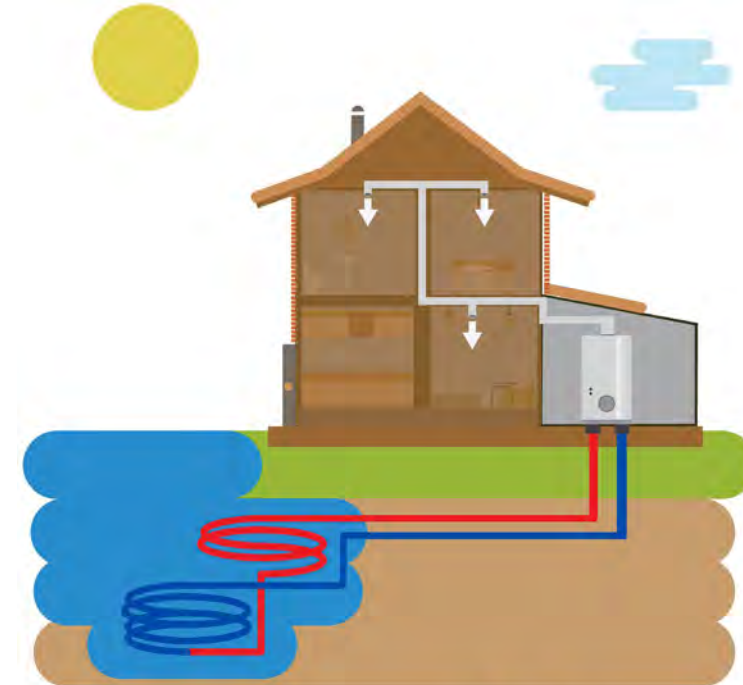


Fig. 10. Temperature contours in cross-sections at the top of the water body at different times.





# Thank you!

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