New Mexico Bureau of Geology/Office of State Engineer Hydrogeologic Studies in the Espanola Basin – Status Report

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- Basic data collection
 - Well and aquifer data compilation
 - Santa Fe County hydrogeologic reports, MWB, City of Santa Fe, USGS GWSI, NMED UST/SWB/DWB, private consultants, well drillers
 - Location, well, water level, and hydraulic data
 - ~300 new measurements 2003-2004 sites with historic data
 - Good location control (GPS or map-derived coordinates), GIS ready
 - Access 2003 database >400 data entries but still incomplete

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- Basic data collection
 - Improved geologic data descriptions/compilation
 - 1:24,000-scale lithosome and facies mapping in Tesuque and Ancha Fms – grain size, cementation, faults
 - 1:50,000 geologic map compilation incorporating 8 quadrangles
 - Monitor well installation Archery Range, Buckman, Santa Fe River, Rodeo Grounds
 - ArcGIS digital products

- Hydrogeologic Interpretations
 - Measured stratigraphic section through Tesuque Fm, mountain front to Yates-La Mesa #2 – correlates surface outcrop to subsurface intervals in YLM #2
 - Fault characterization at San Isidro
 - Permeability and grain size characteristics
 - Hydrostratigraphic base of Ancha Formation and saturated thickness
 - Channels in Ancha Fm
 - Ancestral Santa Fe River
 - Mountain front to basin grain size trends "trending anisotropy"
 - Compartmentalization San Isidro fault, mountain front faults, dipping beds

- Water Levels and Recent Hydrologic Conditions
 - Monitoring Network
 - 40 new and replacement well locations
 - Capitalize on historic data
 - Expansion in Cieneguilla, I-25/South 14 corridor, La Tierra, Los Campanos, South Santa Fe, Southern Embayment, Tano Road, West Santa Fe
 - Objective to monitor regional conditions, effects of well fields and regional development, changes in discharge areas
 - Potentiometric Surface
 - Well field drawdowns "zone of influence"
 - Effects of compartmentalization
 - Water Level Changes
 - Vertical Gradients

Region	Total	5-Year	Annual	Recorder/ Monthly	Multilevel Piezometer	Deleted	Added
Agua Fria	5	-	5	-	-	4	-
Arroyo Hondo	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
Buckman	7	-	2	5	4	-	1
Cieneguilla	3	3	-	-	-	-	2
East Santa Fe	6	5	1	-	-	-	-
El Dorado	2	2	-	-	-	-	*
I-25/S-14 Corridor	8	5	2	1	-	-	4
La Bajada	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
La Cienega	2	2	-	-	-	1	1
La Tierra	6	4	2	-	-	-	4
Los Campanos	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
MtnFront/E SFe	0	-	-	-	-	7	-
Picture Rock	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
MtnFront/South	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
South Santa Fe	6	4	2	-	-	-	2
Santa Fe	8	-	7	1	1	3	-
SF Opera	2	2	-	-	-	1	1
Southern Embay	13	10	3	-	-	2	5
SW Santa Fe	5	-	5	-	-	4	2
Tano Rd	7	2	4	1	1	-	7
Tesuque Pueblo	2	2	-	-		-	-
Tesuque	8	7	1	0	0	7	6
Tesuque South	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
W Santa Fe	5	4	-	1	1	-	4
TOTALS	106	58	39	9	7	28	40

* = additional monitor wells needed

Hydrogeologic Issues

- Influence of faults and dipping structures on regional groundwater flow, well field drawdowns?
- Where is aquifer compartmentalization occurring and what is the geologic control?
- Improvements on three-dimensional architecture and permeability of Tesuque/Ancha Fms?
- Status of water levels Santa Fe & Buckman well fields?

Water Level Declines

- Rates vary significantly; NO coalescing drawdown between Santa Fe and Buckman fields
- Santa Fe River field: elliptical drawdown cone elongate N-S, highest decline north of City (6.4 ft/yr for past 6 years)
- Buckman field: 9-10 ft/yr over last 15 yrs, extends as far as El Prado at 2 ft/yr (9-yr record)

General Observations

- Quality & distribution of well data variable
 - Data gaps on federal, pueblo, and ranch lands
 - Partially penetrating wells with minimal deep aquifer data
 - Piezometer installation critical
- Aquifer compartmentalization, heterogeneity, and anisotropy all control regional flow and resource development
- Lithosome mapping can improve permeability distribution and modeling
 - "Observed" permeability differences between lithosomes – more analysis to be done