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Paul, I understand from the call today that we sent you a link to the modeling effort on Gunnison that did not work out, for the layer(S) that we later used to indicate a hot spot but it is in an area that is not very close to a well. Sam or Rich, can you help out with this please? Rich I vaguely remember you saying something about an orphaned link some months ago when some of our IT changes were taking effect.

I have attached the power point slides that Rich spoke from way back when, and the areas of interest to Paul are to the south, near the Tomichi creek. If you look at slide 5 you can see a lack of monitoring wells to the south but slide 6 which was used in the modeling shows a number of wells in that area. Also, if you look at slides 12-14 you will see the 'hot spot' referred to by Paul, so his concern is that it was derived without many wells, but they are shown in slide 6.

Paul also indicated that he remembered from our modeling that the plume goes under the Tomichi creek, which I didn't remember. As shown in the slides, it does dive down under the West Fork of the Gunnison from the island area, and a bit south of the creek as well, but this is beyond the boundaries of any wells and more than liekly a mathematical artifact from the kriging done with Surfer rather than representing reality. The model boundaries extend well beyond the well coverage in order to eliminate other model problems. The edges of a model are understood by the math as a 'no flow' boundary, and that has a meaning that is not reflected in reality that would skew the results and you would never be able to converge on the observed data.

Rich, can you maybe call Paul and discuss his concerns again since it has been a while since we responded to his GCAP comments? I'll be happy to sit in although it is now Joe's site since I was on it at that time.

Thanks!

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Groundwater Modeling and UMTRA

- Groundwater PEIS
- Site Observational Work Plan (like RI)
- Groundwater Compliance Action Plan(like F/S)
- NRC or agreement State acceptance

Groundwater Modeling - Gunnison



Figure 1. Location of the Gunnison Sile

Satellite overview



Gunnison Industrial Area



Potentiometric Surface Map



Model Boundaries and Features



Recharge Zonation





Model Results



Model Residuals

Residual vs. Observed Head



Model Correlation

Computed vs.Observed Head



Sensitivity Analysis



Recharge Zone 1 Sensitivity Analysis



Shallow Uranium Contamination



Initial Conc. (mg/L) Zone Value 8006 0.882				
7001	. -	0.104		
600 ⁻	. -	4.150e-002		
500°		3.071e-002		
4001		2.416e-002		
3001	- -	1.923e-002		
2001	L .	1.463e-002		
1001	. -	1.054e-002		
1		7.000e-003		

Intermediate Uranium Contamination



Initial Conc. (mg/L) Zone Value 8006 0.882			
7001	0.104		
6001	4.150e-002		
5001	3.071e-002		
4001	2.416e-002		
3001	1.923e-002		
2001	1.463e-002		
1001	1.054e-002		
1	7.000e-003		

Deep Uranium Contamination



Initial Conc. (mg/L) Zone Value 8006 0.882			
7001	0.104		
6001	4.150e-002		
5001	3.071e-002		
4001	2.416e-002		
3001	1.923e-002		
2001	1.463e-002		
1001	1.054e-002		
1	7.000e-003		

Conclusions

- Steady State model to match observations
- Stochastic model to determine uncertainty
- Transport based on advection, sorption
- 100 years of flushing adequate