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Interim Committee - Bear River  
Working Group**

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# Soda Springs



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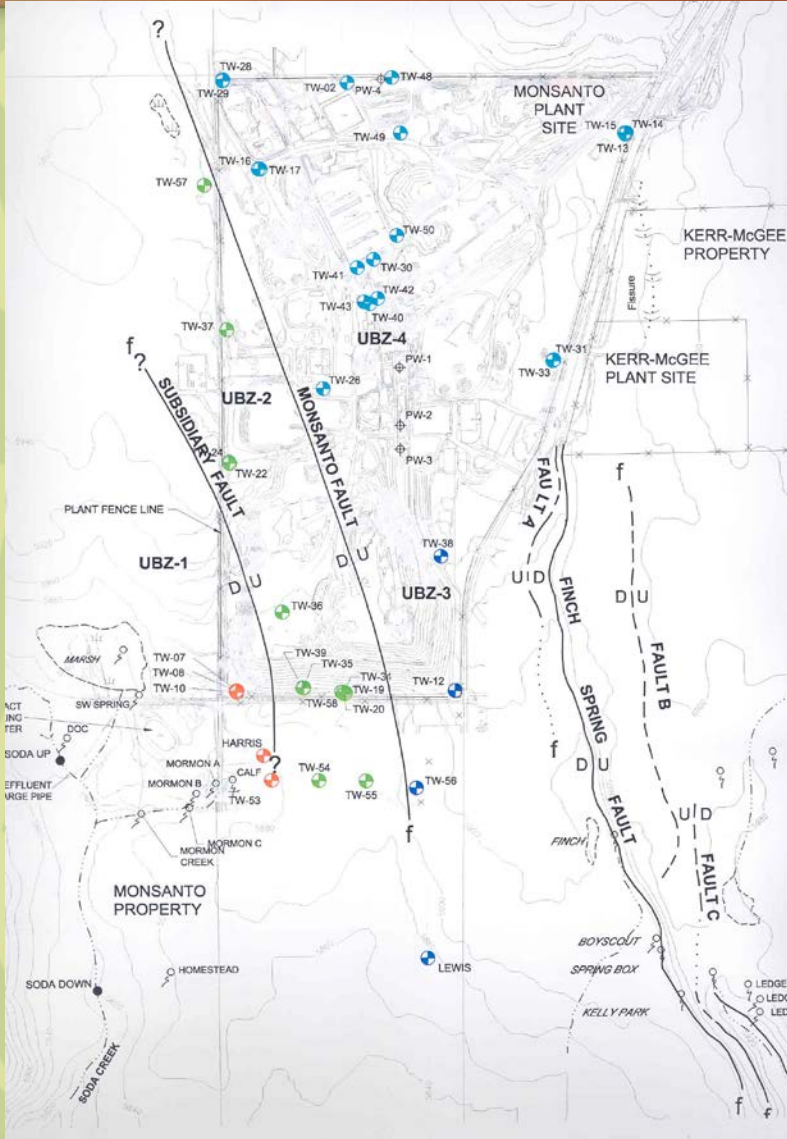


**“Tosoiba” –**

**Land of sparkling  
waters**

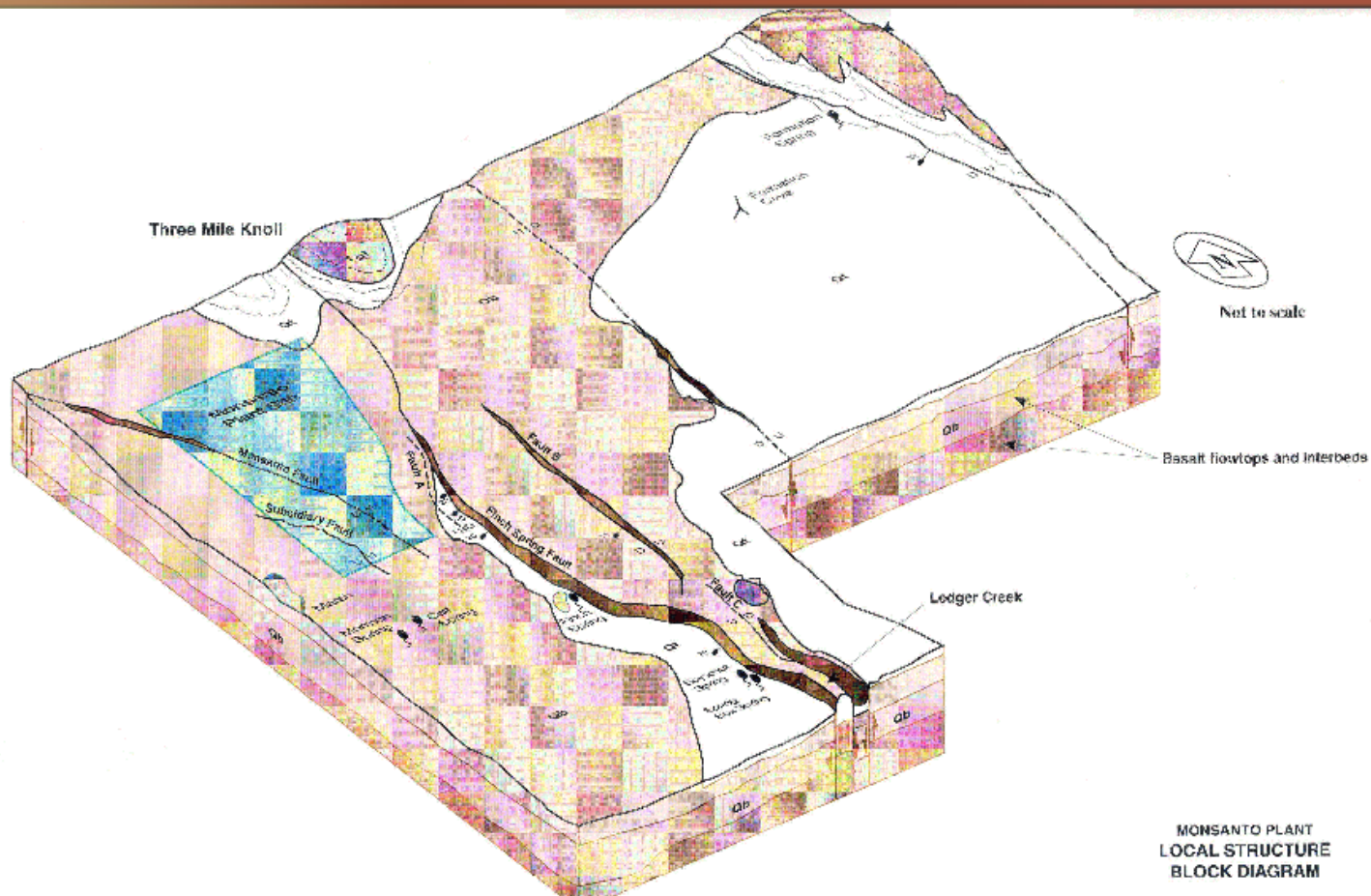
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Monsanto has spent **millions of \$** characterizing and monitoring the aquifer(s) in and around our operations, including the installation of nearly **60** monitoring wells.



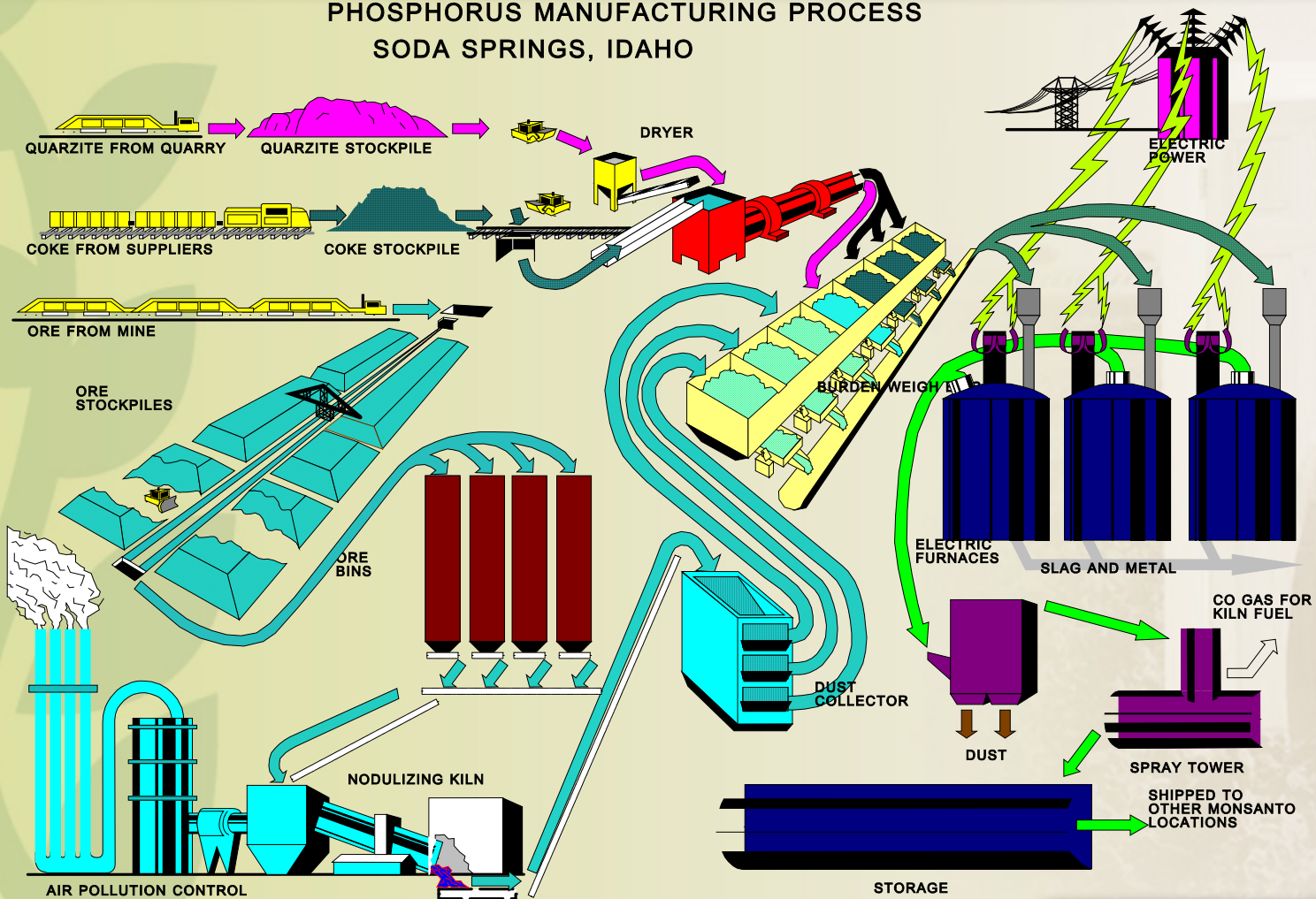


Understanding the hydro-geology in and around Monsanto's operations has been a key component of our business for decades now.

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# PHOSPHORUS MANUFACTURING PROCESS SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO



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**Cooling water** – The electrodes in Monsanto's electric arc furnaces burn at temperatures as high as 14,000 degrees F., hot enough to melt rock into liquid.

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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.**





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- **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.**

