# **Public Briefing**

February 6, 2013 Napoleonville, LA





# Shaw Changing to CB&I

- The Shaw Group, Inc. is being acquired by CB&I
  - Shaw E&I, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Shaw Group, Inc., therefore, Shaw E&I will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of CB&I
- Transaction expected to close mid Feb 2013
- Transaction will not inadvertently impact the Shaw team or services being provided



CB&I (NYSE: CBI)
engineers and constructs
some of the world's
largest energy
infrastructure projects.
With premier process
technology, proven
EPC expertise, and
unrivaled storage tank
experience, CB&I
executes projects from
concept to completion.

#### **ORW Transition to TBC**

- Directive 4 of Amendment 4 requires TBC to take over operation and maintenance of the Observation Relief Wells (ORWs) 1 through 4
- ORWs 1, 2 and 4 operations and data collection to be turned over to TBC with Shaw oversight
- ORW-3 transition to TBC pending property access



### **Current Progress**

- Reduce methane in MRAA
  - Indoor and sub-slab monitoring
  - Shallow Geoprobe wells
  - Venting
- Active 3D seismic potentially images hydrocarbons vs water
  - Stability of the disturbed rock (collapse) zone and void spaces
  - Passive Seismic data showing fluid flow and "burps"
  - Active 3D Seismic 2007 and 2013 survey
  - Geomechanical modeling
- Stability of western side of NSD and adjacent caverns
  - Passive Seismic data showing microseismic earthquakes
  - Vertical Seismic Profiling (VSP)
  - Geomechanical modeling



#### **Shaw Team Additions**

- Don Marlin Petroleum Geophysicist
  - Independent evaluation of 3-D seismic
  - Quantifying/mapping/characterizing oil and gas reservoirs contributing to sinkhole



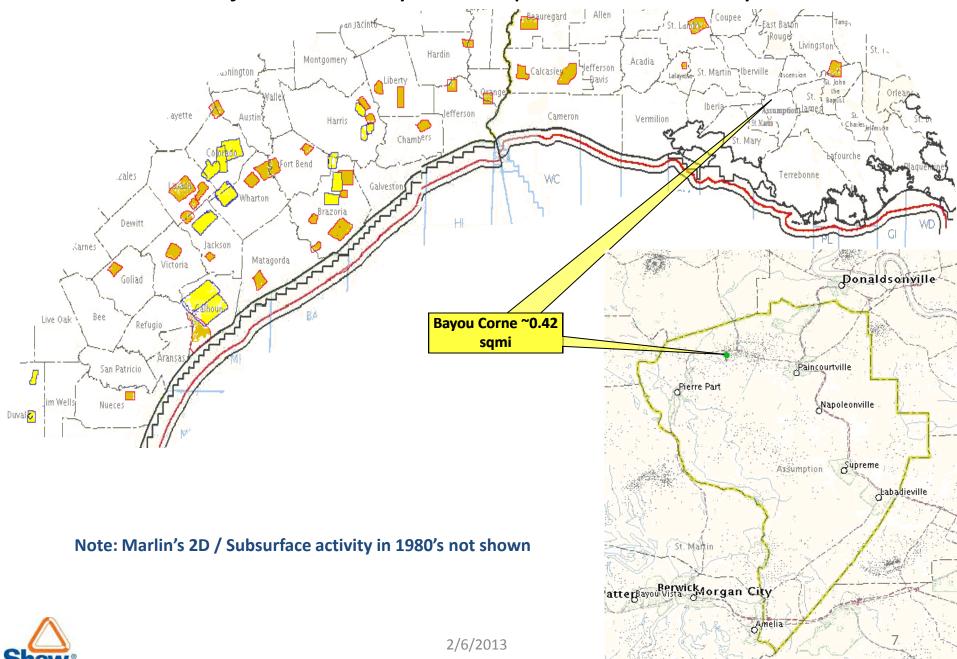
#### Donald J. Marlin, CPG

- Certified Professional Geologist, Certified Petroleum Geophysicist, Board Certified Geoscientist. Consulting to the State of Louisiana to make an independent review of the 3D seismic data.
- Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Geology from LSU Baton Rouge.
- 30 years experience in Gulf Coast. Authored papers on SE Louisiana subsurface /surface geology, 3D Seismic applications for environmental & groundwater reconnaissance, and 3D Seismic project management.
- Consulted for numerous exploration companies, state and university agencies, landowners, and individuals.
- Involved in the design, acquisition, processing, interpretation, and development drilling for numerous 2D & 3D seismic programs.
- Worked resulted in successful drilling of wells in the US and abroad.

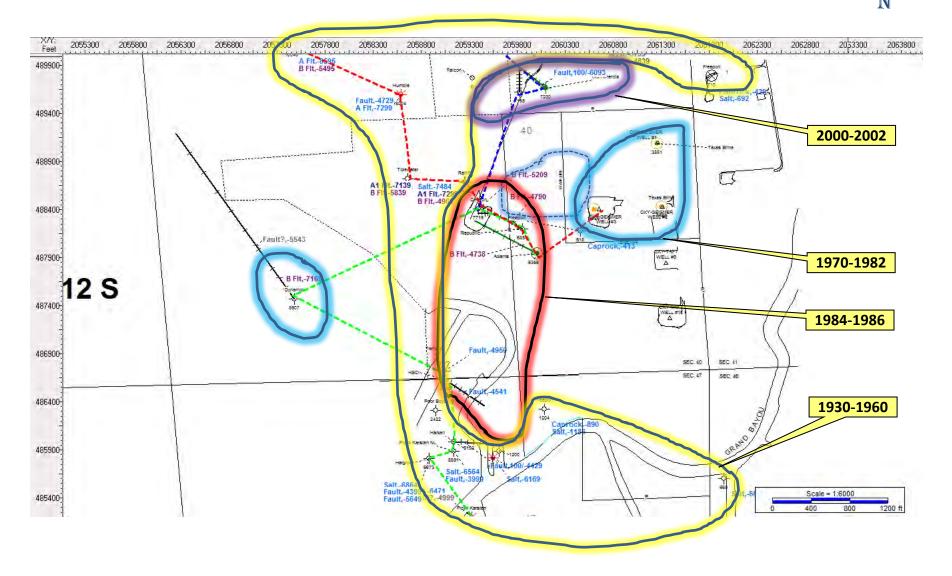


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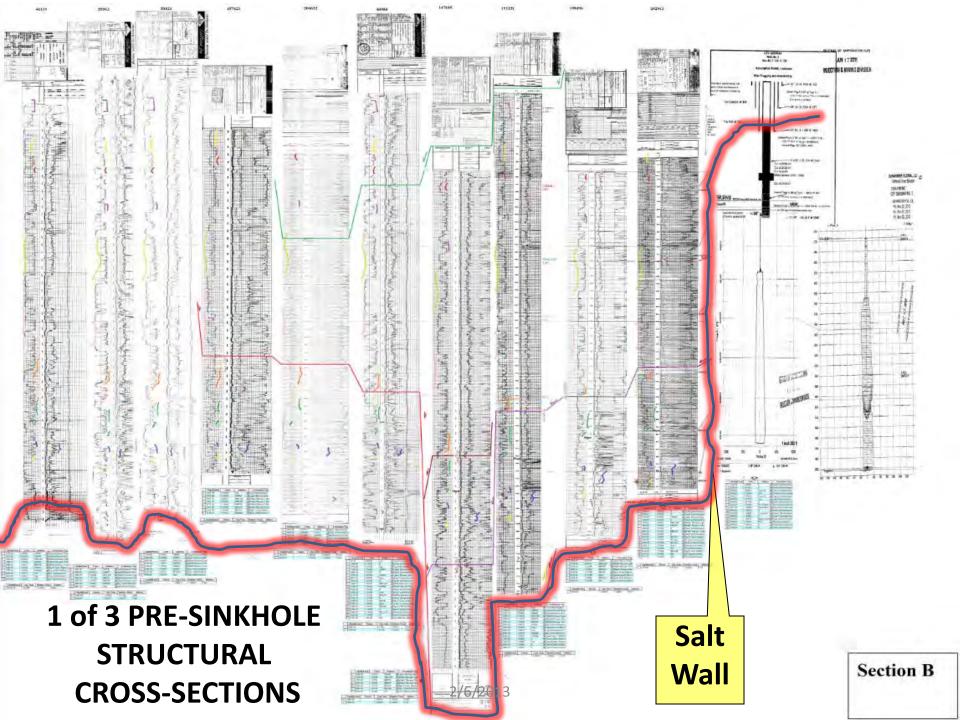
#### Marlin's major 3D activity 1992 – present versus Bayou Corne

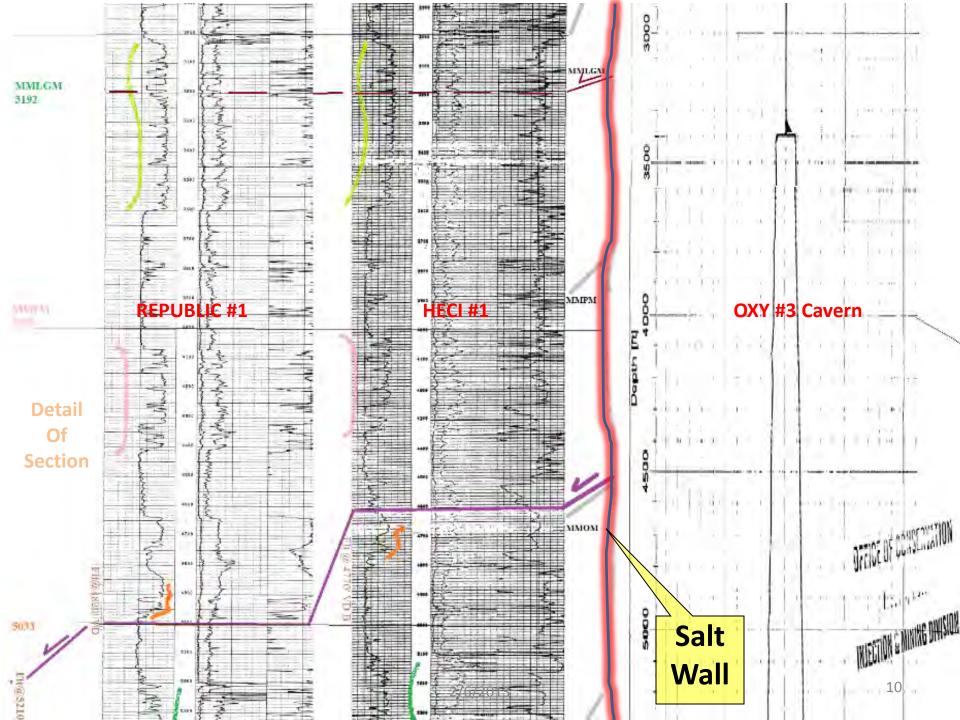


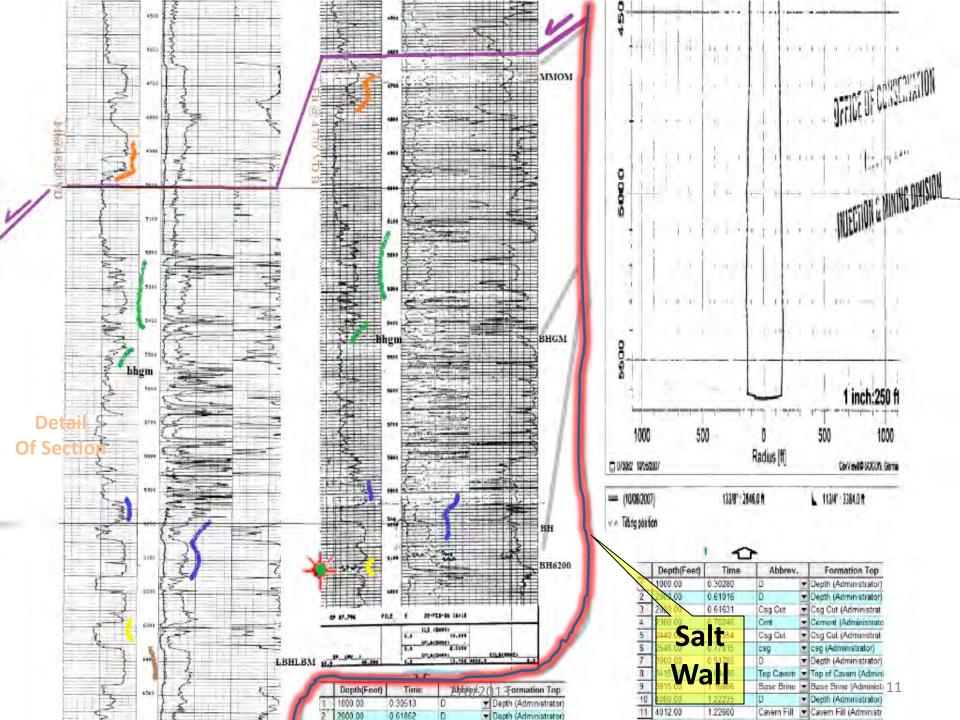
# January 2013: Study historical well data and tie to 2007 3D seismic subset to create a pre-sinkhole subsurface model:

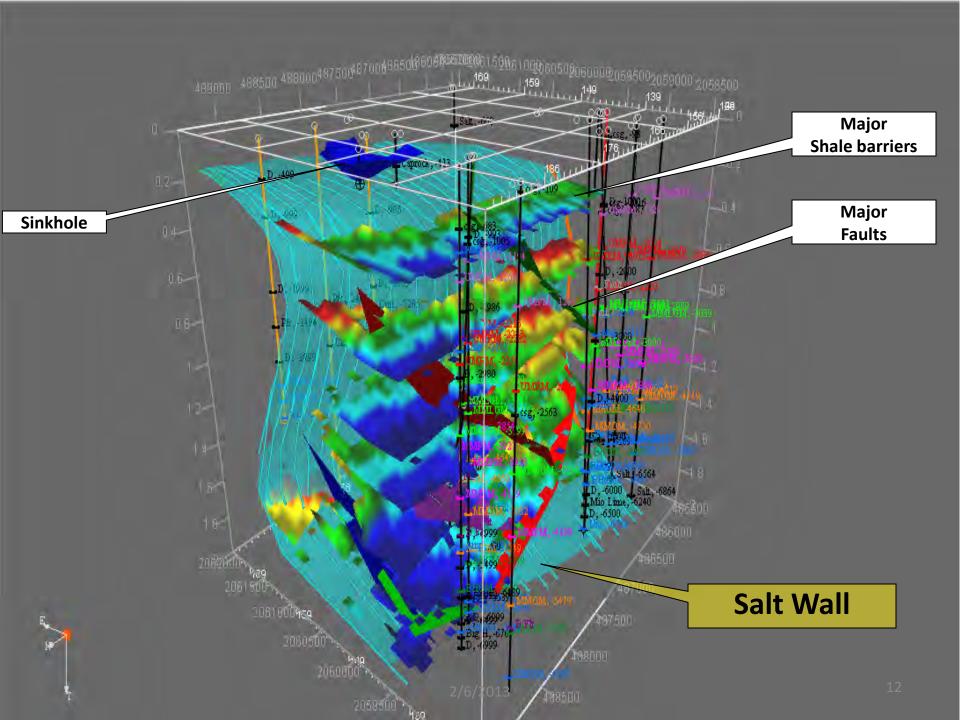


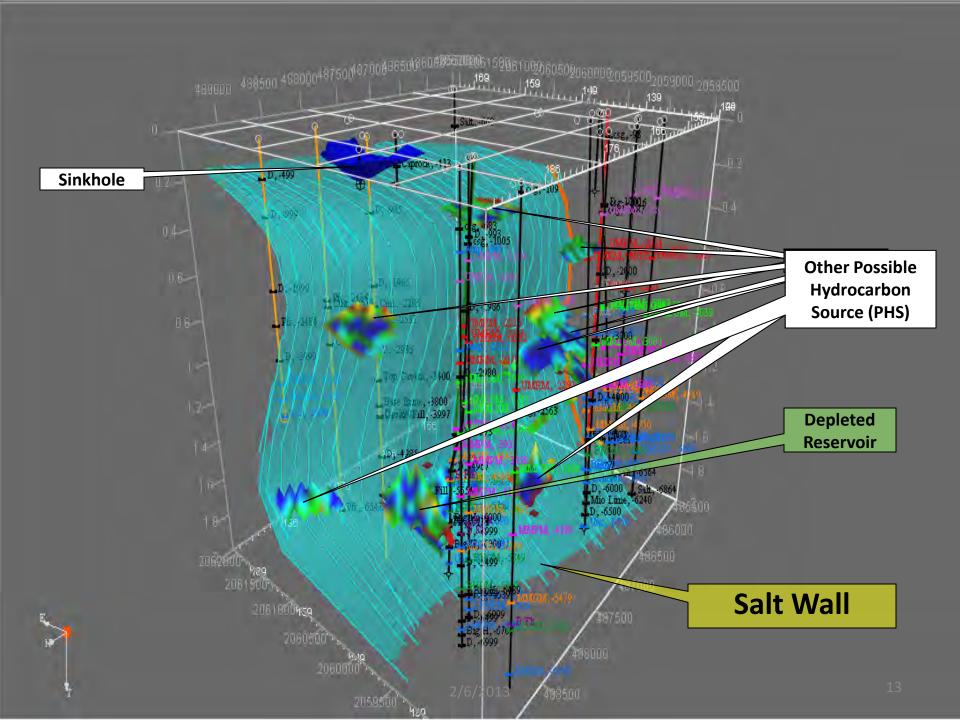












#### Path Forward

- Obtain new April 2013 data for independent study.
- Integrate and revise January 2013 study data.
- Assess differences in the volumes to look for changes.
- Identify O&G reservoirs that could source the sinkhole.
- Quantify O&G reservoirs.
- Estimate time to depletion of reservoirs.
- ASSIST WITH ROADMAP TO RECOVERY FOR AREA



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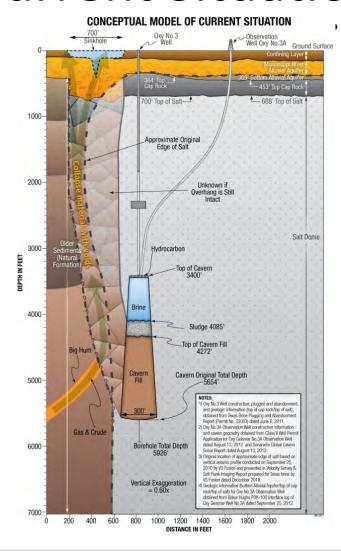


Dr. Will Pettitt

# ROCK MECHANICS MODELING AND PASSIVE SEISMIC MONITORING

#### **Current Situation**

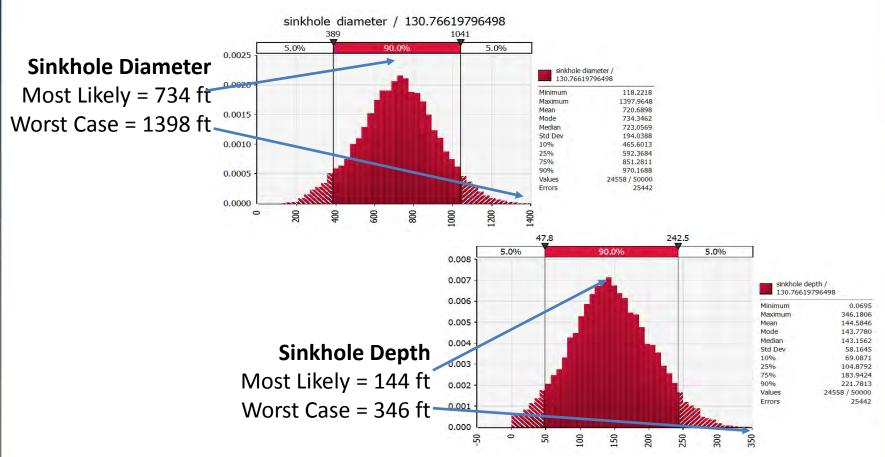
- What do we know?
  - Sinkhole size and shape.
  - Amount of debris filling the cavern.
  - Size and shape of the cavern.
  - Gas behavior in the near surface.
  - Some information on site geometry and rock properties.



What do we NOT know?

- Size and shape of the Disturbed Rock Zone (DRZ).
- Behavior of the DRZ at depth.
- Good geometry of the salt dome wall.
- Effect of DRZ on western edge of the salt dome.
- Rock properties through the sedimentary layers.

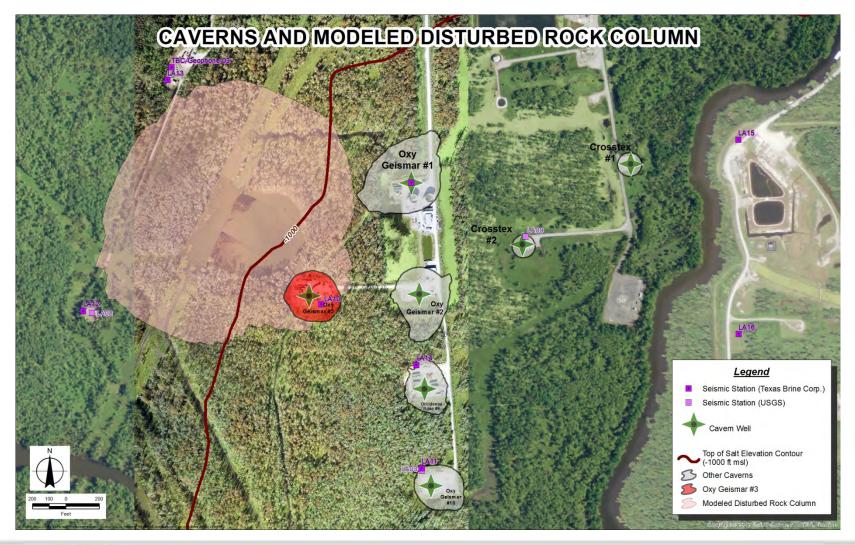
## Statistical Analysis for Final Sinkhole Size



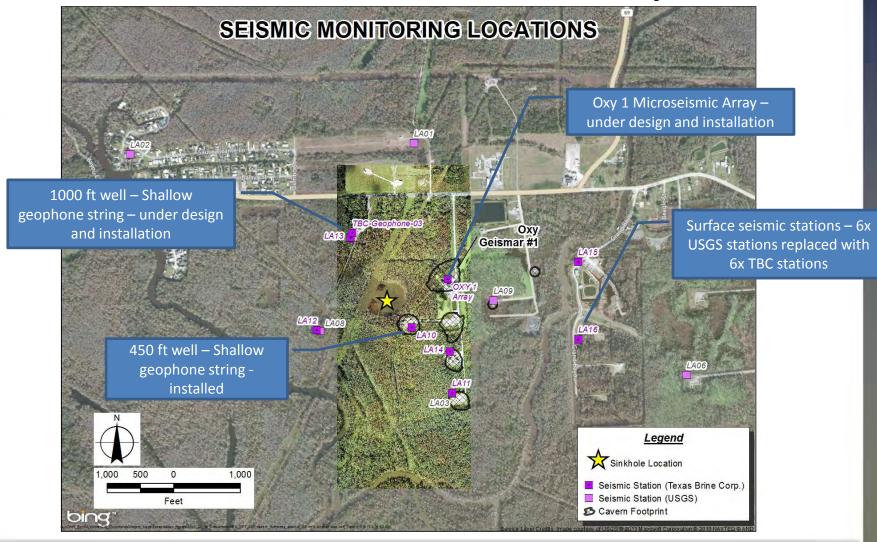
Sophisticated computer modeling is examining all this in greater detail....

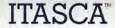


#### Disturbed Rock Column



# Passive Seismic – Map





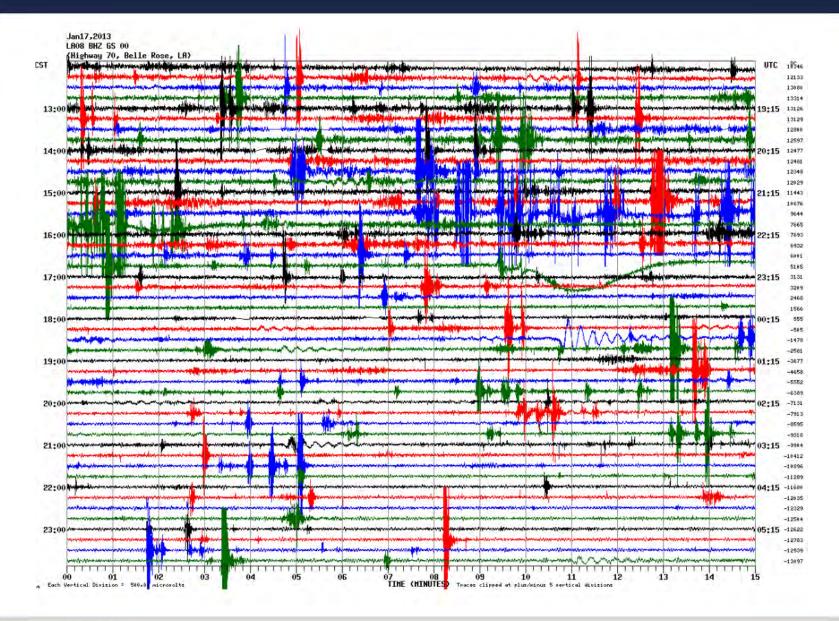
#### **New Seismic Stations**

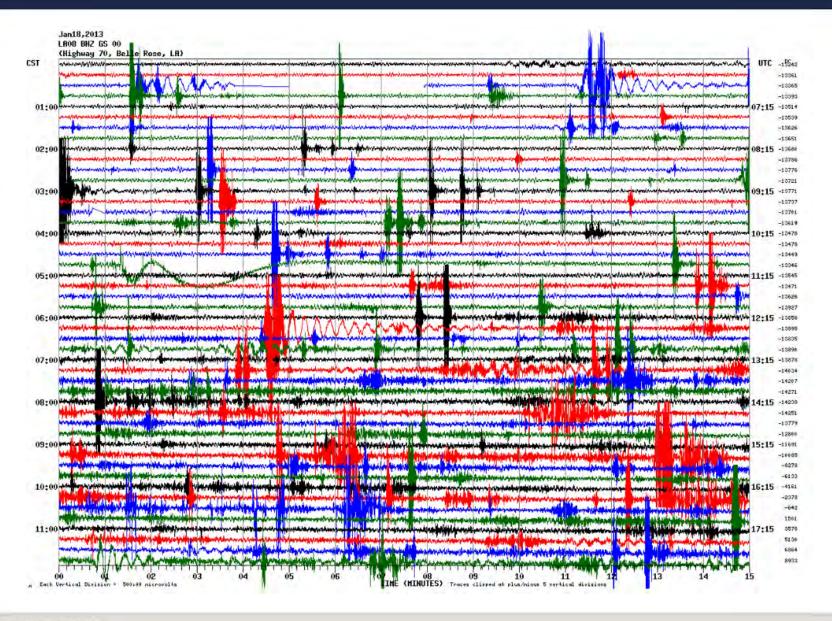


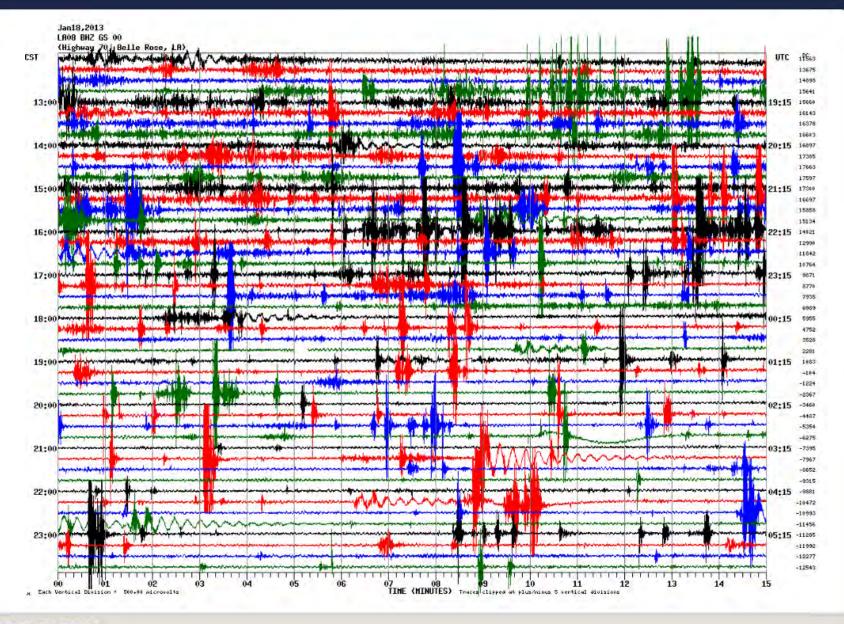
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# Seismic Activity at Bayou Corne

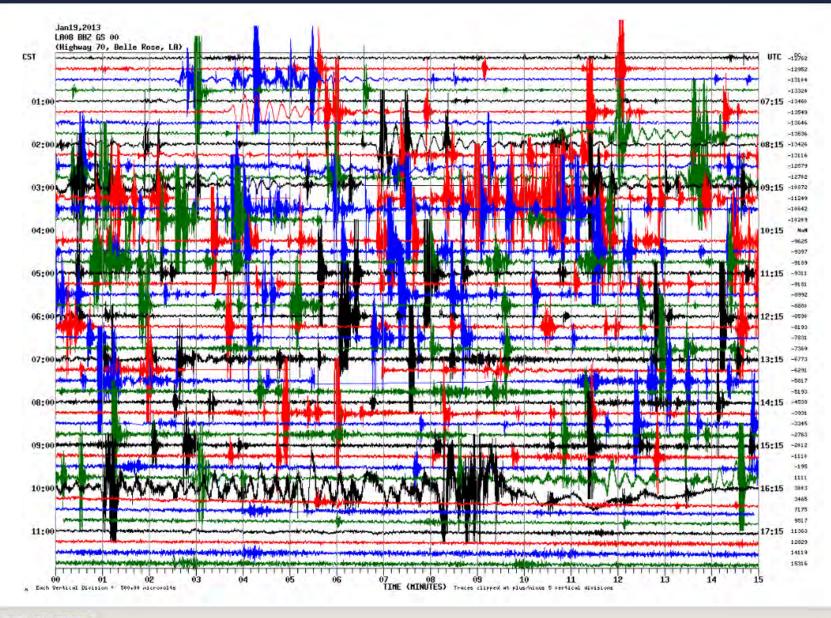
- Active vs Passive active seismic uses a "man-made" source (e.g. 3D seismic survey, VSP) whereas passive seismic listens to "natural" sounds from the sub surface.
- MEQs Micro-earthquakes are associated with small scale rock movements, usually on fractures and joints.
- VLPs Very Long Period events are associated with gas and/or fluid movements through voids and fissures.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> sink hole event provides an example. Current helicorders at http://folkworm.ceri.memphis.edu/heli\_temp/

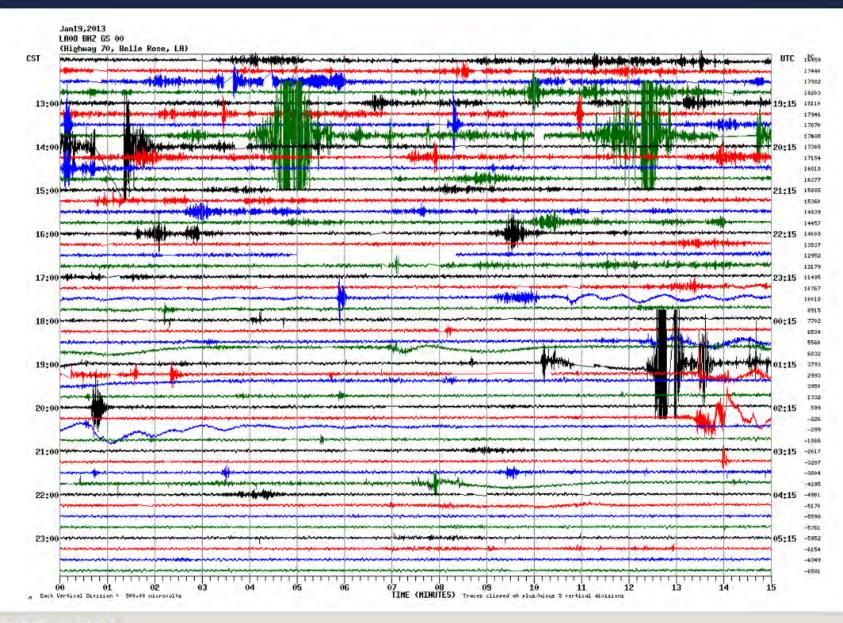




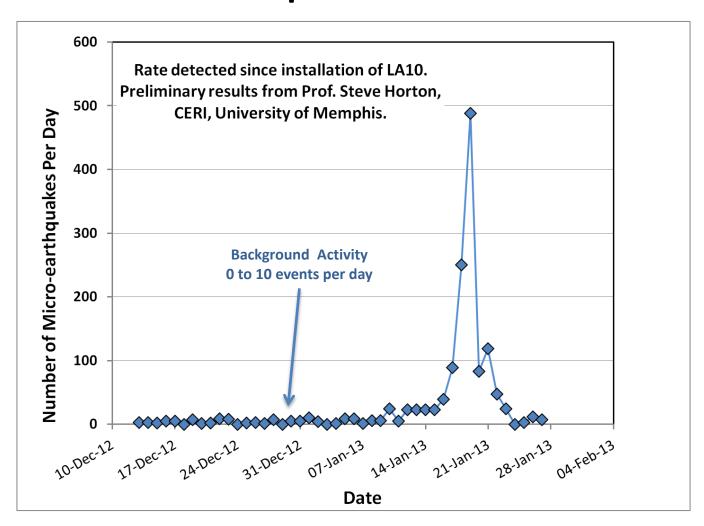




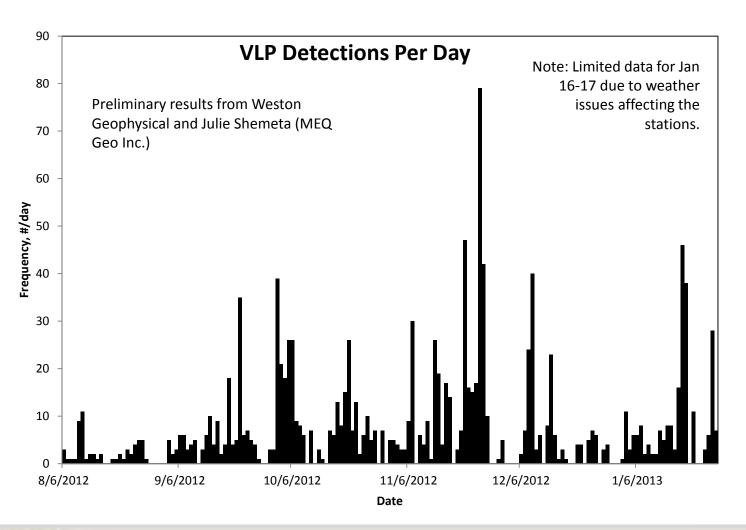


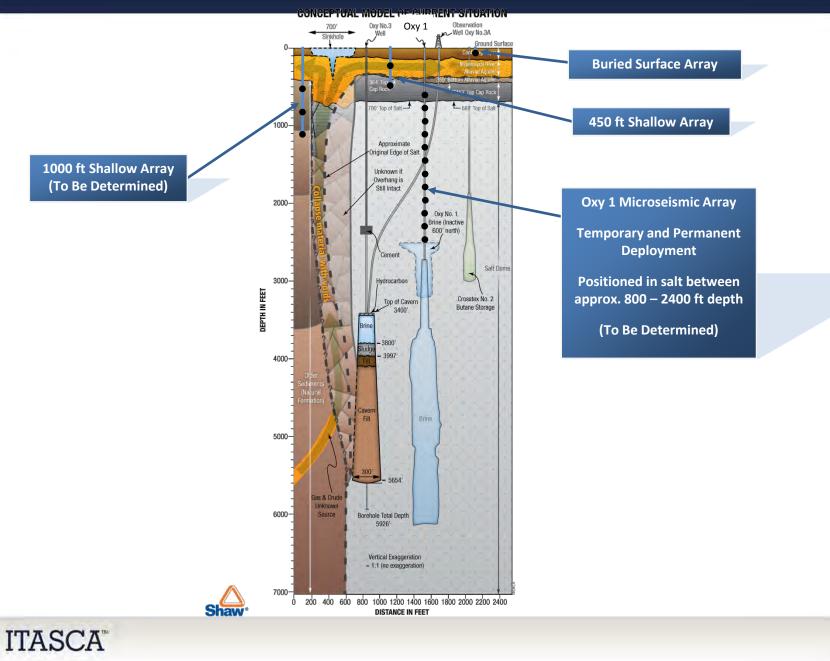


# Micro-earthquake Event Rates



#### **VLP Event Rates**

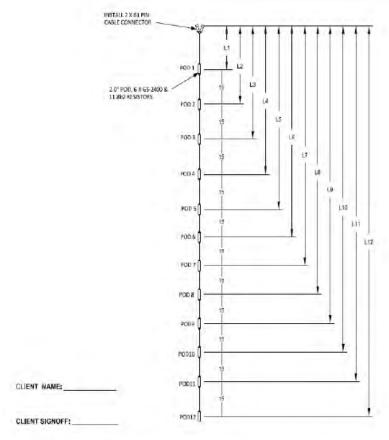




# Oxy 1 Microseismic Objectives

- Objectives of microseismic (MS) monitoring (passive seismic) in well Oxy 1:
  - More accurately determine the positions of the observed micro-earthquakes and their relation to the rock disturbed zone;
  - Observe if micro-earthquakes are occurring at depths greater than 2500 ft depth, and, if so, image their relation to the Oxy 3 cavern.

# Temporary Microseismic Array

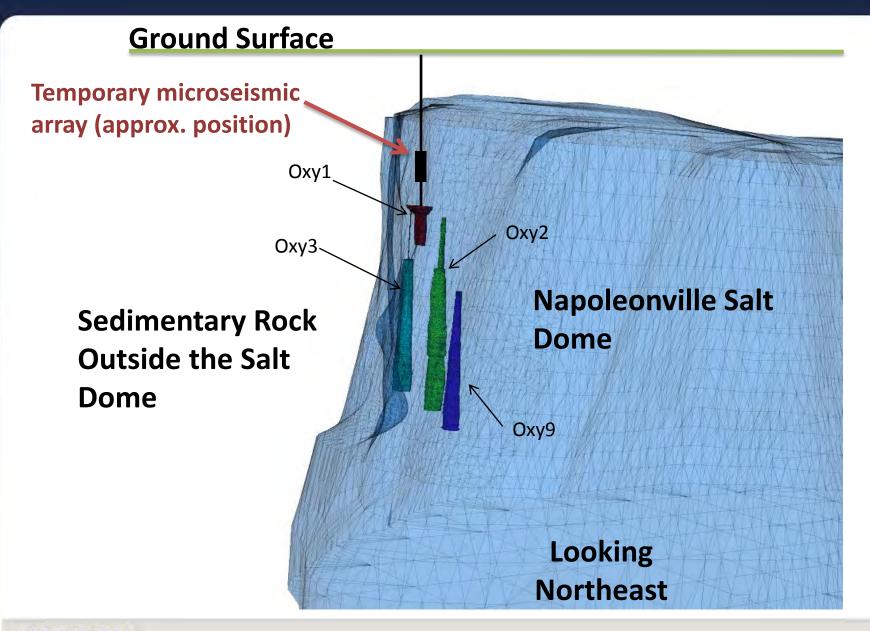


Tool diagram

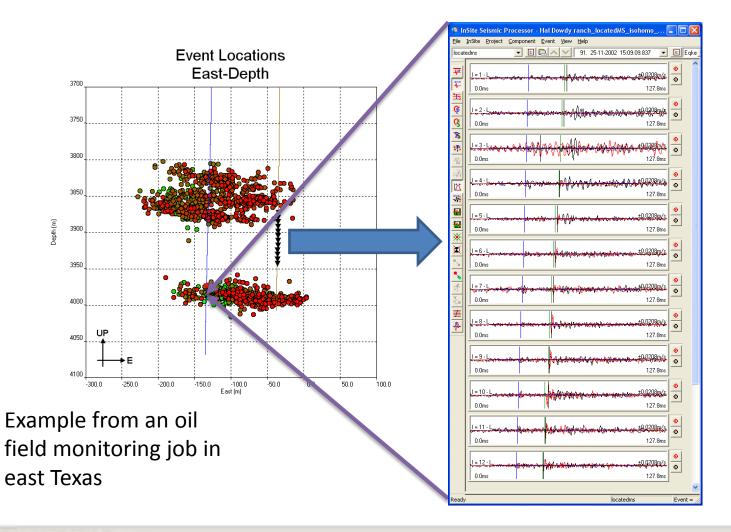


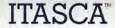
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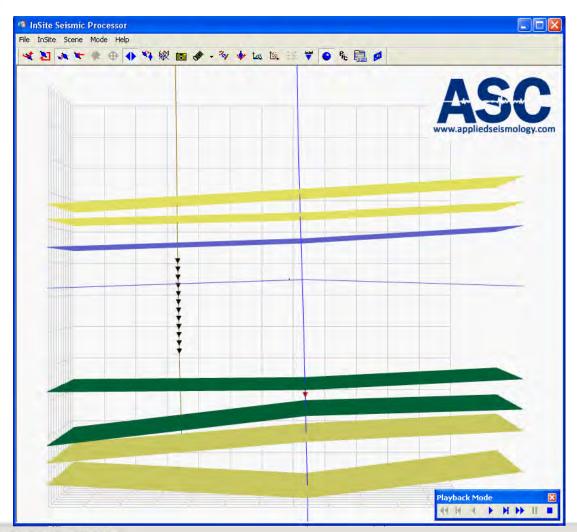


#### Example Location of Microseismicity



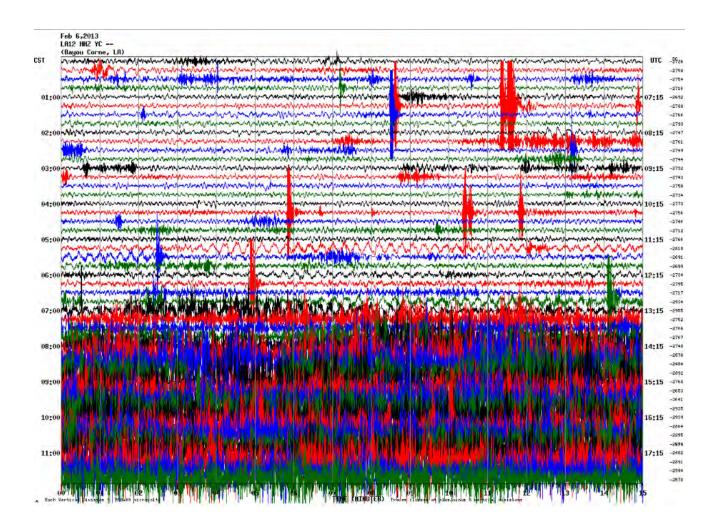


#### Example Microseismic Imaging



Example from an oil field monitoring job in east Texas

# Helicorder Showing Truck Traffic





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# **Technical Update**

- Amendment 5 revised directives
- Gas venting
- Oxy 3 cavern data and cavern stability



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### Revised Amendment 5 Directives

- Original directives called for two 6000 foot wells
- Revised directive
  - 3D seismic survey by end of April to image collapse zone and ID gas horizons
  - Installation of seismic array in Oxy 1 cavern well to listen in salt
  - Drilling and sampling 1000 foot core well west of sinkhole for rock mechanics testing for model inputs



# Why Revisions?

- Get data we need sooner
- Get 3D seismic data for comprehensive evaluation of collapse zone
- Get answers faster to ongoing gas and stability questions and issues
- Evaluate data obtained and make recommendations as needed

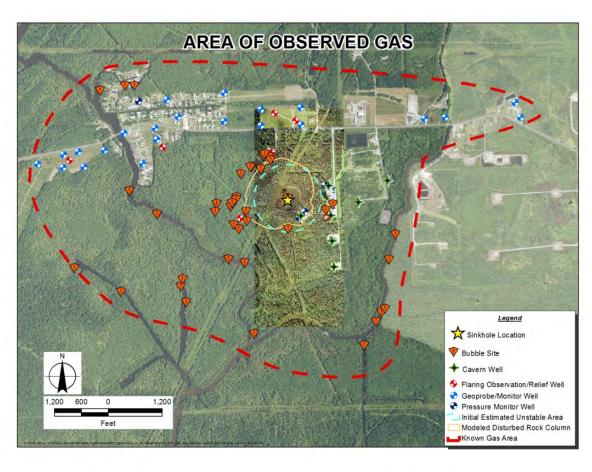


# Gas in Aquifer and Venting

- Venting since mid-November with ~6.4 million cubic feet flared
- Obvious pressure and gas column reductions in vicinity of ORW-01/02 area
- Know how to install and operate wells to remove gas from Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer (MRAA)
- Tetra-Tech implementing a large-area system
- Determined some limitations of PDK logs in defining gas in MRAA



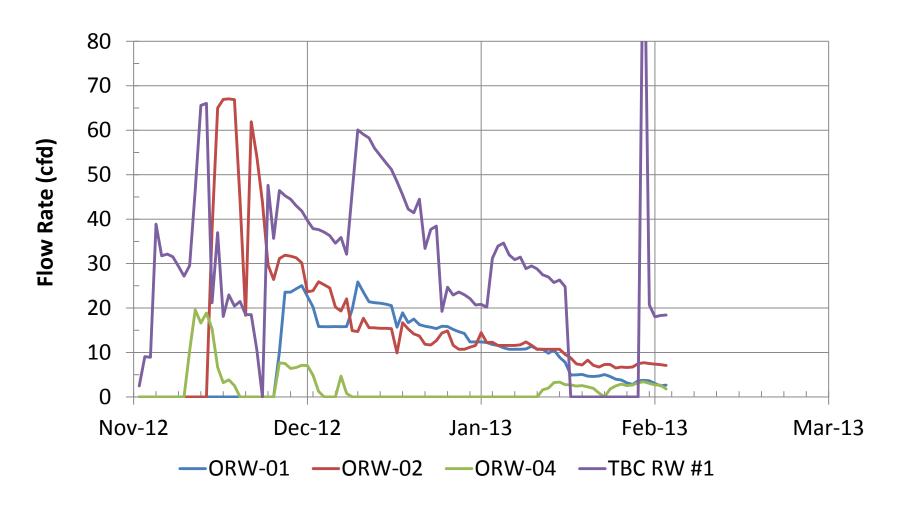
### Areas of Gas and Disturbed Rock



- Still seeing pressures in Geoprobe wells even where MRAA gas pressures have declined
- Observed about 20 new bubble sites—mostly on west side of sinkhole around perimeter of modeled disturbed rock column

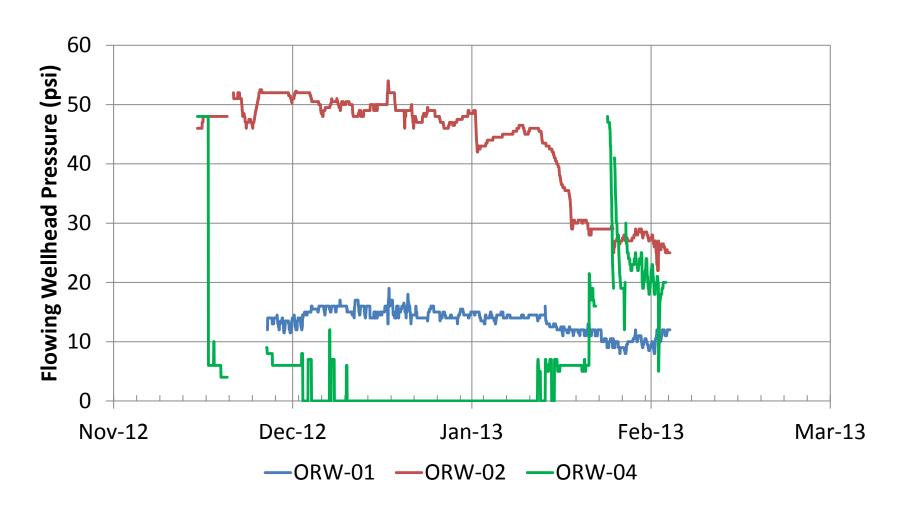


## Vent Well Flow Rate



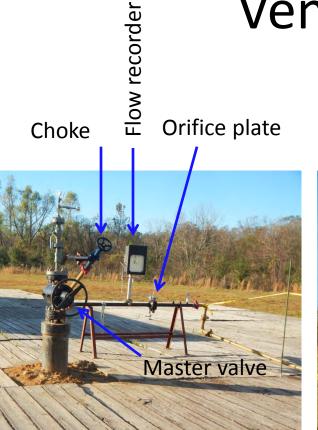


## Vent Well Pressures





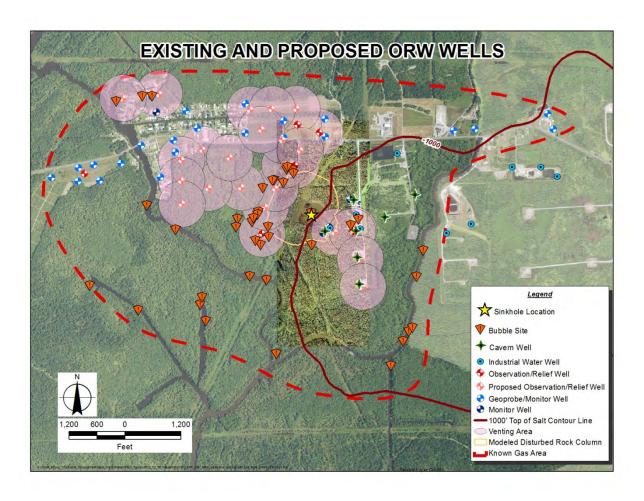
# **Venting Operations**







# Proposed MRAA Vent Wells Areas of Gas Mitigation



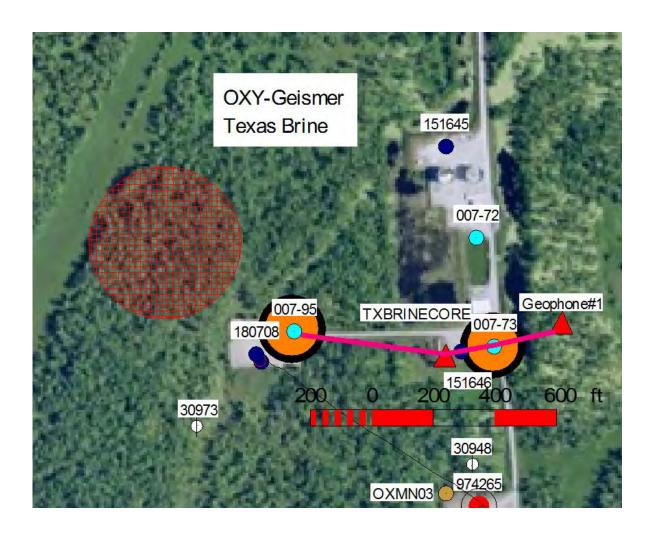


## PDK Logs-Industrial Water Wells

- PDK logging technology may or may not be capable of identifying gas with a high degree of confidence in all wells surveyed (False negative—gas there but don't see it)
- Dependent on several factors:
  - Construction of the well casing size, diameter, presence of cement, multiple strings
  - Insufficient gas saturations in the formation due to timing of logging and/or lithology (permeability)
  - Geometry of logging tool within the well casing (against casing so not reading fluid in casing instead of formation)
- PDK logs evaluated as having no gas in the wellbores with multiple strings of casing should not be interpreted as absolute as seen in the observations of the Oxy WW#2 and WW#3 as compared to TBC core hole and TBC-RW-1

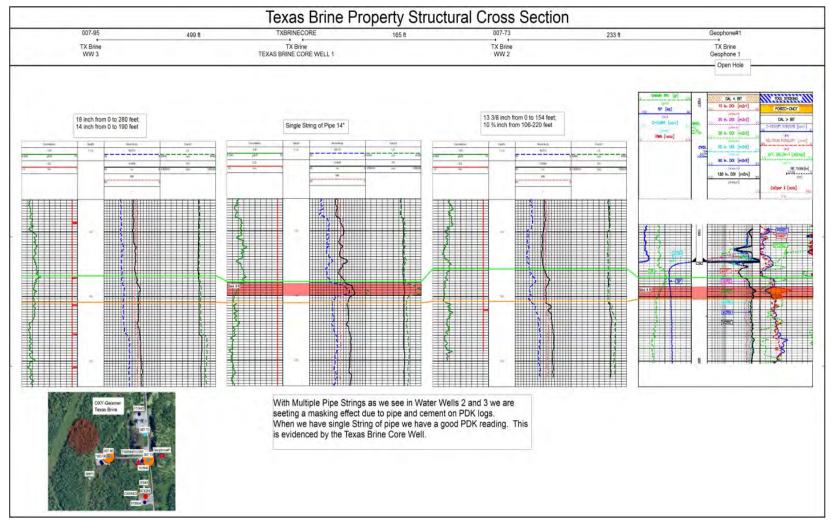


# Oxy WW#2 and WW#3





## Oxy WW#2 and WW#3





## PDK Logs and Vent Well Performance

- Recent logs in ORW-01, ORW-02, and ORW-04 showed no obvious gas column in wells
- All 3 wells are still venting gas at 2 to 7 mcfd with between 10 and 25 psi FWHP (flowing wellhead pressure)
- Conclusion: Below a certain gas saturation in pore space in aquifer, the PDK log cannot detect presence of gas



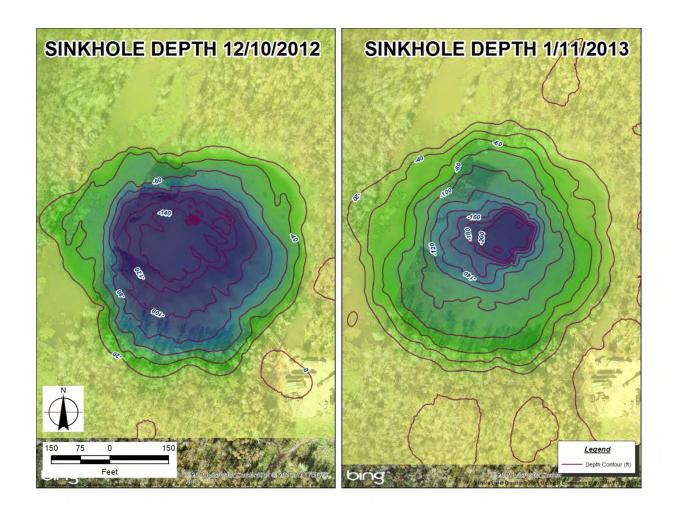
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### Path Forward on Vent Wells

- Need to install several vent wells in community
- Making good progress on how to do it
- TBC installing many new vent wells
- Operate with standard chokes and flow meters
- Collecting data needed to evaluate performance
- Gas can be present even if not observed in PDK logs
- Dr. Charles Faust (Tetra-Tech) developing comprehensive overall gas mitigation model



# Sinkhole December and January

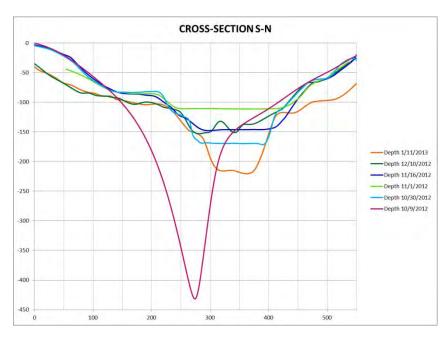


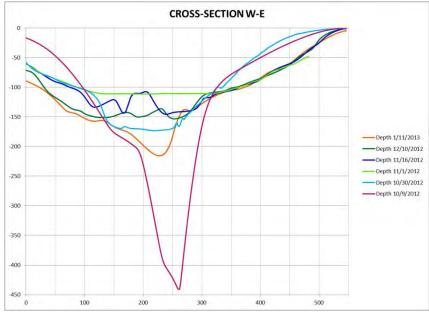


## Sinkhole Cross-Sections

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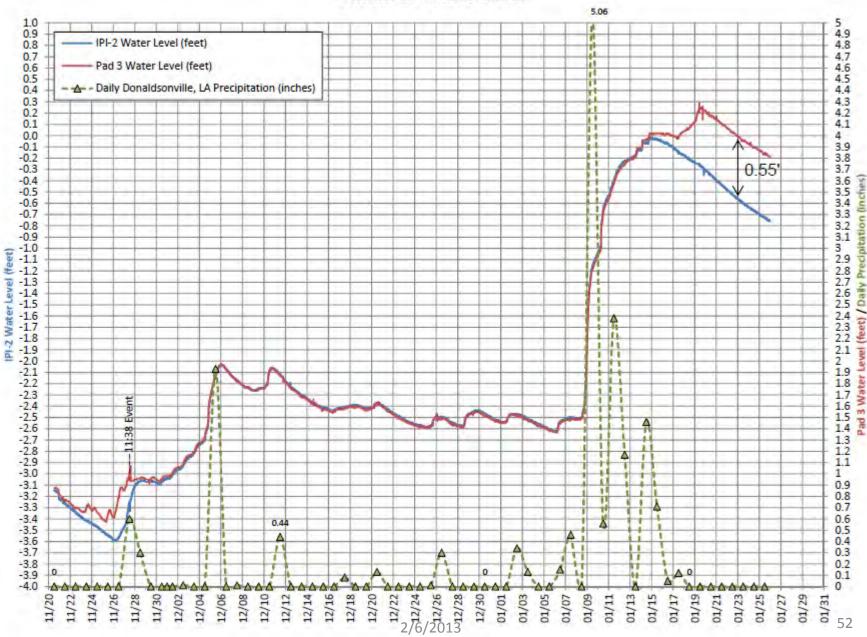
#### **West to East**







#### Sinkhole Water Level



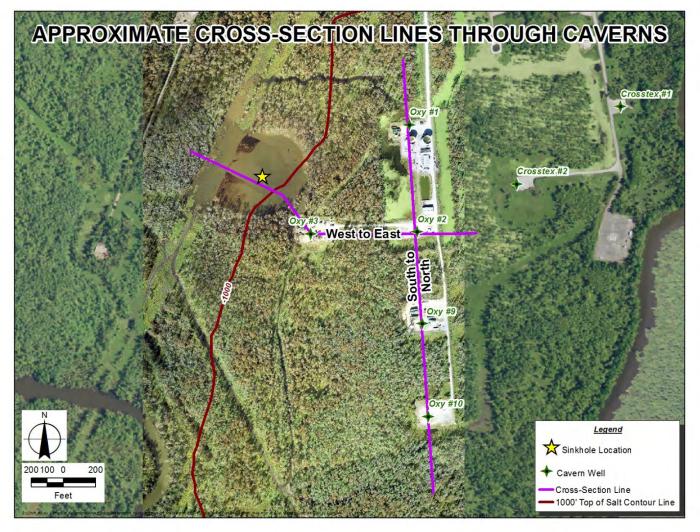
#### Sinkhole Water Level 5.06 -0.10 4.30 Sinkhole "burps" -0.154.25 -0.20 4.20 IPI-2 Water Level (feet) -0.25 -0.30 4.10 IPI-2 Water Level (feet) Pad 3 Water Level (feet) -0.354.05 - - - Daily Donaldsonville, LA Precipitation (inches) -0.40 4.00 2/6/2013 1/21/13 0:00 1/19/13 0:00 1/19/13 6:00 1/19/13 12:00 1/19/13 18:00 1/20/13 6:00 1/20/1312:00 1/20/13 18:00



# **Cavern Stability**



# Caverns Included in Stability Assessment

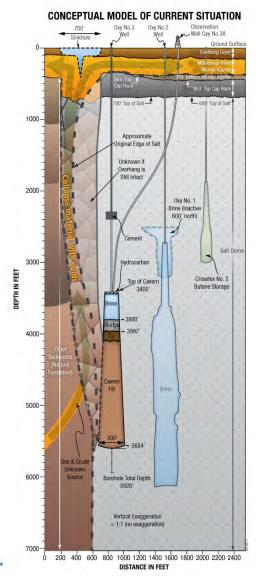




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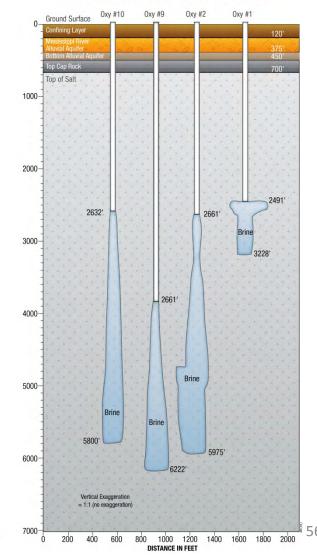
## Cross-sections Through Caverns

**West-East** 



SOUTH TO NORTH CROSS-SECTION TRHOUGH OXY 10, 9, 2, AND 1 CAVERNS

South-North





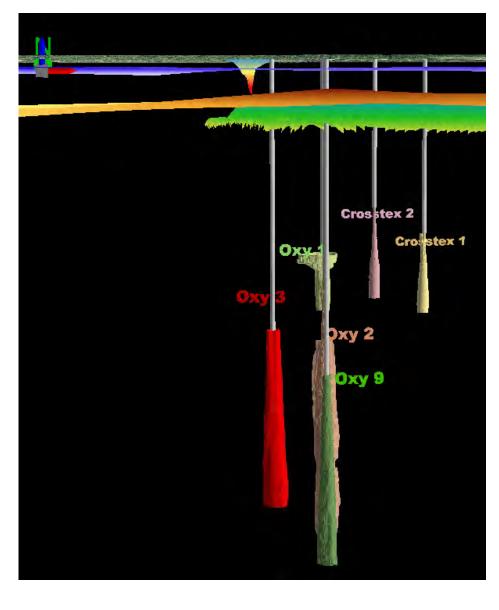






### **Conceptual Model Update**

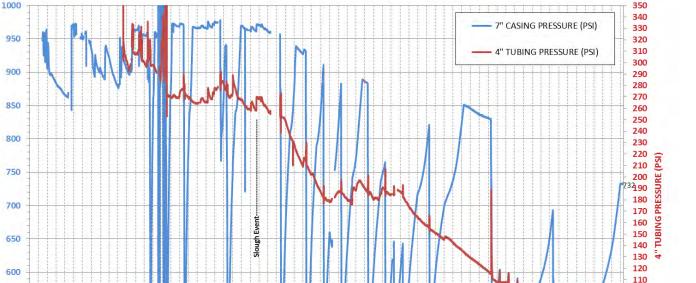
- Sinkhole "burps"
  - Strong indication of voids that fill with gas and then release
  - 1/19/13 burp event indicated that large gas bubble unlikely to reach surface as one bubble
- Sinkhole changes and Oxy 3 pressures reflect disturbed rock zone changes
- Seismic tremors—two types
  - Rock movement
  - Gas moving thru voids
- Vertical seismic profiles (VSP) completed in Oxy 1, 2, and 3A





## Dec. 2012 Cavern Pressure Declining

**OXY 3A CASING & TUBING PRESSURES** 



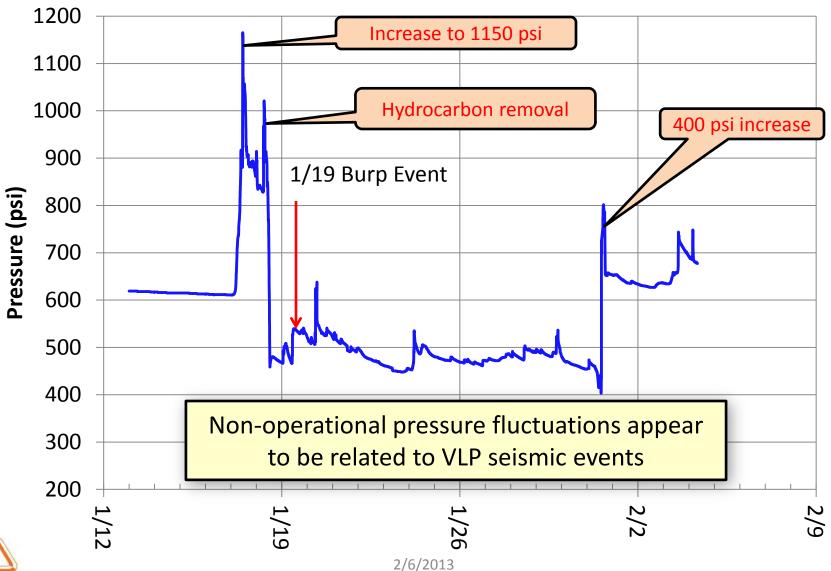
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CASING PRESSURE (PSI)

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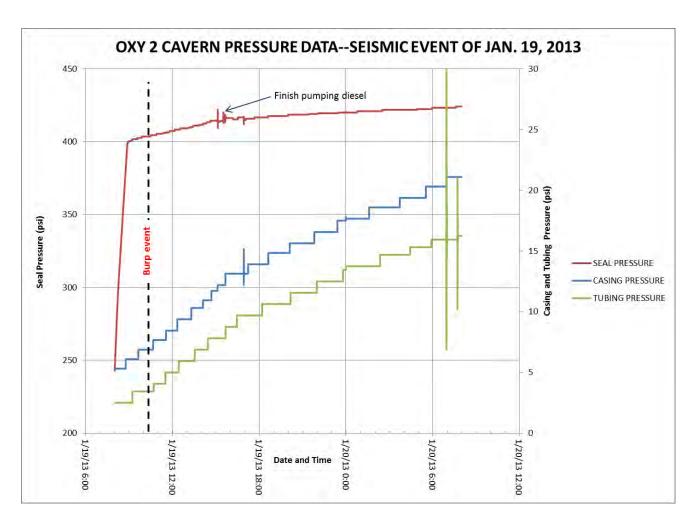
## Oxy 3A Pressure 2013





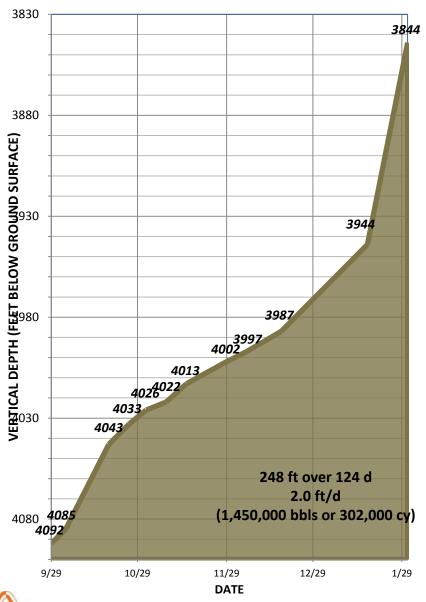
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# Oxy 2 Pressures During 1/19/13 Seismic Event





#### **OXY 3 CAVERN FILL DEPTH & FILL RATE**



# Cavern In-Filling Rate

- Vertical depths plotted (not measured depths)
- Major fill event of 100' from 1/17/2013 to 1/31/2013—related to seismic activity
- Roof of cavern at 3400' vertical depth



## Oxy 3 Cavern Summary

- Oxy 3 cavern is again in communication with disturbed rock column
- Not making much gas but still making liquid hydrocarbon
- Oxy 3 pad damaged in 1/13 to 1/19 seismic events—Respec doing stability evaluation
- Approximately 400 feet to fill in before cavern full
- Lack of observed seal pressure response in Oxy 2 during 1/19 seismic events positive indication of adjacent cavern stability at present



## Path Forward

- Reduce methane in MRAA
  - Ventilation, indoor and sub-slab monitoring
  - Shallow Geoprobe wells to monitor shallow pressure
  - Know how to reduce gas volumes and pressures in MRAA and large-area system being installed
- Stability of the disturbed rock zone and void spaces
  - Passive seismic data show micro-earthquakes and fluid flow
  - Sinkhole changing with each survey
  - Active 3D seismic survey and VSP's of three caverns
  - Geomechanical modeling
- Evaluating stability of western side of dome
  - Analysis of ongoing seismic events with upgraded passive seismic array systems including salt seismic monitoring
  - Active 3D Seismic imaging of disturbed rock zone
  - Rock mechanics modeling with site data from core hole



# Questions?

