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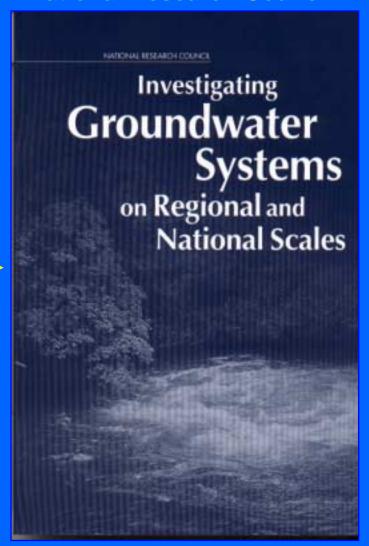


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Scientific Issues for Regional Assessments

- Support for Aquifer Management Decisions
- Natural Ground-Water Recharge
- Ground-Water Flow in Shallow Aquifers
- GW/SW Interactions
- Saltwater Intrusion
- GW in Karst and Fractured-Rock Aquifers
- Improved Hydrologic Frameworks



GWRP Funding \$16,000 \$14,000 \$12,000 **Thousands of Dollars** \$10,000 \$8,000 \$6,000 \$4,000 \$2,000 \$-1984 1986 1988 1990 1992 1994 1996 1998 2000



GWRP Activities

(in order of expenditures)

- 1. Southwest GW/SW Interactions
- 2. National Research Program
- 3. Atlantic Coastal Zone
- 4. South Florida Ecosystems
- 5. Methow Valley
- 6. Middle Rio Grande
- 7. Model Development
- 8. Seed Projects
- 9. Aquifer Database



Enhancements in FY01

- Development and testing of new geophysical methods for monitoring saltwater intrusion
- Data collection and model development for saltwater intrusion in VA, MD, NC, SC, MA, GA, and FL
- Fractured-rock aquifer analysis and related geologic mapping in CT
- Studies of ground-water depletion and water use for the High Plains Aquifer in WY, SD, CO, NB, KN, OK, TX, and NM
- Analysis of ground-water and surface-water interaction in IN and MI using new geologic maps from the Great Lakes Geologic Mapping Coalition
- Evaluation of the importance of microbiological processes related to regional ground-water-flow systems, especially for karst aquifers
- Overview of water issues for caves and springs in the Nation's parks
- Improved estimation of recharge rates in the humid eastern United States



Program Activities in FY02

- Enhanced activities begun in FY01 will continue
- Priority will continue to be given to joint collaborative studies across Disciplines



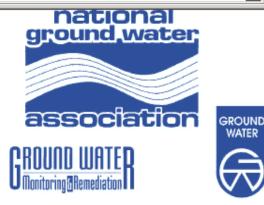
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