Underground Storage Tanks Inspection Targeting in New York State Using GIS Technology

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How To Target?

When the UST universe in New York alone is more than 12,000 UST facilities. . .how do we determine where to go?

How does EPA R2 determine High Risk Areas?

GIS Technology

- EPA R2's UST Program uses GIS for inspection targeting by:
 - 1. Evaluating the hydrogeology to determine quickest pathways where contaminants will reach drinking water
 - 2. Utilizing existing UST databases and/or Dunn and Bradstreet data to identify industries/facilities in these risk Areas.
 - 3. Inspecting UST facilities in Target Areas.

Groundwater Endangerment-Risk Factors

EPA staff developed a state-wide Groundwater Risk Model (Hillenbrand - City University of New York, 2002). This model evaluated many factors, namely:

- Land Use (industrial/high intensity residential vs forested area)
- Hydrogeology—determining state areas with fastest pathways for contaminants= aquifer susceptibility
- Groundwater used primarily for drinking water
- Well Head Protection Areas (ground water)
- Source Water Protection Areas (surface water)

Groundwater Endangerment -Risk Analysis

Land Use-Risk (Commercial, residential, forest, etc.)

Aquifer Susceptibility (Travel time to Water-Table)

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Land Surface

Water-Table





Groundwater Endangerment-Risk Analysis (cartographic model)

LAND USE-RISK



AQUIFER SUCEPTIBILITY

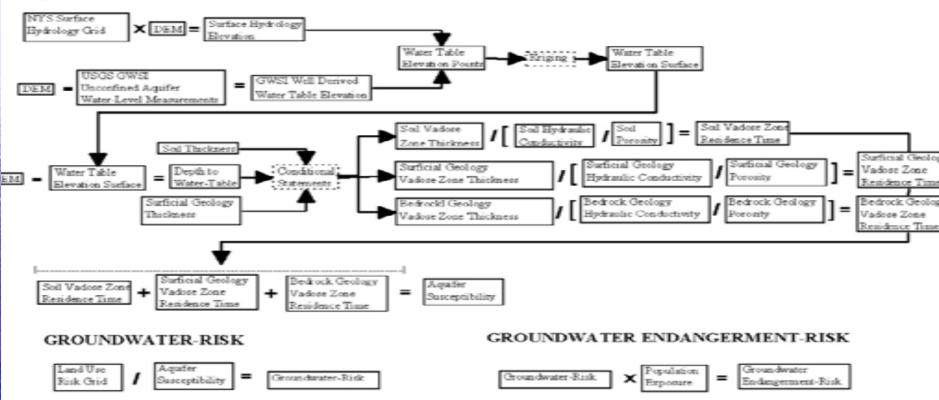
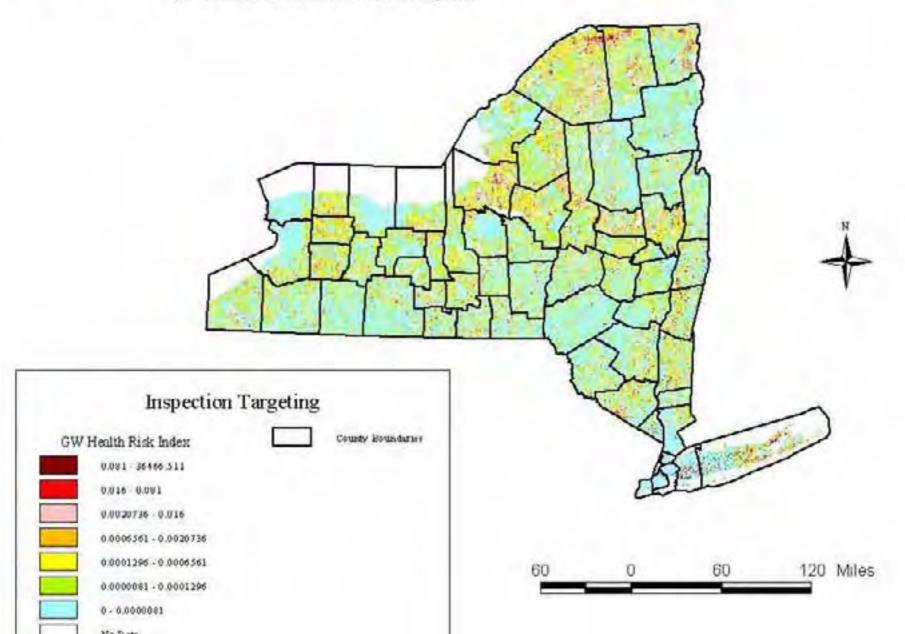
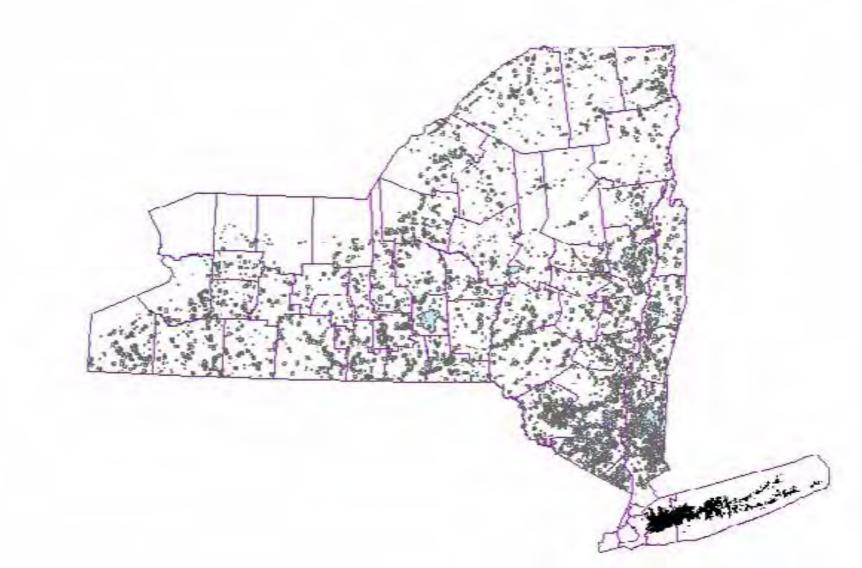


Figure 6. Groundwater Endangerment-Risk (Hillenbrand, Hansen and Friedman, in press)



NYS Source Water Areas



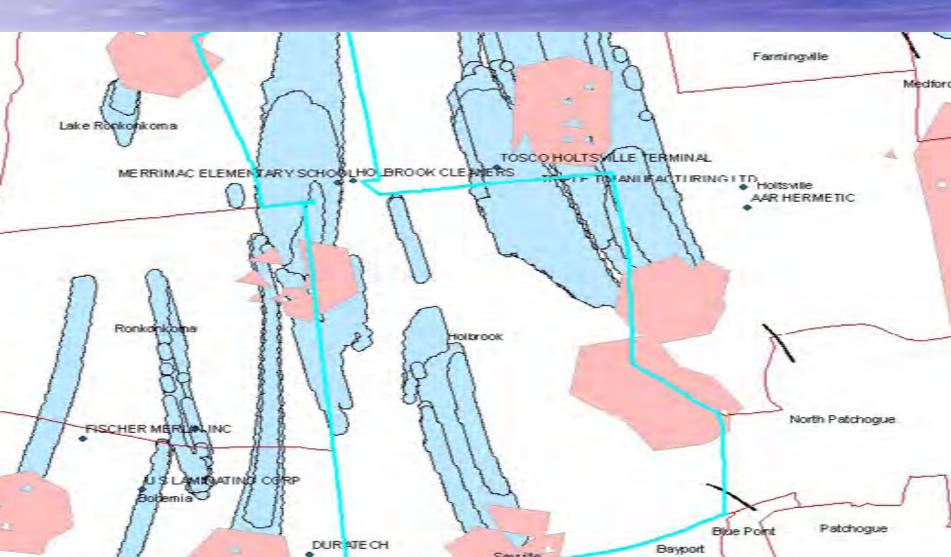
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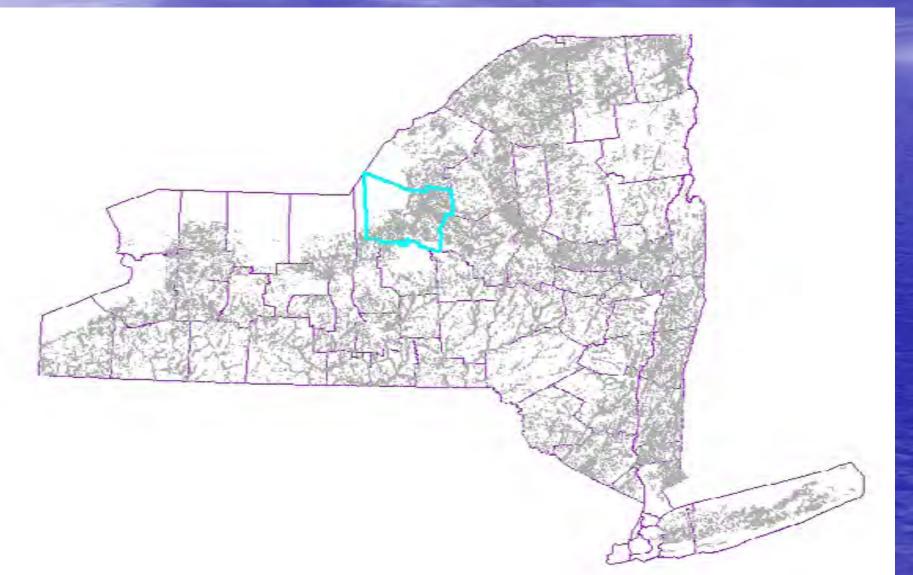
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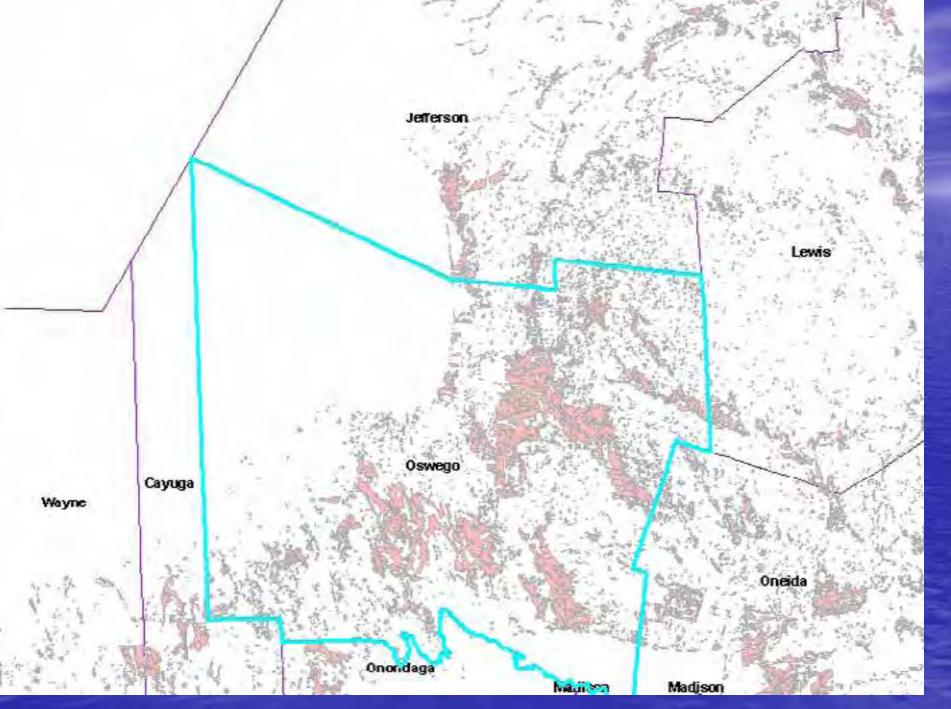


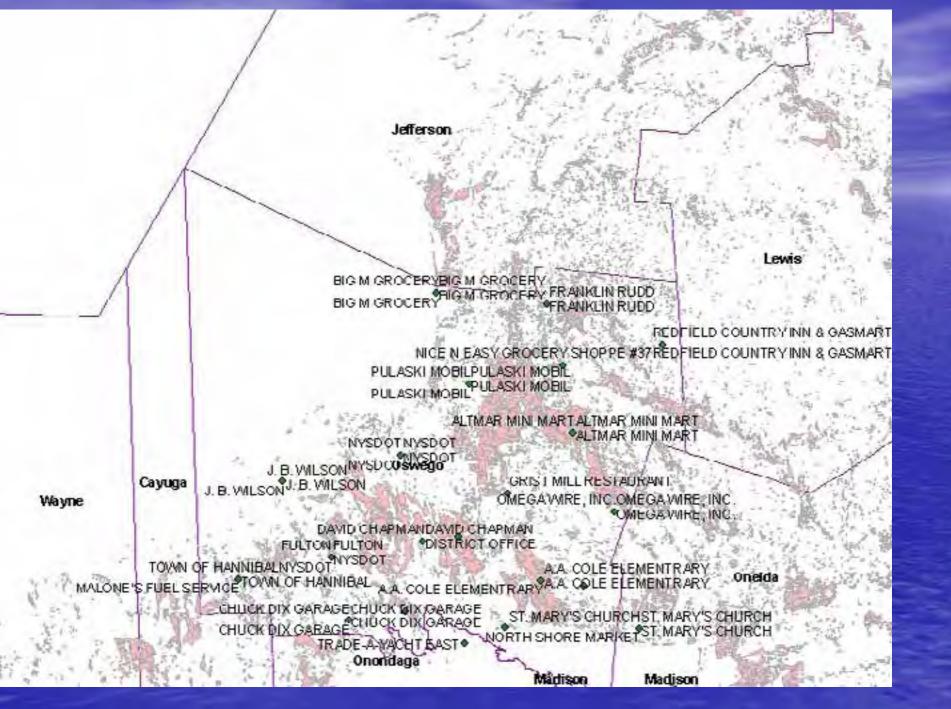
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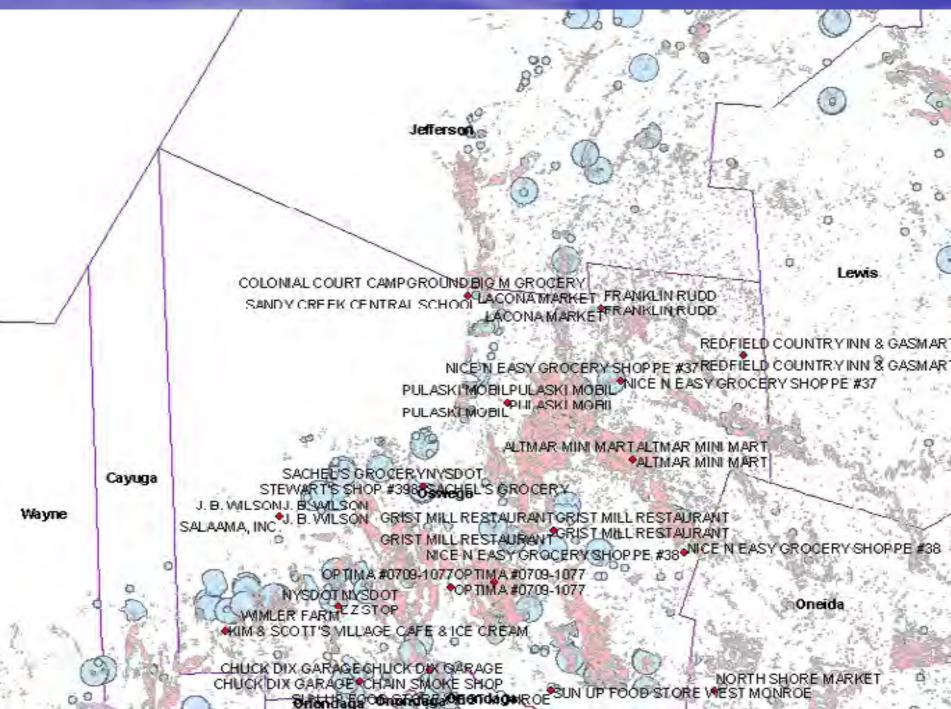


Regional GIS Analysis









GIS Mapping Tools

 After Identifying the Facilities,
EPA R2's GIS Specialist (R Jamison) prepares maps for Inspectors w/locational data (highways, local streets, rivers, lakes, etc.) to assist the inspectors.

Benefits of EPA Region 2 GIS Targeting Method

Inspections Targeted in areas where:

- Groundwater and/or surface water is a Source of Drinking Water
- Land Use Increases Potential of Introducing Chemicals Harmful to Human Health to the Environment

• Aquifers May be Susceptible to Contamination

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NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PETROLEUM BULK STORAGE PROGRAM

PBS Facilities Identified for Priority Inspection

in Albany County

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