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Water at the Research and Education Complex Purpose:

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- To identify the management methods for stormwater, sanitary sewer, and potable water throughout the facilities at the Research and Education Complex (REC) using drawings and written documents.
- To confirm the locations and status of wells located throughout the REC.
- To compile appropriate documentation that relates to water for each facility at the REC, verify that documentation is accurate, and create any new documentation that is necessary through field verification.

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Applications:

This database will be beneficial to facility managers, and the Environmental Support and Services organization for determining where drains lead, where water comes from, and what documents may pertain to each facilities water.

Methods:

- Electronic Document Management System (EDMS)
- Environmental Data Warehouse (EDW)
- City of Idaho Falls Utility Maps
- Field Verification
- Contacting Facility Managers and Engineers
- **Confined Spaces Inventory**
- iMaps





Figure 1. A Utility Composite Map and its legend provided by the City of Idaho Falls GIS Department for the Utilities at Willow Creek Building (WCB).

- ---- Water Service Line
- Private Water Line ■ Drain Line
- Valve
- Water Manhole
- Fire Hydrant City
- --- Sewer Service Line
- Private Sewer Line Forced Main Sewer Line
- Sewer Manhole Sewer Lift Station
 - DW Dry Well French Drain
 - Storm Manhole Inlet Box

P Private Storm Line

Storm Lift Station

Storm Tap



Figure 2. A map of shallow injection wells (SIW) for two INL Research Center (IRC) buildings.

Results:

- Many of the leased facilities did not have appropriate documentation and required field verification. This led to findings that were unexpected and required additional documentation to be created.
- The older, leased facilities were the most difficult to find appropriate documentation on.
- A file folder was compiled containing water infrastructure information for each REC facility.
- Established working relationships with facility managers, engineers, and the City of Idaho Falls.



Figure 3. A storm sewer drain outside of the Energy Systems Laboratory (ESL).

Future Work:

- This project can be expanded to the INL Site Facilities and can be used to create a similar database for their water infrastructure.
- As new construction and renovations occur throughout the REC, this will need to be updated to ensure accuracy in records.
- Additional field verification will need to be completed.

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