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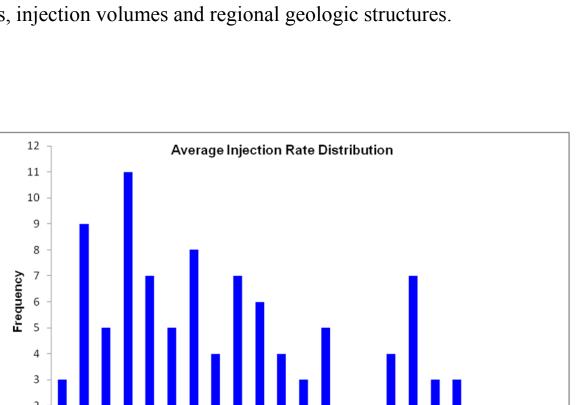
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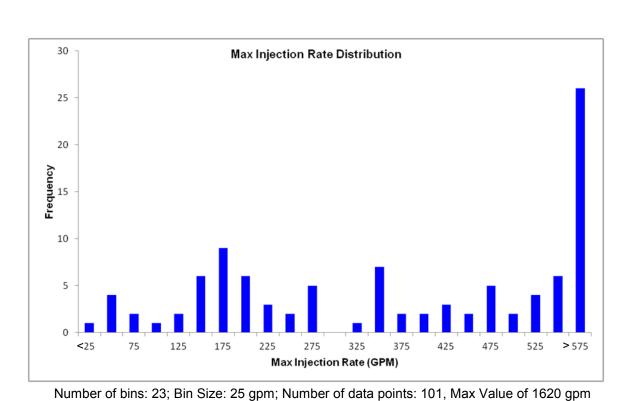
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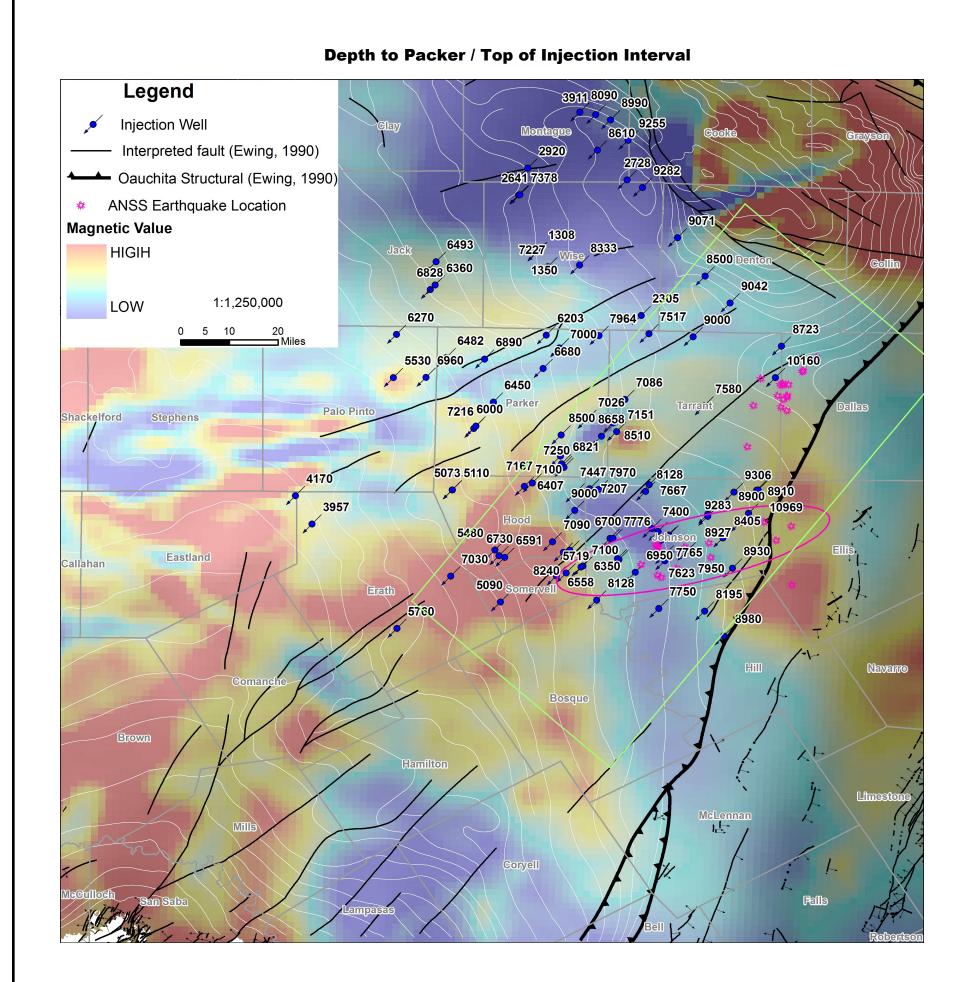


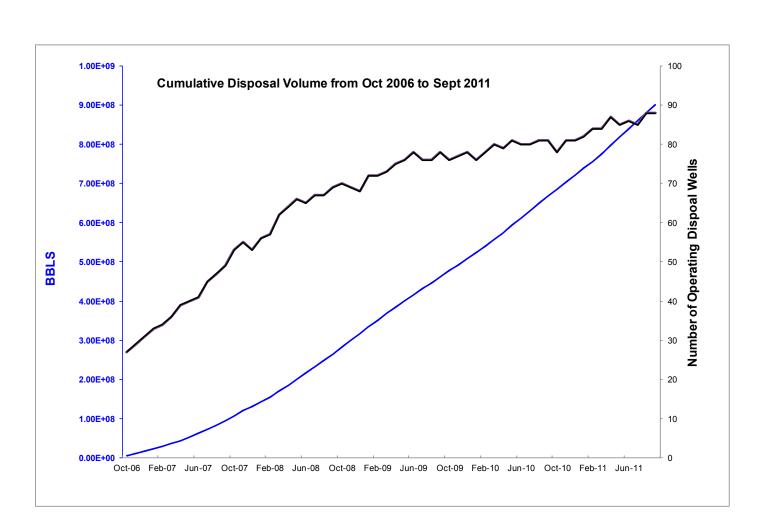
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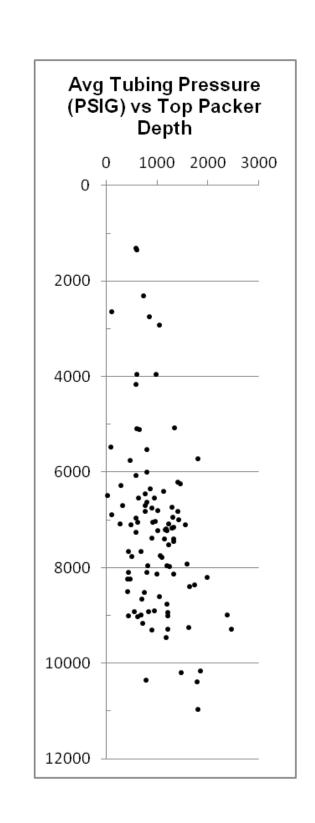
Average Injection Rate (GPM)

Number of bins: 23; Bin Size: 25 gpm; Number of data points: 101









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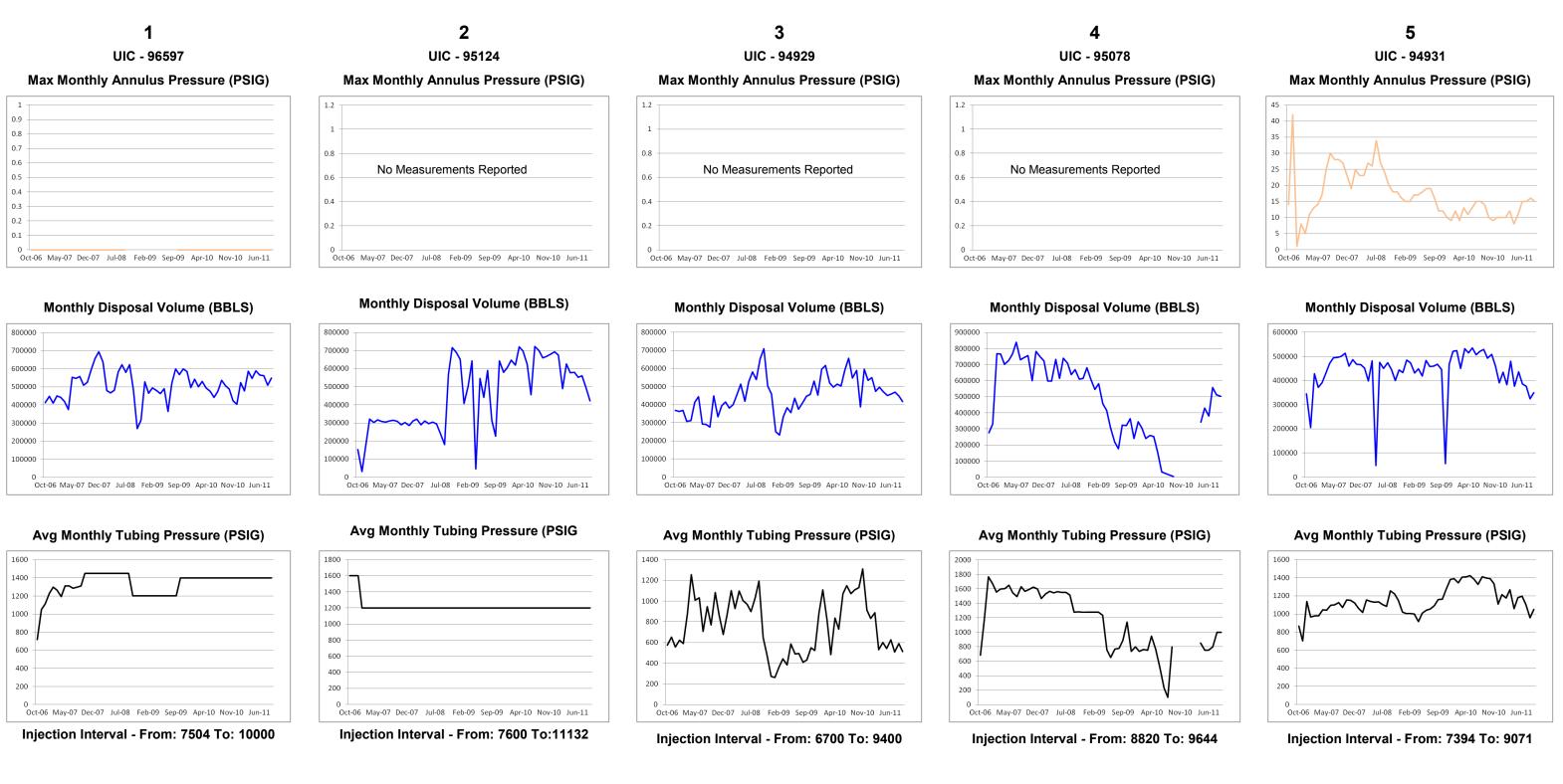
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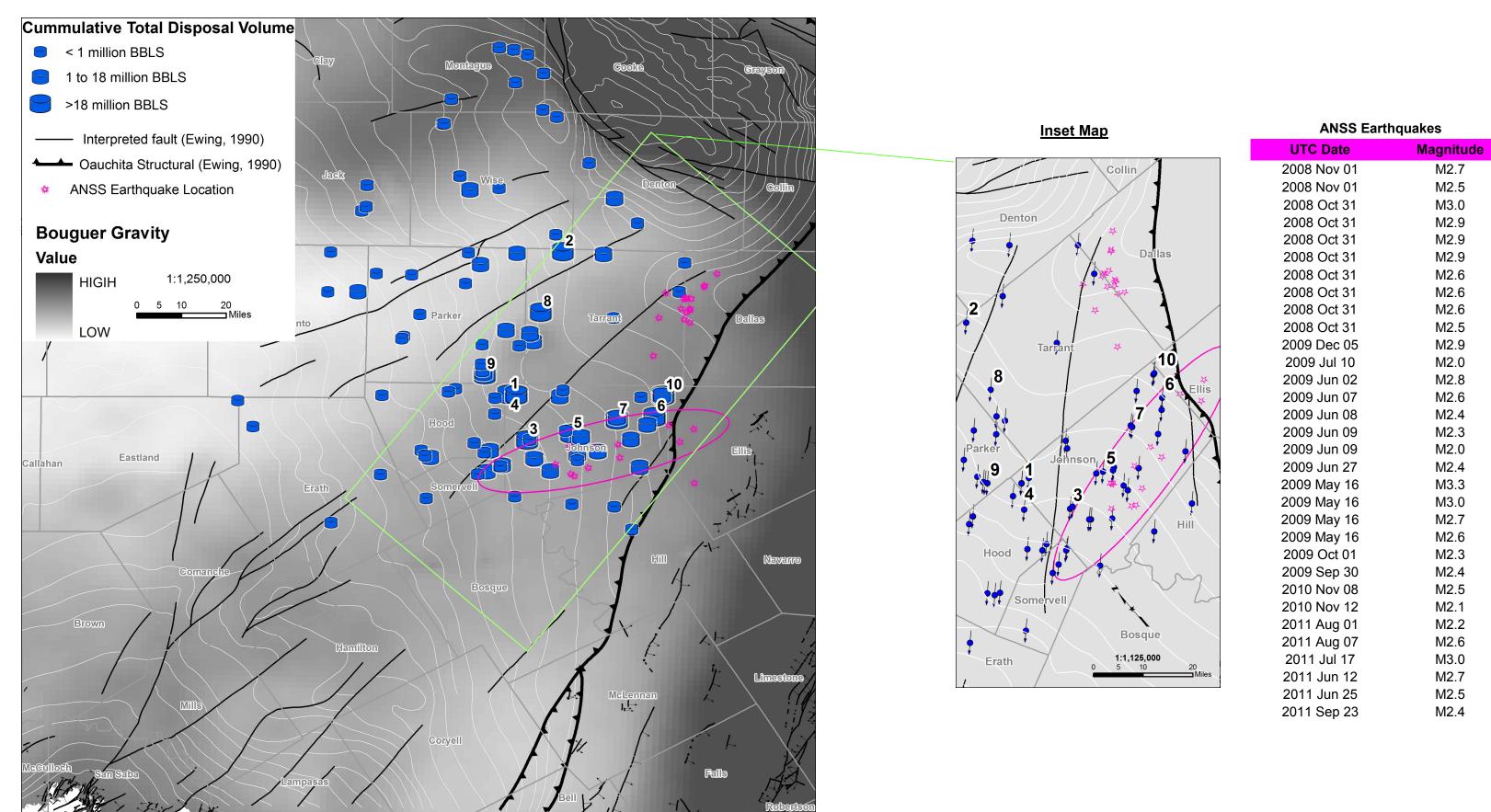
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