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Update:

Water Resources Mission Area

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U.S. Geological Survey Water Science Strategy— Observing, Understanding, Predicting, and Delivering Water Science to the Nation

Five Goals:

1. Provide society the information it needs regarding the amount and quality of water in all components of the water cycle at high temporal and spatial resolution, nationwide.
2. Advance understanding of processes that determine water availability.
3. Predict changes in the quantity and quality of water resources in response to changing climate, population, land-use, and management scenarios.
4. Anticipate and respond to water-related emergencies and conflicts.
5. Deliver timely hydrologic data, analyses, and decision-support tools seamlessly across the Nation to support water-resource decisions.

CONSENSUS STUDY REPORT

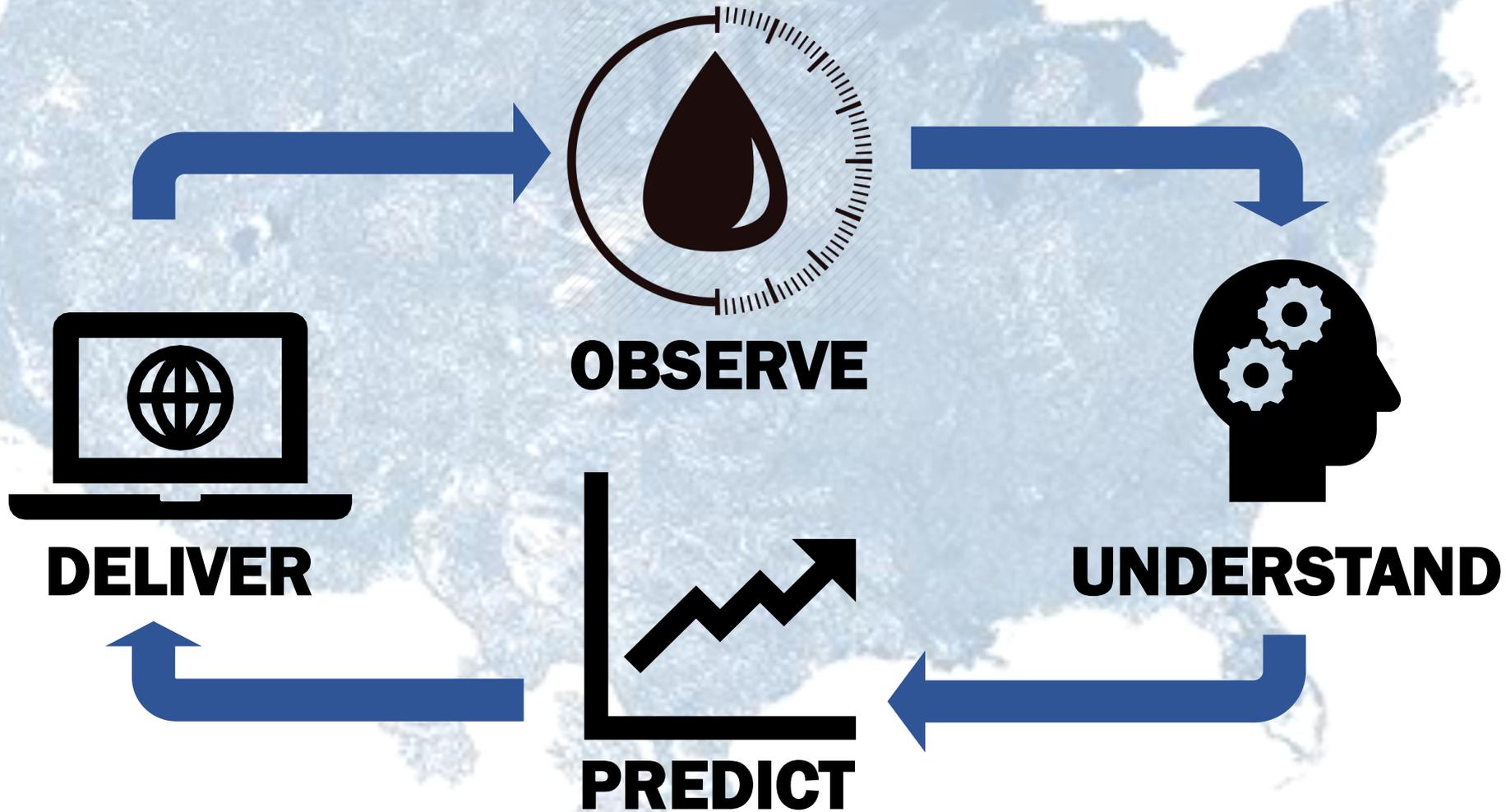
10 Recommendations

1. Enhance data collection.
2. Coordinate on data delivery.
3. Increase focus on relationships between human activities and water.
4. Develop a robust water accounting system.
5. Collaborate on water use data standards.
6. Ensure monitoring networks are adequate to assess changing conditions.
7. Focus on long-term prediction and risk assessment of extreme water conditions.
8. Develop multi-scale, integrated, dynamic models that encompass the full water cycle.
9. Collaborate within and outside of USGS.
10. Build a workforce ready to take on new water challenges.

FUTURE WATER PRIORITIES FOR THE NATION

Directions for the
U.S. Geological Survey
Water Mission Area

Integrated Water Science Process



USGS Integrated Water Science Initiatives



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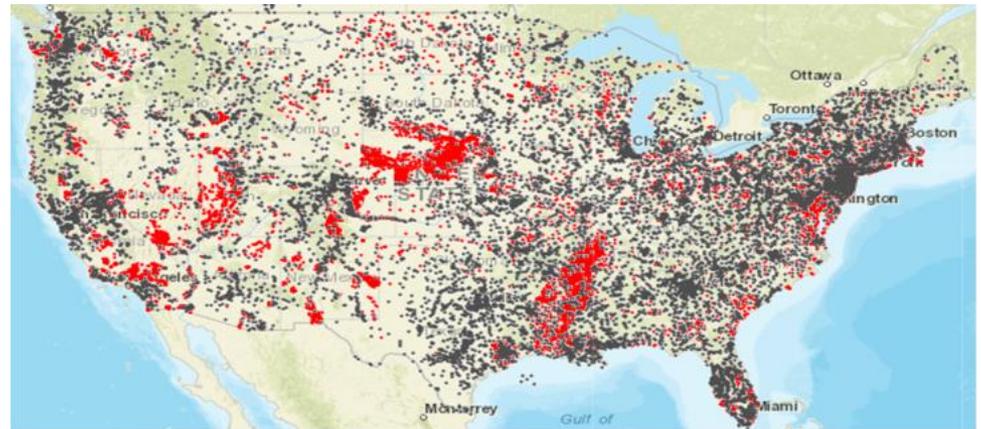
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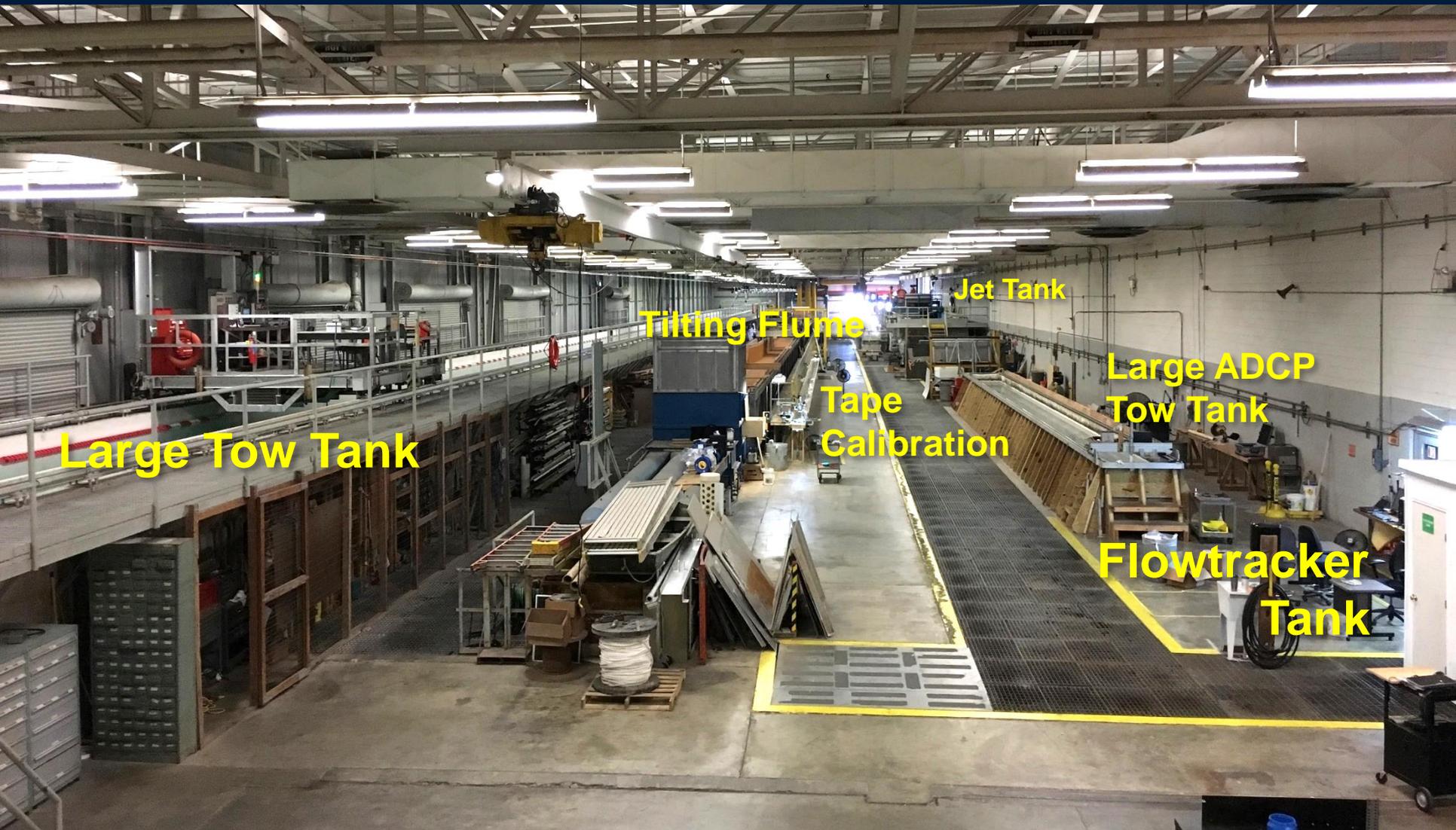
Observations Underpin Water Science

USGS operates the Nation's largest water observing system:

- Continuous streamflow data from 10,000+ real-time streamgages
- Discrete data from ~80,000+ manual streamflow measurements per year
- Groundwater conditions monitored at 17,000+ wells
- Continuous water-quality monitored from 2,100+ stations
- 1.2 billion data requests last year through NWIS web
- Funded by USGS and over 1600 partners



The Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility (HIF) Underpins USGS Water Observations (c. 1972)



New Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility Planned December 2022

- State-of-the-art hydraulics laboratory for testing, calibration
- Network Operations Center for USGS water observing systems

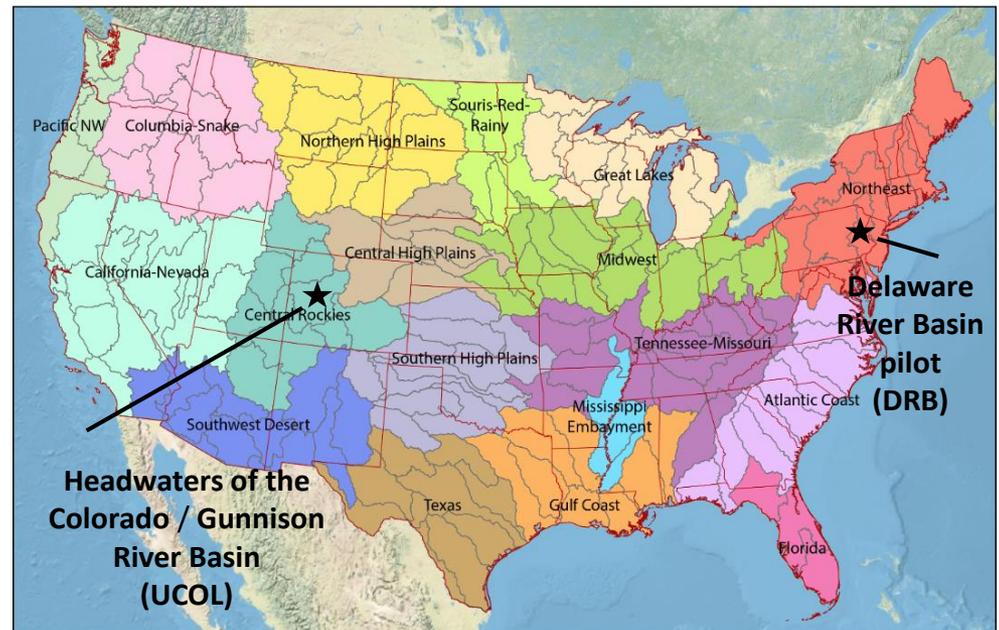


- Water Sensor Innovation Facility
- Water Science Training Center
- Indoor and Outdoor Research Testbeds

Integrated Water Science Basins

10 Intensive Reference Basins to Drive the Future of Integrated Water Science:

- Regional focus areas for intensive observation, assessments, modeling, and prediction
- 10 river basins (10,000-20,000 mi²) representative of larger water-resource regions
- Goal: Establish 10 basins in 10 years
- Develop a deep, integrated understanding that can be extended to the broader region
- Basin selection process includes quantitative metrics and extensive stakeholder engagement



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Overview Layers Legend 3 Tools

Layers

- USGS Stations 1
 - STREAMS 9938
 - LAKES
 - WELLS
 - WATER QUALITY
 - RAIN
 - ATMOSPHERIC
 - TIDAL
- Weather Conditions 1
- Hydrology
- Base Map

Clear Layers

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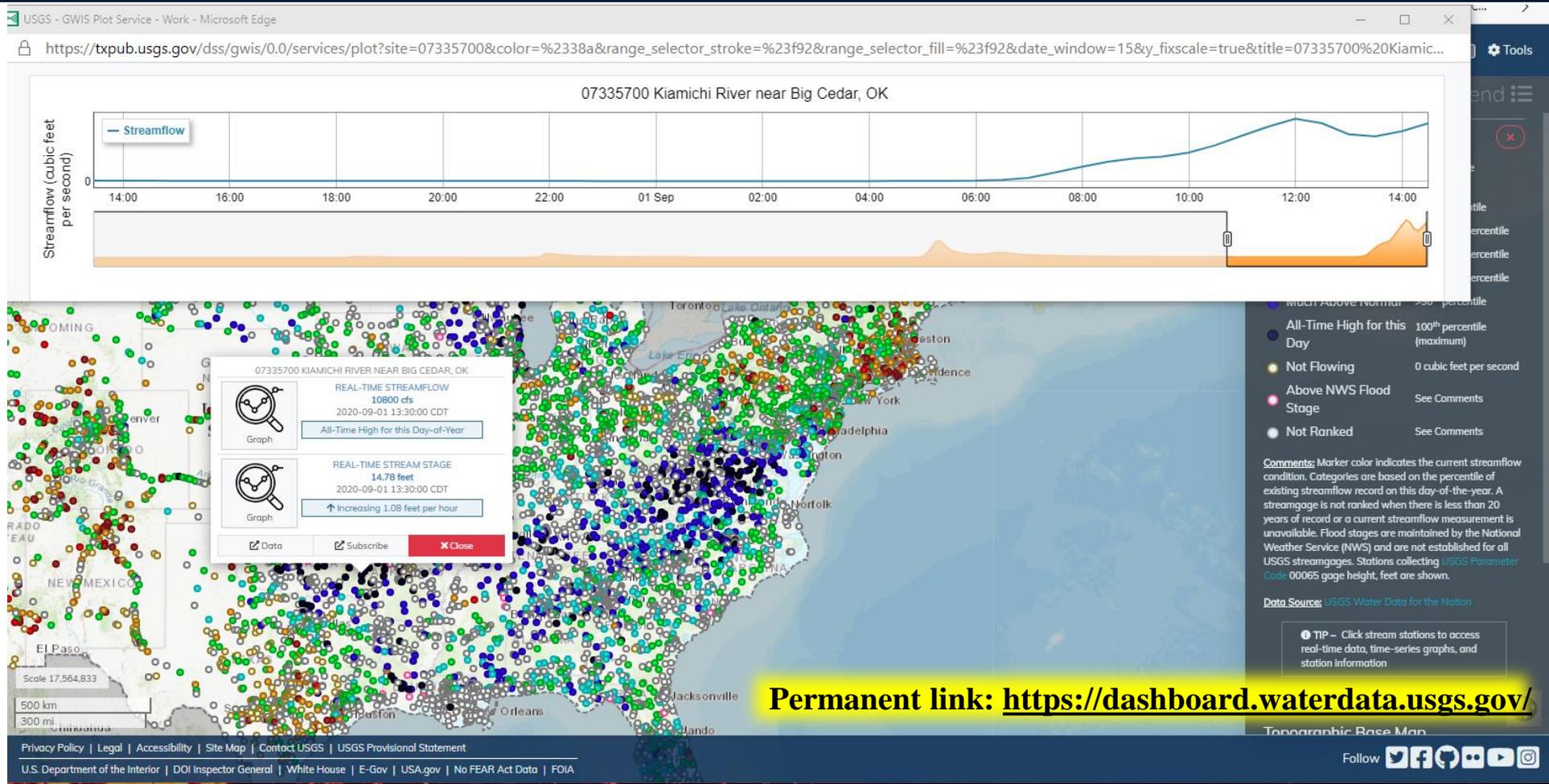
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The screenshot displays the USGS National Water Dashboard interface. At the top left, the USGS logo and the text "National Water Dashboard" are visible. The main area is a map of the central United States, showing weather data overlays in various colors (green, yellow, orange, red) and numerous purple diamond markers representing USGS stations. The map includes state boundaries and city names. In the bottom left corner of the map area, there is a scale bar for 200 km and 100 mi, and a scale value of 5,084,557. On the right side, there is a sidebar menu with the following items: Overview, Layers, Legend (3), and Tools. Below these are several interactive elements: a "CLOSE" button, "USGS Stations" (1), "Weather Conditions" (1), "WATCHES", "RADAR" (with a dropdown menu set to "Static" and "Johnson City"), a "ON" toggle switch, "RECENT RAINFALL", "RAINFALL FORECAST", "SNOW", "CLOUD COVER", "TEMPERATURE", "DROUGHT", "Hydrology", "Base Map", and a "Clear Layers" button. At the bottom of the dashboard, there is a navigation bar with links for Privacy Policy, Legal, Accessibility, Site Map, Contact USGS, and USGS Provisional Statement. Below this is a footer with "U.S. Department of the Interior | DOI Inspector General | White House | E-Gov | USA.gov | No FEAR Act Data | FOIA" and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

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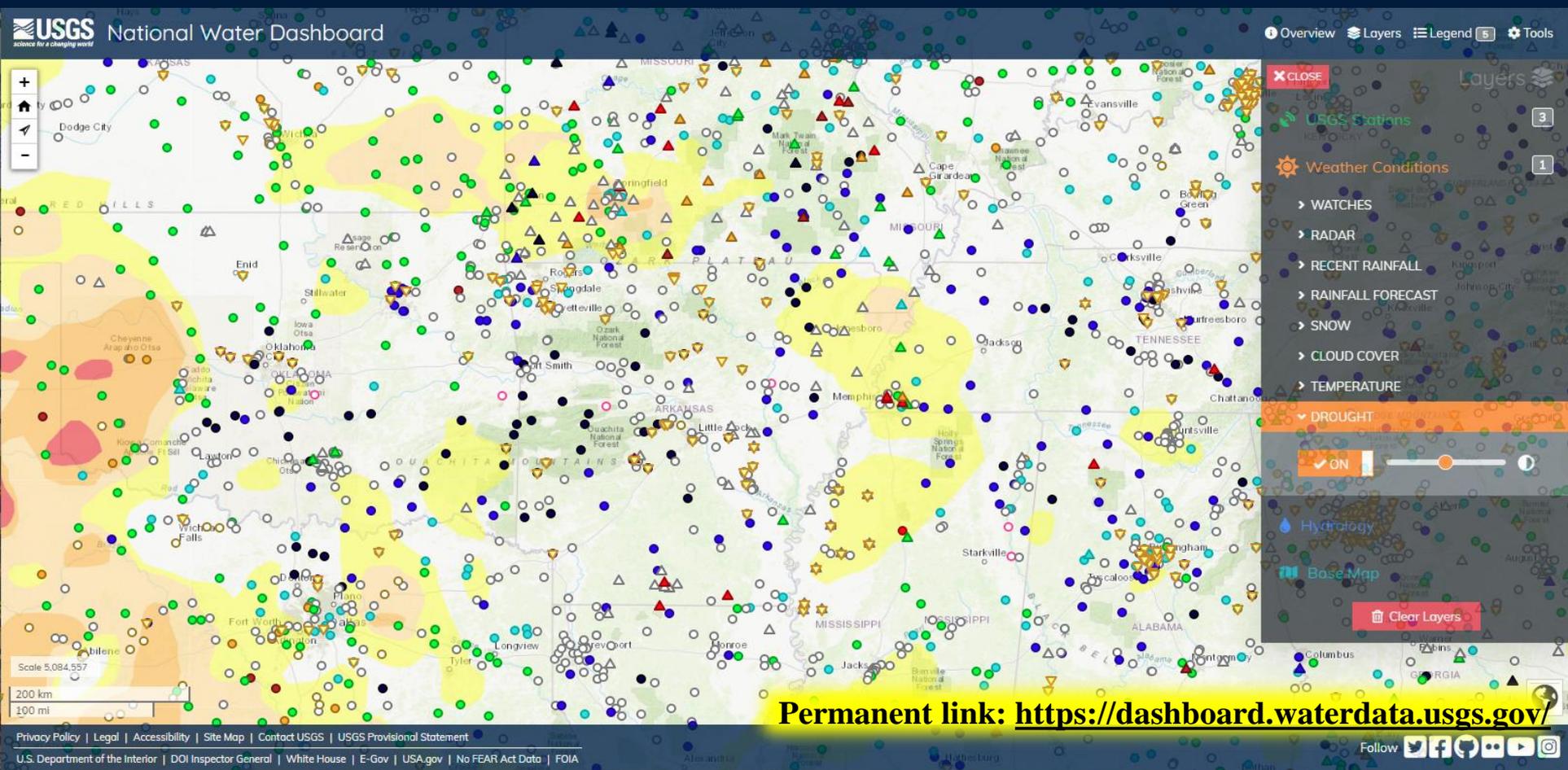
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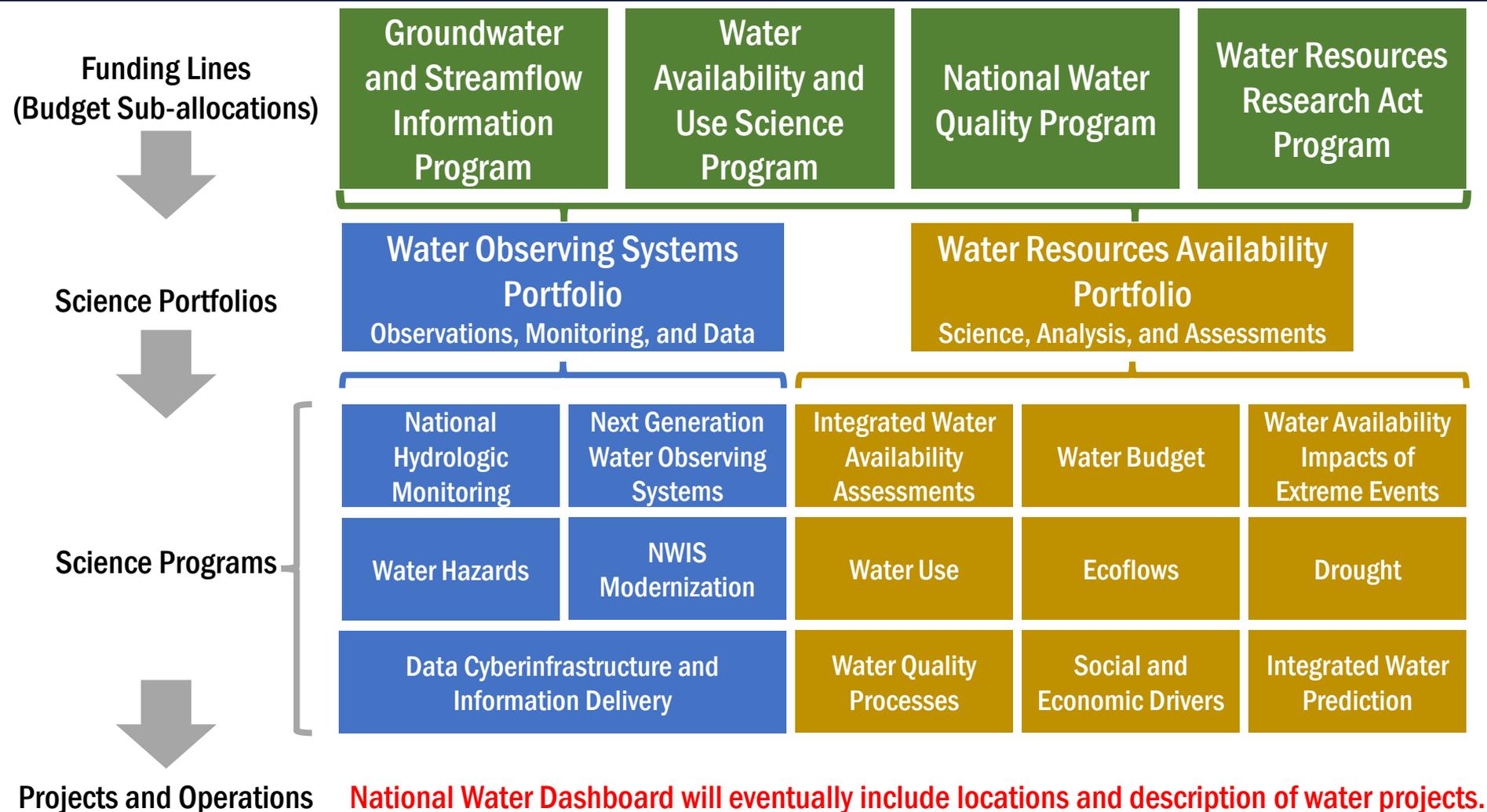
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Water Mission Area Science Portfolio Structure



2021 Budget Status

Water Resources Mission Area Programs (dollars in millions)	2020	2021			
	Enacted	Program Changes* (from 2020)	President's Budget Request	House Mark	Change from 2020
Water Resources (Overall)	\$234.1	-\$53.3	\$180.8	\$237.4	+\$3.3
Water Availability and Use Science Program	\$47.5	-\$14.1	\$33.4	\$46.0	-\$1.5
Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program	\$84.2	-\$10.9	\$73.3	\$85.8	+\$1.6
National Water Quality Program	\$92.4	-\$18.3	\$74.1	\$94.6	+\$2.2
Water Resources Research Act Program	\$10.0	-\$10.0	\$0	\$11.0	+\$1.0