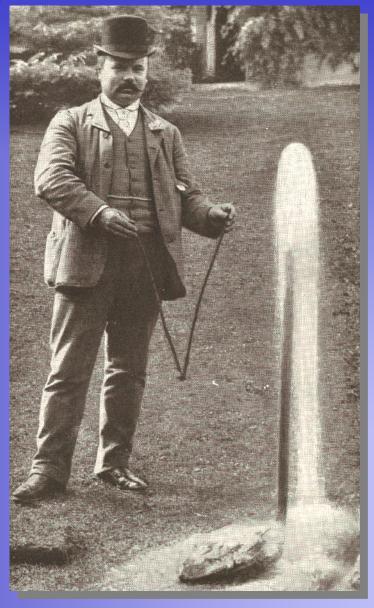
# An Introduction to Groundwater Issues at Mine Sites

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# **Topic 1: Introduction**



#### What is Groundwater?

#### A Resource

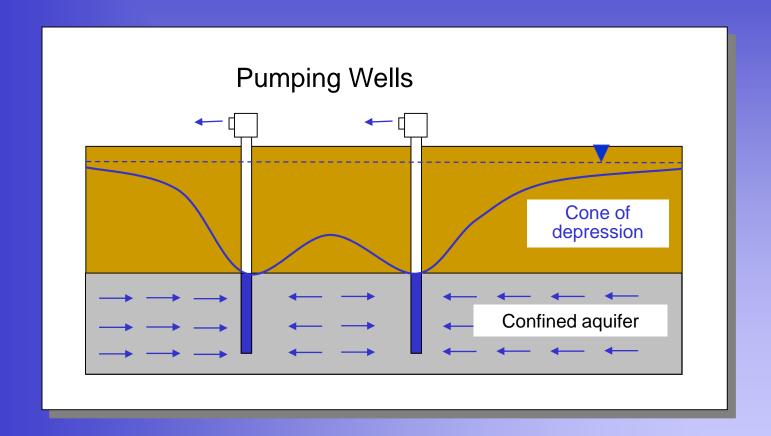
Drinking water, process water, irrigation, etc...

#### A Pathway

 Migration of dissolved constituents in subsurface to receptors such as wells, rivers, lakes, wetlands, ocean

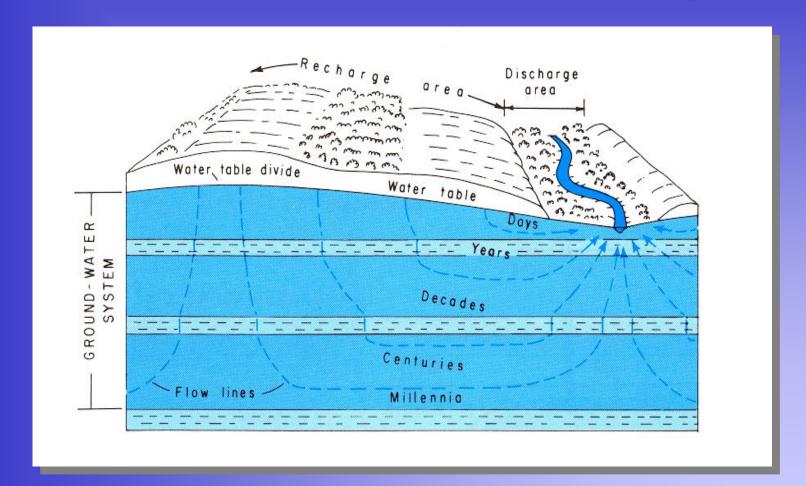


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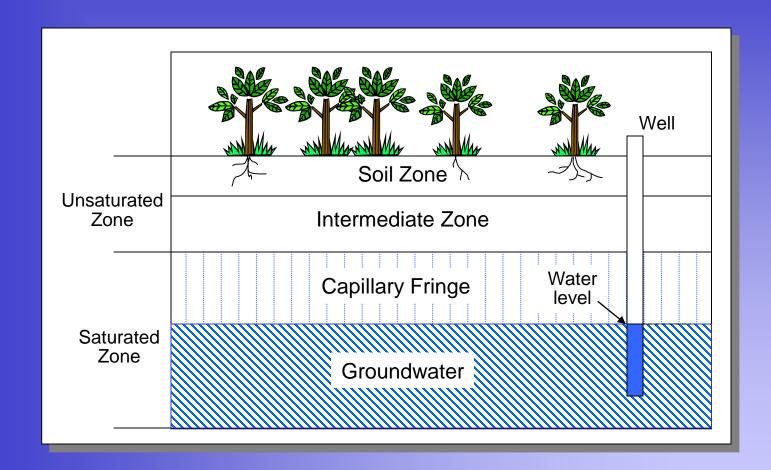


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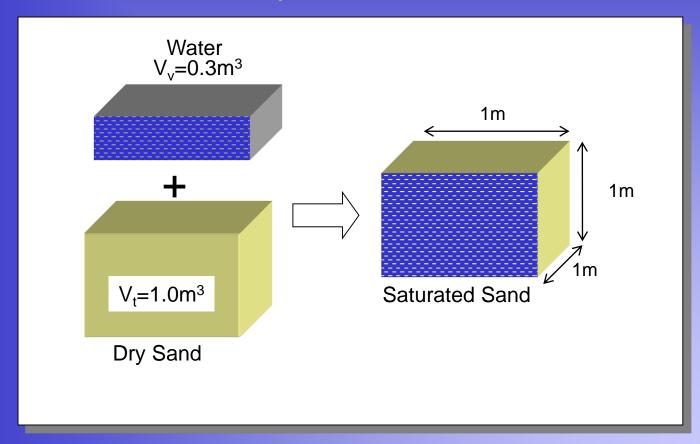
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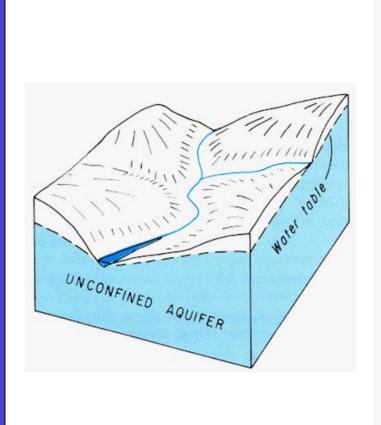
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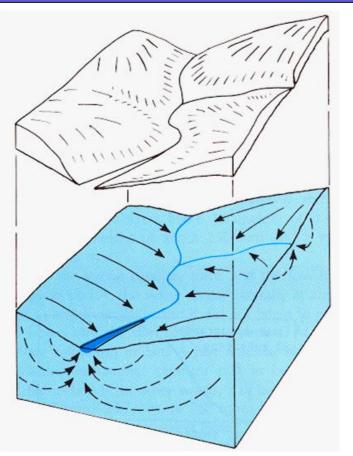




# **How Does Groundwater Move?**

Where to?

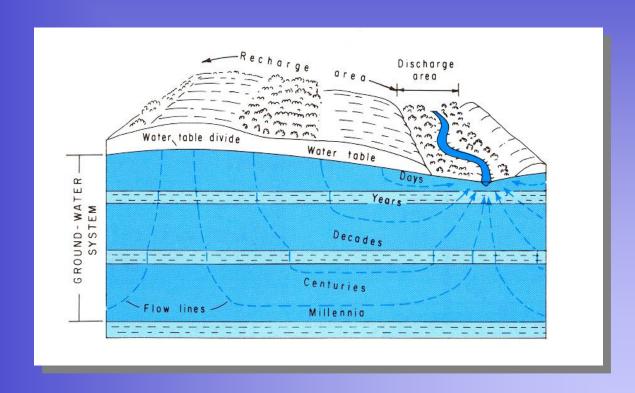






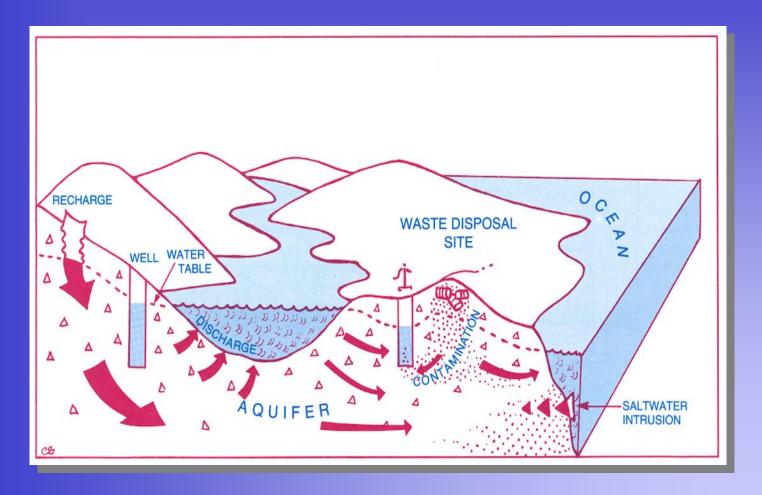
# How Does Groundwater Move?

• How fast?





#### Groundwater and the Hydrologic Cycle





#### Transport of Contaminants in Groundwater

