

# GAM run 04-13

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## **REQUESTOR:**

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## **DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:**

Determine the groundwater in storage for each county basin area in the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Area using a 1.25% annual depletion from the base year of 1998 for the total period of 2000 through 2060 with average recharge for each area factored into the analysis. Average recharge is based on a percentage of precipitation for the 1950 through 1990 period of record.

## **METHODS:**

To address the request, we:

- Extracted the recharge rates for each county basin area from the water budgets from the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) runs for the northern and southern parts of the Ogallala aquifer;
- Calculated the groundwater in storage for 1998 from the GAM and
- Computed the 1.25% annual depletion from 2000 through 2060.

## **PARAMETERS AND ASSUMPTIONS:**

Recharge was reappraised in the updated model of the northern part of the Ogallala aquifer. The methodology is discussed in Dutton (2004). Average recharge was also extracted from the water budgets of the model of the southern part of the Ogallala aquifer (See Blandford, and others, 2003)

## **RESULTS:**

The results are in the attached Excel spreadsheet file.

## REFERENCES:

Dutton, Alan, 2004, Adjustments of parameters to improve the calibration of the Og-N model of the Ogallala aquifer, Panhandle Water Planning Area: Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin, 9 p

Blandford, T. N., Blazer, D. J., Calhoun, K. C., Dutton, A. R., Naing, T., Reedy, R. C., and Scanlon, B. R., 2003, Groundwater availability of the southern Ogallala aquifer in Texas and New Mexico; Numerical Simulations Through 2050: Final Report prepared for the Texas Water Development Board by Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., 158 p.









