



# Mission Valley Power Agricultural Measures

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# Agricultural

- Agricultural
  - Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for **centrifugal/turbine/submersible** agricultural pumps (New or Existing installations).
  - Agricultural pump efficiency upgrade (New pumps).
  - Sprinkler irrigation hardware maintenance and conversions
  - Green motors

# VFD for Centrifugal Agricultural Pumps

## (New or Existing Installations)

- **Pre-Condition:**
  - Pre-Approval with Mission Valley Power required prior to purchase of equipment.
  - A fixed speed centrifugal pump ranging from 20 to 1000 horsepower.
  - Eligible installations are limited to pumps with at least 20% variation in head.
  - Pump manufacturer's performance curve if available.
- **Post-Condition:**
  - A new (not rebuilt) VFD that meets the 20% variation in head.
  - BPA recommends IEEE 519 standard is met. (Electrical harmonic mitigation)
  - Pump manufacturer's performance curve (if new pump is installed)
  - Invoice
- **Rebate:**
  - \$70/horsepower

# VFD for Turbine/Submersible Agricultural Pumps

## (New or Existing Installations)

- **Pre-Condition:**
  - Pre-Approval with Mission Valley Power required prior to purchase of equipment.
  - A fixed speed turbine/submersible pump ranging from 20 to 1000 horsepower.
  - Eligible installations are limited to pumps with at least 20% variation in flow rate or 10% variation in head.
  - Pump manufacturer's performance curve
- **Post-Condition:**
  - A new (not rebuilt) VFD that meets the 20% variation in flow or 10% variation in head.
  - BPA recommends IEEE 519 standard is met. (Electrical harmonic mitigation)
  - Pump manufacturer's performance curve (if new pump is installed)
  - Invoice
- **Rebate:**
  - \$100/horsepower

# Agricultural New Pump Upgrade

- Pre-Condition
  - Pre-Approval with Mission Valley Power required prior to purchase of equipment.
  - **Existing** submersible, centrifugal or turbine pump
  - Pump ranges from 20 to 500 horsepower.
- Post-Condition
  - New replacement pump. New motor not required.
  - New pump must be the same or lower horsepower as the existing horsepower unless a VFD is installed.
  - A change from a turbine pump to a centrifugal pump or centrifugal to a turbine is allowable.

Note: Rebuilt pump or simply new impeller(s) using the existing bowls/volute does not qualify for the rebate.

- Rebate Payment
  - \$70/hp

# Sprinkler Hardware Conversion Rebates

- Pre-Condition
  - Pre-Approval with Mission Valley Power required prior to purchase of hardware.
  - Applies to both new and existing systems.
  - Pivot or Lateral Move with MESA (Rotators/I-Wobs/Orbitors/Sprays, etc.) or high pressure impact sprinklers.
  - Minimum pressure to critical sprinkler is at least 35 psi.
- Post-Condition
  - Pivot or Lateral Move with LESA / LEPA / MDI package
- Rebate Payment
  - \$18.00/drop
- Note: Wheel Line conversions to pivot do not qualify for the rebate. This is considered a custom project.

# Sprinkler Hardware Conversion Rebates

- **Pre-Condition**
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  - Wheel line or hand line with high pressure impact sprinklers.
- **Post-Condition**
  - Wheel line or hand line with a pressure regulator, rotating type sprinkler and new nozzle; or rotating type sprinkler with a flow control nozzle.
- **Rebate Payment**
  - \$16.00/sprinkler head

# Sprinkler Hardware Rebates

- Pre-Condition
  - Pump is served by Mission Valley Power.
  - Leaky high pressure wheel lines, hand lines, pivots or lateral moves
- Post-Condition
  - Non-leaky pivots, lateral moves, wheel lines or hand lines
- Rebate Payment
  - Replace or rebuild impact sprinklers \$1.00/sprinkler
  - Replace leaky pipe section gaskets \$4.00/gasket



# Sprinkler Hardware Rebates

- Pre-Condition
  - Pump is served by Mission Valley Power.
  - Leaky wheel lines
- Post-Condition
  - Non-leaky wheel lines
- Rebate Payment
  - Replace Thunderbird wheel line hubs \$4.00/hub
  - Replace or rebuild wheel line levelers \$1.00/leveler

# Green Motors

- A service offered by Green Motor Service Centers.
- When a motor **fails**, an operator has three choices:
  - Rewind to a lower efficiency (typical practice).
  - Rewind and maintain the original efficiency (Green Motor).
  - Replace with a new motor.
- Typically need to request a green rewind to get one.

# Green Motors

- The preferred benefit:
  - Reliability (95 percent)—all about temperature
    - For every 10° C (50° F) rise in the windings above design temperature, not 40° C (104° F) ambient, the useful life is reduced by 50 percent.
    - Longer bearing life.
    - Longer insulation life.
  - OR—
  - Efficiency: (5 percent)
    - Anything done to a motor to reduce temperature typically increases efficiency.

# Green Motors

- Local Accredited EASA (Electrical Apparatus Service Association) Service Centers:
  - See the Green Motors website
  - None in Montana
  - Closest is the Spokane Valley

# Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear

## End-Suction Centrifugal Pump

- In Agriculture, Typically Used as a Either the Primary Pump or a Booster Pump
- High Efficiency
- May Require Priming





# Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear

## Split-Case Centrifugal Pump

- In Agriculture, Typically Used Only as a Booster Pump
- High Efficiency
- Suction Head



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# Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear (Continued)

## Vertical Turbine Pump

- Most Versatile Pump
- In Agriculture, Can be Used as the Primary Pump or Booster Pump
- Surface Water or Deep Well Water Pumping
- Can be High Efficiency



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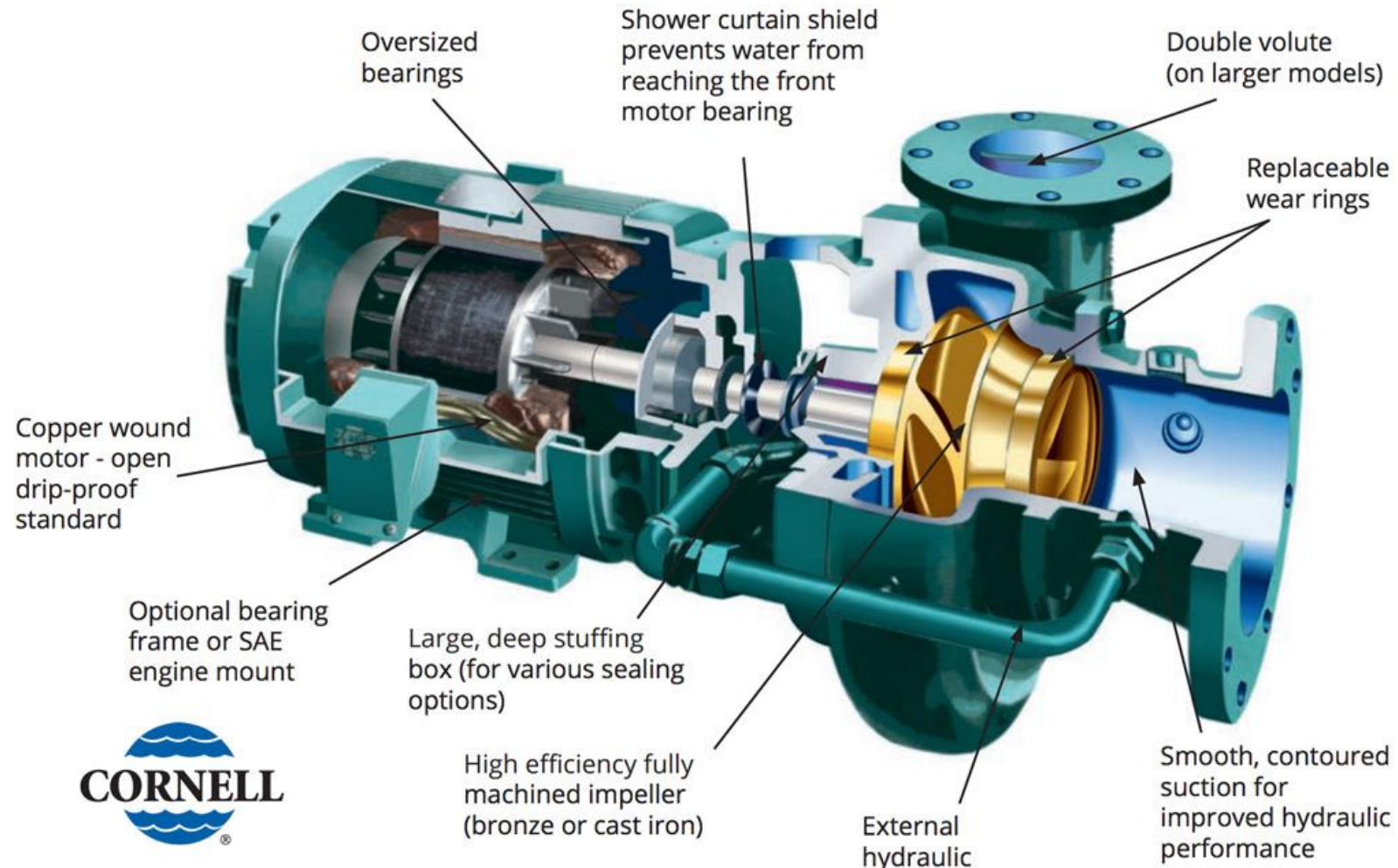
# **Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear (Continued)**

## **Causes of Pump Wear**

- **Grit and Sediment entrained in the water**
- **Cavitation**
  - **High suction lift**
  - **Plugged intake**
  - **Improper intake design**
  - **Pumping more water than designed for the pump**
  - **Pumping air bubbles**



# Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear



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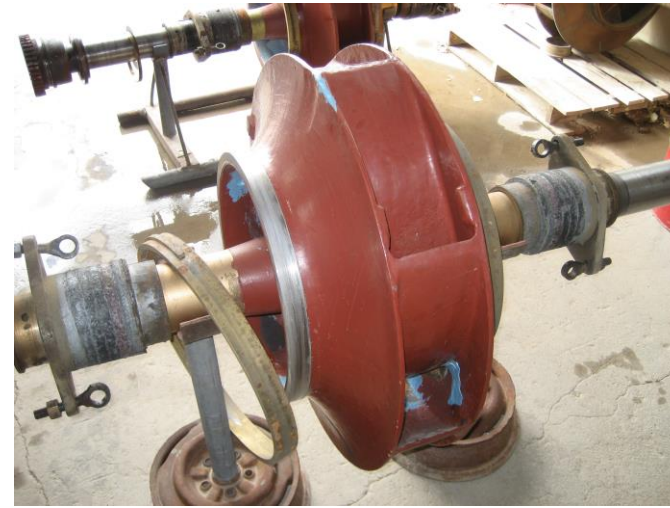
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## A Look at Cavitation Effects





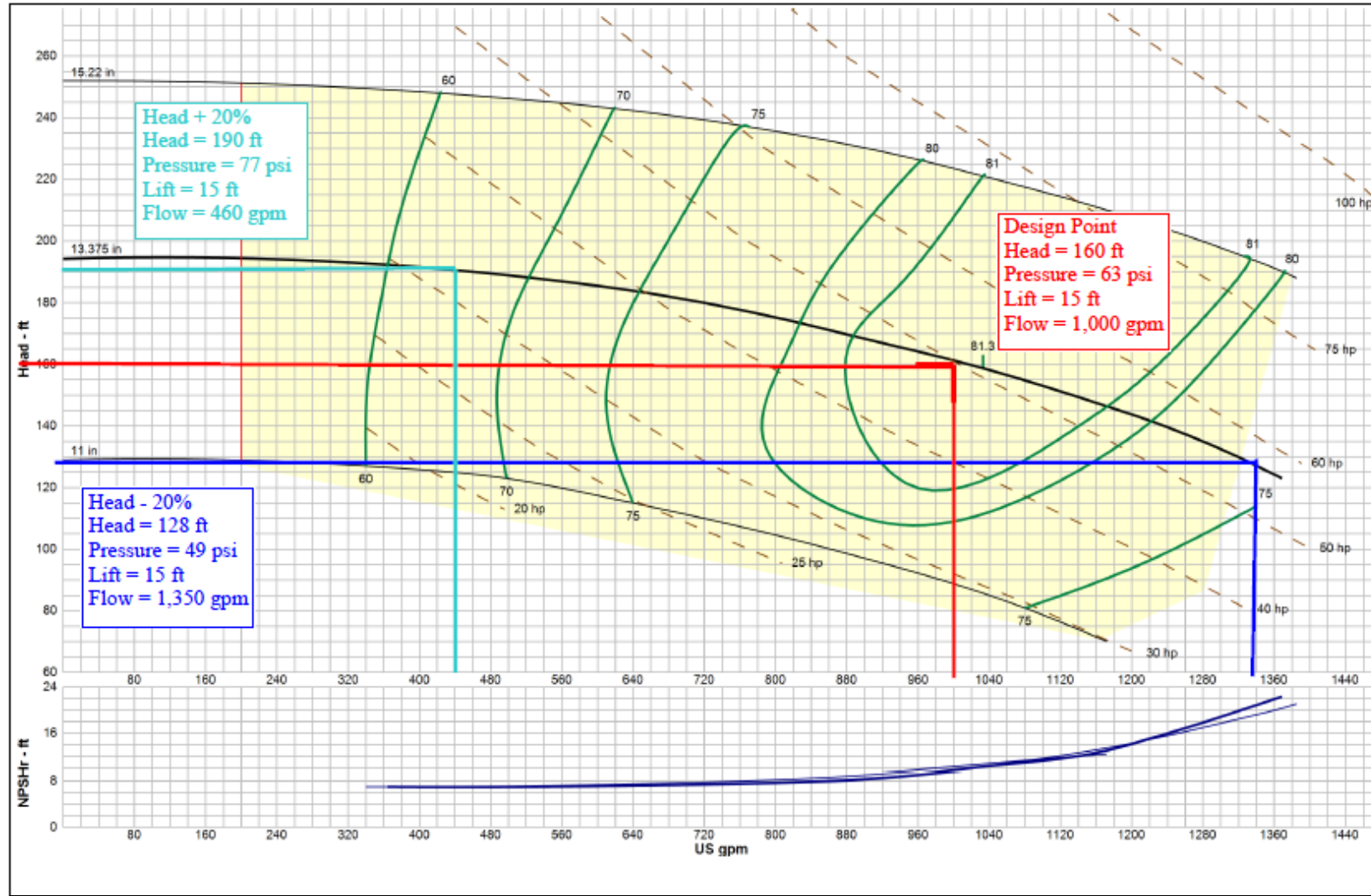
# Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear



Cavitation Damage  
to Impeller

# Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear

## Cavitation Example Centrifugal Pump Curve



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## Cavitation Example Centrifugal Pump Curve

- Cavitation is dependent on the Net Positive Suction Head Available as compared to the Net Positive Suction Head Required.
- The Net Positive Suction Head Available must be greater than the Net Positive Suction Head Required.

$$\text{NPSHA (ft)} = 34.0 \text{ feet} - \text{Site Elevation (ft)}/1000 - V^2/2g - \text{Suction Lift (ft)} - \text{Suction Friction Loss (ft)}$$

where:  $V$  = Suction pipe flow velocity (ft/sec)

$g$  = Acceleration of gravity (32.2 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>)

### Example from Pump Curve

8" Suction pipe

### Operating Conditions:

Friction loss includes suction pipe and foot valve

$$\text{Velocity (ft/sec)} = 0.408 \times \text{GPM}/\text{Dia (in)}^2$$

	Condition 1	Condition 2	Condition 3
Flow Rate:	440 gpm	1000 gpm	1340 gpm
Elevation:	3500 ft	3500 ft	3500 ft
Lift:	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
NPSHR:	7 ft	10 ft	20 ft
Velocity:	2.81 ft/sec	6.38 ft/sec	8.54 ft/sec
Friction Loss:	0.78 ft	4.02 ft	7.2 ft
NPSHA:	24.60 ft	20.85 ft	17.17 ft

Indicates Cavitation Will Occur

# Pumps and What Causes Them to Wear

## Ways to Minimize Cavitation Damage:

- Reduce friction losses on the intake side of the pump
- Reduce the suction lift
- Reduce flow from pump

# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Low Pressure Technologies for Center Pivots and Lateral Moves

- LESA – Low Elevation Spray Application
- LEPA – Low Energy Precision Application
- MDI – Mobile Drip Irrigation



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

**LESA**





# LESA/LEPA/MDI

**Dragon Line  
A Form of MDI**





# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## LEPA





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## Truss Bar Clip





# LESA/LEPA/MDI

**Ram's  
Head T**



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

**Angled Hoses  
Dropping  
12" to 18" from  
Ground**



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Demonstration Pivot



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Installation of Soil Moisture Sensors





# LESA/LEPA/MDI Demonstration Program

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## Demonstration Program

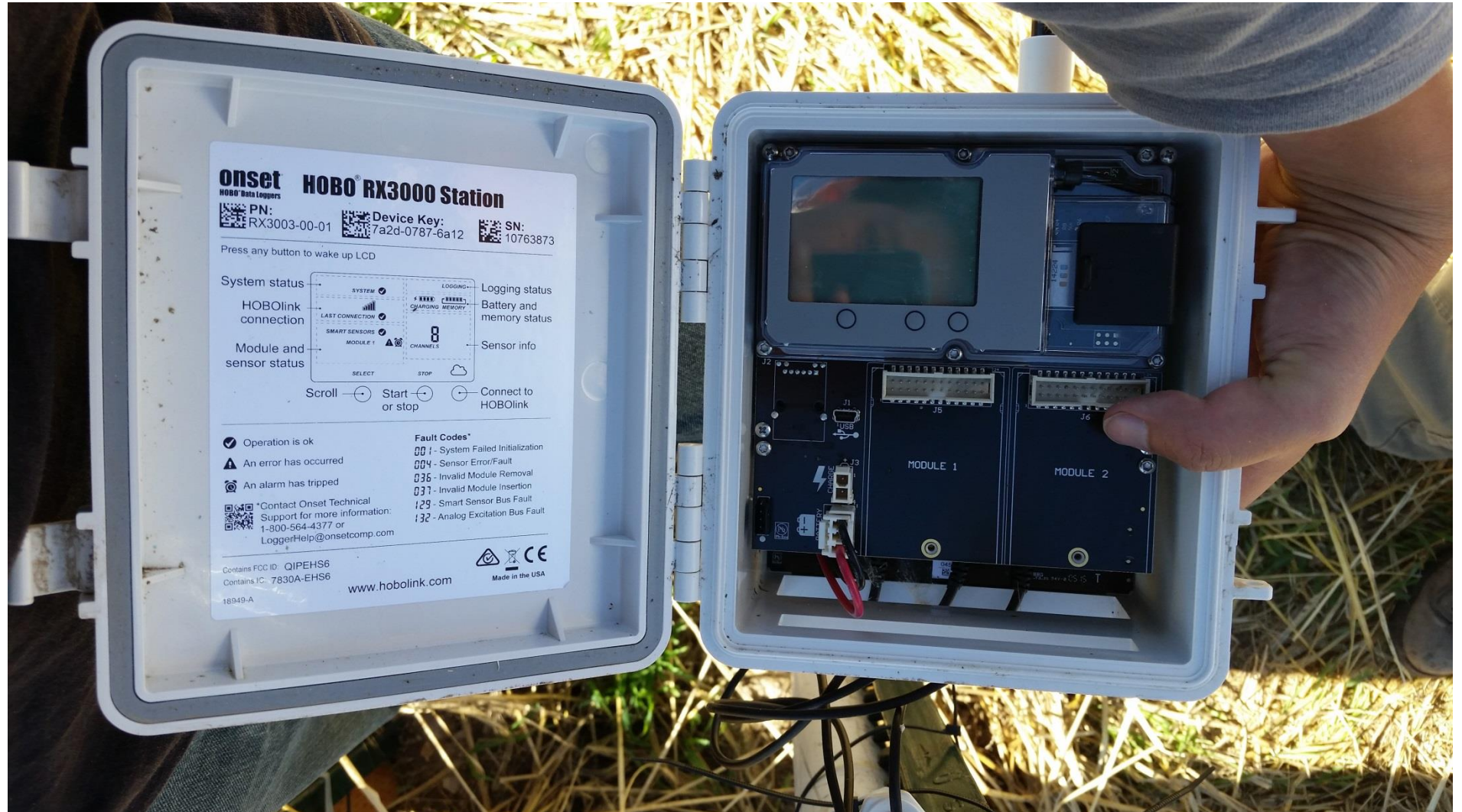
### Setting up the Soil Moisture Loggers





# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Data Logger





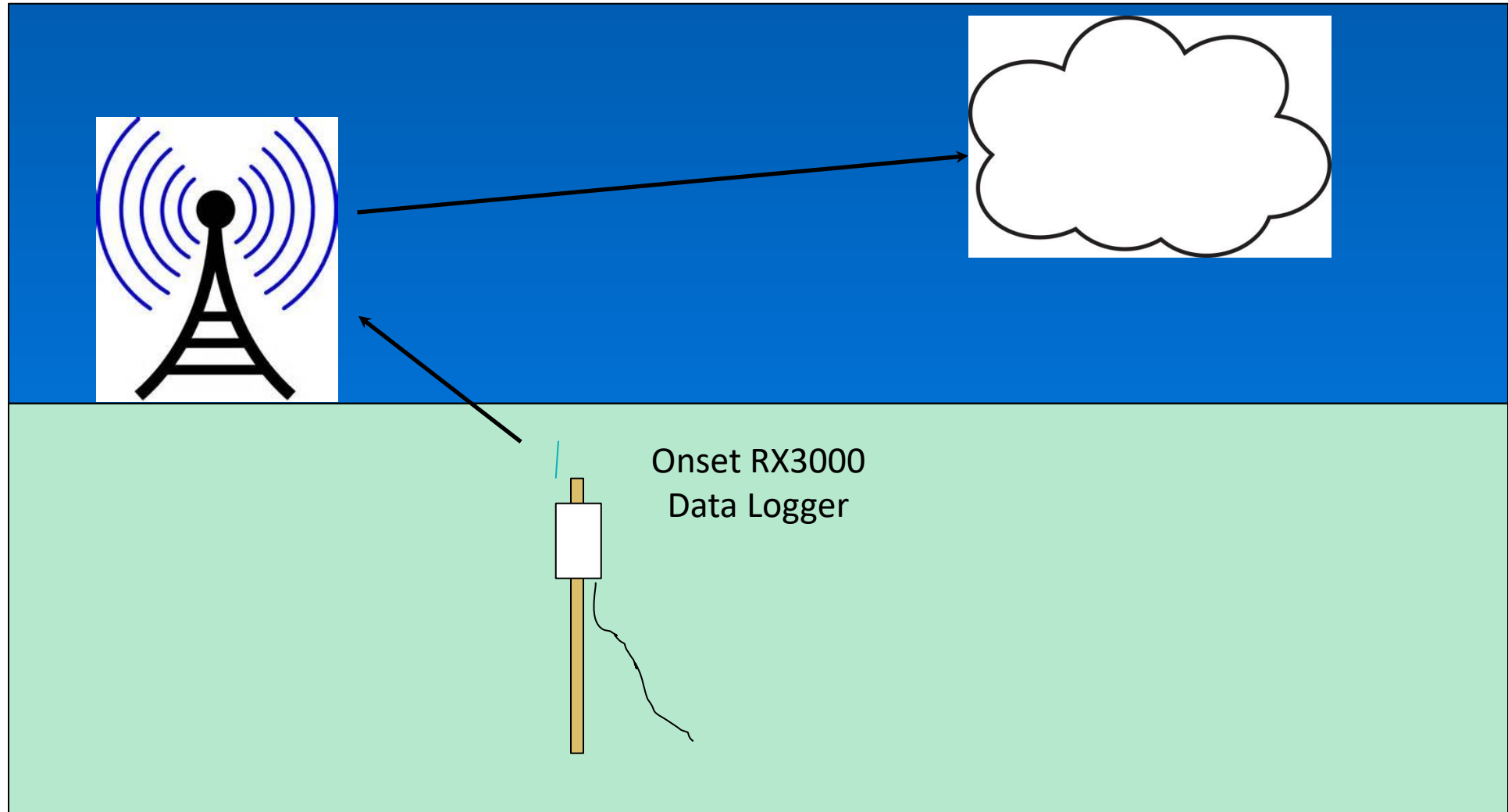
# LESA/LEPA/MDI Demonstration Program

**Logger Connected to  
Installed Soil Moisture  
Sensors.**



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## *Cell Phone Transmission of Data*





# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Recording Crop Progress



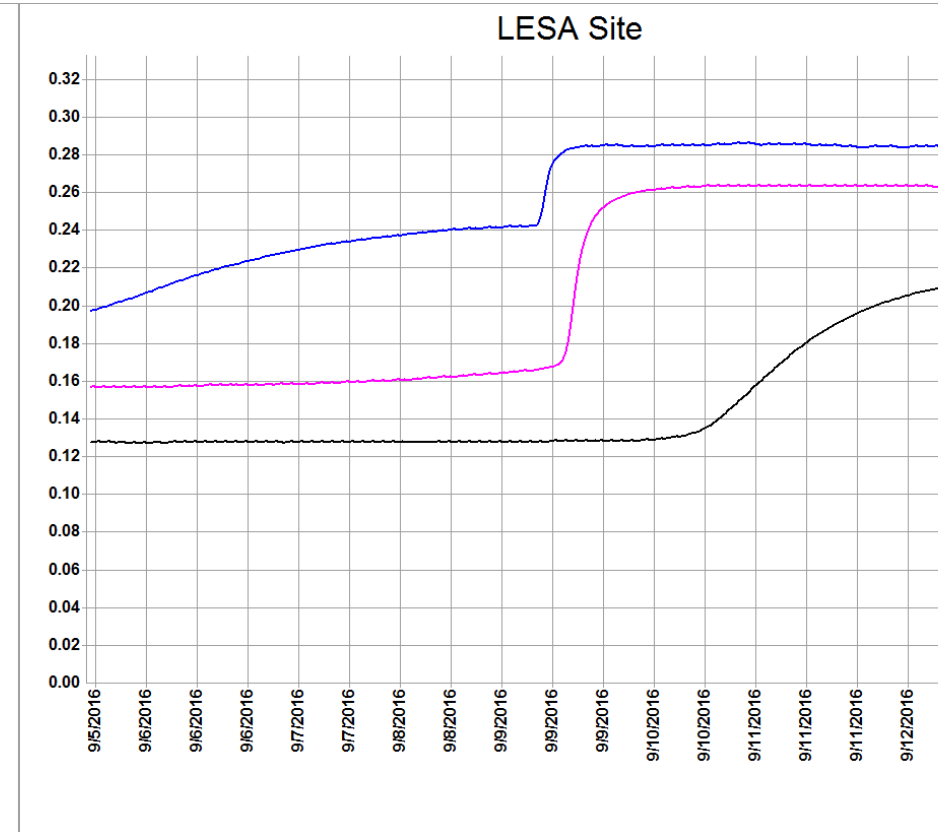
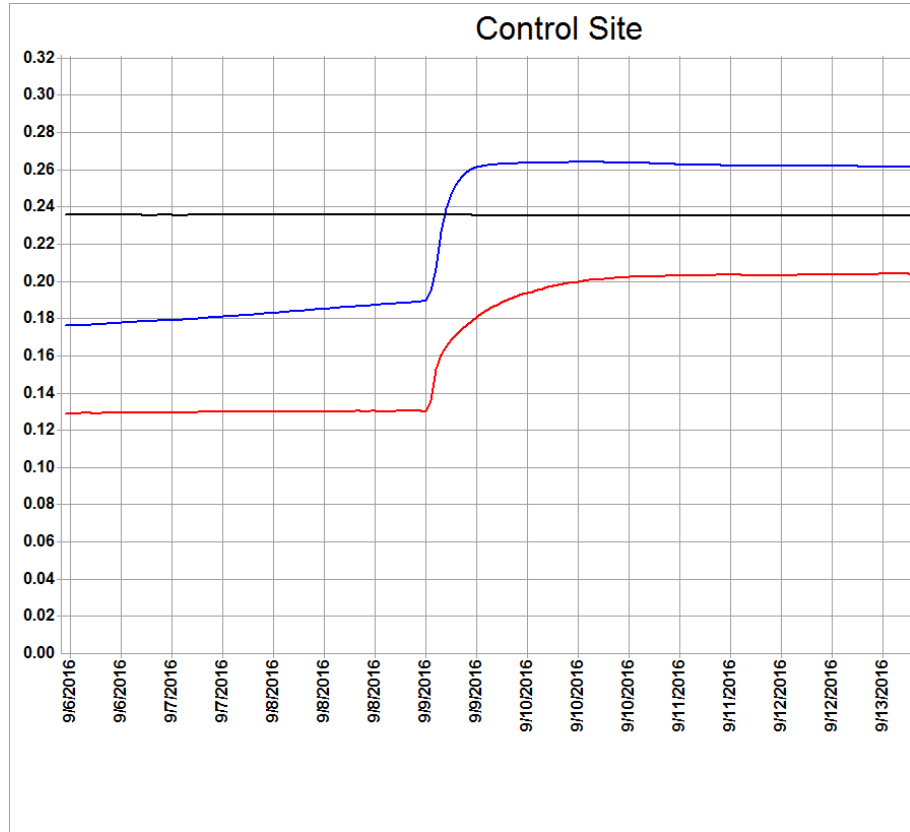
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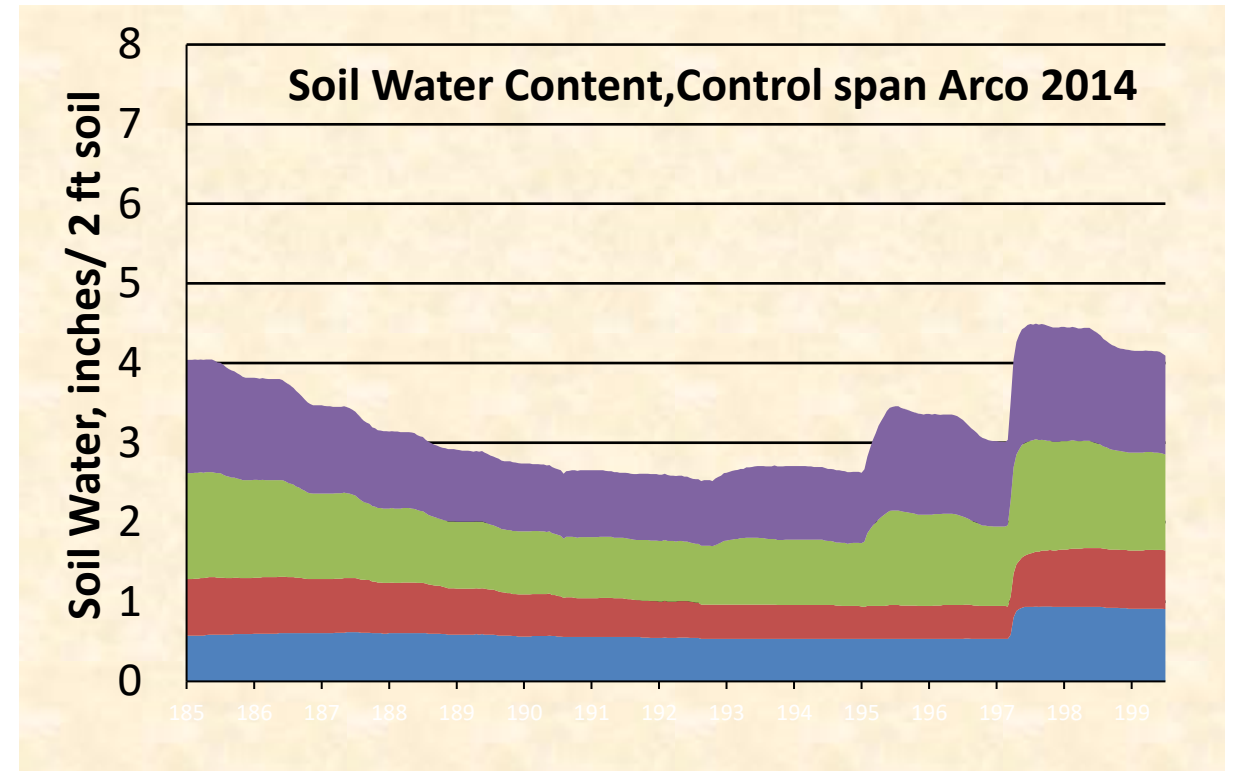
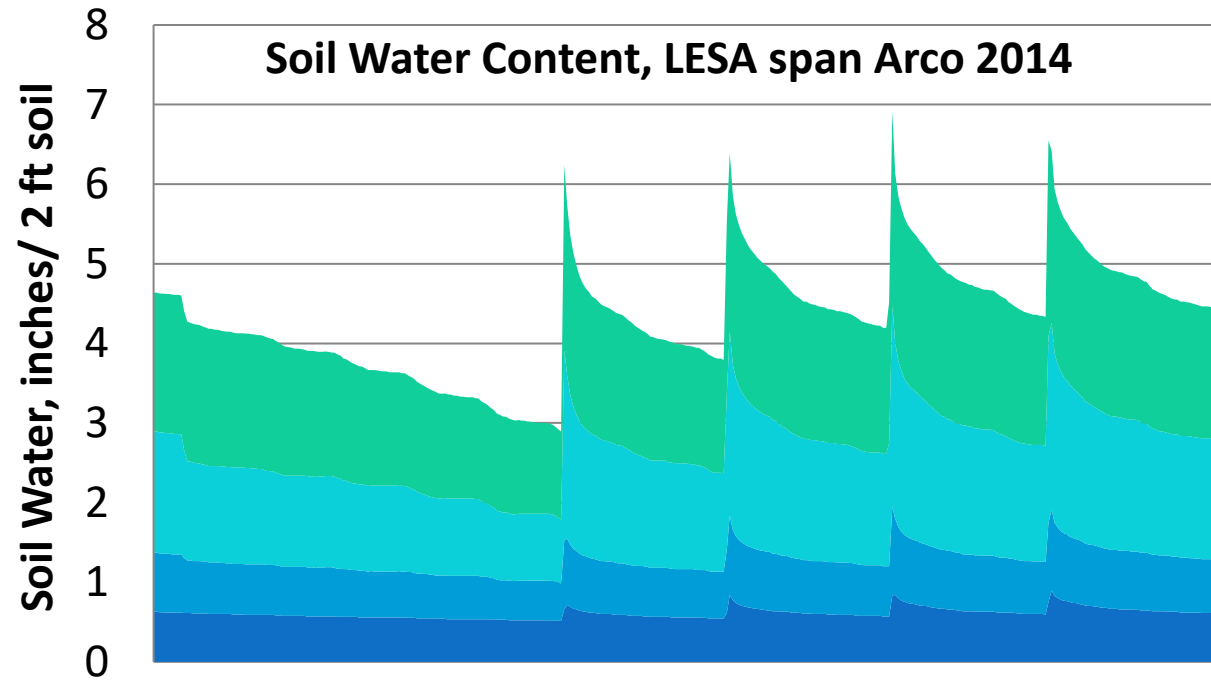
# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Data





# LESA/LEPA/MDI



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Installation of Netafim PMDI





# LESA/LEPA/MDI

**Netafim PMDI**





# LESA/LEPA/MDI





# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## LEPA Sprinkler



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## Demonstration Conclusions

### Benefits

- **Water savings using LESA is about 10% while water Savings for MDI can be as high as 20%**
- **LESA may operate effectively using 6 psi pressure regulators.**
- **Reduced disease pressure in small grains.**
- **Higher application uniformity.**
- **Higher yields and crop quality\*.**
- **Significant energy savings\*.**

**\* Several factors can affect this.**



# LESA/LEPA/MDI

## LESA/MDI Drawbacks:

- Livestock and wildlife may damage drops – recommend securing hoses high up on the pivot during the winter.
- High winds can tangle MDI hoses.
- LESA works best on flat terrain.
- LESA requires double to triple the number of drops compared to MESA.
- MID requires spacing between 2 and 3 feet
- Cost for a LESA package may cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.
- Cost for a MDI package may cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000.
- Having clean water is critical.
- Runoff

# VFDs and When to Use Them

## Facts about Electric Induction Motors

- Unlike gasoline/diesel/propane/NG engines, induction motors are essentially constant speed.
- The shaft rotational speed (RPM) of an electric motor =  $120 \times \text{Frequency (Hertz)} / \# \text{ Poles}$
- The most common induction motors used for irrigation pumps have either 2 pole or 4 pole motors –  
This equates to 3600 RPM or 1800 RPM.
- A variable frequency drive varies the input frequency to the motor, thus changing the speed.

# VFDs and When to Use Them

**New 500 hp well pump and VFD**



# VFDs and When to Use Them

## Inside a VFD panel





# VFDs and When to Use Them

## Advantages of VFDs

- **Can maintain the same pressure to the irrigation system regardless of flow.**
- **Can result in energy savings by not over-pressurizing system.**
- **Inherently provides soft start capabilities.**

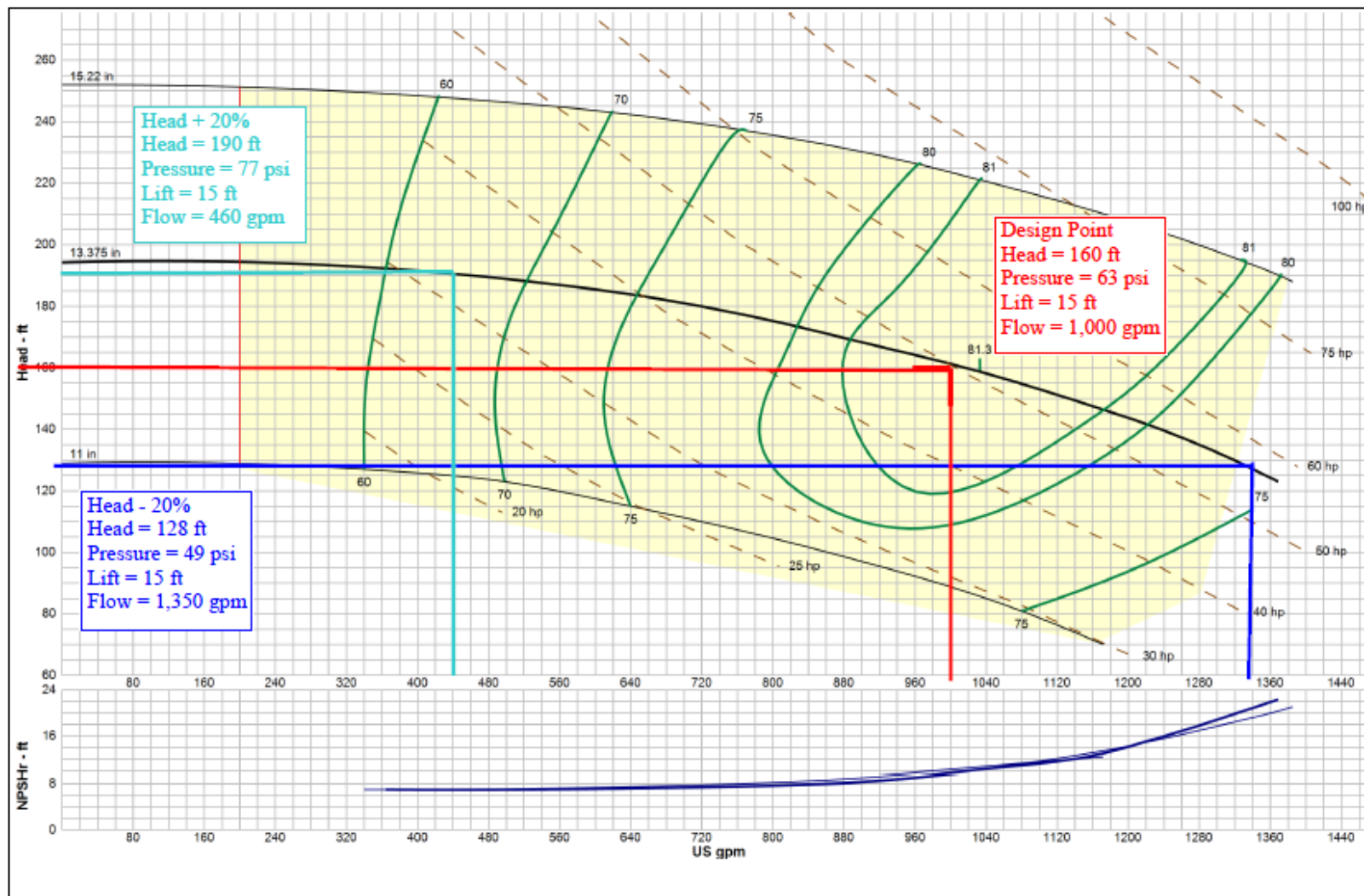
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## Disadvantages of VFDs

- **Certain VFDs can generate harmonics on the power grid potentially causing electrical disturbances and interference.**
- **May require external cooling.**
- **Must be protected from dust and vermin.**
- **Electrical losses through the drive and possible filter.  
(Approximately 3% loss for each apparatus)**

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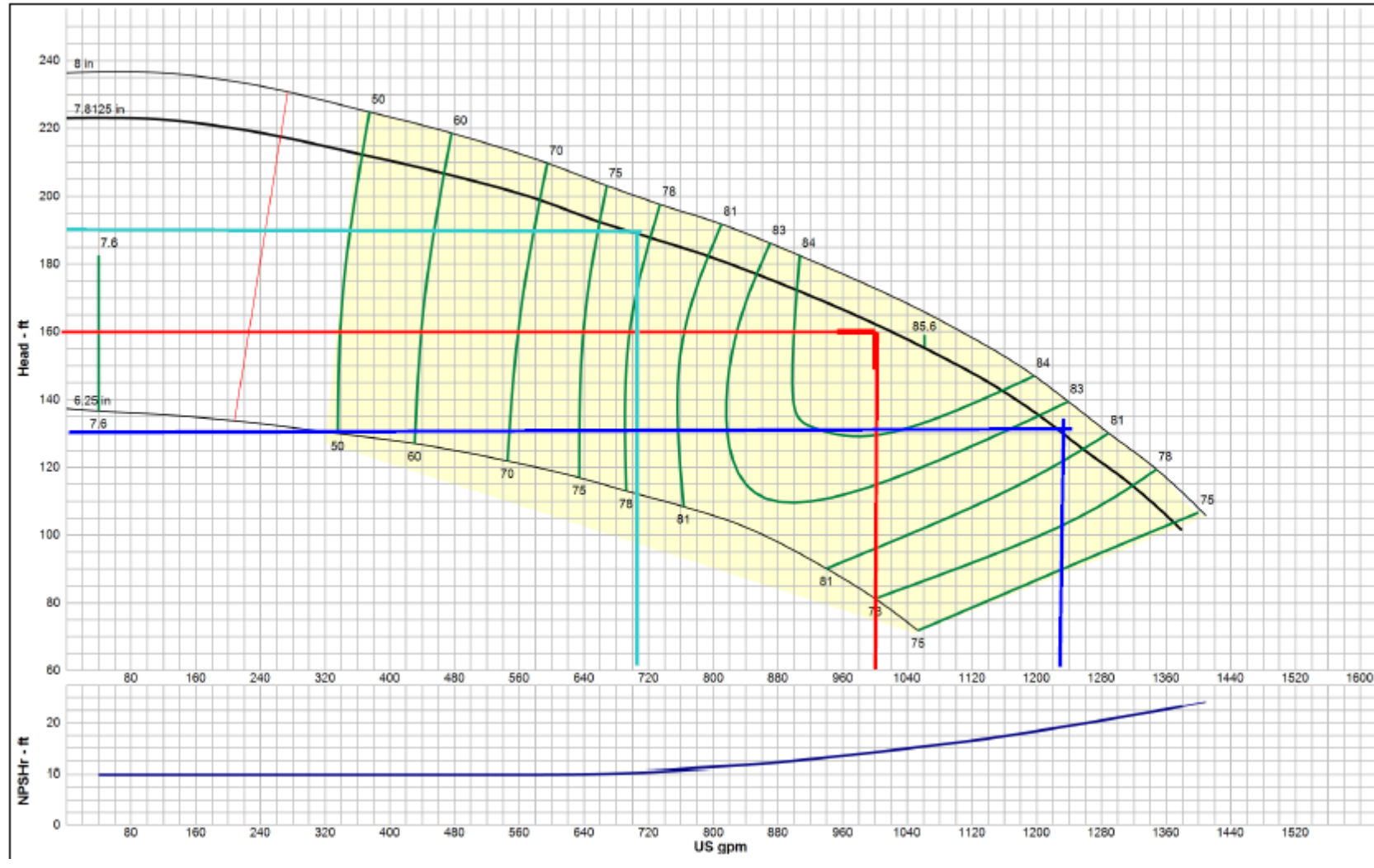
## Example Centrifugal Pump Curve





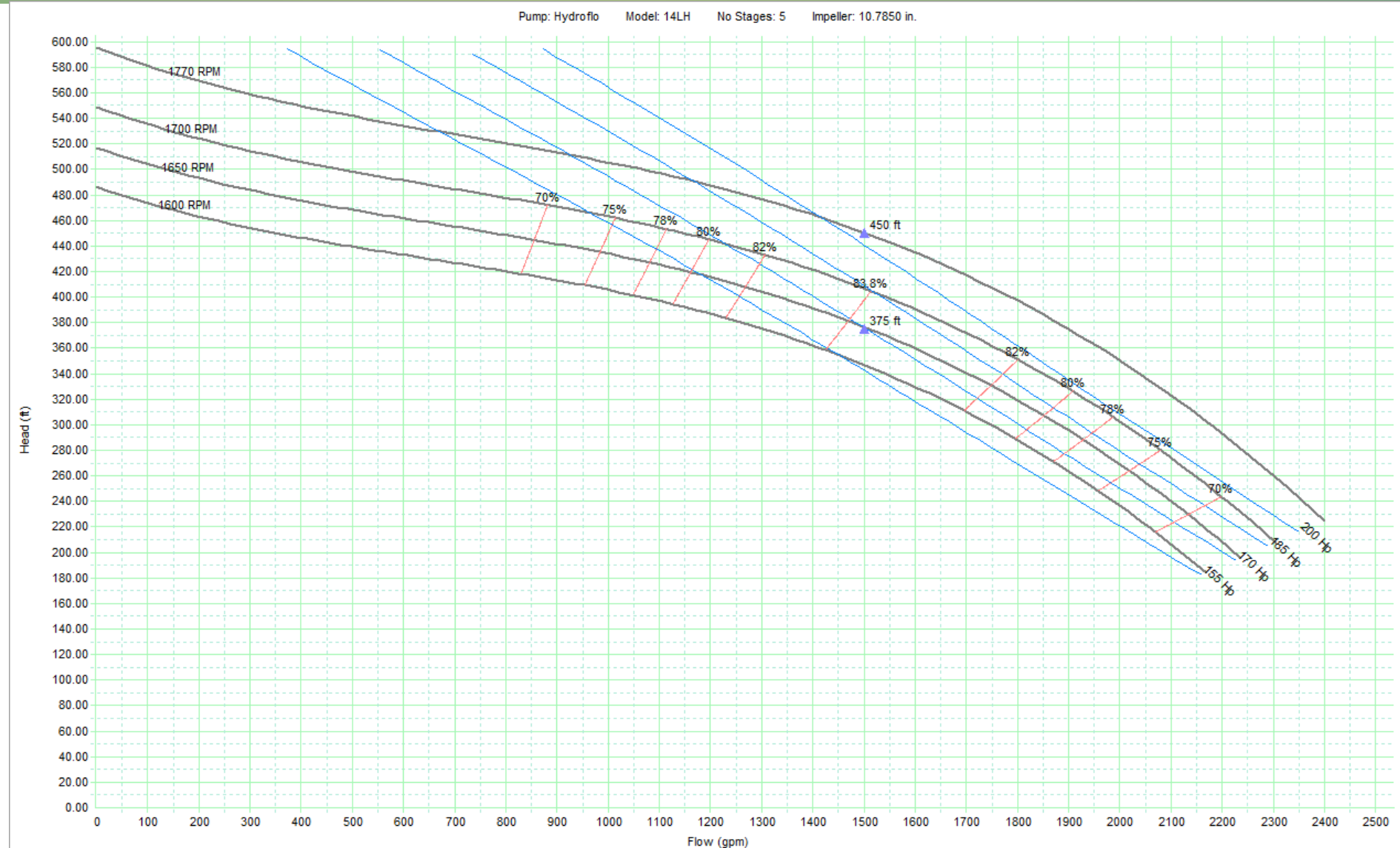
# VFDs and When to Use Them

## Example Turbine Pump Curve



# VFDs and When to Use Them

## Example VFD Analysis



# VFDs and When to Use Them

## Example VFD Analysis (Continued)

Variable Speed Analysis

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Project No.: RRE-01-25

Pump Station No.:P1

Pump No.: 1

Condition: Existing

Pump Information	
Pump Make: Hydroflo	Primary Model
Pump Type: Vertical Turbine	Pump Model: 141LH
Rated RPM: 1770	Impeller No:
Drive Eff.: 93.6%	Impeller Size: 10.7850
Control: Valve Control	No. of Stages: 5

System Curve Data Points				
Condition No.	Condition Description	Pump Operating Conditions		
		Flow (gpm)	Head (ft)	Annual Hours Operation
1	Minimum Head	1,500	375.0	600
2	Maximum Head	1,500	450.0	600
		Totals:	1,200	

System Curve Data Points												
Condition No.	Pump Conditions w/Valve Control						Pump Conditions w/VSD Control					
	TDH (ft)	Brake Hp	Pump Eff. (%)	Plant Eff. (%)	kW Demand	kWh Usage	RPM	Brake Hp	Pump Eff. (%)	Plant Eff. (%)	kW Demand	kWh Usage
1	450.5	204.6	83.4	64.7	196.7	98,255	1,647	169.5	83.8	72.9	145.4	87,218
2	450.6	204.6	83.4	77.6	163.9	98,222	1,768	204.3	83.4	72.0	176.6	105,972

1.67% Savings



# VFDs and When to Use Them

## Variable Speed Analysis

Page 5. 2

Project No.: LRE0123

Pump Station No.:P1      Pump No.:    1      Condition: Proposed

### Pump Information

Primary Model	
Pump Make: Goulds	Pump Model: 12RJLO
Pump Type: Vertical Turbine	Impeller No:
Rated RPM:    1770	Impeller Size:    7.6250
Drive Eff.:    91.7%	No. of Stages:        4
Control:    Valve Control	

### System Curve Data Points

Condition No.	Condition Description	Pump Operating Conditions		
		Flow (gpm)	Head (ft)	Annual Hours Operation
1	All Sprinklers Operating	830	200.0	200
2	75% of Sprinklers Operating	623	200.0	200
3	50% of Sprinklers Operating	415	200.0	200
4	All Sprinklers Operating	830	150.0	200
5	75% of Sprinklers Operating	623	150.0	200
6	50% of Sprinklers Operating	415	150.0	200
Totals:				1,200

## Variable Speed Analysis

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2	231.7	46.2	78.8	60.9	44.6	7,707	1,663	39.0	80.7	65.9	35.6	7,120
3	256.5	42.6	62.9	43.8	45.7	7,132	1,580	30.9	67.8	55.5	28.1	5,626
4	200.2	49.5	84.8	57.2	54.8	8,207	1,602	37.1	84.8	69.3	33.9	6,773
5	231.8	46.2	78.8	45.6	59.5	7,705	1,480	28.3	83.4	68.0	25.9	5,173
6	256.5	42.6	63.0	32.9	61.0	7,134	1,389	21.5	73.0	57.4	20.4	4,086
Totals:						46,090	37,666					

Total Energy Savings (kWh): 8,424

18% Savings

Example VFD Analysis (Continued)

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