## Conserving Clean, Potable Water for Life!

**Dollars and Sense** 

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## Water, Water Everywhere and so little to Drink

#### "Status"

- ¾ of Earth's surface is covered by water
- Only about 2.5% of that is <u>freshwater</u>
- LESS than 1% of Earth's freshwater is surface water



## What makes Potable Water so Valuable -

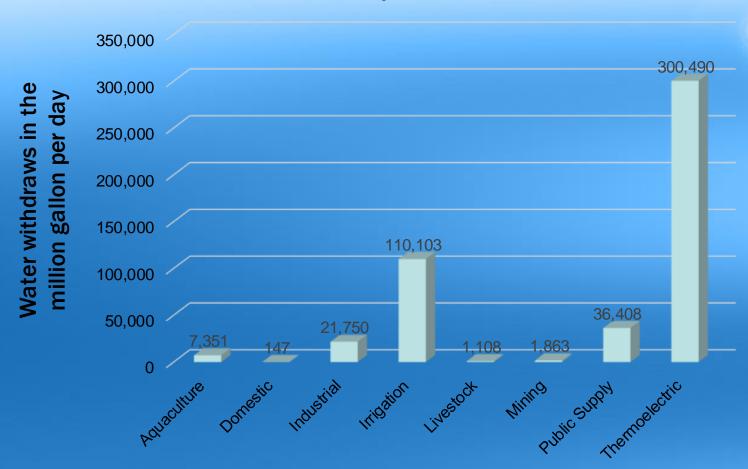
- Every state in the U.S. is subject to various water legislation & regulation
- Many regions of the world already experience severe potable water shortages

#### What makes potable water so precious??

- > The sustainment of life, water is second only to air
- > The sustainment of power production, water is second to none

#### **Surface Water Usage**

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For the year 2013

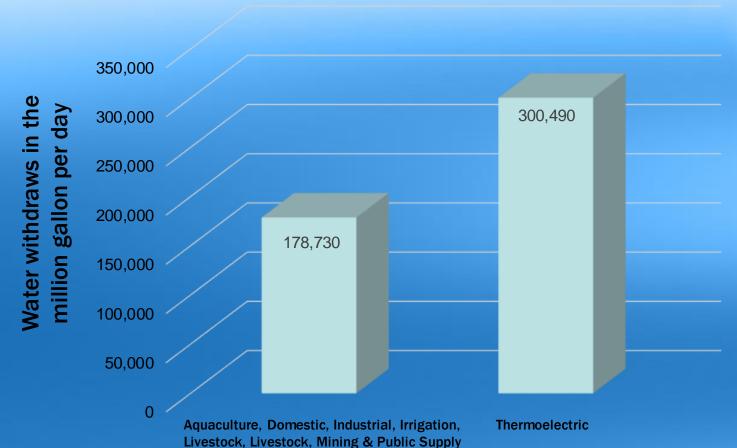




# Surface Water Usage (Combined)

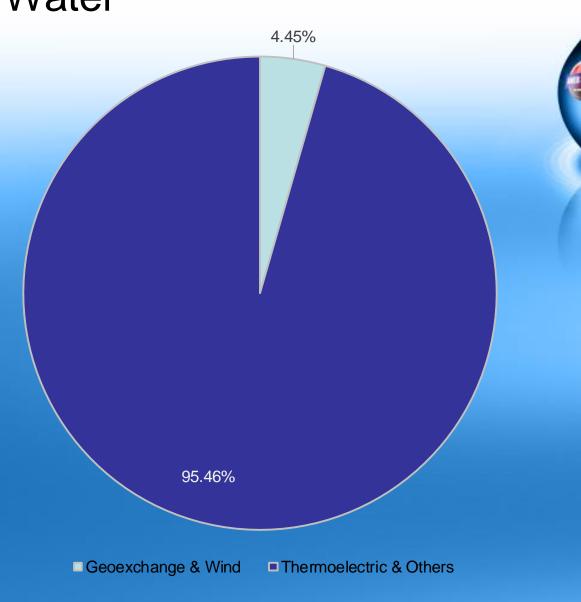
Total surface-water withdraws in the United States

Per Day in 2013





Over 95% of U.S. Electrical Production Requires Water



# Power Conservation is Water Conservation

While global energy and water consumption approach critical points in some areas,



- Reduced potable water consumption
- Reduced energy consumption
- Reduced carbon footprint
- Use of accessible assets

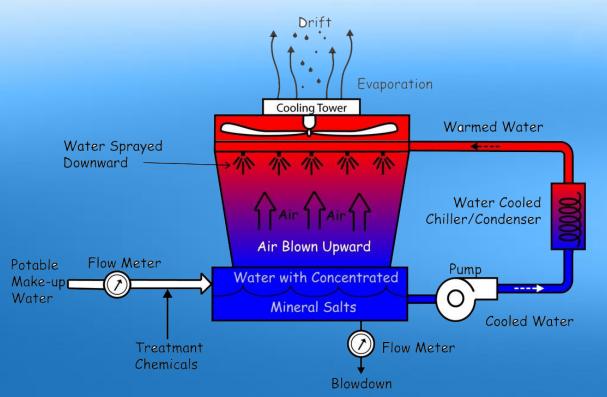
## **Using Nature to Conserve Potable Water**

Huge amounts of potable water and power can be saved using existing resources.

The Slim Jim<sup>®</sup> or Geo Lake Plate<sup>®</sup> assembly is a proven method of reducing cooling tower dependence thus conserving potable water and power.

**Conventional Cooling Tower Operation** 

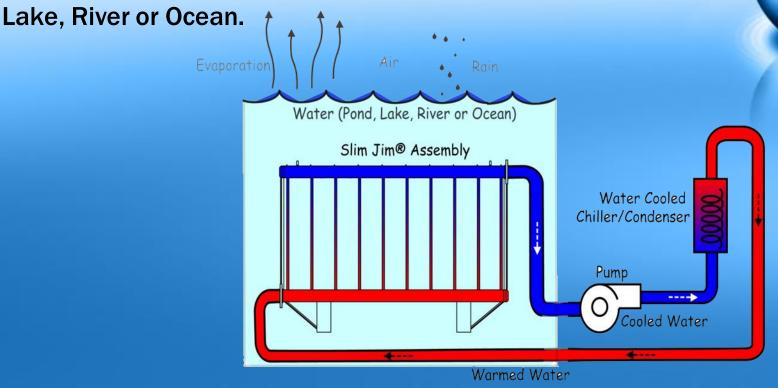
A cooling tower is used to reduce the temperature of warmed water by extracting energy from warmed water and emitting this energy to the atmosphere thru evaporation.



The above image shows a cooling tower use of evaporation whereby some of the water is evaporated into a moving air stream including drift (liquid water entrained in the air stream) is subsequently discharged into the atmosphere. Treatment chemicals and blowdown (water changes) controls the concentration of dissolved solids and is discharged from the cooling tower adding to water consumption.

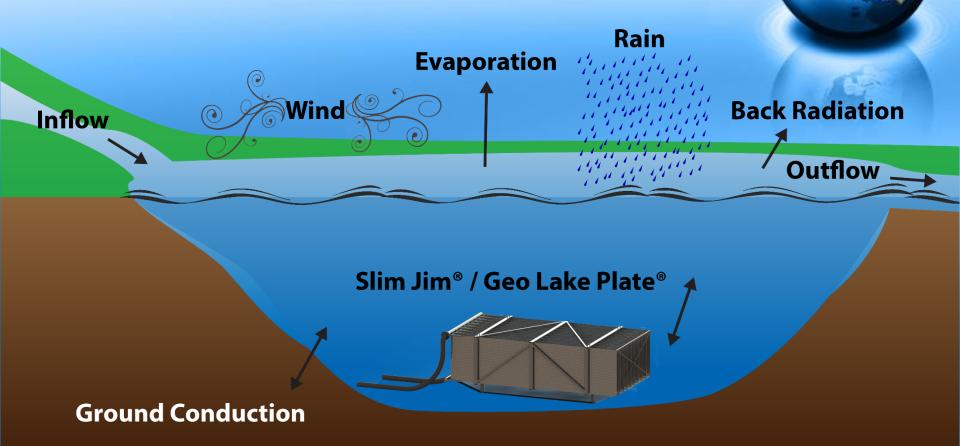
Fluid-to-Fluid Geoexchange Operation

A Slim Jim<sup>®</sup> or Geo Lake Plate <sup>®</sup> assembly is used to reduce the temperature of warmed condenser water by rejecting energy from the warmed water and dissipating it to the cooler Pond,



Consequently using this process the use of potable make-up water, has been eliminated. Any make-up water for the body of water will be supplied by rain water or untreated ground water. Conserving the use of clean potable water.

#### Bodies of Water Energy and Mass Transfer Modes



### Cooling Tower (Closed Circuit) vs.

## Slim Jim<sup>®</sup> / Geo Lake Plate<sup>®</sup> Operating Cost Comparison

| 2014             | Year (Select)                                                                |  |  |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 100              | Tons of Cooling (Cooling Tower)                                              |  |  |
| 1,500,000 Btu/hr | (HR) Btu's of Heat removed per hour of operation                             |  |  |
| 100%             | Run Time (per Day) {6AM thru 6PM = 12 hrs. = 50%}                            |  |  |
| 3.50             | <b>Cycles</b> (1.0 thru 10.0)                                                |  |  |
| No               | Metered Sewer (Select)                                                       |  |  |
| \$ 0.1019        | kW/hr.                                                                       |  |  |
| \$ 8.53          | Water Cost (per 1,000 Gallon)                                                |  |  |
| \$ 0.00          | Water Surcharge (Month)                                                      |  |  |
| \$ 8.53          | Sewage Cost (per 1,000 Gallon)                                               |  |  |
| \$ 0.00          | Sewage Surcharge (Month)                                                     |  |  |
| \$ 2.00/lb       | Chemical Costs (maintain 100 ppm in Blow Down)                               |  |  |
| 300 gpm          | Recirculation Flow Rate: Rule of Thumb #1: 3 gpm/ton of cooling with a 10°ΔT |  |  |



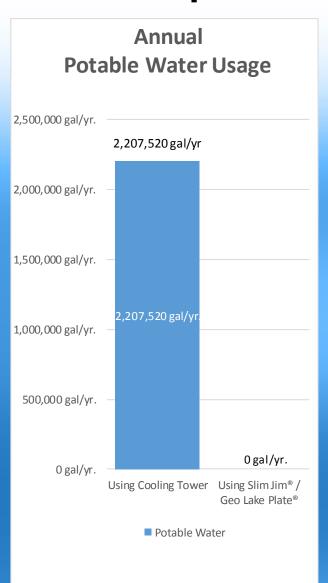
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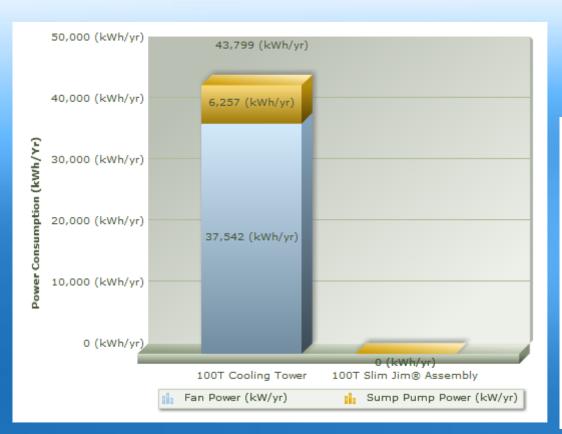
| 4.2 gpm         | 252.00 gph       | 2,207,520 gal/yı | Make-up Volume: (Evap Vol + Blow down Vol)                                                                 |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.0 gpm         | 180.00 gph       | 1,576,800 gal/yı | Evaporation: Rule of Thumb #2: 1.8 gph/ton of cooling                                                      |
| 1.2 gpm         | 72.00 gph        | 630,720 gal/yı   | Blow Down Volume: (Evap Vol / (Cycles-1) {Drift & Splash-out Losses included}                              |
| 0.024 gpm       | 1.4400 gph       | 12,614 gal/yı    | <b>Drift (Water):</b> Rule of Thumb #3: Drift Uncontrolled release of chemically contaminated water (est.) |
| 4.2 gpm         | 252.00 gph       | 2,207,520 gal/yı | Sewer Usage                                                                                                |
|                 |                  |                  |                                                                                                            |
| \$ 0.44 \$/hr   | \$ 10.48 \$/day  | \$ 3,825  \$/yı  | Fan Only Electric Cost                                                                                     |
| \$ 0.07 \$/hr   | \$ 1.75 \$/day   | \$ 637 \$/yı     | Sump Pump Only Electric Cost                                                                               |
| \$ 2.15 \$/hr   | \$ 51.59 \$/day  | \$ 18,830  \$/yı | Potable Water Cost (Make-up)                                                                               |
| \$ 2.15 \$/hr   | \$ 51.59 \$/day  | \$ 18,830  \$/yı | Sewer Cost (Un-Metered Blow Down)                                                                          |
| \$ 0.12 \$/hr   | \$ 2.88 \$/day   | \$ 1,051 \$/yı   | Chemical Cost (Blow Down)                                                                                  |
| Hourly Costs \$ | Daily Costs \$   | Annual Costs \$  |                                                                                                            |
| \$ 4.93 \$/hr   | \$ 118.29 \$/day | \$ 43,174  \$/yr | Est. Cooling Tower Cost                                                                                    |
|                 |                  |                  | Fig 2                                                                                                      |
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Cooling Tower vs. Slim Jim® / Geo Lake Plate®
Operating Cost Comparison

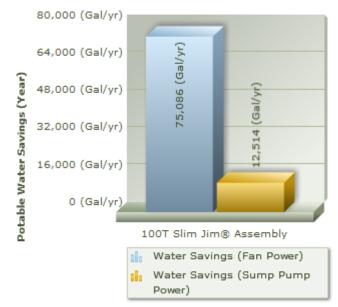


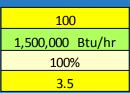


#### Additional Water Save through Energy Reduction



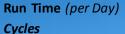
<sup>1</sup>It takes an average of 2 gallons of water to produce 1 kilowatt-hour of electricity





**Tons of Cooling** 

(HR) Btu's of Heat removed per hour of operation Run Time (per Day)





#### **Important Fact**

100 Tons of Cooling Tower capacity uses/evaporates 252 gallons per/hr.

This calculates out at:

- Day\*: ~6,048 gallons of potable water
- Month: ~183,960 gallons of potable water
- Year: ~2,207,520 gallons of potable water
- Replacing this cooling tower with a Slim Jim<sup>®</sup> / Geo Lake Plate <sup>®</sup> 100 Ton assembly would conserve ~2,207,520 gallons of potable of water on an annual basis.
- For every 1,000 tons, consumption could be reduced by ~22.1 Million gallons of potable water annually.



#### **Additional Benefits!**

- All Seasons Savings includes Heating when used with a Heat-Pump or Reversible Chiller thru Geoexchange
- Costs become more predictable
- Easy to install & labor friendly
- Maintenance free
- No:
  - Media to change
  - Blow-down chemicals needed
  - Desalination required for Seawater or Brackish applications
  - Potable water is required once the system is installed
  - Moving parts
- Zero emissions

#### Variety of Applications

- Non-Potable Water
  - Gray water
  - Rain/Storm Water
  - Sewer treatment
  - Water treatment
- Manufacturing supply/discharge use
- Dual use of irrigation system
- Saltwater applications no desalination required



#### Some See A Pond...



We see a natural rainwater retention device that can function as an Eco-friendly cooling tower

## **Central Florida Hotel**360 Tons Rejection Capacity

Conserves 720 gal per hour of potable water at full load run time! Approx. \$235.00 savings per 24 hr day in water & sewer costs









(Using \$13.60/1,000 gal combined water & sewer)

31st St. Harbor, Chicago



550 Tons Rejection Capacity
In Operation



# Fort Knox, KY Hybrid Project – (In operation) 2,000 Ton Cooling Tower with Two - 100 Ton Assemblies as 1<sup>st</sup> Stage

Conserves 4,204,800 gal of potable water per year at full load run time! Approx. \$50,457.60 savings per year in water & sewer costs alone!



Rain/Storm Water Retention Pond In operation

(Using \$12.00/1,000 gal combined water & sewer)

#### Kings Mill Hospital – UK 1,400 Tons Rejection!

Conserves 3,360 gal of potable water per hour of full load run time! Approx. \$1,130.00 savings per 24 hr day in water & sewer costs alone!





(Using \$14.00/1,000 gal combined water & sewer)

#### Kingsmill Hospital Geothermal System Energy & CO<sub>2</sub> Savings





The Carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions where also reduced by 2,078 tonnes



# Kingsmill Hospital Geothermal System Potable Water Savings



#### **Estimated Potable Water and Sewer usage**

Using a estimated 60% run time:

- 17,660,000 gallons of Potable Water is saved each year
- Saving \$247,470 in combined Potable Water & Sewer costs
- This savings exceeds the net Energy Cost savings of \$204,528

#### The Dollars

 Water savings in \$Dollars, when included in <u>return on investment</u>, make any substantial Geoexchange project more attractive!

 Savings on water costs alone can actually surpass energy savings!

## **Benefits of Pond Loop Coupled Geoexchange**

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- Conserves Potable Water
- Conserves Energy
- Improved Cash Flow
- Escalating Costs = Increasing Savings
  - = Inflation Resistance

# Shut Off The Flow Stop the Waste







#### **Makes Sense**

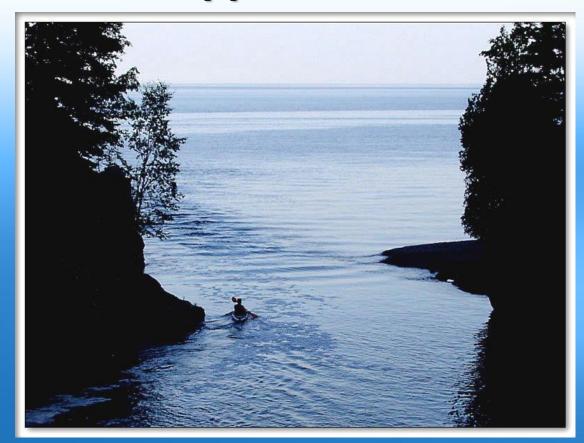
Most Important...





Our future...

## Explore the Vast Untapped Opportunities





"Do Not Go Where the Path May Lead, Go Instead Where There is No Path and Leave a Trail"

#### **THANK YOU!**



# Questions?