



### Geospatial Sensor-**Driven Analytics Using Drones**

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#### **AeroVironment - An Aviation Pioneer**







Gossamer Condor, Human Powered ΑV

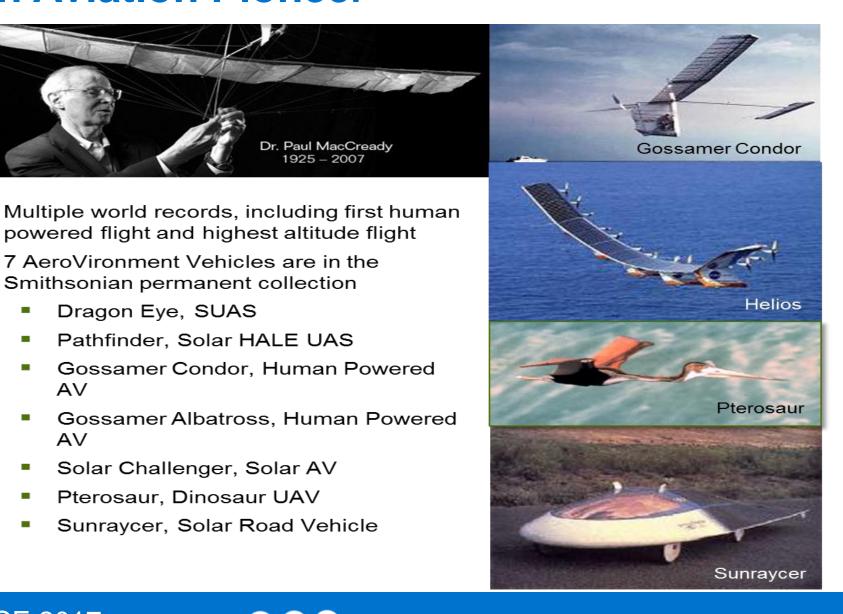
powered flight and highest altitude flight

Pathfinder, Solar HALE UAS

7 AeroVironment Vehicles are in the Smithsonian permanent collection

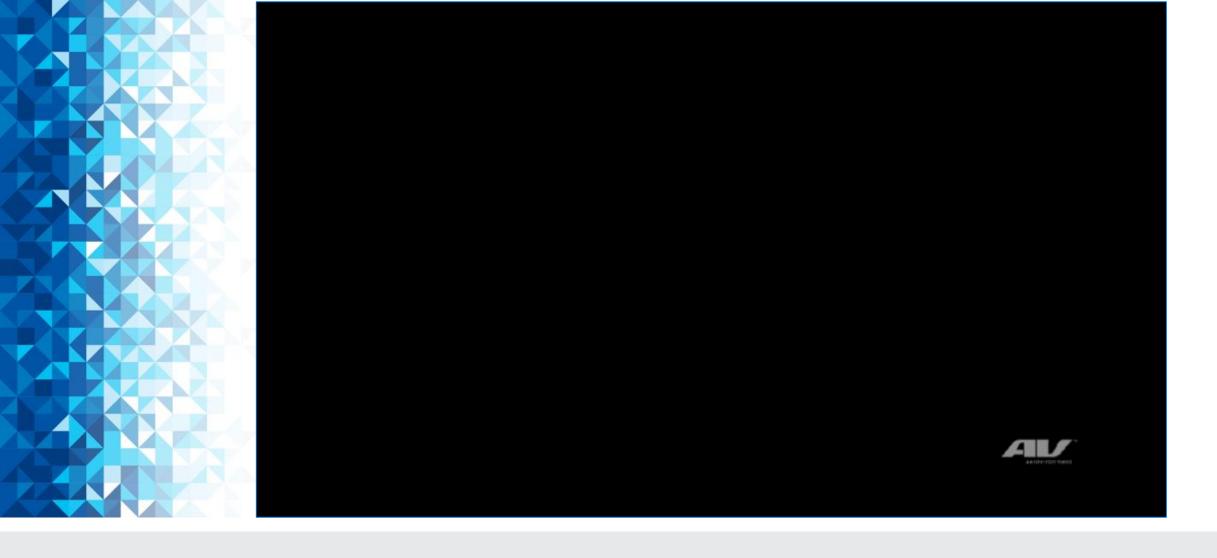
Dragon Eye, SUAS

- Gossamer Albatross, Human Powered ΑV
- Solar Challenger, Solar AV
- Pterosaur, Dinosaur UAV
- Sunraycer, Solar Road Vehicle



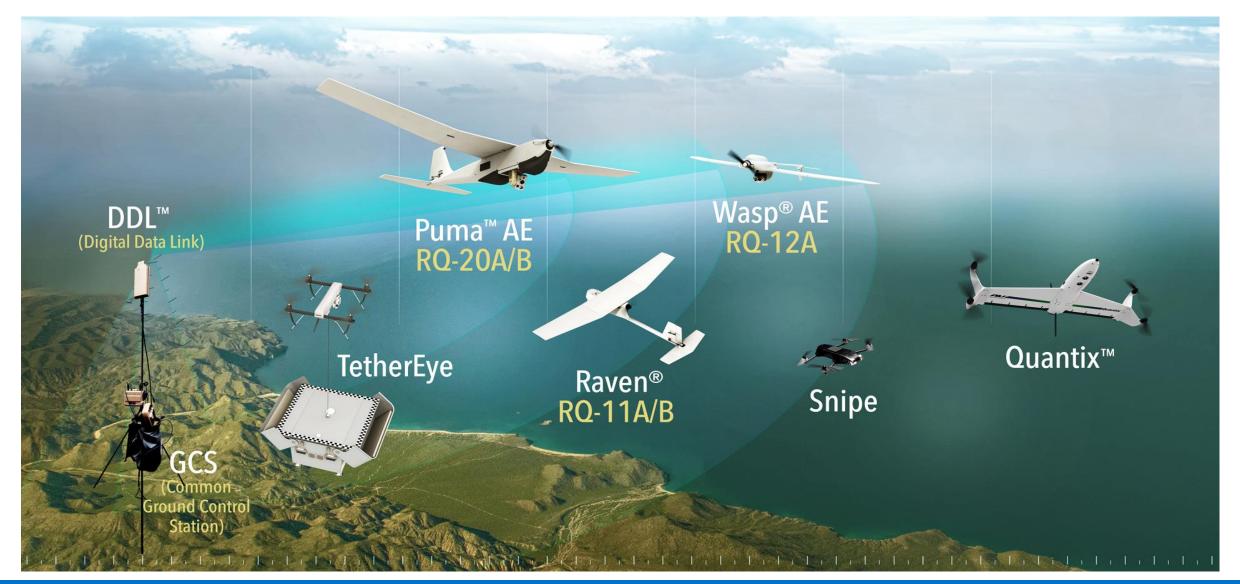


Dr. Paul MacCready 1925 – 2007



### **Brief AeroVironment History**

#### **AV SUAS Family of Systems**





#### **Drone Systems**



- Puma AE Fixed Wing designed to be a dependable, ruggedized UAS platform for ease of operation, reliability, and quick interchange of sensors for various data collection tasks
- Quantix VTOL/Fixed Wing Unique, hybrid design that allows the aircraft to launch vertically and transition into horizontal flight, maximizing aerodynamic efficiency and range
- Altura Zenith ATX-8 VTOL Can be launched and recovered in confined and unprepared terrain



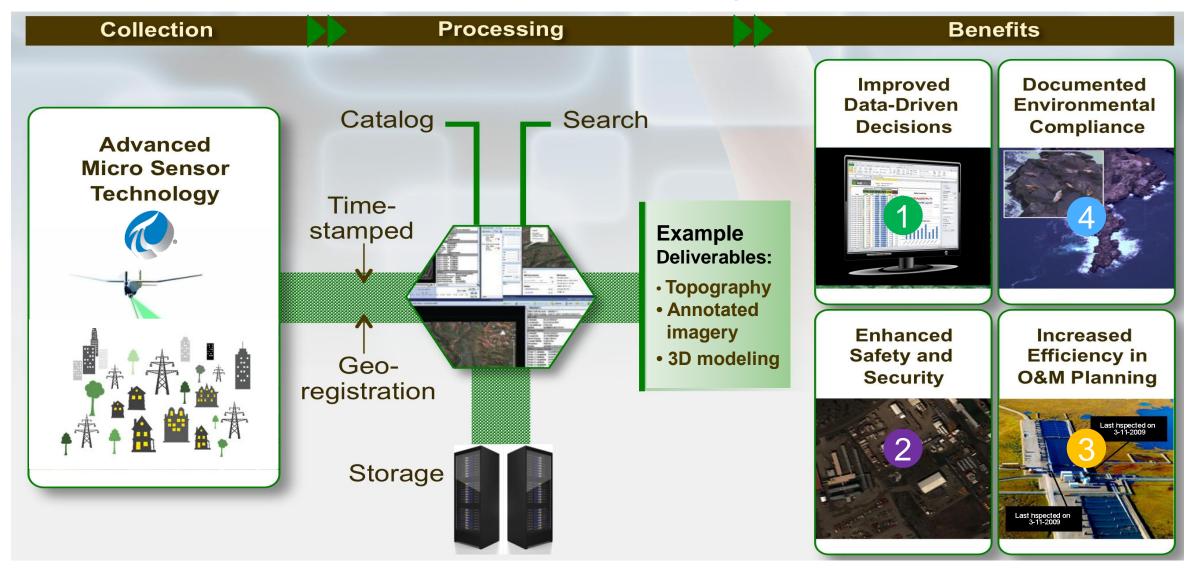
### **Quantix Launch**







### AeroVironment's Decision Support System (AV DSS)





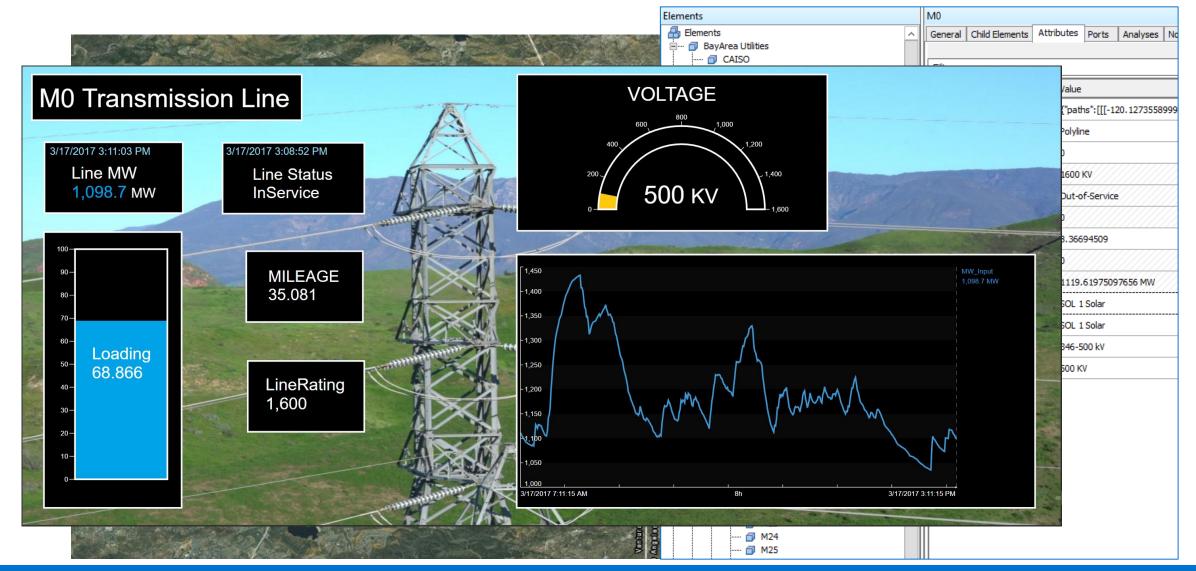




### 1.) Improved Data-Driven Decisions



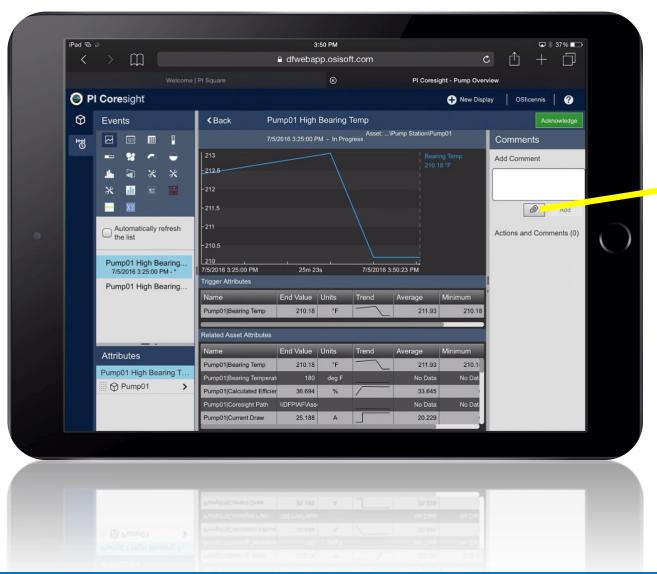
#### **Transmission Line with Towers Identified**







#### **Annotating Event Frames**









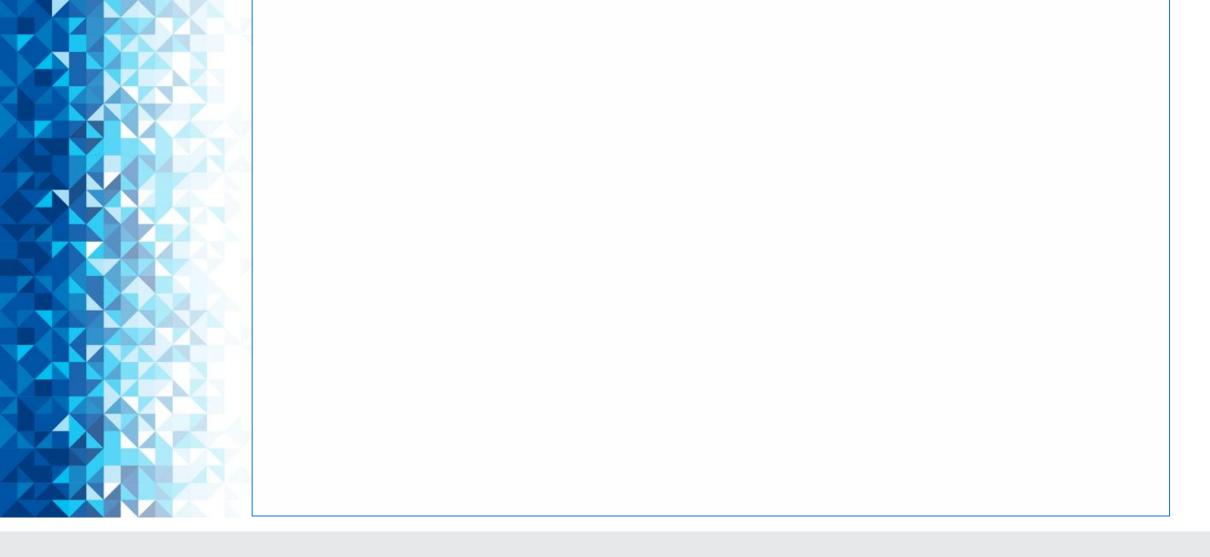


## 2.) Enhanced Safety and Security

#### **Substation Security**







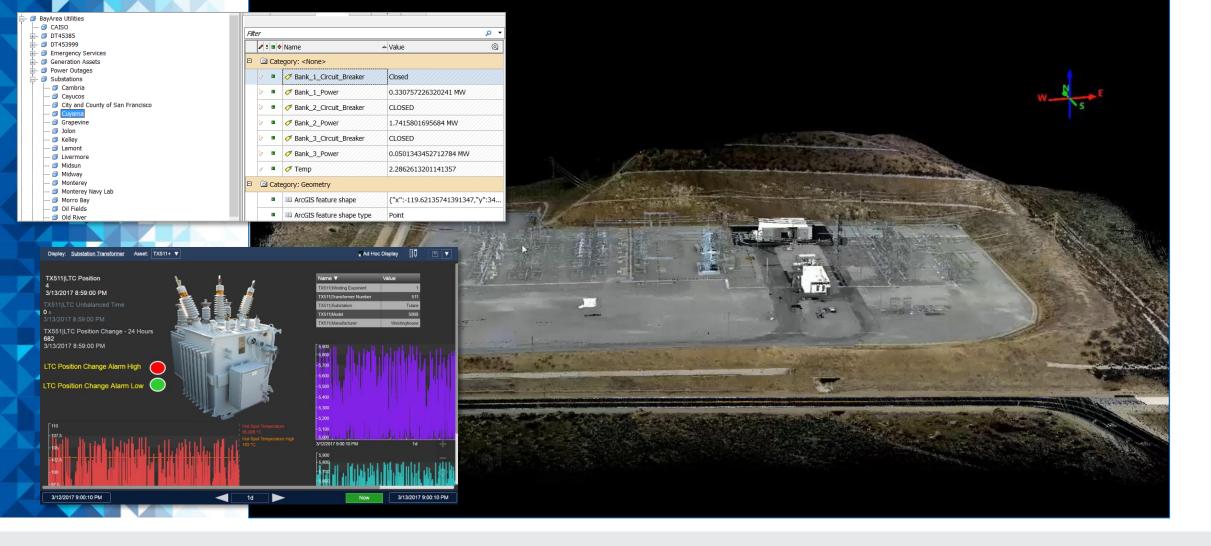
### **Tether Eye Solution**





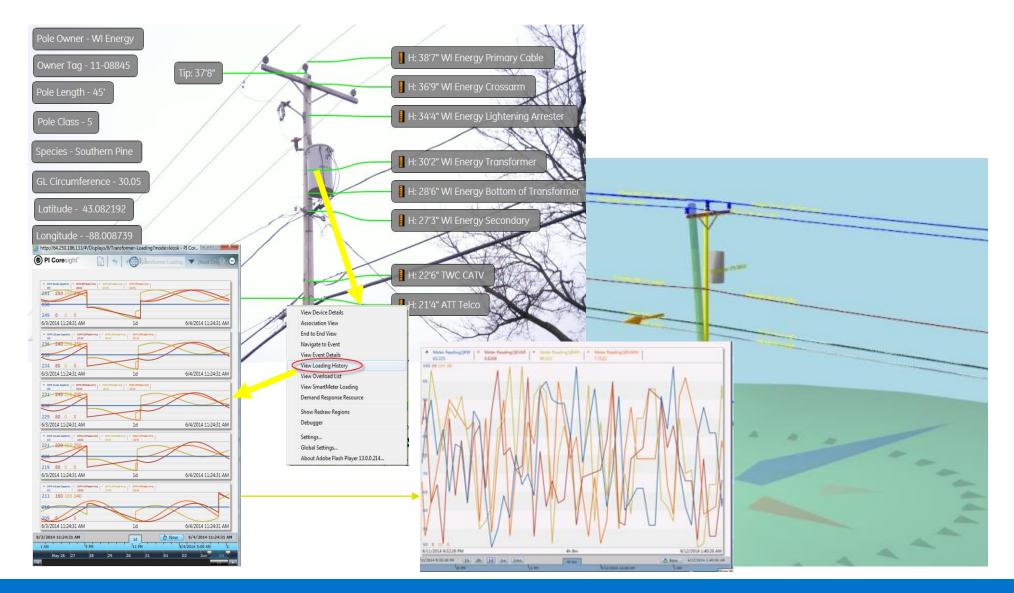
# 3.) Increased Efficiency in O&M Planning





## **Substation Asset Management**

#### **Pole Loading Analysis – Pole Attachments and Heights**



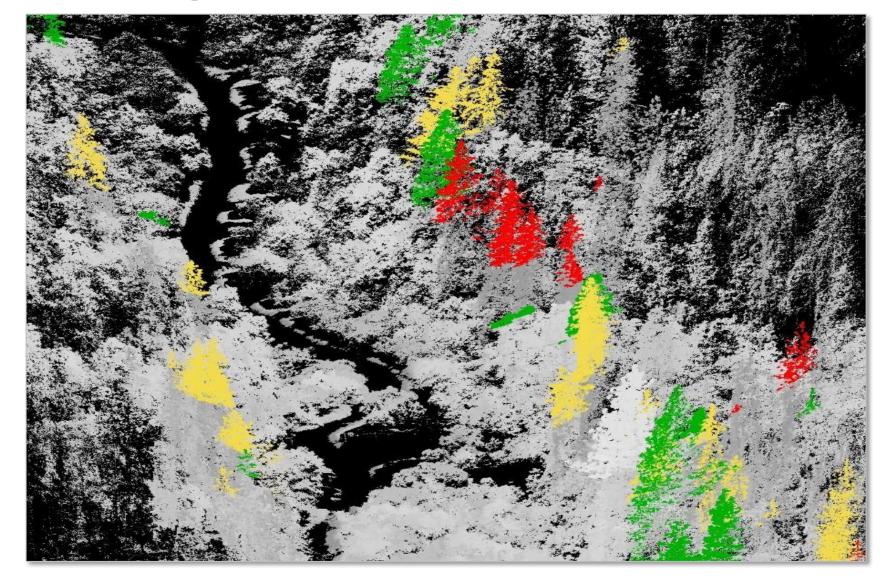


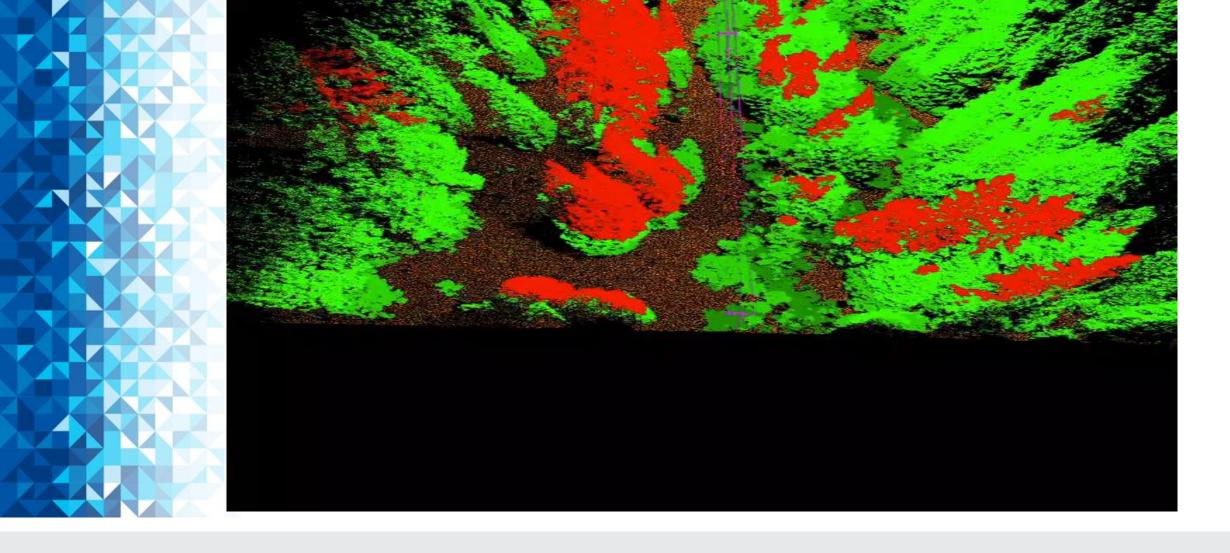


# 4.) Documented **Environmental Compliance**



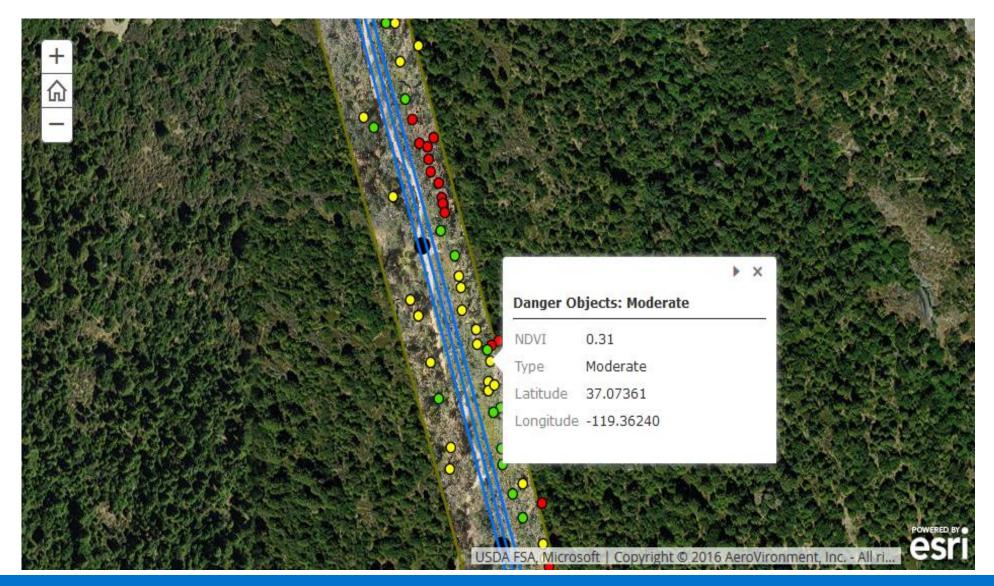
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#### **FAA Regulatory Environment**

#### Current

- Drones operated under Part 107 must weigh no more than 55 lbs
- Commercial UAS operation must take place within visual line of sight (VLOS) of the operator
- ATC approval is required before flying in controlled airspace
- Operations must take place during daylight hours, or within the hours of civil twilight (immediately before sunrise and after sunset)
- Drones weighing between 0.55 lbs. and 55 lbs. must be registered with the FAA

#### Future

- Applying for waivers in remote areas to fly Beyond Line of Sight (BLOS)
- BLOS capability as part of the regulatory change
- End-state air ops operations solar coming



#### **Summary**

- Integration of PI sensor data, data capture from AV drones, and geospatial information can provide actionable intelligence
- Drone technology and PI is <u>industry agnostic</u>
- Drones are a disruptive technology
- Cost effective and safe
- Next steps

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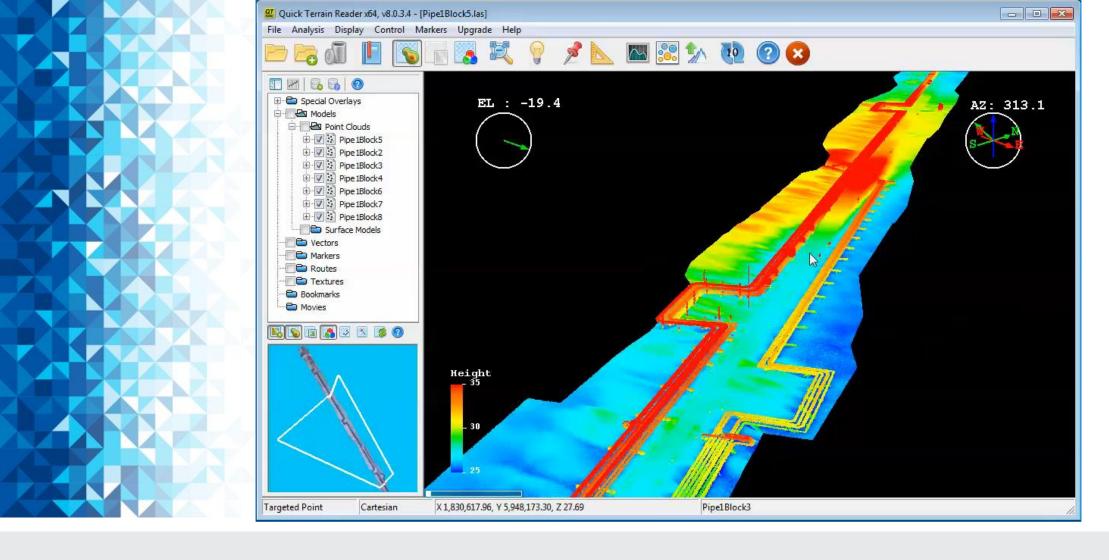
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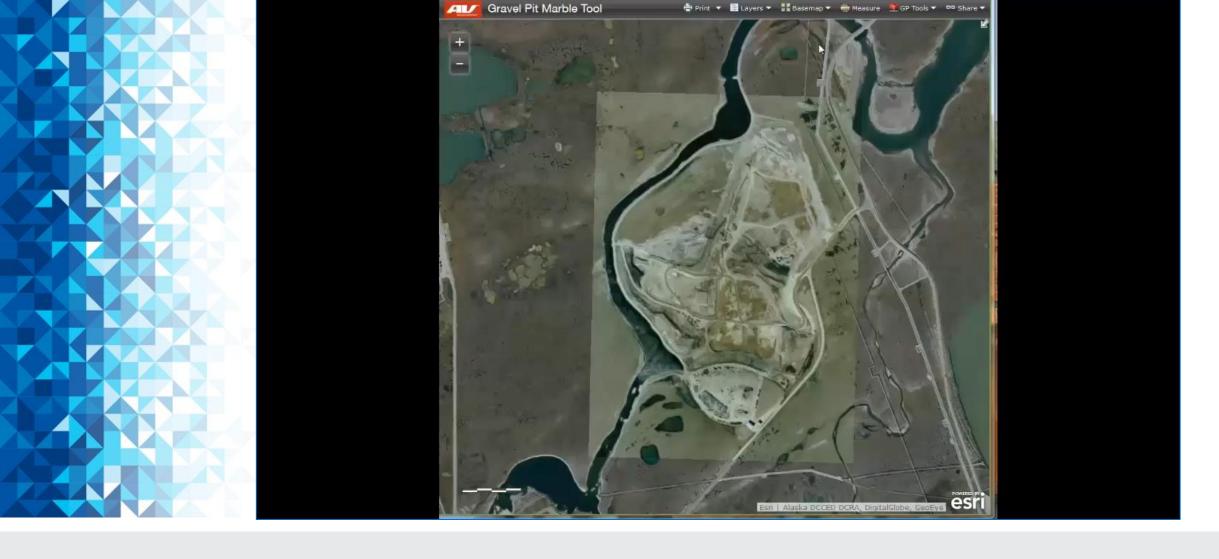
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## Pipeline Monitoring



### **Gravel Pit Analysis**



