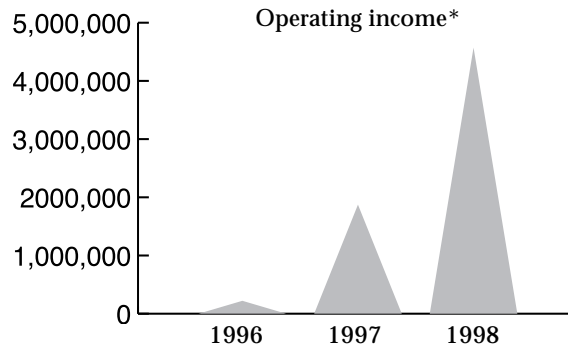
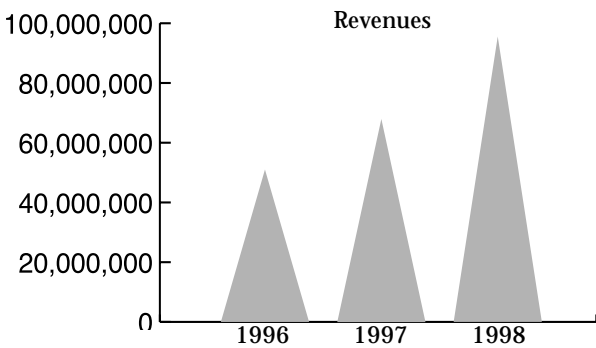
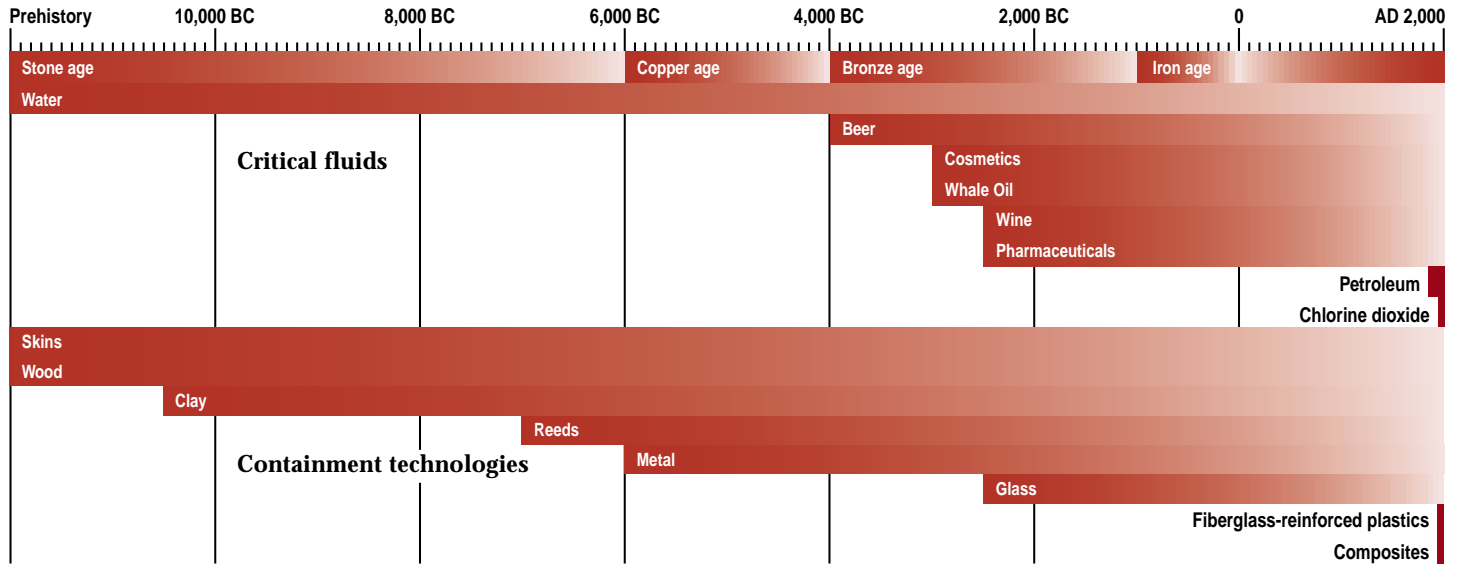
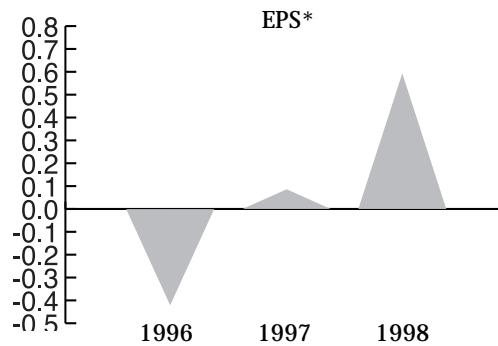


Critical fluids and containment technologies through history



* The year 1998 excludes a nonrecurring compensation expense of \$2.3 million (\$.60 per diluted share) and an extraordinary gain from the early retirement of debt of \$0.2 million (\$.06 per diluted share). See notes to consolidated financial statements.



Pottery is one of the most ancient arts, as well as containment systems. The oldest known pottery dates from Japan's Jomon period (10,500 to 400 B.C.). Firing the clay to reduce porosity and better contain fluids began more than 8,000 years ago. The original critical fluid? Water.

