### FRACKING

Numerous items appearing in variety of media both pro and con but all use the buzz words of fracking

#### **News Articles**

Is Fracking Safe

Against fracking facts -

Fracking Is Dangerous To Your Health -- Here's Why

The Environmental and Social Impacts of Natural Gas Fracking

A New Low in the Media's War on Fracking

Fracking Really Isn't So Bad

To Frack Or Not To Frack

Evidence Against Fracking Accumulates: Almost A Molehill!

Six Reasons Fracking Has Flopped Overseas

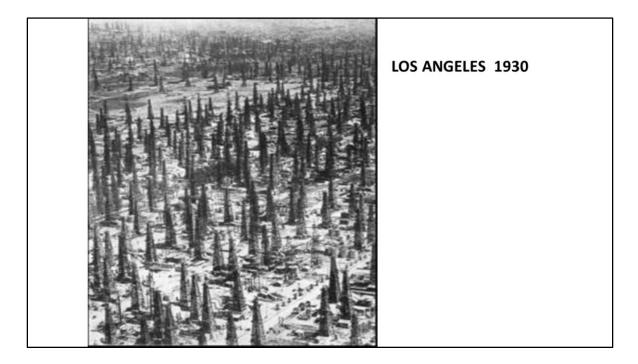
Clinton And Sanders Are Pandering To Voters On Fracking

Some of articles are not distortions of the truth Most give a heavily biased one side of the story Water Contamination May Well be Widespread Due to Fracking Effects Of Fracking | Public Lands Are At Risk
Who's Paying The Bills? | The War On Fracking | Anti-Fracking Activists
How America's 'most reckless' billionaire created the fracking boom ...
Fracking Is Dangerous To Your Health -- Here's Why - Forbes
Fracking Has Its Costs And Benefits -- The Trick Is Balancing ... - Forbes
Fracking As The Next Financial Meltdown (Or Not) - Forbes
A New Low in the Media's War on Fracking - Forbes
Fracking-Induced Earthquakes Generate Anxiety In The Public - Forbes

Others are exaggerations of the facts – Many are light on facts and are flexible in their sources

# Poorly regulated oil and gas drilling

In the past their was poor regulation or control over oil exploration – it was a get rich quick opportunity



Drilling was so intense and poorly regulated that the native salmon were wiped out



Today oil derricks stand like trees in a forest.... Steam pile drivers roar on many a vacant lot ... 180 permits to drill for oil have been given and 25 more are in procedure .... If this fever continues, as it gives every indication of doing, one reasonably may expect to see virtually the entire water-front line of private properties from Washington street to 66<sup>th</sup> avenue or Playa del Rey dotted with a line of oil derricks. --"Venice Battle Attests Oil and Water Do Mix," LA Times June 29, 1930

#### The new look of oil/gas drilling



Today the drilling is in close proximity to homes; but, residents are typically receiving some royalty fee for agreeing to have their land and its subsurface resources mined; 12.5% -- 18% royalty

Resolution 112 on Colorado ballet was just defeated which would have banned oil operations within 2500 feet of a residential area

Colorado moved up to now surpassing California in oil/gas production



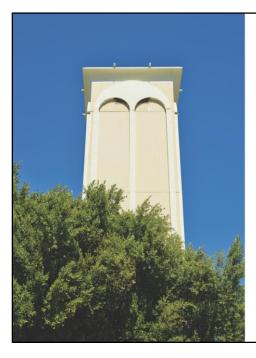
Typical set-up with a fracking planned; lots of equipment and pumping trucks; Three primary players –

INVESTOR (speculator), puts together a project, determines risk, acquires leases CONTRACTOR brings in equipment; making-hole, gets it done; shortest time least cost OPERATOR (owner) manages production, sells product, determines if/when more fracking



-Built in 1967, -Windowless beige office building on Pico in the Mid-Wilshire neighborhood hides 52 oil and gas wells -Owned by Sentinel Peak Resources. -A derrick on tracks moves from well head to well head within the roofless structure

California operators have reduced the objections of close neighbors by camouflaging their operations



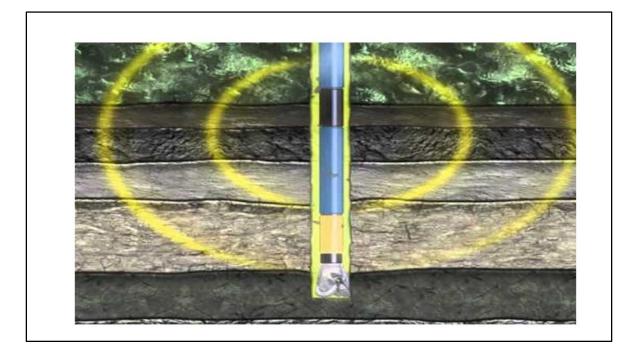
-The Pico & Cardiff; a Jewish enclave since 1945

-Occidental Petroleum disguised this drilling site as a synagogue in 1966. -Rebuilt in 2001, (Pacific Coast Energy) –Hides 40 wells, which are accessed by a movable derrick that taps the oil field.

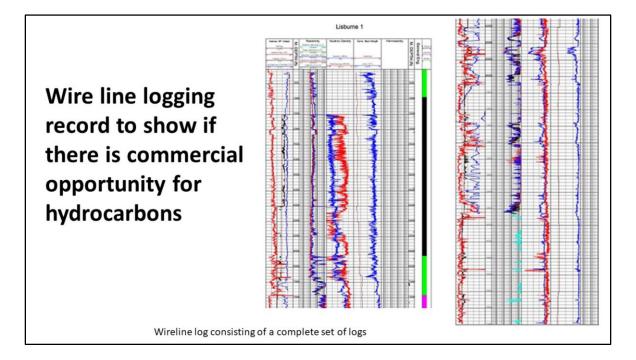
The visual appearance has significantly change the NIBY reaction

### Vertical Drilling and Fracking of the past

Fracturing as a method to stimulate shallow, hard rock oil wells dates back to the 1860s. It was applied by oil producers in Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, and West Virginia by using liquid and later also solidified nitroglycerin. Later, the same method was applied to water and gas wells. The idea to use acid as a nonexplosive fluid for well stimulation was introduced in the 1930s. Due to acid etching, fractures would not close completely and therefore productivity was enhanced.



This short clip illustrates the conventional vertical drilling for oil/gas.



My experience in Rockies; our drilling probabilities were running about 1 in 10 for an off-set well; about 1 in 60 for a bonanza well

First the geologists determine a likely opportunity from records on file and knowledge of the sub-surface layers

Typically geophysicist would do a subsurface assessment to refine the prospecting



First vertical drilling only for oil or water

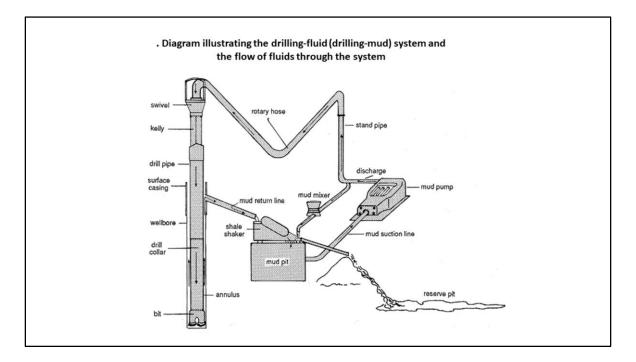
The first commercial oil well 1859, Edwin Drake

1930 there was use of nitroglycerin to get an oil well producing again

1949, Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co did a SUCCESSFUL HYRAULIC FRACKING in Oklahoma and in Texas; PATENTED their process; their fracking was to try and get the well producing at the same level as in prior years

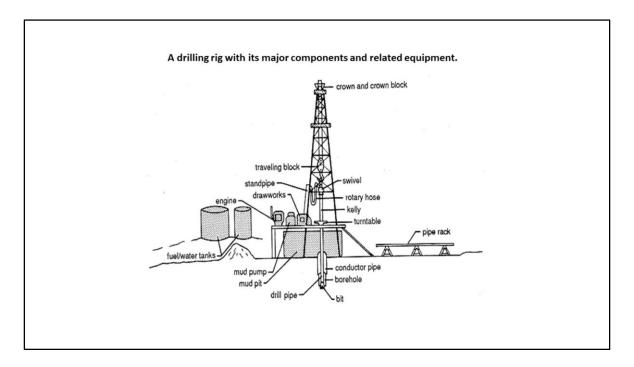
Typical rig at a Wyoming drilling site today

Drilling mud – The universal tool of "making hole" to the target depth without a blowout

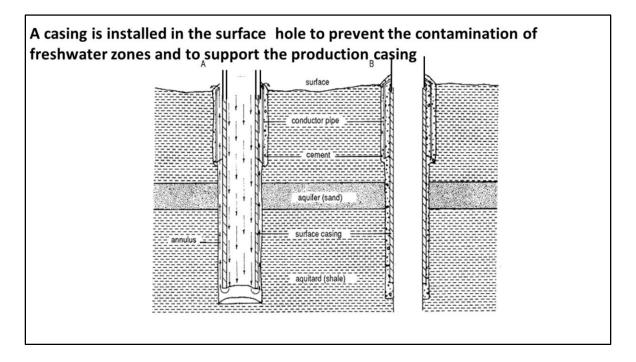


The drilling mud process is science and experience; need to prevent a blow-out; high cost clean-up and repair; possible penalties and fines; wide variety of chemicals and materials used

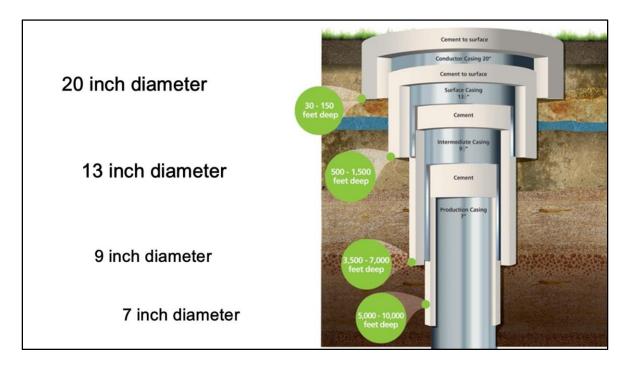
Today BS degree petroleum engineers are starting at \$80,000/year – huge demand for new engineers with knowledge of how to drill the new wells and how to produce the wells



Always a derrick for drilling since drillers use a long string of pipes connected together; always a pipe rack 18 to 45 feet hollow typically 31 feet

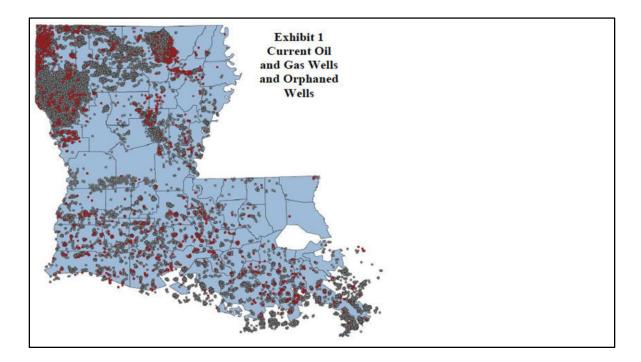


Their intent is to create a concrete barrier in the gap between the metal liner and the hole drilled into the ground/rock

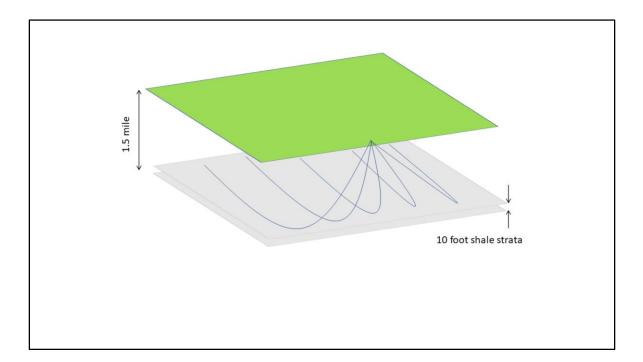


This shows the various pipe diameters for a typical well

## Lots and Lots of drilling in the past



This map shows the extent of the drilling of the past; current and abandoned or Orphaned wells



Bakken Shale could have a play at 1.5 mile down and only 10 to 30 feet thick; challenge was how to drill it: cartoon could be a 5 sq mile area

### Wisconsin's influence on the oil and gas industry

Phillips Petroleum versus Wisconsin (347 U.S. 672 1954)

1. Natural Gas sold by pipelines under Natural Gas Act

2. Subject to regulation under Federal Power Commission

3. 5 fold increase in rate cases

- Cost of service versus value
- Area pricing
- Developed areas under old area costs
- Virtual halt to gas exploration
- Decline in oil exploration in same areas
- Not profitable to drill for oil/gas if regulated profits

Wisconsin filed a court case to try and get the sales of NG to pipelines under FPC regulation –They won!

FPC suddenly had a 500% increase in rate cases

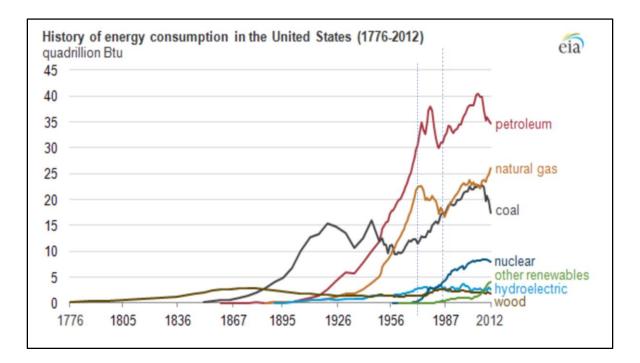
FPC regulated prices based on cost of service not value

To manage the case load FPC declared Area Pricing so a new gas well would only

receive the prices set by old well's cost to produce in the same area

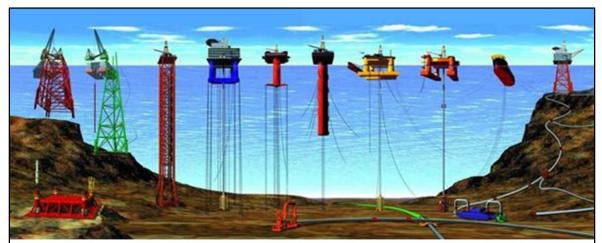
Steep decline in oil and gas drilling in these area

Not profitable to drill for oil/gas if profits were to be regulated



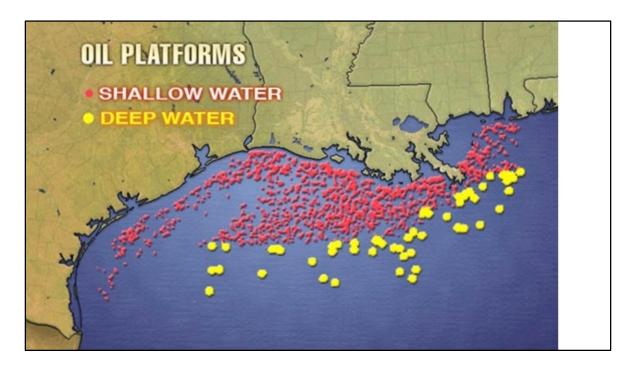
See rapid drop in the discovery and production of oil and gas

#### Off-shore exploration hastened the development of horizontal drilling



and 2 are fixed platforms; 3 is a compliant tower; 6 is a spar platform;
 and 5 are vertically moored tension leg and mini-tension leg platforms;
 and 8 are semi-submersibles; 9 is a floating production and offloading facility;
 sub-sea completion and tie-back to host facility

Off shore drilling provided the learning and development opportunity to drill other than vertical; due to the high cost of an off shore rig, you did not want to move it.



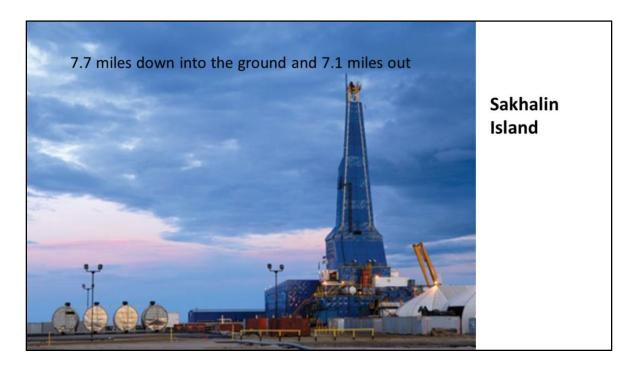
Lots of drilling in the shallow water but much fewer in deep water

Horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracking;

"The new Technology and Petroleum harvesting boon!!"



This clip shows the horizontal drilling with fracking raising the likelihood of hitting oil/gas to virtually 100%



Russian and Exxon project in Siberia



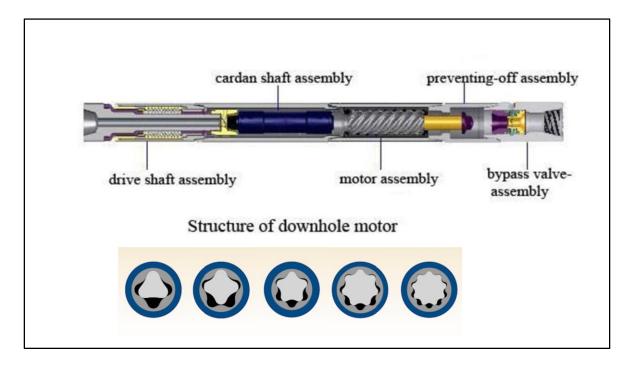
Typical tri-cone bit; as the bit rotates the 3 conical shaped rotating pieces rotate; the lobes become a point source of force on the rock; as the entire bit rotates with the string of heavy pipe full of drilling mud on top of it, new surfaces are chipped; the chips mixed with drilling mud and flow up the outside of the pipe to the surface, control of drilling mud density is critical



All sizes and styles of bits; from ~\$300 to \$30,000 depending upon the requirements

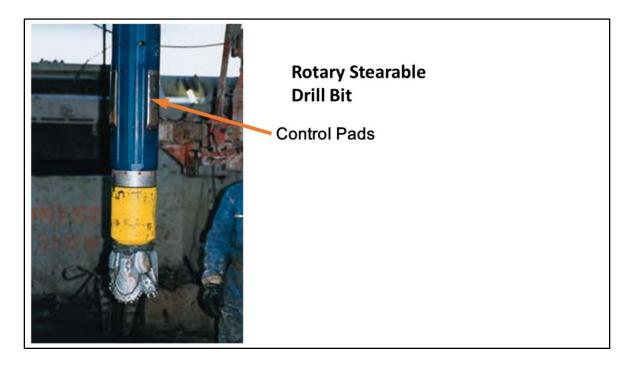


The early technology was to use a mud motor attachment on the drill string to create a rotating drill head while the drill string is not rotating, this allowed steering the drill bit to some degree



The motor is driven by the pressure of the drilling mud inside the drill string – fewer lobes higher speed; more lobes more torque

The days of the "Mud Motor" and sliding the casing are being replaced with "Rotary Stearable" using continuous logging via a computer

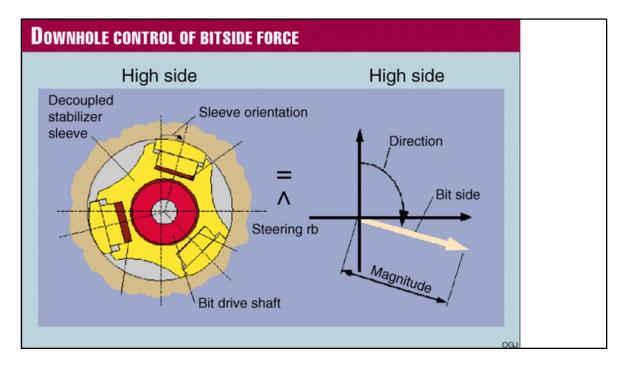


As fracking technology has developed the tools have been developed;

now rotary steerable with continuous logging;

tip of the drill is about 5 feet from steering pads vs being 100 feet behind the tip

Previously used mud motors to drill horizontally; limited due to sliding of casing versus rotation

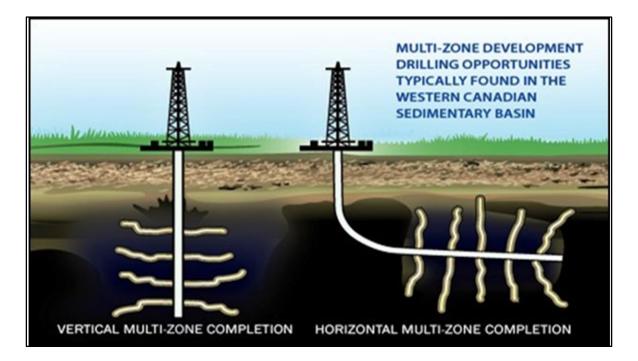


1. The expected build rate in oriented mode should be slightly greater than (typically 1 to 2°/100 ft) that required to guarantee the planned build rate.

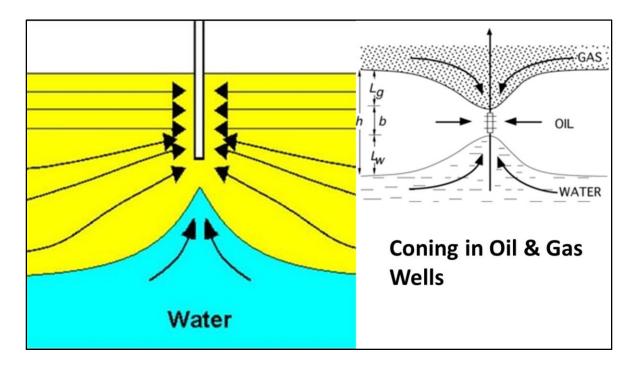
2. The number of stabilizers used should be kept to a minimum to reduce drag in the oriented mode.

3.If the drill string is rotated in a curved section, bending stresses around the bent housing should be checked to ensure that they are less than the endurance limit.

The vast majority of MEDIUM-radius drilling is undertaken in hole sizes of 12¼ in. and less with 8-in. (and less) -diameter motors for build rates of 6 to 15°/100 ft.

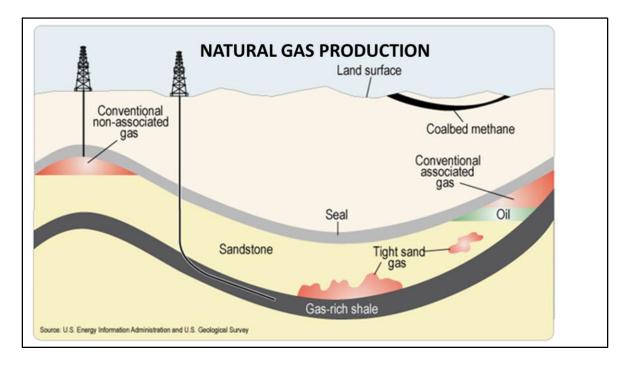


Shows alternates; vertical well and horizontal well; currently the cost of a horizontal well is about 130% of the same length vertical (this is down from 150% about 4 years ago and down from about 200% about 15 years ago; a horizontal well 1.5 mile deep with horizontal drilling of 2 miles could cost about \$5,500,000 to \$7,000,000



Care must be exercised during the extraction of the oil/gas to prevent coning; once the cone forms very costly to remediate

Oil has the higher value so plan to extract it first



Natural gas is primarily methane CH4; some liquids; sometimes H2S (sour gas); some CO2

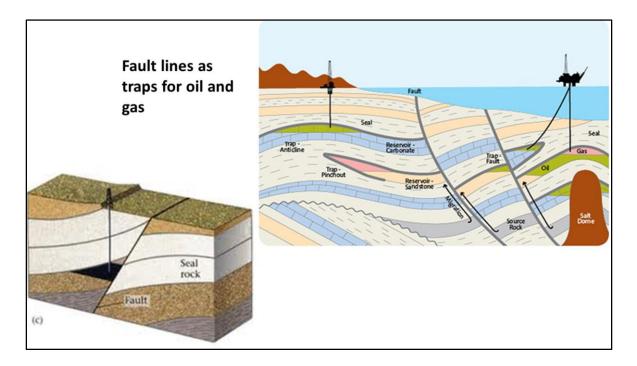
Explain drilling for oil and gas; traps; probabilities,

drilling for storage; Drilling company vs oil & gas company philosophy; impact on shale gas & oil;

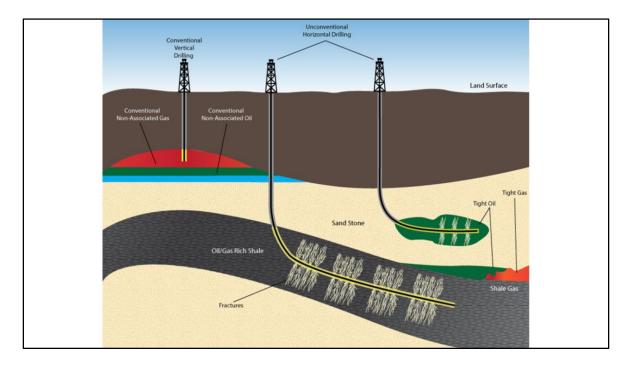
geological data logs BLM records;

geophysical data from echo plotting;

bidding on offshore leases based upon probabilities



Underground structure is much more complex than cartoon illustrations

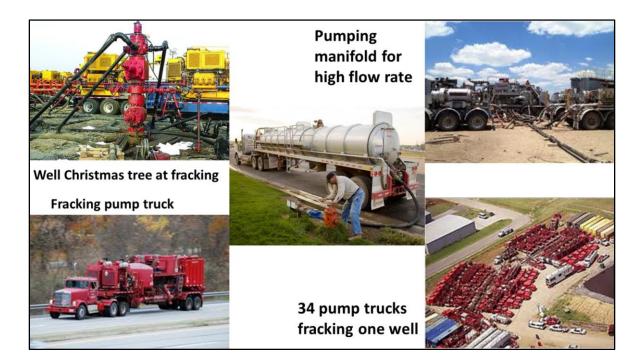


This illustrates the typical explanation of the drilling and recovery configuration Non associated gas /oil was simplest with the water or brine below it Shale is the biggest play today

Tight oil/gas are still opportunities but permeability is an issue

Fracking fluids and "not-sosecret-ingredients"

Wisconsin's boon in fracking sand (propant)



Pumper trucks 2000 to 2500 HP Lots of equipment for mixing and proportioning ingredients Primary control is the volume and pressure to obtain the degree of increased permeability to be economical

Water use <u>per well</u> can be from 1.5 million to 16 million gallons !! Remember the huge quantity of water



High pressure piping to get pressure and flow up to needed quantity. Not a closed system but a leaky system with high viscosity fluid to create the internal pressure



### Slurry Blender



High-Pressure Pump (2000 HP; 15,000 psi; 20bpm)

# Almost Secret ingredients added here!!



Compound	Purpose	Common application
Acids	Helps dissolve minerals and initiate fissure in rock (pre-fracture)	Swimming pool cleaner
Sodium Chioride	Allows a delayed breakdown of the gel polymer chains	Table salt
Polyacry lamide	Minimizes the friction between fluid and pipe	Water treatment, soil conditioner
Ethylene Glycol	Prevents scale deposits in the pipe	Automotive anti-freeze, deicing agent, household cleaners
Borate Salts	Maintains fluid viscosity as temperature increases	Laundry detergent, hand soap, cosmetics

Typical chemical additives used in Frac water

Sodium/ Potassium Carbonate	Maintains effectiveness of other components, such as crosslinkers	Washing soda, detergent, soap, water softener, glass, ceramics
Glutaraldehyde	Eliminates bacteria in the water	Disinfectant, sterilization of medical and dental equipment
Guar Gum	Thickens the water to suspend the sand	Thickener in cosmetics, baked goods, ice cream, toothpaste, sauces
Citric Acid	Prevents precipitation of metal oxides	Food additive; food and beverages; lemon juice
Isopropanel	Used to increase the viscosity of the fracture fluid	Glass cleaner, antiperspirant, hair coloring

The thickeners and gums are needed to keep the sand suspended in the liquids and moving into the cracks of the rock



Dick Cheney had been president of Haliburton; major player in the oil and gas industry; obtained this Exemption

The "Halliburton Loophole". Halliburton first patented fracking in the 1940s, and is the world's largest fracking services provider. With the help of former Halliburton CEO, Dick Cheney, the United States 2005 Energy Bill passed with language that exempted fracking operations from the regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and exempted the concoction of chemicals used for fracking from pollutant status under an amendment to the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act.



The EIA has at least one publication out that attempts to address some of the issues with drinking water

The concern here is the missing data not included due to the claim of corporate confidential information

While there is a good start to answering many questions the missing data precludes making many conclusions.

The various parties appear to have taken on an adversarial position to avoid potential law suits and liability rather than trying to find the best way to harvest this US resource with the least environmental impact

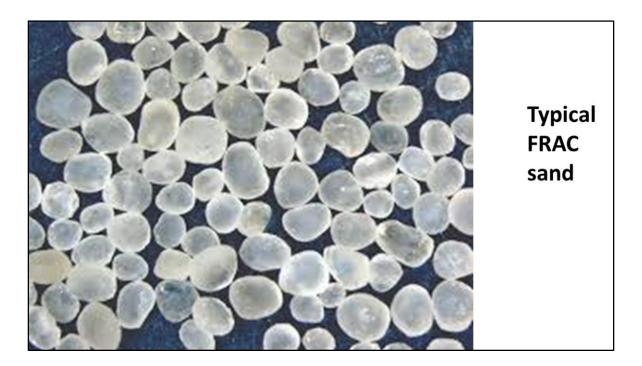
### Fracking Sand or Propant Wisconsin's Bonus



Fracking sand operation Wisconsin Trempealeau County

Carbo Prop

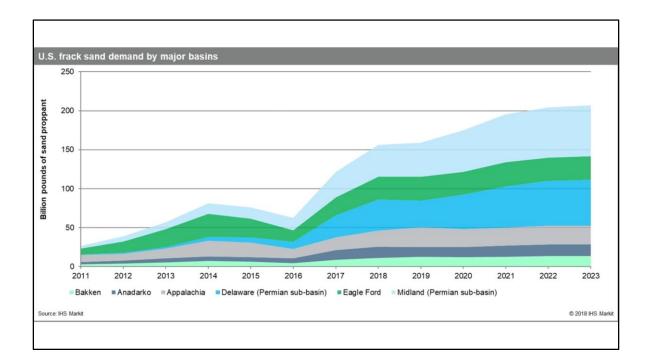




Frac sand various sizes.

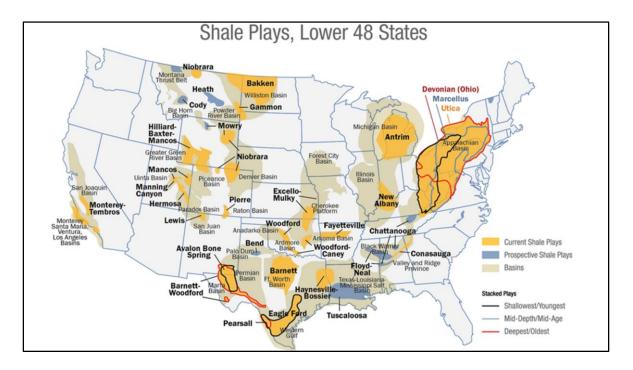
0.1 millimeter in diameter to over 2 millimeters in diameter.

frac sand used in the oil and gas industry is between 0.4 and 0.8 millimeters



#### Market looks good for supplying frack sand

### USA's Major Activity in lower 48



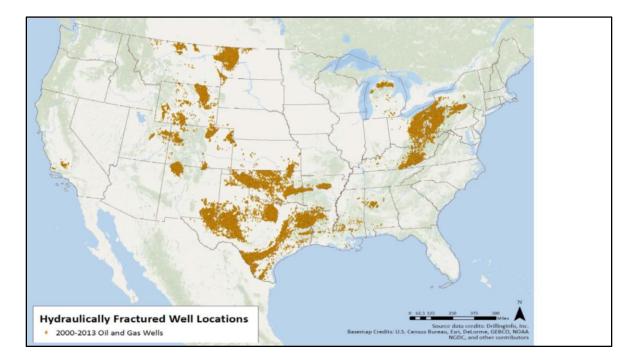
Yellow current plays

Blue prospective plays

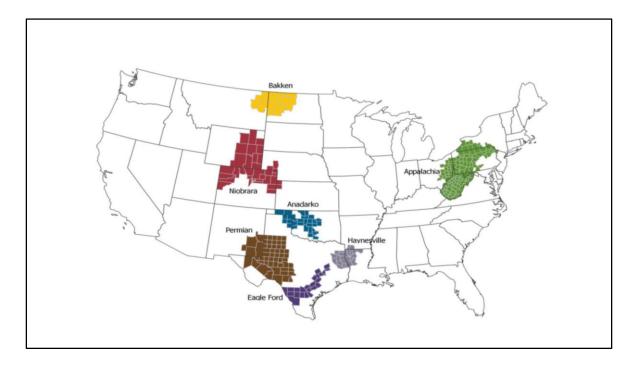
**Gray basins** 

Stacked-- black youngest; red deepest/oldest

How to balance the interests of the oil/gas company; produce our natural resource; and maintain an environmental benefit?



1990s George P Mitchell considered to be father of modern hydraulic fracking; combined horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracking About 1 million in USA 1.5 million outside USA



Drilling Productivity Report November 2018 For KEY tight oil and shale gas regions

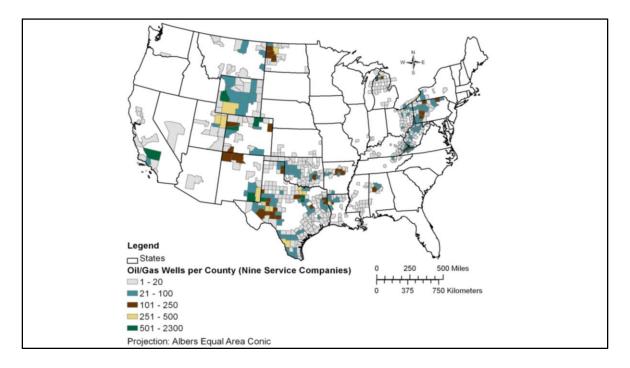
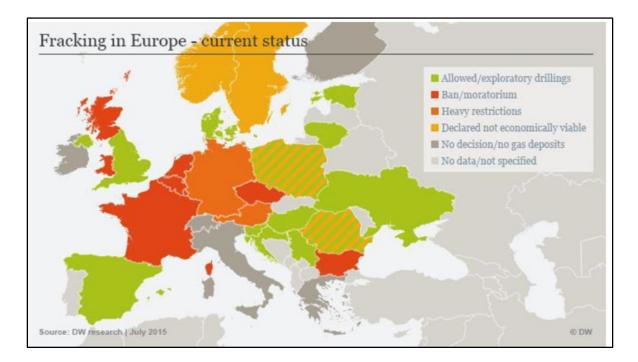


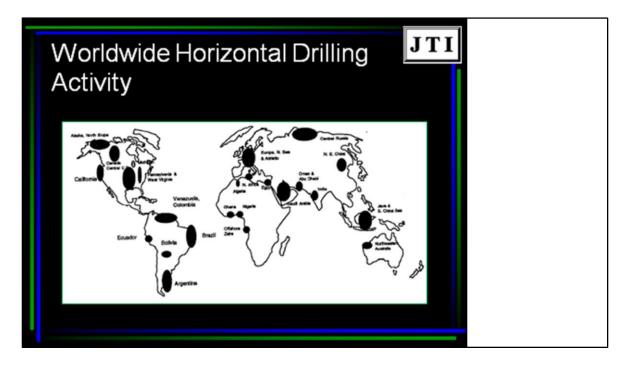
Figure 10. Locations of oil and gas production wells hydraulically fractured between September 2009 and October 2010. The information request to service companies (September 2010) resulted in county-scale locations for 24,925 wells. The service company wells represented in this map include only 24,879 wells because the EPA did not receive locational information for 46 of the 24,925 reported wells. (ESRI, 2010a, b; US EPA, 2011a)

Study of the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources: Progress Report December 2012

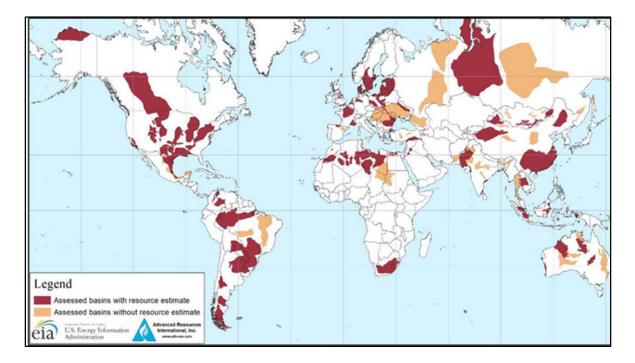
## Horizontal drilling with fracking is going around the world and growing



Some countries have banned or established a moratorium

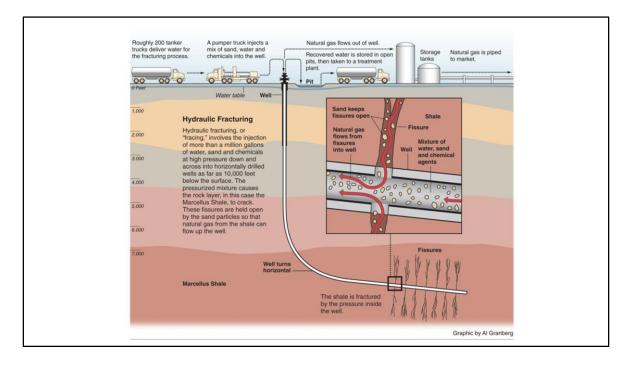


By 2012 about 2.5 million fracking jobs world wide but over a million in USA



Lots of opportunity for oil/gas; Red areas indicate that some sort of estimate has been made of the total recoverable oil/gas resource

Tan areas are known basins of potential oil/gas resources but no estimate

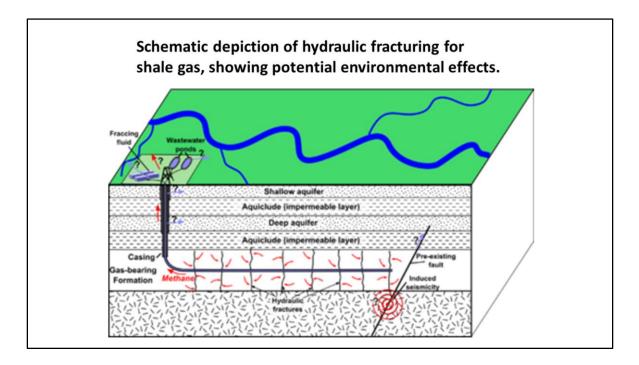


Hydraulic fracturing- propagation of fractures in a <u>rock layer</u>, via pressurized fluid.. first economical play, via horizontal, slickwater fracking, 1998 in a <u>Barnett Shale</u> in Texas.

Proponents- economic benefits from formerly inaccessible hydrocarbons

Opponents- potential <u>environmental</u> & health impacts; contamination of <u>ground</u> <u>water</u>, risks to <u>air quality</u>, migration of gases and chemicals to the surface, surface contamination from spills and flowback

Due to shale's high porosity and low permeability, technology <u>research</u>, <u>development</u> <u>and demonstration</u> were necessary before hydraulic fracturing could be commercially applied to shale gas deposits. In the 1970s the United States government initiated the <u>Eastern Gas Shales Project</u>, a set of dozens of public-private hydro-fracturing pilot demonstration projects. During the same period, the <u>Gas Research Institute</u>,, received approval for research and funding from the <u>Federal Energy Regulatory</u> <u>Commission</u>. In 1977, the <u>Department of Energy</u> pioneered massive hydraulic fracturing in tight sandstone formations; United effort for benefit to USA Fracturing equipment operates over a range of pressures and injection rates, and can reach up to 15,000 psi and 9.4 cu ft/s) (100 barrels per minute).

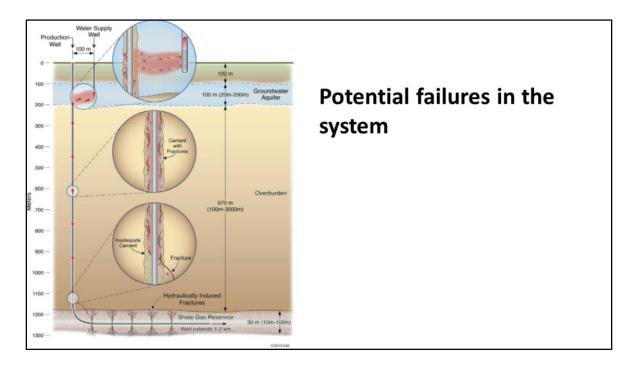


Hydraulic fracturing has raised environmental concerns and is challenging the adequacy of existing regulatory regimes. These concerns have included ground water contamination, risks to air quality, migration of gases and hydraulic fracturing chemicals to the surface, mishandling of waste, and the health effects of all these.

A <u>University of Texas</u> study listed water contamination and consumption, <u>blowouts</u>, explosions, spill management, <u>atmospheric</u> emissions, and health effects as associated problems. The study described the environmental impact of each part of the hydraulic fracturing process, which included:

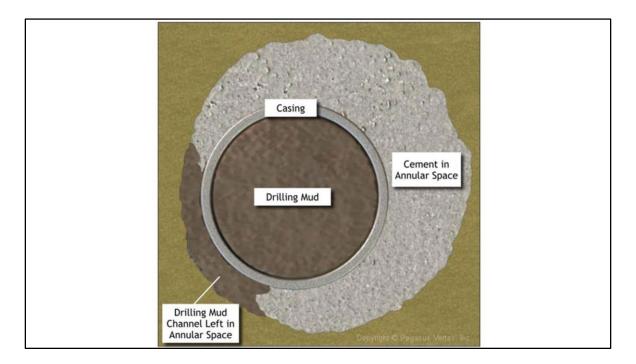
- Drill pad construction and operation
- Construction, integrity, and performance of the wellbores
- Injection of the fluid once it is underground (which proponents consider the actual "fracking")
- Flowback of the fluid back towards the surface
- Blowouts, often unreported, which spew hydraulic fracturing fluid and other byproducts across surrounding area
- Integrity of other pipelines involved
- Disposal of the flowback, including waste water and other waste products

All *but* the injection stage were reported to be sources of contamination. Because hydraulic fracturing originated in the United States, its history is more extensive there than in other regions.



Potential failures in the system

What's the base line? How has your oil well changed the base line quantities of water well contaminates?



This cross section from a well shows a potential leak where the cementing effort was less than satisfactory ; weak seal due to leakage of the mud plug if pressure increases or water intrusion occurs

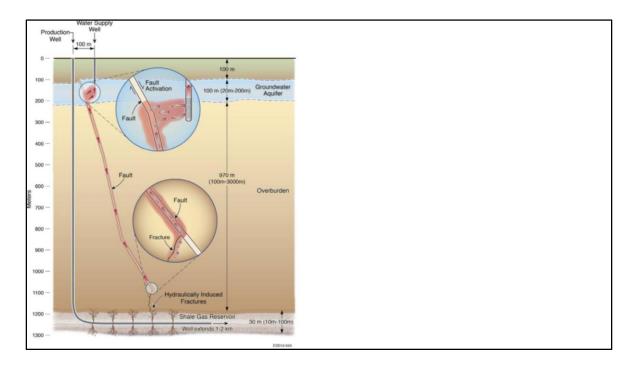
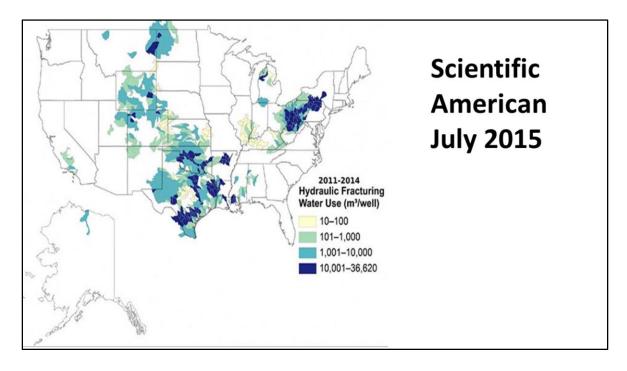


Figure 17. Scenario C of the subsurface migration modeling project. This hypothetical scenario simulates upward migration of hydrocarbons and other contaminants through sealed/dormant fractures and faults activated by the hydraulic fracturing operation.

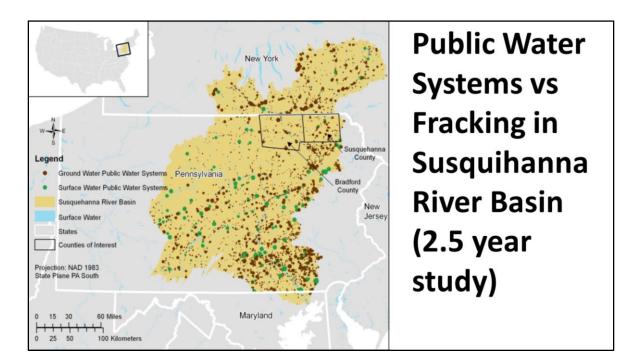


Oil and natural gas fracking, uses more than 28 times the water it did 15 years ago, up to 9.6 million gallons of water per well

U.S. Geological Survey study published by the American Geophysical Union, the first national-scale analysis and map of water use from hydraulic fracturing operations.

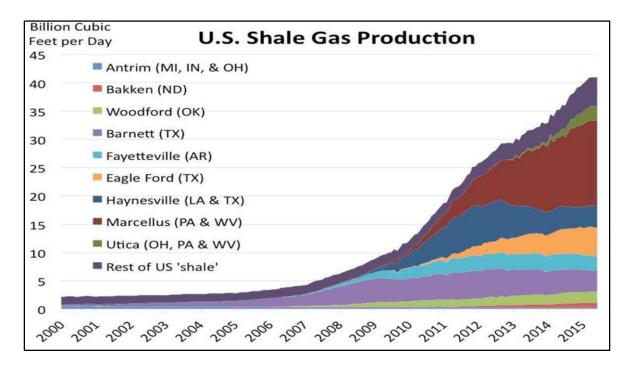


Fracking, which was banned in New York this week because of water pollution and climate concerns, injects large quantities of sand, water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to release trapped oil and natural gas. The process has been found to leak large amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, and the resulting fossil fuels are the primary cause of climate change.



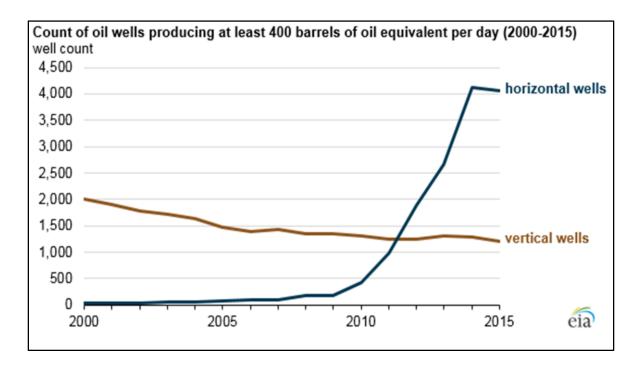
The legend symbol size for public water systems is proportional to the number of people served by the systems. the smallest circle water systems **25 to 100 people and largest circle systems over 100,000 people.** 

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission reports that the **oil/gas industry consumed over 1.6 billion gallons of water for well drilling and hydraulic fracturing in the entire SRB from(2.5 yr)** or 1.7 MGD. The 65% direct surface water withdrawals, from PWS 35%) The **average total volume of fluid used per well was 4.2 million gallons,** 90% fresh water The **average recovery of fluids was reported to be 8% to 12% of the injected volume within the first 30 days** Water use Bradford and Susquehanna Counties **2 and 9 million gallons per well** 

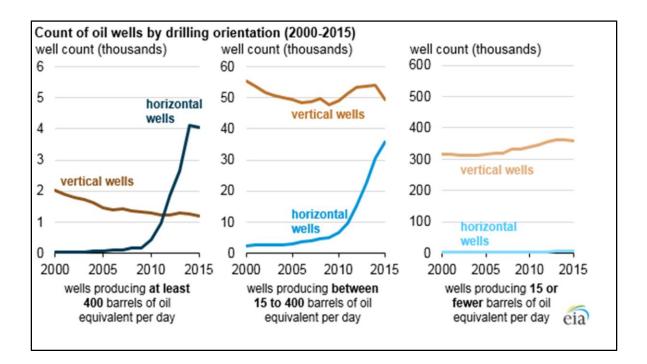


Speed is a second factor that is decreasing the cost of drilling. More efficient rigs and a more experienced labor force mean greater savings. The average time it takes to drill a well for Chesapeake Energy's Powder River Basin Project dropped from 35 days to 14 in the last two years. The cost has plummeted from \$4.5 million to \$2.6 million. The average drill cost per foot was lowered from \$245 to \$143. That means drilling costs have been reduced for Chesapeake by about 42 percent, which offsets the drop in the commodity cost.

Other companies have reported cost reductions from 2014 to 2015. Bakken well costs dropped from \$7.1 million to \$5.9 million. Eagle Ford wells went from \$7.6 million to \$6.5 million. Marcellus wells were reduced from \$6.6 million to \$6.1 million. Midland Basin wells fell from \$7.7 million to \$7.2 million and Delaware Basin well costs were lowered from \$6.6 million to \$5.2 million.

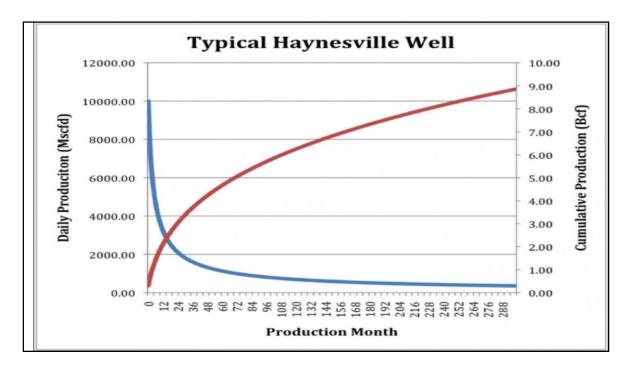


This shows that horizontal drilling is becoming dominant versus vertical



Eclipse Breaks Record Again – New Longest Shale Well in World! June 19, 2017 first "super lateral" Utica well in Guernsey County, OH–the Purple Hayes, at **18,500 feet long** 

Outlaw C 11H, a Utica well that is 19,500 feet long horizontally (total measured depth of **27,750 feet**). "Super-Lateral" well, Outlaw C 11H, with a total measured depth of approximately 27,750 feet and a lateral extension of approximately 19,500 feet in 17 days from spud to TD in Utica Shale Condensate



This could be a typical gas well

Shale Region	Production Per Drilling Rig (June 2011)	Production Per Drilling Rig (June 2014)	Percent Change
Niobrara (Colorado)	95 barrels per day	361 barrels per day	280%
Marcellus	2,427 mcf per	6,516 mcf per	168%
(Pennsylvania)	day*	day*	
Eagle Ford	198 barrels per	476 barrels per	140%
(Texas)	day	day	
Bakken (North	213 barrels per	505 barrels per	137%
Dakota)	day	day	

Look at the changing economics

	Annual Percent Decline Forecast					
	Month 1	Month 12	Month 24	Month 36	Month 48	Month 60
Annual Decline (%)		70	30	15	15	10
Daily Production (MMscfd)	10.00	3.00	2.10	1.79	1.52	1.37
Cumulative Production (Bcf)	0.36	2.37	3.30	4.01	4.61	5.14

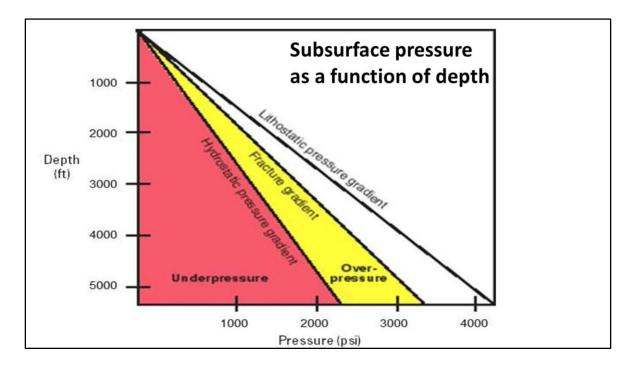
$$q_t = \frac{q_i}{(1+bD_it)^{1/b}}$$

Where,

 $q_i =$  Initial gas flow rate, MMScf/Month

 $q_t$  = Gas flow rate at time t, MMscf/Month b = Arps decline Curve exponent  $D_i$  = Initial decline rate, month<sup>-1</sup> t = Time in months

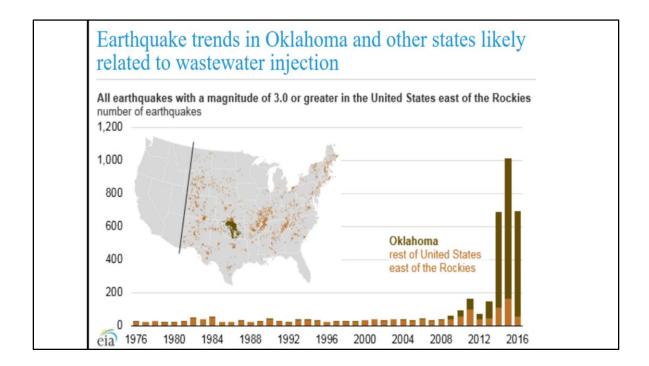
## An extra effect from hydraulic fracking with very limited projection of impact –Earth Quakes!

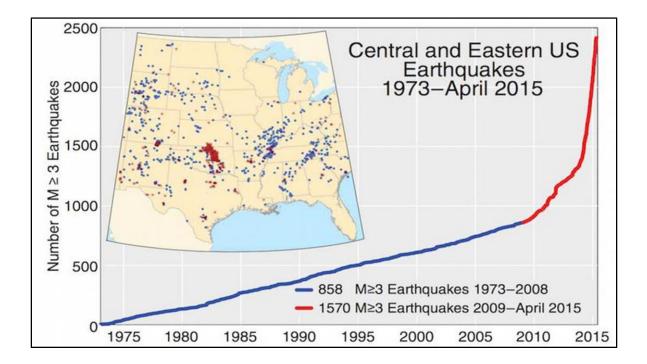


Pressure may be up to 15,000 psi

Lithology	Matrix Density (g/cc)	
Sandstone	2.65	
Limestone	2.71	
Dolomite	2.87	
Anhydrite	2.98	
Halite	2.03	
Gypsum	2.35	
Clay	~2.7-2.8	
Fresh Water	1.0	
Salt Water	1.15	
Oil	0.80	

Lithology of the media involved in the drilling operations





## Looking to the future – Do we really need the oil/gas?

