

**Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee (URTAC)**

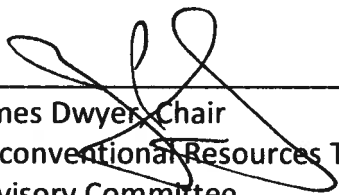
**January 18, 2012**

**Seventeenth Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

## Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee

I hereby certify that this transcript constitutes an accurate record of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee meeting held on January 18, 2012.



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James Dwyer, Chair  
Unconventional Resources Technology  
Advisory Committee

18 Jan 12  
Date

**Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee (URTAC) Meeting  
January 18, 2012, Hilton Houston North, Houston, Texas**

The meeting was opened at 8:00 a.m. by Elena Melchert, the Acting Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in place of Christopher Smith, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Oil and Natural Gas. (Attachment 1) After welcoming remarks, Ms. Melchert appointed James P. Dwyer and Jessica Cavens to serve as the new Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the URTAC for the remainder of the two year term of 2010-2012. (Attachment 2)

Ms. Melchert, DOE Program Manager for Oil and Gas Production Research, briefed the Committee on future assignments and deadlines then provided an overview of Title IX, Subtitle J of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 commonly referred to as "Section 999" by the Committee.

James Dwyer, URTAC Chair, identified this meeting as the first of three meetings focused on the DOE Draft *2012 Annual Plan*. He outlined the tasks for the day: 1) review the DOE Draft *2012 Annual Plan* and the RPSEA *2012 Draft Annual Plan*, 2) establish *ad hoc* subcommittees to review specific aspects of the documents, and 3) develop a strategy for providing DOE with written comments and recommendations. He reminded the Committee of the planned dates for the remaining two meetings at which the recommendations were to be finalized on February 28-29, 2012 and approved by vote on March 8, 2012 via conference call.

He then called for introductions, and introduced, in turn, each presenter according to the agenda (Attachment 3). The Chair welcomed all visitors and staff and reported that 18 of 21 URTAC members were present and a quorum was in effect (Attachment 4).

**Presentation by Roy Long, Technology Manager, National Energy Technology Laboratory**  
(Attachment 5)

Mr. Long summarized the "Section 999" implementation process. He discussed how DOE is meeting statutory requirements and streamlining the subcontracting process. He summarized the RPSEA 2011 solicitations, the Complementary Program elements, and the Traditional Program. Within the Traditional Program he discussed the 2010 funded ongoing projects and the 2012 appropriations. He finished by discussing the Integrated Technology Transfer Program with a focus on the Knowledge Management Database (KMD) and the statistics they have been measuring to monitor its use. This was followed by Committee discussion.

**Presentation by Rick Hammack, National Energy Technology Laboratory** (Attachment 6)

Mr. Hammack presented to the Committee the nine tasks the Unconventional Resources portion of the EAct Complementary Program is facing at the Marcellus Shale Test Site in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The specific tasks are:

1. Characterize Baseline Environmental Signals
2. Fugitive Air Emissions

3. Produced Waters
4. Fluid-Gas-Rock Interactions in Shale
5. Prediction of Fracture Propagation
6. Coupling Microseismic Measurements and Geomechanical Models
7. Naturally Occurring Isotope Tracers
8. High-TDS Water and Gas in Shallow Reservoirs
9. Integrated Assessment Model for Predicting Risks to Groundwater

The presentation was followed by Committee discussion.

**Presentation by Kent Perry, Vice President Onshore, Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) (Attachment 7)**

Mr. Perry's presentation described the RPSEA organization, its membership, structure/organization, how its advisory committees work, and the RPSEA process flow for development of the RPSEA draft annual plan. He summarized the Small Producer and Program element by providing the mission, goals, and objectives of the Program. He ended by giving a status update of the current project portfolio. This was followed by a discussion and question/answer session.

After lunch, Mr. Perry continued his presentation by discussing the goals and objectives of the Unconventional Resources Program element. He ended by describing the current program solicitations. This was followed by a discussion and question/answer session.

**Overview of the 2012 Draft Annual Plan Process**

The DFO then explained to the Committee how they are required to develop a document of Findings and Recommendations as written comments on the DOE *2012 Annual Plan* ([http://www.fossil.energy.gov/programs/oilgas/ultra\\_and\\_unconventional/2011-2012\\_Committees/Draft\\_2012\\_Annual\\_Plan\\_1-10-12.pdf](http://www.fossil.energy.gov/programs/oilgas/ultra_and_unconventional/2011-2012_Committees/Draft_2012_Annual_Plan_1-10-12.pdf)). Ms. Melchert described the process in which changes were made to the prior year plan to arrive at the current version. Discussion regarding the process for fulfilling the requirement then followed.

**Establishment of *ad hoc* Review Subcommittees**

After a short break, the Chair led the Committee in establishing *ad hoc* review subcommittees and membership. After some discussion, the five review subcommittees were:

**Policy and Regulation**

Brown, **Hall**, Kleinberg, Bromfield, Cavens, Oglesby, **Mason**

**Value and Public Outreach**

Hall, Lewis, Martin, **Nilson**, Daugherty, Arthur

**Environmental**

Mall, Mason, Mohaghegh, Hardage, **Kleinberg**, Martin, Arthur

**R&D**

Camp, Harju, Lewis, Martin, Mohaghegh, Nilson, **Oglesby**, **Whitney**, Mall, Sparks

**Editing**

**Dwyer, Cavens, Mason, Hall**

**\*Chairs in bold**

Following the establishment of the subcommittees, Elena Melchert discussed some administrative topics related to the next meetings

No members of the public made requests for public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

## Attachments

	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	For the Record	Acting Designated Federal Officer Letter
2	For the Record	Chair and Vice-Chair Appointment Letter
3	For the Record	Meeting Agenda
4	For the Record	Committee Members and Meeting Participant Attendance
5	Mr. Roy Long	DOE Oil and Gas Research Program Overview
6	Mr. Rick Hammack	Marcellus Shale Project
7	Mr. Kent Perry	Unconventional and Small Producer Project Portfolio Overviews



Attachment 1

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

MEMORANDUM TO THE UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: CHRISTOPHER A. SMITH   
DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER  
UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Acting Designated Federal Officer

I hereby designate Elena Melchert, Petroleum Engineer/Program Manager for Oil and Gas Production Research, to serve as the Acting Designated Federal Officer for the meeting of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee on January 18, 2012, in Houston, TX.






Attachment 2

**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

MEMORANDUM TO THE UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: CHRISTOPHER A. SMITH   
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
OFFICE OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS

SUBJECT: Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair  
Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee

Whereas, article 12 of the committee charter states that the Secretary shall designate a chair and vice-chair, and article 1.23 of the Department of Energy Delegation Order No. 00-002.00G and article 1.5 of the Department of Energy Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04C transfer this authority of the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, the Assistant Secretary has designated Mr. James P. Dwyer and Ms. Jessica J. Cavens to serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee for the remainder of the two year term of 2010-2012.





17<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
**Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee**  
January 18, 2012  
Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas 77060  
Meeting Room: DaVinci

**AGENDA**

7:30 am Registration

8:00	Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions Opening Remarks Appointment of the Chair Committee Assignment and Deadline Overview of "Section 999"	Elena Melchert, DOE Acting Designated Federal Officer (ADFO)
8:30	Committee Discussion	Chair
9:00	<b>DOE Oil and Gas Research Program</b> -- Marcellus Shale Project  Committee Discussion	Roy Long, Technology Manager, NETL Rick Hammack, NETL  Chair
9:45	-- Cost-Shared Research ---Results and Accomplishments to date Small Producers Research  Committee Discussion	Bob Siegfried, President, RPSEA Kent Perry, Vice President Onshore, RPSEA  Chair
10:15	<i>BREAK</i>	
10:30	---Results and Accomplishments to date Unconventional Resources Research  Committee Discussion	K. Perry  Chair
Noon	<i>WORKING LUNCH</i>	
1:15	<b>Overview of the Draft 2012 Annual Plan</b>  Committee Discussion	E. Melchert, Senior Program Manager, DOE  Chair
2:15	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:30	Establish of ad hoc Review Subcommittees Appoint Subcommittee Chairs	Chair
4:45	Administrative Topics	CM
5:00 pm	Adjourn	Chair

APPROVED:   
Christopher A. Smith, Designated Federal Officer

18 Jan 2012  
Date

**Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 18, 2012**

**U.S. Department of Energy – Office of Oil and Natural Gas**

Christopher Smith Deputy Assistant Secretary	Designated Federal Officer
Elena Melchert <i>EM</i>	Committee Manager

**National Energy Technology Laboratory**

<i>RL</i> Roy Long	Strategic Center for Natural Gas & Oil
<i>ES</i> Eric Smistad	Strategic Center for Natural Gas & Oil
<i>JB</i> Jamie Brown	Office of Research & Development
<i>RH</i> Rick Hammack	Office of Research & Development
Kelly Rose	Office of Research & Development

**Contractors**

<i>BS</i> Bob Siegfried, RPSEA	President
<i>KP</i> Kent Perry, RPSEA	Vice President, Onshore
<i>JP</i> James Pappas, RPSEA	Vice President, Ultra-Deepwater
<i>RM</i> Rob Matey, IBM	Meeting General Support
<i>JP</i> Jennifer Presley, LTI	Registration Support

**Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee Meeting  
Sign-In Sheet - January 18, 2012**

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Initial
Arthur	Dan J.	ALL Consulting, LLC	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Bromfield	Kenneth	Dow Hydrocarbons and Resources, LLC	<i>KB</i>
Brown*	Nancy J.	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	<i>NJB</i>
Camp	Wayne K.	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	<i>W.K.C.</i>
Cavens	Jessica J.	EnCana Oil & Gas (USA)	<i>J.C.</i>
Daugherty	Bill	Blackridge Resources	<i>Bill Daugherty</i>
Dwyer	James P.	Baker Hughes	<i>J.P.</i>
Hall	J. Chris	Drilling & Production Co.	<i>J. Chris</i>
Hardage*	Bob	University of Texas at Austin	<i>Bob Hardage</i>
Harju*	John A.	University of North Dakota	<i>John A.</i>
Kleinberg	Robert L.	Schlumberger-Doll Research	<i>R. Kleinberg</i>
Lewis	Fletcher S.	Rainmaker Oil & Gas	<i>F. Lewis</i>
Mall	Amy	Natural Resources Defense Council	<i>Amy</i>
Martin*	John P.	JPMartin Energy Strategy LLC	<i>John P.</i>
Mason	Gregory	The Energy Cooperative	<i>Gregory</i>
Mohaghegh*	Shahab D.	West Virginia University	<i>Shahab D.</i>
Nilson	Gary J.	Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.	<i>G. Nilson</i>
Oglesby	Kenneth D.	Acorn Resources, Inc.	<i>K.D.</i>
Rodgers	Brady D.	Focus Resources E&P	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Sparks	Don L.	Discovery Operating, Inc.	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Whitney	Sam W.	Shell E&P Company	<i>Sam W.</i>

\* Special Government Employee

## Attachment 5



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### NETL Sec. 999 Implementation Overview

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Roy Long, Technology Manager, NETL  
17<sup>th</sup> URTAC & UDAC Meetings, Houston, Texas



January 18, 2012

## Outline: FY11 Implementation Overview

- Meeting Statutory Requirements
- Streamlined Subcontracting Process
- RPSEA 2011 Solicitations
- Complementary Program Elements
- Traditional Program
  - FY10 Funded Ongoing Projects
  - FY12 Appropriations
- Integrated Technology Transfer Program  
*[Focus on Knowledge Management Database (KMD)]*
  - KMD Statistics Measurement

# Meeting Statutory Requirements

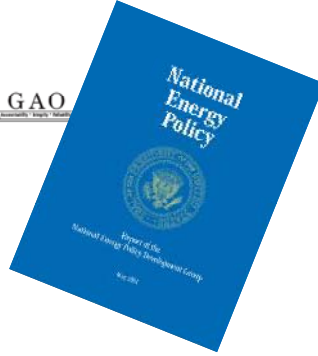
- Technical Committee Review Meeting
- Compliance Audits
- RPSEA Contract Management



GAO  
 United States Government Accountability Office  
 Report to the Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. Senate

December 2008  
 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

DOE Could Enhance the Project Selection Process for Government Oil and Natural Gas Research



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# Streamlined Subcontracting Process

Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America

Robert W. Soghead II  
 President

**Subcontract Notification and Certification Form under Prime Contract DE-AC26-07NT42677**

In accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA05), RPSEA shall oversee the implementation of subcontracts under Section 999 of EPA05, consistent with Subtitle C, Section 999, the Annual Plan, including disbursing funds and monitoring activities carried out under such subcontracts for compliance with the terms and conditions of the prime contract.

Subcontractor Name:	
Subcontractor's Address:	
Consortium Partners:	
Title of the Project:	
Access ID:	
Subcontract No.:	
Subcontract Technical Representative:	
RPSEA Technical Representative:	
Technical Readiness and Compliance with EPA05, Section 999:	
Subcontract Amount:	RPSEA Share
Harvard Petroleum, Well Enhancement:	Industry Cost Share
	Total Project Cost

RPSEA has reviewed and analyzed all proposed cost share. To the best of my knowledge, the cost share as reviewed and analyzed is allowable, allocable, verifiable, appropriately valued and from non-federal sources.

Source (Name of the Organization):	Amount:	Nature (Cash or in kind?)
NM Institute of Mining and Technology:		Source:
Harvard Petroleum:		In kind
Well Enhancement Services:		

RPSEA has included in the subcontract all prime contract award flow down requirements including Intellectual Property Provisions as appropriate. All negotiation issues were reviewed, discussed and mitigated.

0822-05 New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology  
 Notification and Consent Form

Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America

Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Questionnaire (NETL Form 453.1-1/2) has been submitted to the NETL Contracting Officer's Representative for the proposed Subcontractor (as well as for any lower tier Subcontractors).

In accordance with EPA05, Section 999(c), 2.5% of the total amount of the subcontract has been designated for technology transfer and outreach activities.

\*An in-kind contribution is a non-cash input which can be given a cash value. Examples include but are not limited to personnel, fringe benefits, travel, etc.

Attached is the approved Scope of Work for the above referenced project. Attached is a full listing of anticipated Subcontractor acquired property.

I, Robert W. Soghead II, President of RPSEA, hereby certify that the information outlined above is current, accurate and factual. I request DOE's approval to enter into a binding subcontract with the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

Sincerely,  
  
 Robert W. Soghead II  
 Date:

0822-05 New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology  
 Notification and Consent Form

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## RPSEA 2011 Solicitations

### 2011 Small Producer Solicitation

- Opened: December 13, 2011
- Closes: February 27, 2012

### 2011 Unconventional Resources Solicitation

- Opened: December 20, 2011
- Closes: March 6, 2012

### 2011 UDW Solicitation

- Planned opening in March/April timeframe



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## EPAAct Complementary Program FY12 Research Portfolio

### FY12 Complementary Program Unconventional Resources Overview

1. Characterize baseline environmental signals - **Field**
2. Fugitive air emissions - **Field + Modeling**
3. Produced water - **Field + Laboratory**
4. Fluid-gas-rock interactions in shale - **Field + Laboratory**
5. Prediction of fracture propagation - **Existing Data + Laboratory + Modeling**
6. Coupling microseismic measurements and geomechanical models - **Existing Data + Field + Modeling**
7. Naturally-occurring isotope tracers - **Field + Laboratory**
8. High-TDS water and gas in shallow reservoirs - **Existing Data + Modeling**
9. Integrated assessment model for predicting potential risks to groundwater - **Field + Existing Data + Laboratory + Modeling**

### FY12 Complementary Program Ultra-Deepwater Overview

10. Metallic components & cement barriers - **Existing Data + Laboratory + Modeling**
11. Multiphase Fluids in HPHT systems - **Existing Data + Laboratory + Modeling**
12. Flow assurance & quantification - **Field + Existing Data + Laboratory + Modeling**
13. Systems Models for Risk Prediction & Response (subsurface, wellbore & water column) - **Existing Data + Modeling**



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## Traditional Program Overview (Supported by FY10 Funding)

- 67 Projects (excludes Hydrates and Section 999 projects)
- \$121 MM Total Value (\$85 MM Gov't. Share, \$36 MM Cost-Share)
- Current projects from prior year funding:
  - Fracture Flowback & Produced Water Treatment and Mgmt.
  - Environmental Impact Mitigation
  - Water Resources Management
  - Enhanced Oil Recovery
  - Unconventional Oil Production
  - Increasing Domestic Oil and Gas Production
  - Reservoir Characterization
  - Drilling/Completion/HPHT Downhole Tools
  - Seismic Technology
  - Oil and Gas Infrastructure-Related
  - Technology Transfer

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## Traditional Program Overview (FY12 Appropriations)

**\$20 million in FY12**

- \$10 million hydrates
- \$5 million (balance of NG)
  - \$2 million for GWPC/RBDMS
- \$5 million (Unconventional FE technologies:  
CO<sup>2</sup> EOR)

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# Integrated Technology Transfer Program [Focus on Knowledge Management Database (KMD)]



**Knowledge Management Database (KMD):**

FE's First "One Stop Shopping" for all Current and Historical DOE Oil & Gas R&D

More than 30,000 records and reports of R&D in upstream oil and gas



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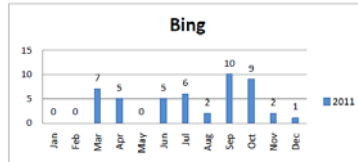
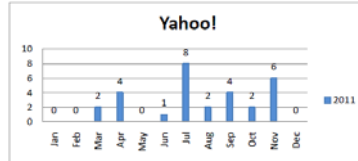
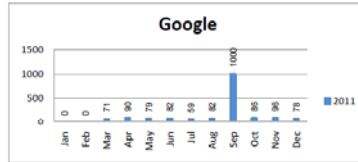
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# Integrated Technology Transfer Program [Focus on Knowledge Management Database (KMD)]



**Knowledge Management Database (KMD):**

Monitoring Referrals from Major Search Engines



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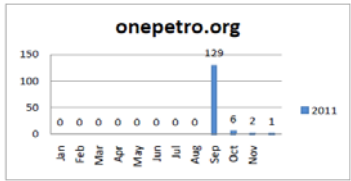
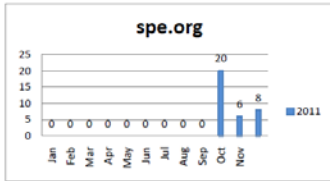
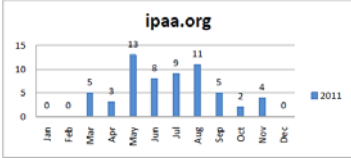
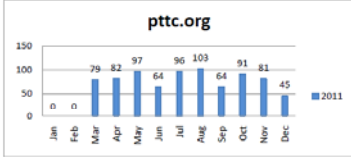


# Integrated Technology Transfer Program [Focus on Knowledge Management Database (KMD)]



## Knowledge Management Database (KMD):

### Monitoring Referrals from Industry Stakeholders



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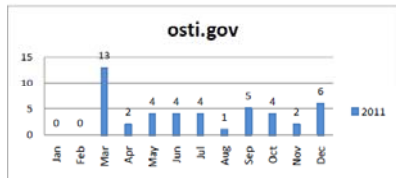
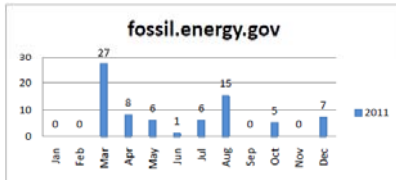
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# Integrated Technology Transfer Program [Focus on Knowledge Management Database (KMD)]



## Knowledge Management Database (KMD):

### Monitoring Referrals from Our Federal Stakeholders



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# Questions





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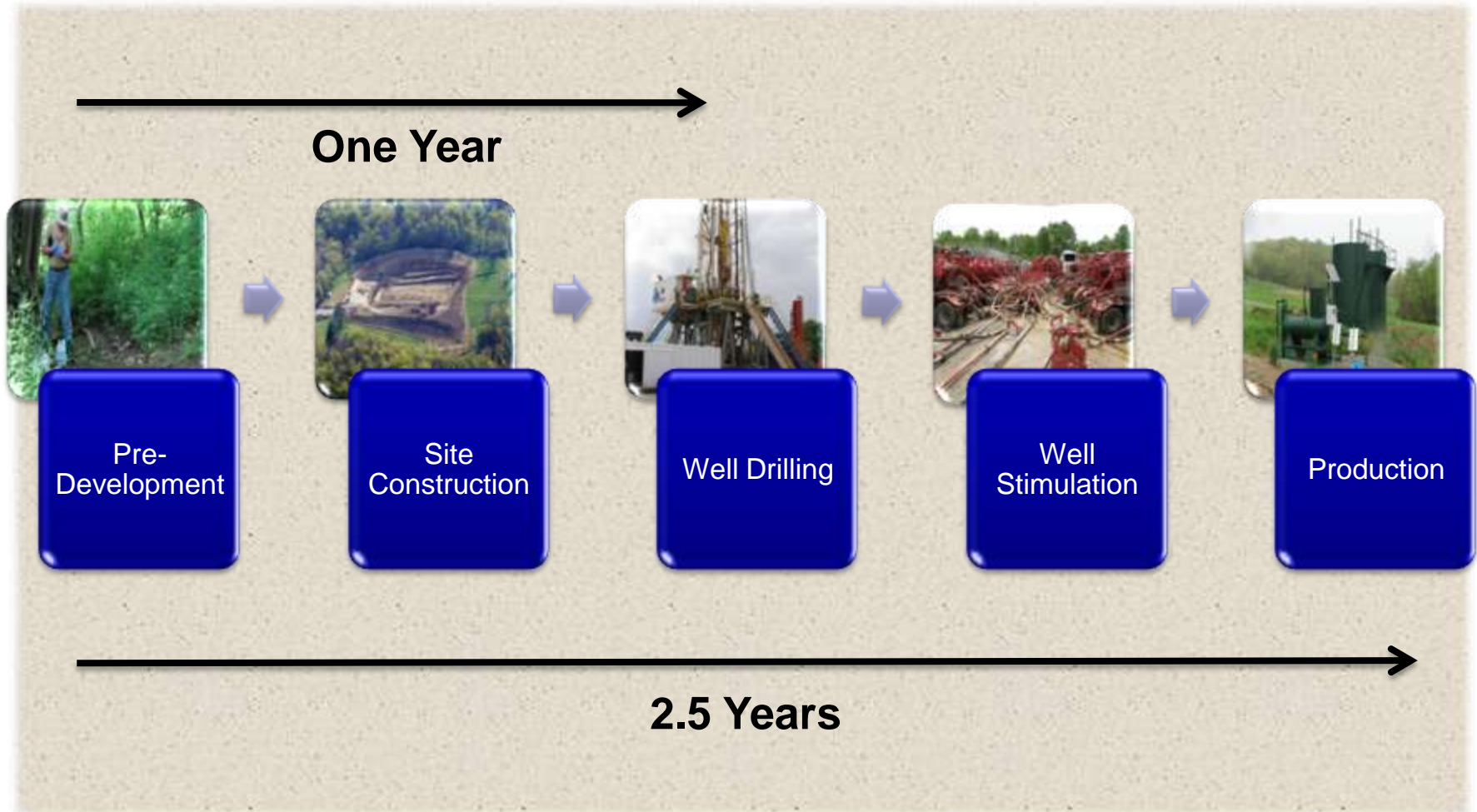


## **EPAct Complementary Program- Unconventional Resources**

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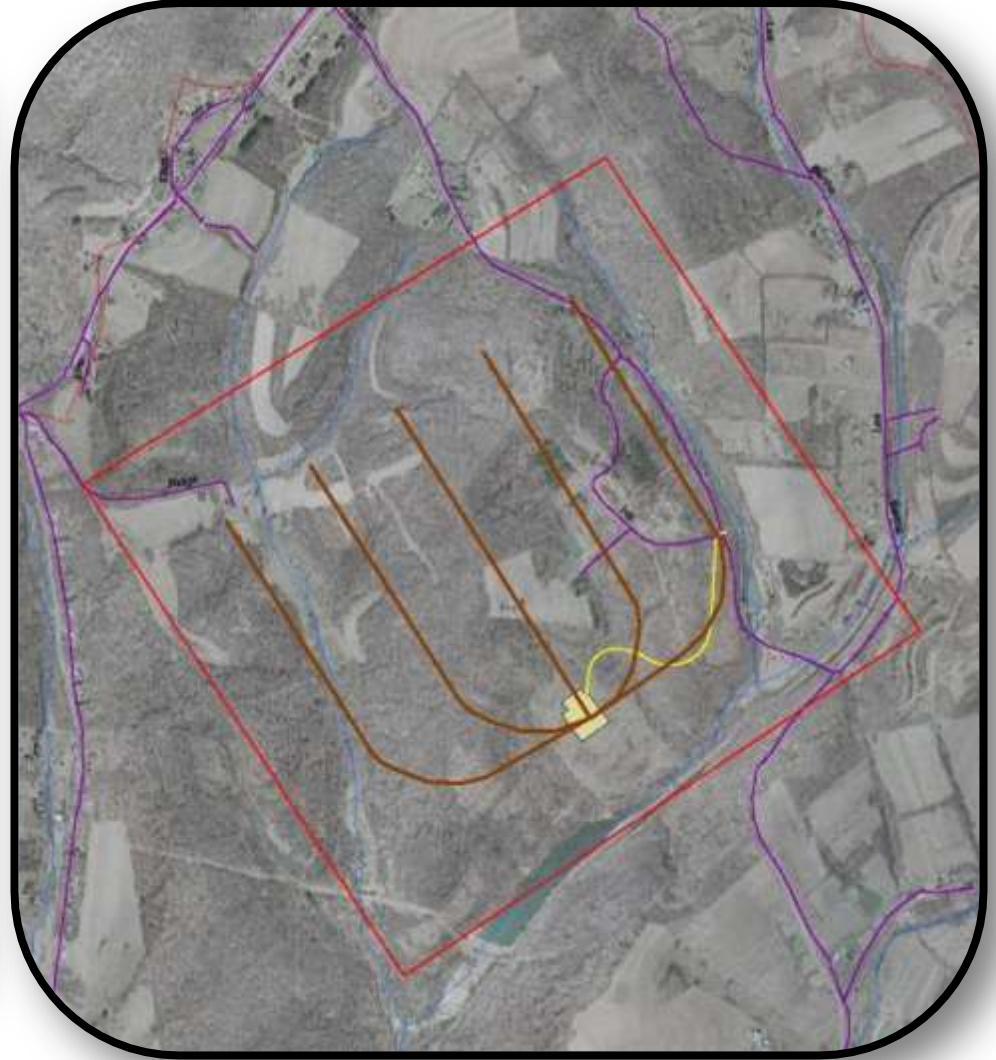
Office of Research and Development  
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# 1. Characterize Baseline Environmental Signals



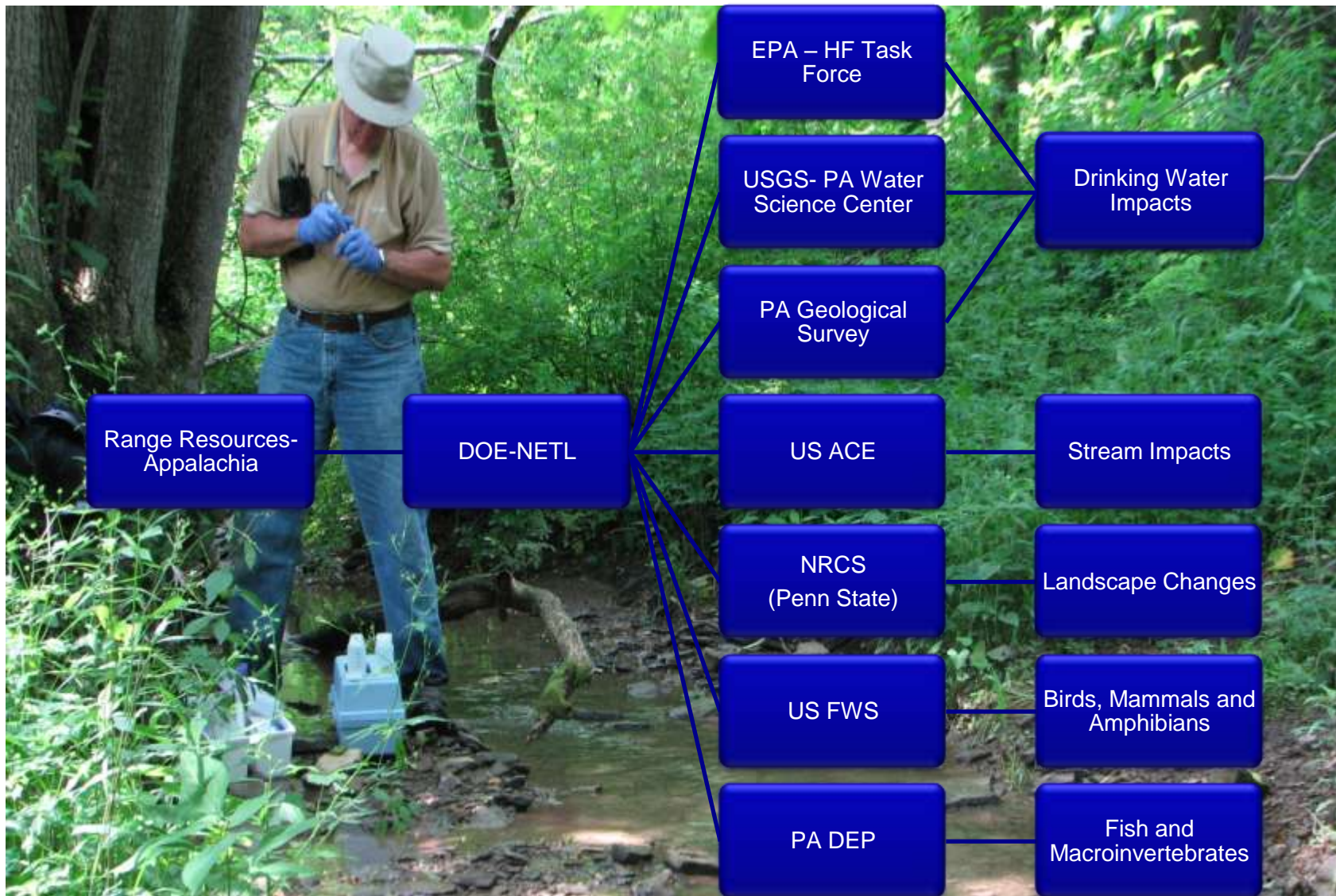


# Marcellus Test Site





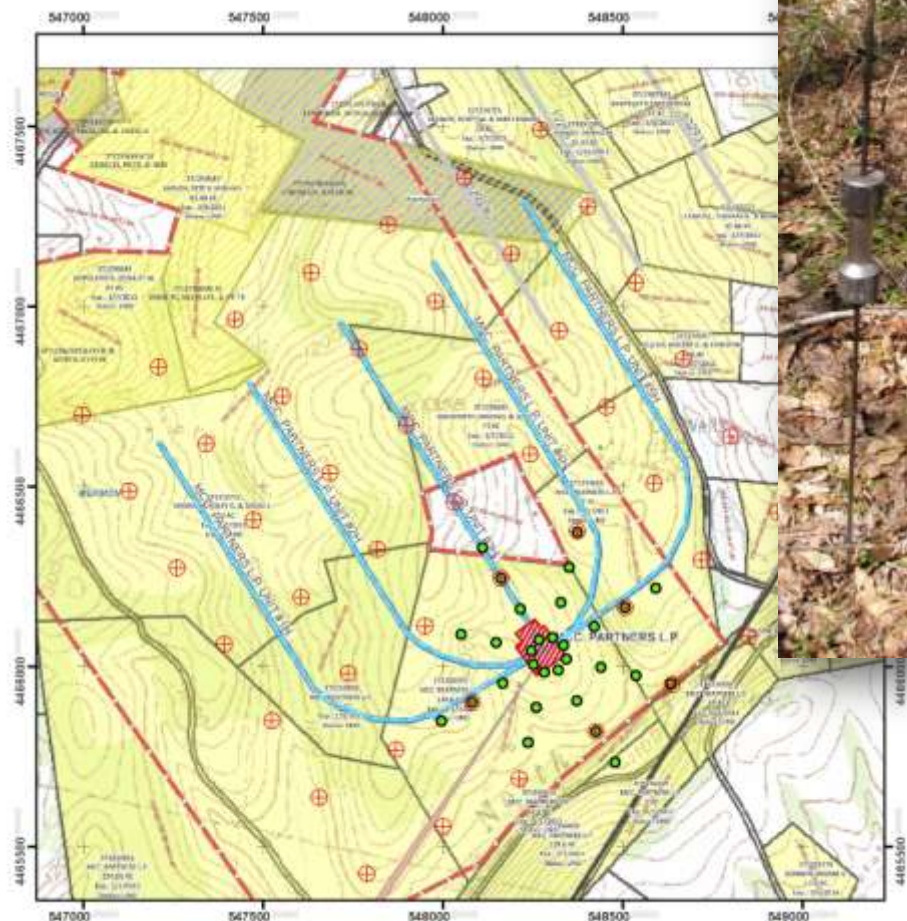
# Range Resources Site-Monitoring Team





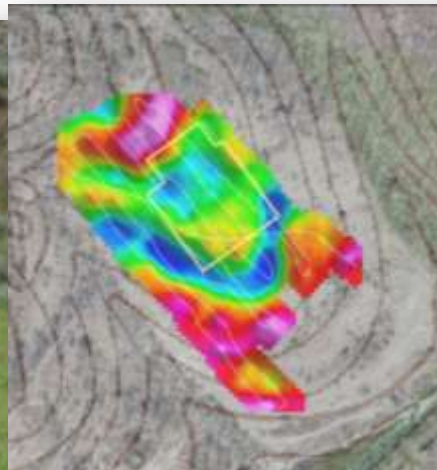
# Fugitive Methane

- Groundwater- USGS/EPA
- Soil Gas- NETL
- Atmosphere- NETL



# Migration of Production Fluids

- Groundwater- USGS/EPA
- Streams- NETL/USACE/PADEP
- Electromagnetic Surveys - NETL

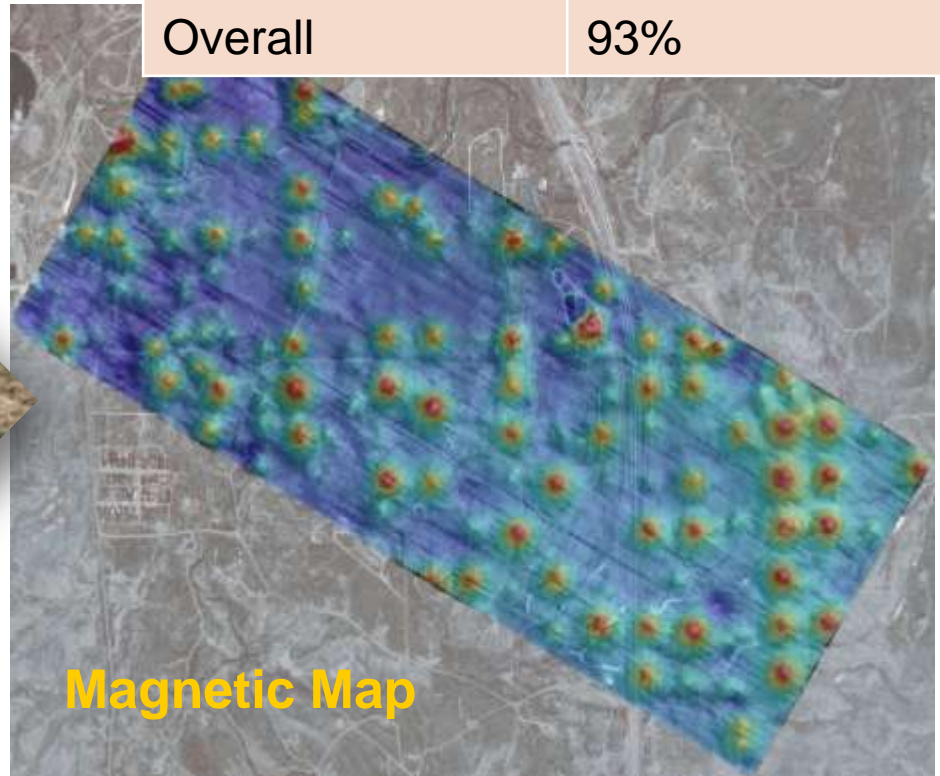




# Abandoned Wells

- Well Database- PAGES
- Helicopter Magnetic Surveys- NETL

Completion Date	Wells Found
1912-1926	100%
1965-1990	82%
Overall	93%



## 2. Fugitive Air Emissions

- **Ambient Air Quality- NETL**



**Mobile Air Monitoring Laboratory**

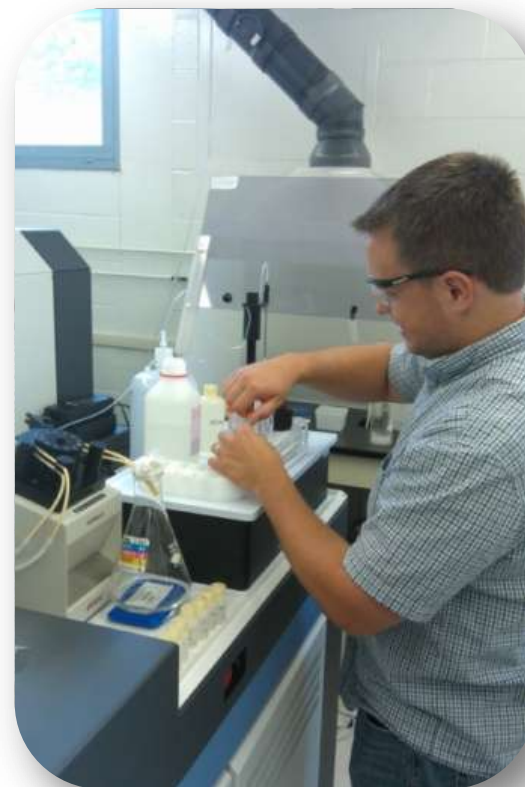
- **VOC's** (52 components on the EPA PAMS list)
- **CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>** w/isotope speciation
- **Ozone**
- **SO<sub>2</sub>**
- **NO<sub>x</sub>** (NO, NO<sub>2</sub> and NO+NO<sub>2</sub>)
- **PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>**
- **Ammonia**
- **Organic and Elemental Carbon in Aerosols**
- **Nephelometer** (measures scattering of light from particles, gives visual range)
- **Meteorological station** (temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, wind direction, rainfall, solar radiation)
- **Radon**

# 3. Produced Waters

1. Inorganic Components
2. Organic Components
3. Isotopic Characterization
4. NORM
5. Microbial Ecology

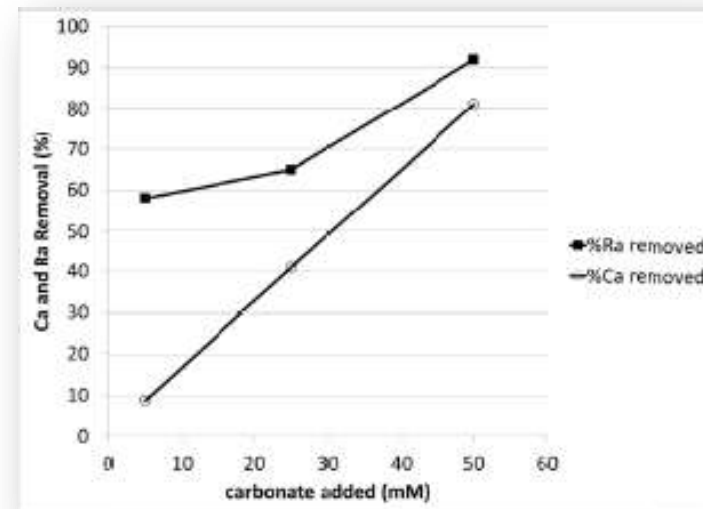
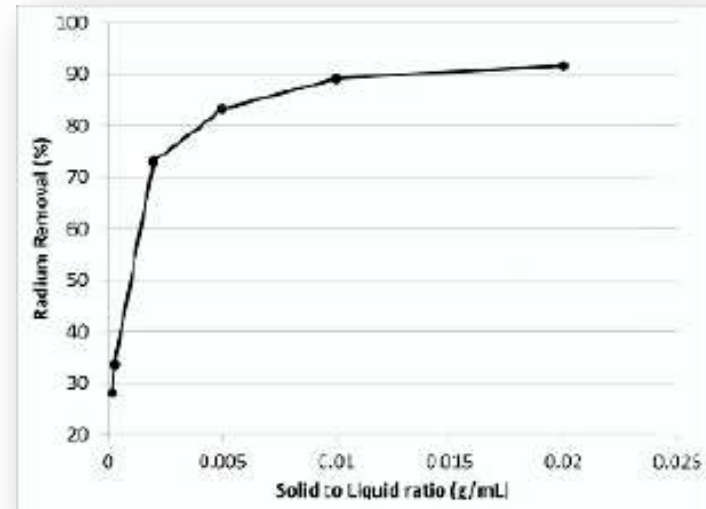
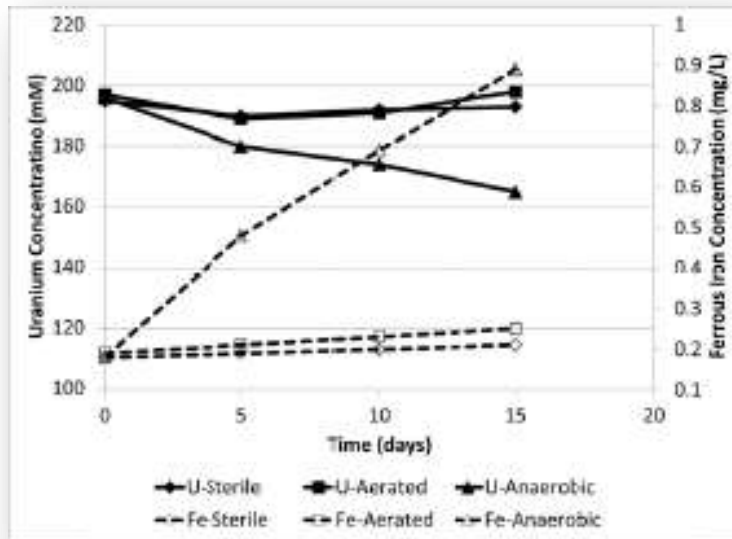


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# 3. Produced Waters

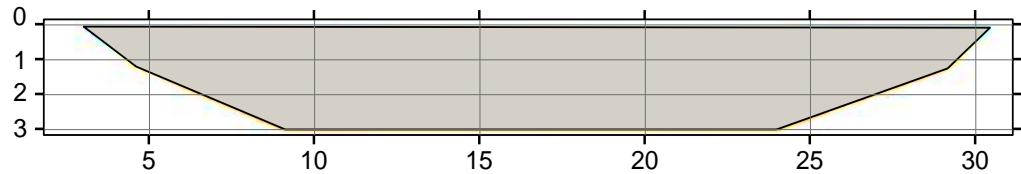
- NORM (Pitt, CMU)





# 3. Produced Waters

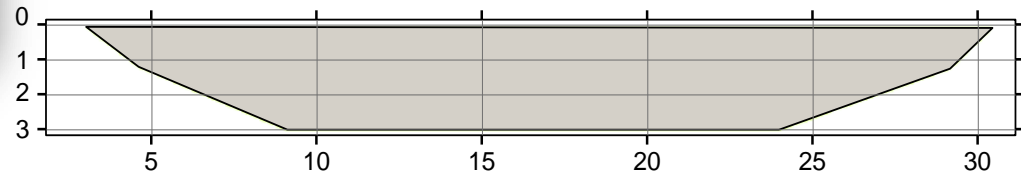
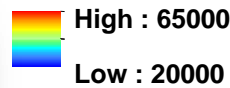
- Pit Chemistry



### Explanation

Conductivity at center transect (Sept 9, 2011)

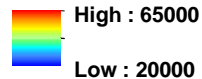
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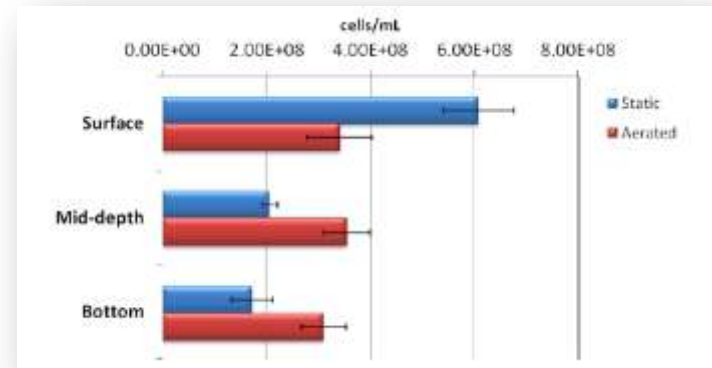
Conductivity at center transect (Sept 23, 2011)

Value



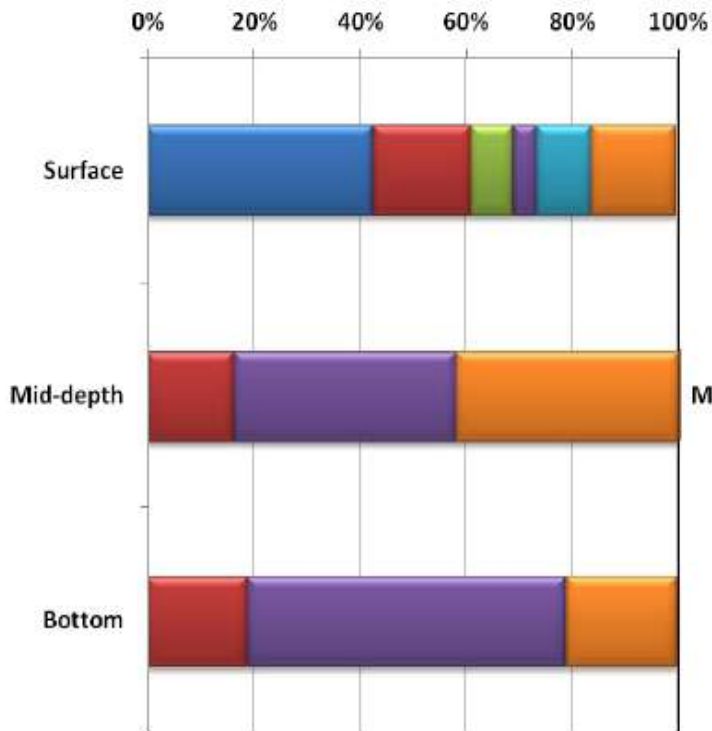
# 3. Produced Waters

- Microbial Ecology

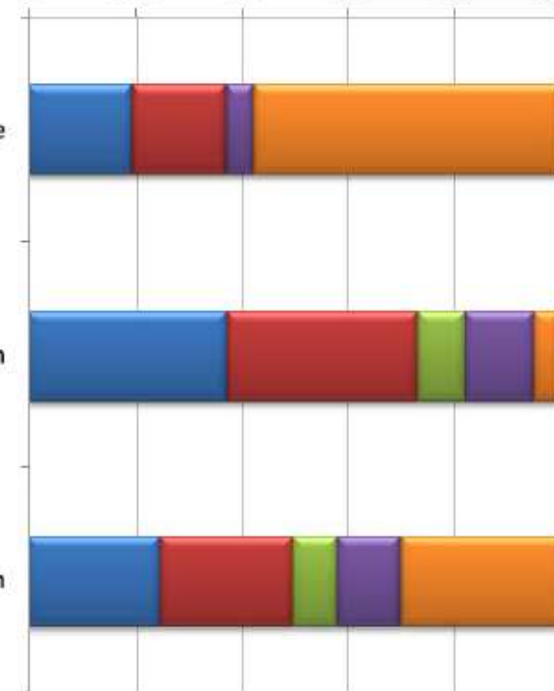


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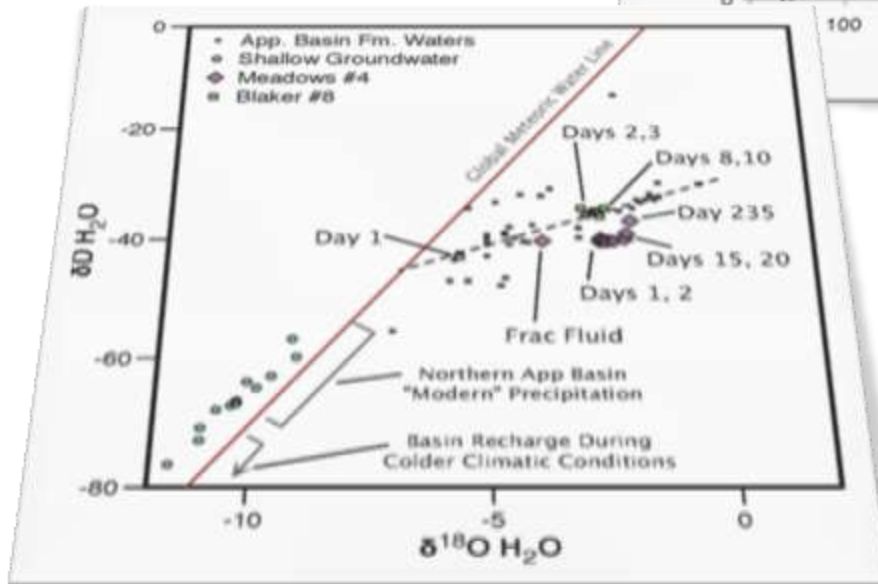
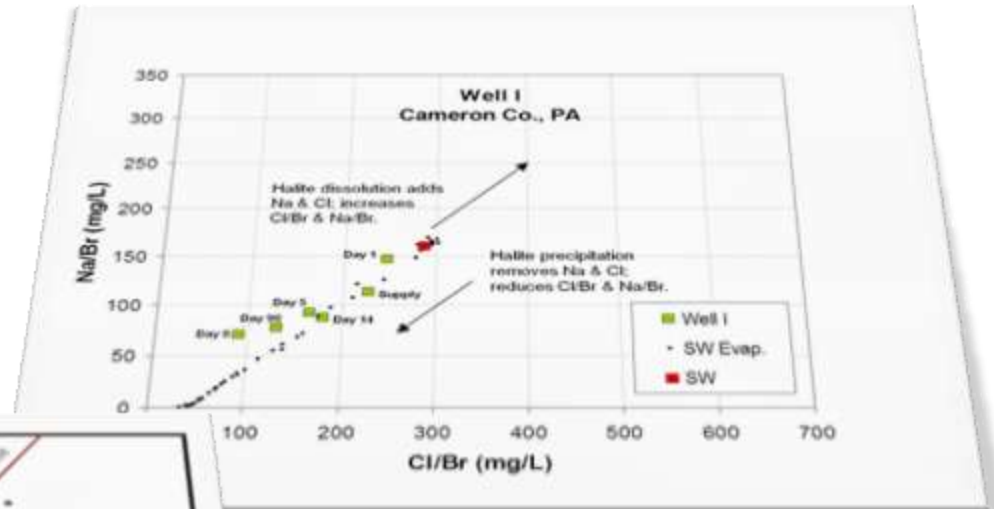
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- autofluorescent cells, possible cyanobacteria
- Alphaproteobacteria
- Gammaproteobacteria
- Deltaproteobacteria
- Low GC Gram positive
- Other

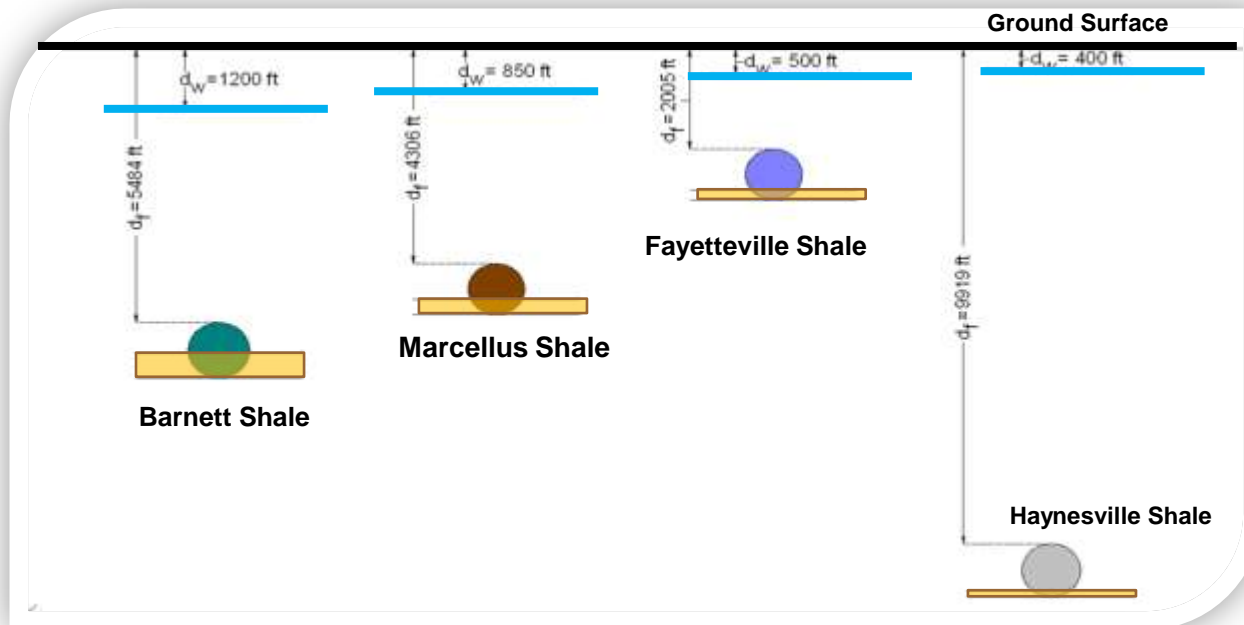
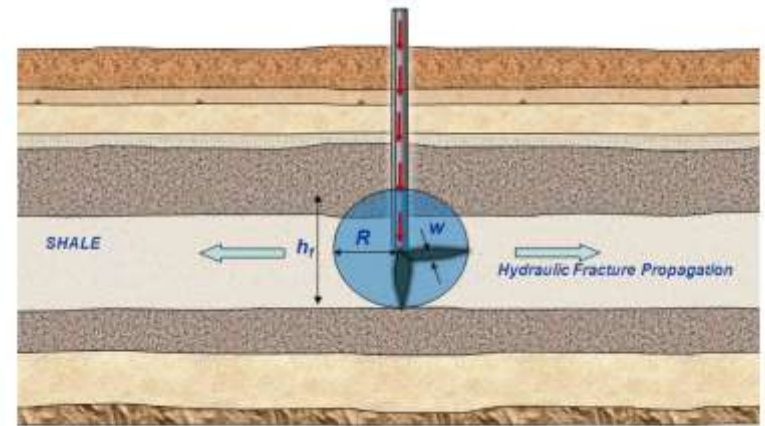
# 4. Fluid-Gas-Rock Interactions in Shale

1. Sources of TDS
2. Fate of frac water
3. Water imbibition
4. NORM



# 5. Prediction of Fracture Propagation

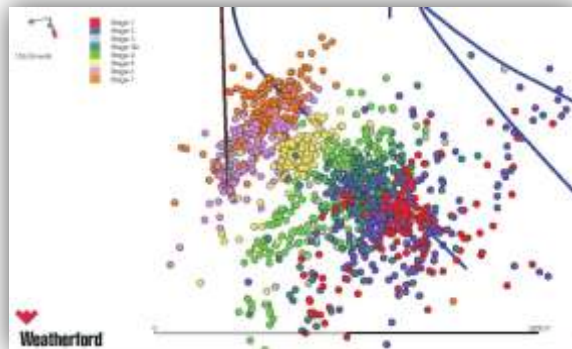
1. Laboratory measurements of rock properties
2. Geomechanical modeling





# 6. Coupling Microseismic Measurements and Geomechanical Models

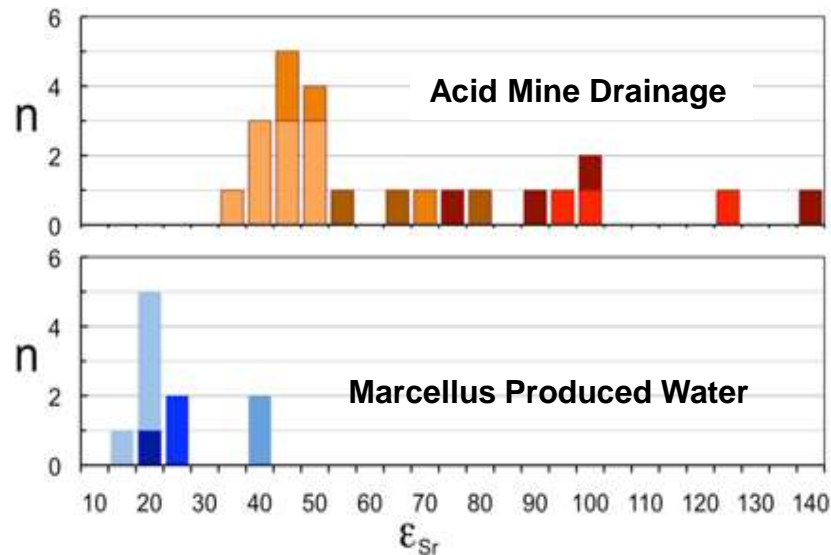
1. Geomechanical Modeling
2. Microseismic Monitoring
  1. ECA Site
  2. RPSEA GTI (Range Resources)
3. Tiltmeters
4. Pressure Perturbation
5. Gas-Phase Tracers



Tiltmeter

# 7. Naturally Occurring Isotope Tracers

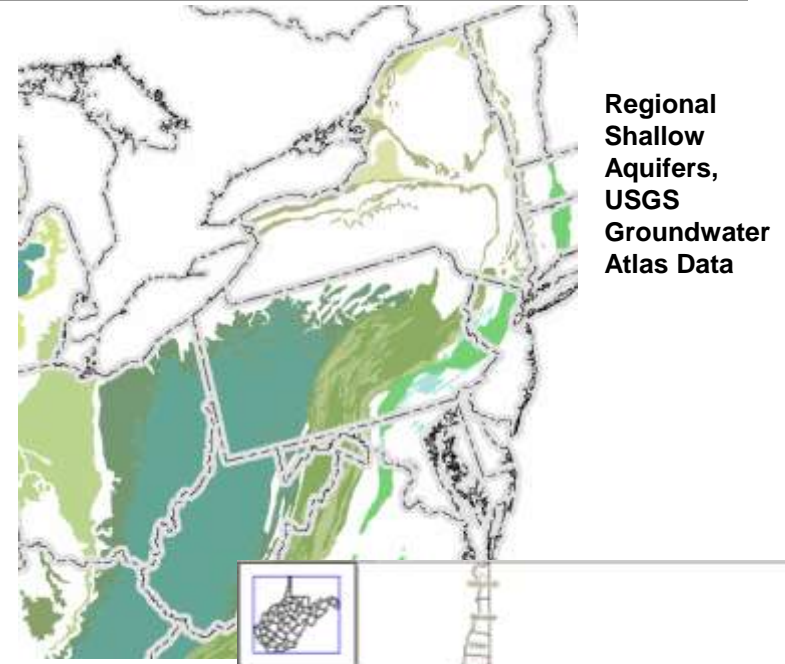
1. Indication of Fluid Source or Reactive Pathway
2. Develop Rapid Analysis Method
3. Identify Isotopic Signature for Marcellus Waters



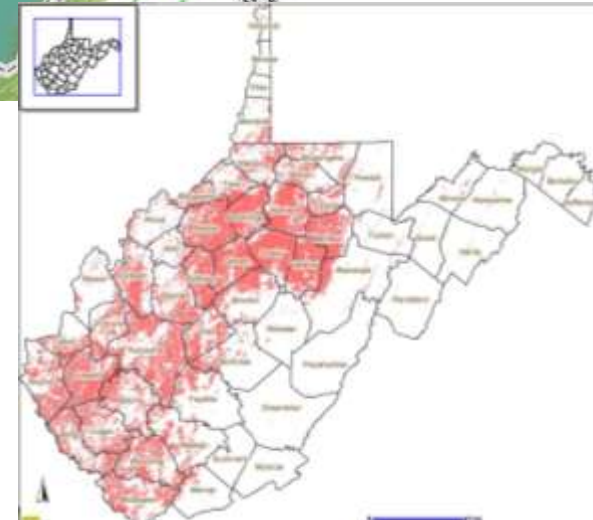
Multicollector ICP-MS

# 8. High-TDS Water and Gas in Shallow Reservoirs

1. Compile Data from Public Sources
2. Include Aggregated Data from Industry (protective of landowner privacy)
3. Develop Data Tools to Evaluate Methane and High-TDS Fluid Distribution
4. Share Information with Public



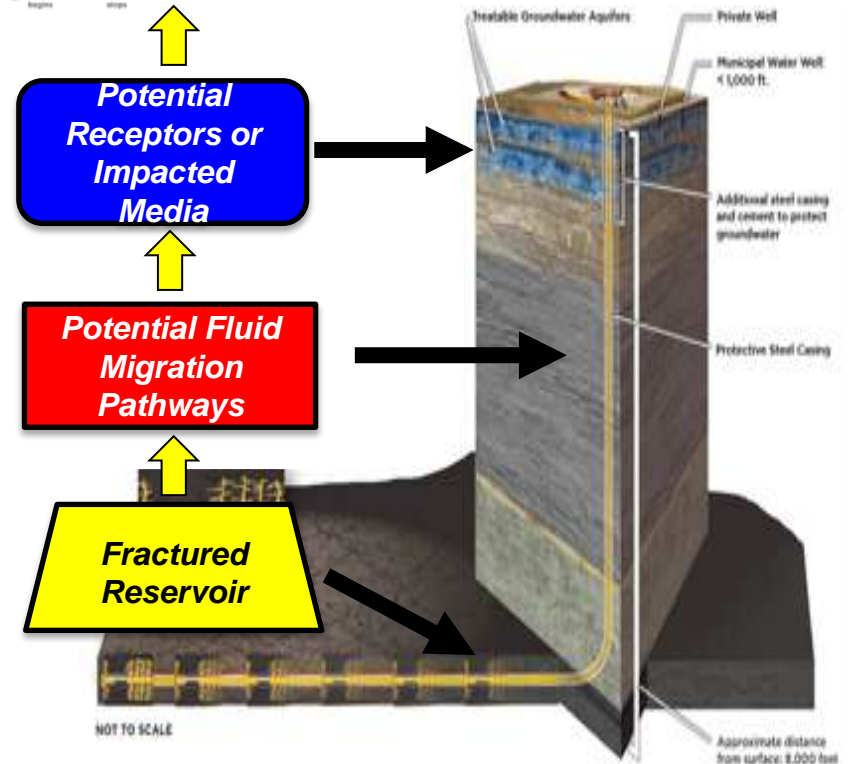
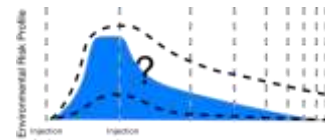
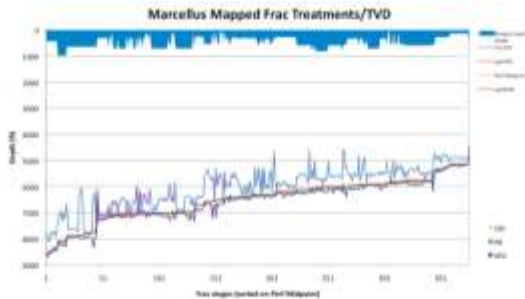
Existing Gas Well Distribution  
Source: West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey




# 9. Integrated Assessment Model for Predicting Risks to Groundwater

## 1. Develop Integrated Assessment Model that Predicts Risk to Groundwater and Surface Waters

1. Establish Representative Scenario
2. Build Subsystem Model Elements, Subsystem Linkages, and Exercise IAM for Select Scenario
3. Generate First Generation Risk Profiles w/ Sensitivity Analysis and Uncertainty Quantification




Attachment 7



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- **Research**
- **Partnership to**
- **Secure Energy**
- **for America**
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**Unconventional Onshore & Small Producer FACA Meeting**

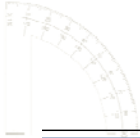
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January 18, 2012  
Houston, TX

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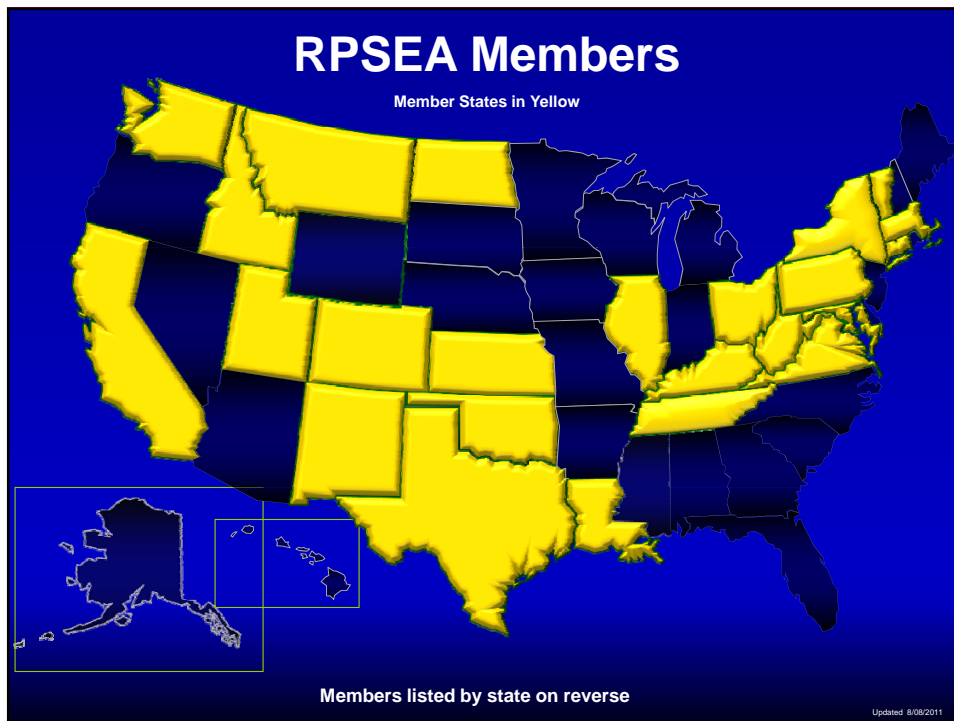
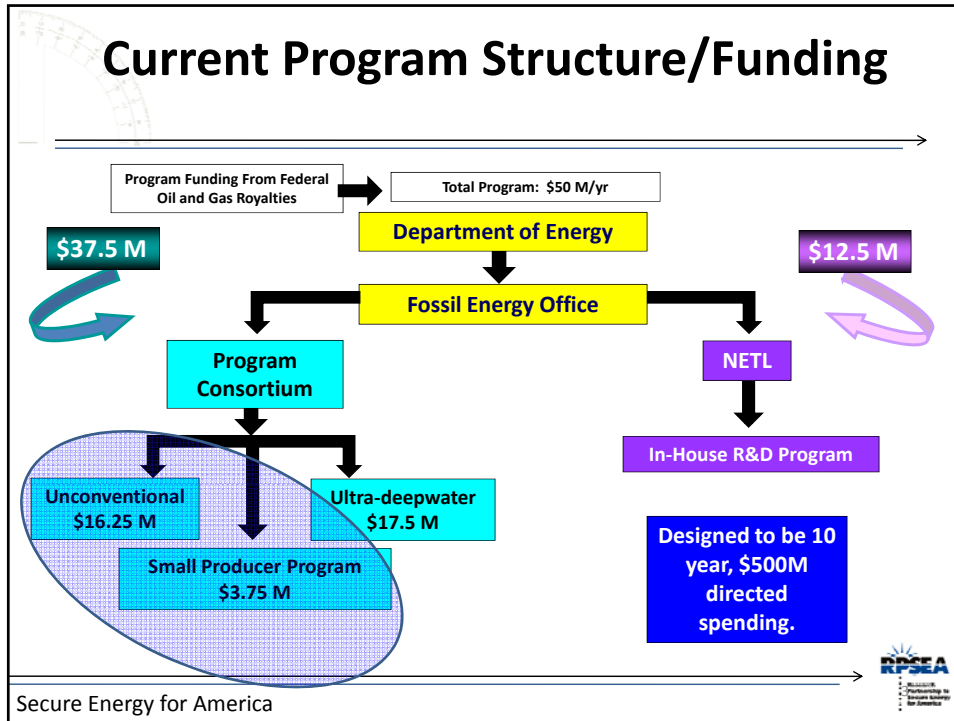
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- **Small Producer Program Element**
- **Unconventional Resources Program Element**

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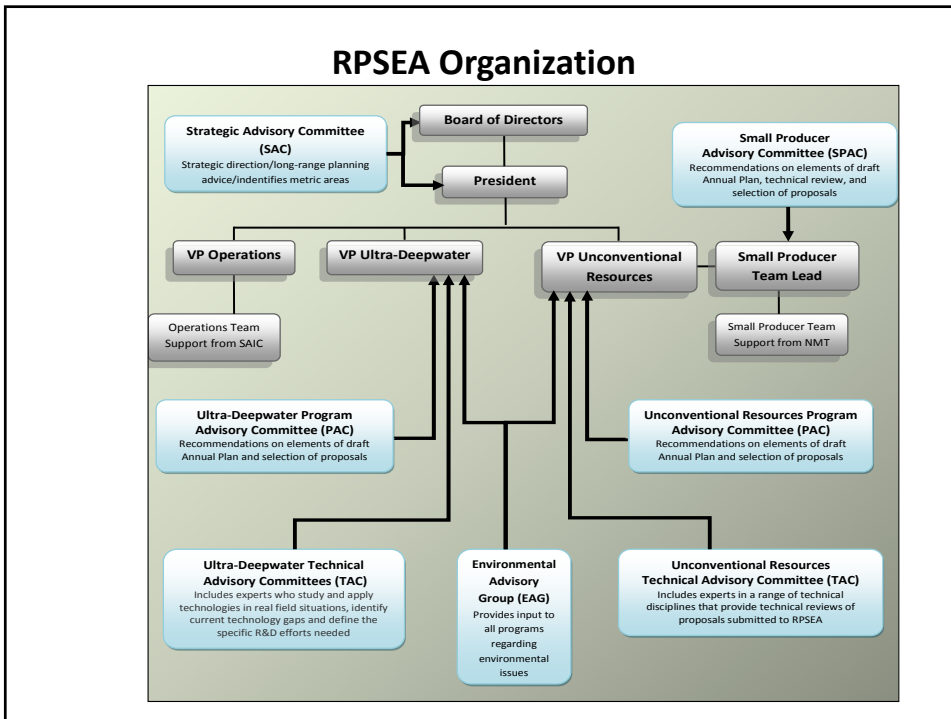




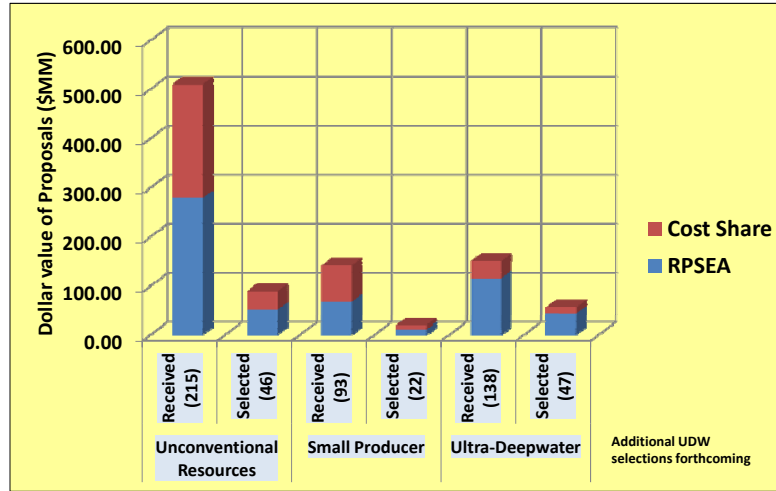
<p><b>California</b> Chevron Corporation Conservation Committee of California Oil &amp; Gas Producers Drilling &amp; Production Company Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Jet Propulsion Laboratory Natural Carbon, LLC Paulson, Inc. SR2020 Inc. Stanford University University of Southern California</p> <p><b>Colorado</b> 3D at Depth, LLC Altira Group LLC Bill Barrett Corporation Colorado Oil &amp; Gas Association Colorado School of Mines DCP Midstream, LLC EnCana Corporation Energy Corporation of America Foro Energy Garrison Energy Corporation Julander Energy Company Leade Operating Company NCo Resources Noble Energy, Inc. Robert L. Bayless, Producer LLC Spatial Energy University of Colorado at Boulder Western Energy Alliance</p> <p><b>Connecticut</b> APS Technology, Inc.</p> <p><b>Idaho</b> Idaho National Laboratory</p> <p><b>Illinois</b> Gas Technology Institute</p> <p><b>Kansas</b> The University of Kansas</p> <p><b>Kentucky</b> Greensburg Oil, LLC NGAS Resources, Inc.</p> <p><b>Louisiana</b> HydroFlame Technologies, LLC Louisiana State University</p> <p><b>Maryland</b> Lockheed Martin Corporation</p> <p><b>Massachusetts</b> Entroply Risk Management, Inc. Massachusetts Institute of Technology Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution</p> <p><b>Montana</b> KC Harvey Environmental, LLC Nanco Resources</p> <p><b>New Mexico</b> Correlations Company Harvard Petroleum Corporation Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico</p>	<p>Los Alamos National Laboratory New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Sandia National Laboratories Strata Production Company</p> <p><b>New York</b> Hess Corporation</p> <p><b>North Dakota</b> Laserfith Corporation</p> <p><b>Ohio</b> NGO Development Corporation The Ohio State University Wright State University</p> <p><b>Oklahoma</b> Chesapeake Energy Corporation Devon Energy Corporation Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association Oklahoma State University MAP Royalty, Inc. Panther Energy Company, LLC. Petroleum Technology Transfer Council The Fleischaker Companies The University of Oklahoma The University of Tulsa</p> <p><b>Pennsylvania</b> The Pennsylvania State University</p> <p><b>Tennessee</b> Oak Ridge National Laboratory</p> <p><b>Texas</b> Advantek International Corp. AGR Subsea, Inc. Alcoa Oil and Gas AMCO Consulting, Inc. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation Apache Corporation At Balance Americas L.L.C. Athens Group Baker Hughes Incorporated BG Group plc Blade Energy Partners, Ltd. BI Services Company BP America, Inc. BMT Scientific Marine Services Inc. Cameron/Curtis-Wright EMD CARBO Ceramics, Inc. CDI, Inc. ConocoPhillips Company Consultate L.L.C. Consumer Energy Alliance CSI Technologies, Inc. Cubilly DeepFlex Inc. Deepwater ALP Technology, LLP Det Norske Veritas (USA) DOF Subsea USA Energy Valley, Inc. Energy Ventures ExxonMobil Corporation GE Oil &amp; Gas General Marine Contractors, LLC Granhera, Inc.</p>	<p>Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council GSI Environmental, Inc. Halliburton Hamilton Group HIMA Americas, Inc. Hess Corporation Hoeftiger Corporation of America Inc. Houston Advanced Research Center Houston Offshore Engineering, LLC Houston Technology Center Knowledge Reservoir, LLC Koneberg Oil &amp; Gas Technologies Inc. Kvaerner Letton-Hall Group Marathon Oil Corporation M&amp;H Energy Services Marrick Systems, Inc. Nalco Company NanoRidge Materials, Inc. Nautronx, Inc. Naptec USA Nexen Petroleum USA Inc. Oceanering International, Inc. Oxave Reservoir OTM Consulting Ltd. Oxane Materials, Inc. Peritus International Inc. Petris Technology, Inc. Petrobras America, Inc. Pioneer Natural Resources Company QO Inc. Quest Offshore Resources Radroll, Inc. Rice University Rock Solid Images Rover RTI Energy Systems Schlumberger Limited Shell International Exploration &amp; Production Siemena Energy, Inc. Southern Methodist University Southwest Research Institute Stallol Stress Engineering Services, Inc. Subsea Riser Products Technip Technology International Tejas Research &amp; Engineering, LP Tenaris Texas A&amp;M University Texas Energy Center Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association Texas Tech University The Research Valley Partnership, Inc. The University of Texas at Austin Titanium Engineers, Inc. TOTAL E&amp;P USA, Inc. Tubel Energy LLC University of Houston Water Standard Weatherford International Ltd.</p>	<p>WFS Energy &amp; Environment 2H Offshore Inc. <b>Utah</b> The University of Utah</p> <p><b>Vermont</b> New England Research, Inc.</p> <p><b>Virginia</b> Advanced Resources International, Inc. Independent Petroleum Association of America</p> <p><b>Washington</b> BlueView Technologies, Inc. <b>Washington D.C.</b> Consortium for Ocean Leadership Hogan Lovells US LLP</p> <p><b>West Virginia</b> West Virginia University</p>
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Alberta, Canada  
C-FER Technologies  
Newfoundland, Canada  
Propel Inc.

Pending Member Company Name



## 2007-2010 Proposals



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## Portfolio Overview by Type of Research Organization


RPSEA Program Selections 2007-2010				
	Small Producer	Unconventional Resources	Ultra-Deepwater*	Total
Universities	15	30	10	55
For Profits	5	5	30	40
Non-Profits	1	5	6	12
National Labs	1	3	1	5
State Agencies	0	3	0	3
<b>Total Selected</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>115</b>

\* Additional selections to be made

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# Topics

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- RPSEA Organization
- **Small Producer Program Element**
- Unconventional Resources Program Element

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## Annual Plan (s) – Small Producer Program

- **Mission & Goals**
  - Increase supply from mature resources
    - Reduce cost
    - Increase efficiency
    - **Improve safety**
    - **Minimize environmental impact**
- **Objectives**
  - Near Term
    - Improve water management & optimize water use.
    - Improve oil & gas recovery in mature fields, extending economic life, while protecting the environment.
    - Reduce field operating costs.
  - Longer Term
    - Apply developed technologies to new basins/areas.
    - Ongoing development of new technologies.

## Small Producer Program

### • Technology Challenges

- Water management
- Improve recovery/extend economic life of reservoirs
- Reduce field operating costs and decrease environmental impact
- Well monitoring and reservoir modeling to allow efficient field operations
- Improved methods for well completions and recompletions
- Well and field data management
- Capture and reuse of waste products to reduce costs or increase recovery
- Leverage existing wellbores and surface footprint to maximize recovery
- Novel Concepts to increase production from mature fields
- Field tests of emerging technology

## Small Producer Program – 2007-2010 Projects

- **22 projects addressing concerns of small producers operating mature assets**
  - Produced water treatment (2)
  - Reservoir Characterization (4)
  - Enhanced oil and gas recovery (8)
  - Environmental impact & increased efficiency (4)
  - Stimulation, improved recovery and sweep efficiency (4)
- Projects each involve a consortium of researchers and small producers
- Small Producer Advisory Committee (SPAC) actively involved

### Small Producer Program - 2011 RFP


- **2011 goal of the Small Producer Program :**
  - Extend the Economic Life of Mature Fields Through **Environmentally Responsible** Efficiency Improvements.
- **Scope includes:**
  - Water Mgmt.
  - Reservoir Mgmt.
  - Remediation
  - Environmental Mgmt.
  - Utilizing Existing Wellbores and Surface Footprint


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### Reducing Impacts of New PIT Rules on Small Producers

Environmental, Safety and Regulatory--completed

Project Goal: to provide a web portal allowing users to easily obtain a variety of data required in filling out various O&G permits in New Mexico





The electronic NMOCD C-144 form on the portal. The application may be submitted electronically, and questions may be answered and supporting maps generated and attached to document the site application.

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## Field Site Testing of Low Impact Oil Field Access Roads: Reducing the Footprint in Desert Ecosystems

### Environmental, Safety and Regulatory

**Project Goal:**  
Testing innovative, minimal impact road designs for reducing the environmental footprint of field development in sensitive desert ecosystems

Scott's Environmental Artificial Gravel Road



Newmark Mat Road



University of Wyoming and Heartland Biocomposites Inc, Laydown Road

Texas Transportation Institute,  
Texas A&M University  
Scott Environmental Services  
Newpark Mats & Integrated Services  
Inland Environmental  
McFaddin Ranches

Texas A&M University

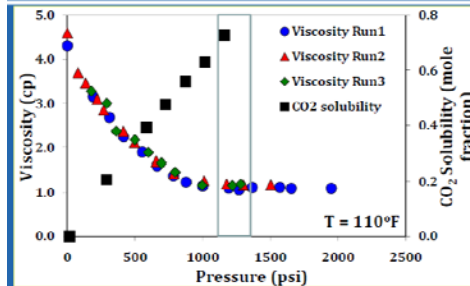
## Near Miscible CO<sub>2</sub> Application to Improved Oil Recovery for Small Producers

Increased Recovery—completed project

**Project Goal:** investigate possibility of using CO<sub>2</sub> for EOR in mature fields that are near or below miscibility pressures.

- Oil recovery efficiency was increased by 1.3 to 4.8% as a result of the injection of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Improved recovery efficiency is likely resulting from the improvement of relative mobility ratio of the CO<sub>2</sub> and oil and the efficacy of CO<sub>2</sub> extraction.
- Effective storage capacity of CO<sub>2</sub> varied from 39 to 63%.

Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> Dissolution into Crude Oil



Carmen Schmitt, Inc.

University of Kansas

## Cost-Effective Treatment of Produced Water Using Co-Produced Energy Sources for Small Producers

**Environmental, Safety and Regulatory**

Project goal: Development and demonstration of a low-temperature distillation using co-produced energy sources for produced water purification at wellhead.

- Prototype design capacity 20 bbl/day
- TDS reduced from  $1.98 \times 10^4$  to 76.75 mg/L
- Total organic carbon was reduced from 470.2 to 17.83 mg/L.
- Purified produced water is suitable for alternative uses, such as agriculture, irrigation and industrial processing.

**Process Design**

Energy consumption:  
 (1) Water heating  
 (2) Evaporation  
 (3) Mechanical pumping

Improving energy efficiency by:  
 (1) Latent heat recovery  
 (2) Deployment of low-temperature energy

Harvard Petroleum Company  
 New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology

## Seismic Stimulation to Enhance Oil Recovery

**Increased Recovery**

**Project goals:**  
 Test the effectiveness of seismic stimulation in EOR, and use reservoir simulation to help determine the optimum placement of a seismic source within a reservoir.

A seismic wave is to “*shake the stuck oil loose*” and get it flowing again toward a production well.

Before Seismic Wave oil (light grey) is stuck    During Seismic Wave oil is mobilized and oil bubbles coalesce

U.S. Oil & Gas Corporation,  
 Berkeley GeolImaging Resources  
 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory



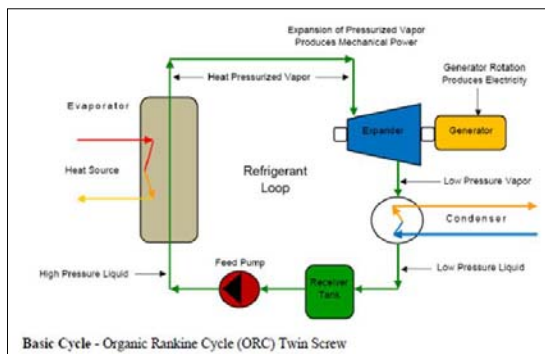
## Electrical Power Generation from Produced Water: Field Demonstration of Ways to Reduce Operating Costs of Small Producers

**Operations**

Project Goal: using heat in produced water to create electricity.

Identify and demonstrate technology that will reduce the field operating cost of electricity

Minimize the environmental impact by creating green electricity using produced water and no additional fossil fuel.



Denbury Resources, Inc.,  
ElectraTherm Inc.,  
Dry Coolers, Inc

Gulf Coast Green Energy

## Topics

- RPSEA Organization
- Small Producer Program Element
- **Unconventional Resources Program Element**

## RPSEA Unconventional Onshore Program 2007-2011

- **Mission & Goal**

- Economically viable technologies to allow **environmentally acceptable** development of unconventional gas resources
  - Gas Shales
  - Tight Sands
  - Coalbed Methane

- **Objectives**

- Near Term
  - Increase production & recovery from established unconventional gas resources, accelerate development of existing & emerging plays
  - Decrease environmental impact of unconventional gas development
  - Integrate project results & deliverables and engage in technology transfer to ensure application of program results
- Longer Term
  - Technologies for high-priority emerging & frontier resources



## Unconventional Gas

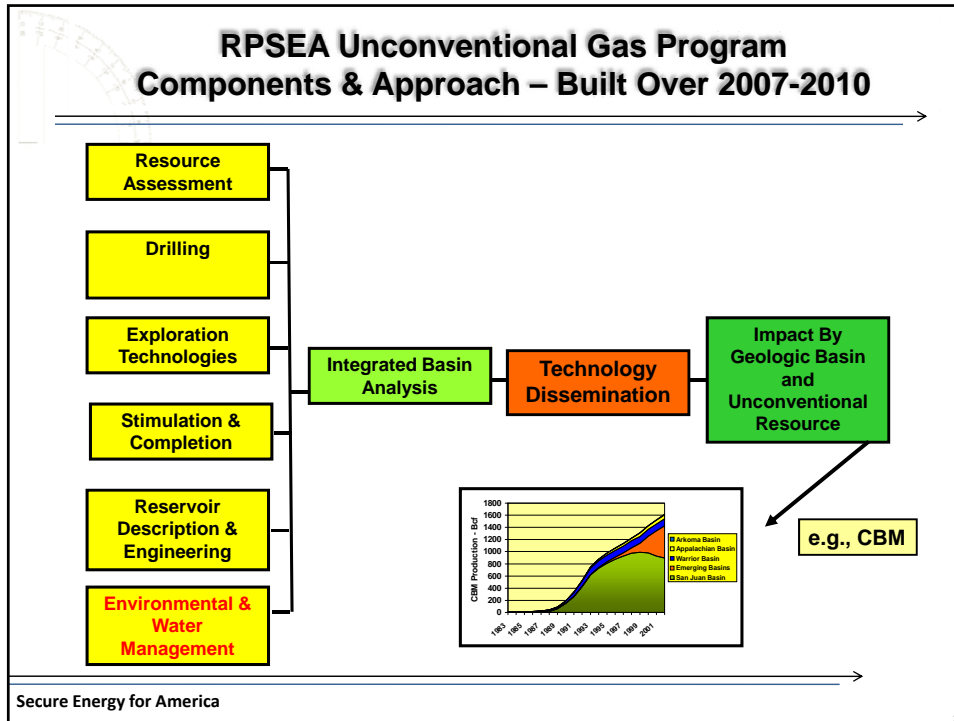
- **Challenges**

- Cost
- Environmental impact of development
- These challenges are closely related
- **Concern over safety and unplanned environmental impact**

- **Technical Issues**

- Low porosity and permeability
- Heterogeneous reservoirs
- Many wells required
- Aggressive well treatment
- Variability in well productivity





	CBM 10%	Gas Shales 45%	Tight Sands 45%
Integrated Basin Analysis		New Albany (GTI) \$3.4	Piceance (CSM) \$2.9
Drilling			
Stimulation and Completion	Microwave CBM (Penn) \$.08	Cutters (Carter) \$.09 Frac (UT Austin) \$.69 Refrac (UT Austin) \$.95	Gel Damage (TEES) \$1.05 Frac Damage (Tulsa) \$.22
Water Management	Integrated Treatment Framework (CSM) \$1.56		
Environmental			
Reservoir Description & Management		Hi Res. Imag. (LBNL) \$1.1	Tight Gas Exp. System (LBNL) \$1.7
Reservoir Engineering		Decision Model (TEES) \$.31	Wamsutter (Tulsa) \$.44 Forecasting (Utah) \$1.1 Condensate (Stanford) \$.52
Resource Assessment		Alabama Shales (AL GS) \$.5 Manning Shales (UT GS) \$.43	Rockies Gas Comp. (CSM) \$.67
Exploration Technologies	Coal & Bugs (CSM) \$.86		
2008 Program Priorities	<b>H</b>	High Priority	2007 Projects
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Environmental	*	Environmentally Friendly Drilling (HARC) \$2.2	*
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Resource Assessment	Alabama Shales (AL GS) \$.5 Manning Shales (UT GS) \$.43	Rockies Gas Comp. (CSM) \$.67
	Anchor Project	2007 Projects
	2009 RFP Focus	2008 Projects
	Novel Concepts	2009 Projects

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2007 Projects  
 2008 Projects  
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 2010 Projects

## 2011 Draft Annual Plan – Onshore Program Solicitation

- **Environment and safety risk assessment, reduction and mitigation**
  - Explicit focus, increased emphasis in all aspects of program
- **Innovative approaches for project integration**
  - Plan and manage field trials
  - Integrate the results of existing projects
  - Plan tech transfer
- **Develop an integrated resource-focused program**
  - Topic areas (amended as per 2010 URTAC recommendations)
    - Resource Assessment
    - Geosciences
    - Basin Analysis and Resource Exploitation
    - Drilling
    - Stimulation and Completion
    - Water Management
    - Reservoir Description and Management
    - Reservoir Engineering
    - Environmental
- **Novel concepts for unconventional gas development**



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## 2012 Unconventional Resources Program Objectives

- **Minimize Surface Disruption**
  - Direct well site impacts
  - Air emissions, noise, traffic, visual, water resources impact
- **Ensure Zonal Isolation**
  - Eliminate communication with aquifers
- **Maximize Hydraulic Fracturing Efficiency**
  - Minimize need for fluids
  - Minimize need for re-fracture treatments
- **Predict and Mitigate Induced Seismicity**
  - Hydraulic fracturing
  - Injection well disposal
- **Manage Fluids**
  - Minimize impact on water resources
  - “Green” drilling and frac fluids
  - Improved treatment and re-use
  - Minimize fluid waste streams
- **Integrate and Apply Technologies**


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2012 Objectives	Gas Shales	Tight Sands
Minimize Surface Disruption	Hi Res. Imag. (LBNL) \$1.1 Gas Isotope (Caltech) \$1.2 Marcellus Nat. Frac./Stress (BEG) \$1.0 Multi-Azimuth Seismic (BEG) \$1.1 Coupled Analysis (LBNL) \$2.9 Shale Simulation (OU) \$1.05 Frac-Matrix Interaction (UT-Arl) \$0.46 Marcellus Geomechanics (PSU) \$3.1	Wamsutter (Tulsa) \$.44 Condensate (Stanford) \$.52 Tight Gas Exp. System (LBNL) \$1.7 Rockies Gas Comp. (CSM) \$.67 Strat. Controls on Perm. (CSM) \$0.1 Fluid Flow in Tight Fms. (MUST) \$1.2
Ensure Zonal Isolation	Zonal Isolation (CSI) \$3.0	
Maximize Hydraulic Fracturing Efficiency	Cutters (Carter) \$.09 Frac (UT Austin) \$.69 Refrac (UT Austin) \$.95 Frac Cond (TEES) \$1.6 Stimulation Domains (Higgs-Palmer) \$.39 Drilling Fluids for Shale (UT Austin) \$.6 Geomechanical Frac Containment Analysis (TAMU) \$0.65 Frac Diagnostics (TAMU) \$0.76	Gel Damage (TEES) \$1.05 Frac Damage (Tulsa) \$.22
Predict and Mitigate Induced Seismicity	Fault Reactivation (WVU) \$0.85	
Manage Fluids	Integrated Treatment Framework (CSM) \$1.56 Frac Water Reuse (GE) \$1.1 Barnett & Appalachian (GTI) \$2.5 NORM Mitigation (GE) \$1.6 Cryogenic Frac Fluids (CSM) \$1.9	Engineered Osmosis Treatment (CSM) \$1.3
Integrated Resource Studies (Address Multiple Objectives)	New Albany (GTI) \$3.4 Environmentally Friendly Drilling (HARC) \$2.2 Marcellus (GTI) \$3.2 Technology Integration (HARC) \$6.0	Piceance (CSM) \$2.9 Piceance Permeability Prediction (CSM) \$0.5

2007 Projects  
 2008 Projects  
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 2010 Projects

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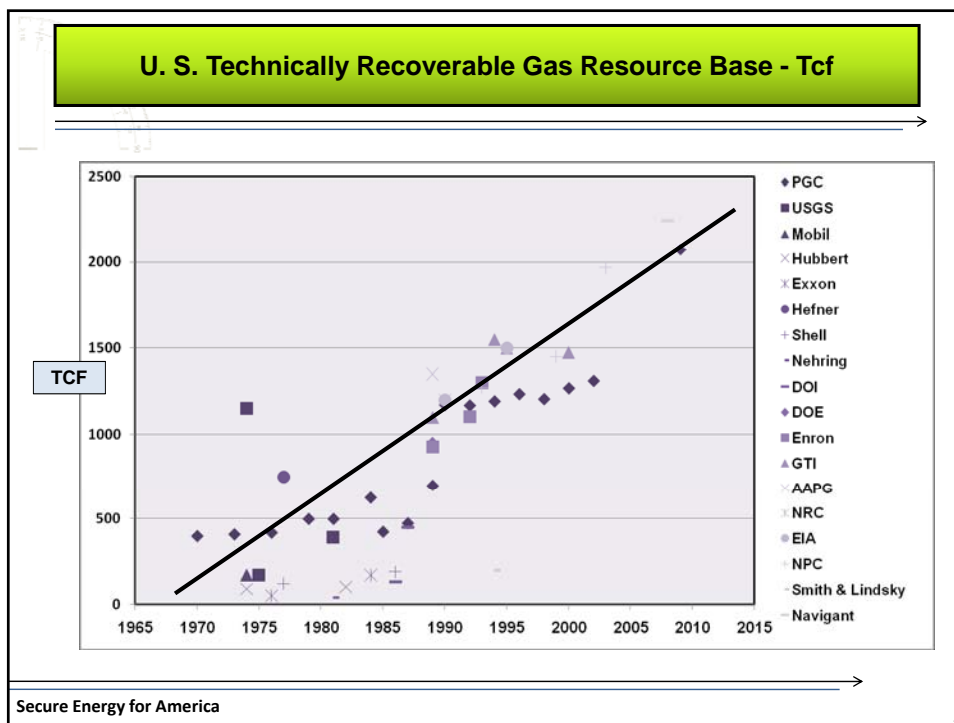


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Alabama Geologic Survey

Neal (Floyd) Shale  
Devonian Shale  
Conasauga Shale

**Shale Play Concepts  
Alabama  
Black Warrior Basin**

Black Warrior Basin  
Appalachian Thrust Belt

Index Map

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Stratigraphy,  
Sedimentology

Resources,  
Reserves

Structural  
Geology

Gas Shale  
Producibility

Gas Storage,  
Permeability

Petrology,  
Geochemistry

Hydrodynamics,  
Geothermics

Geological Survey of Alabama  
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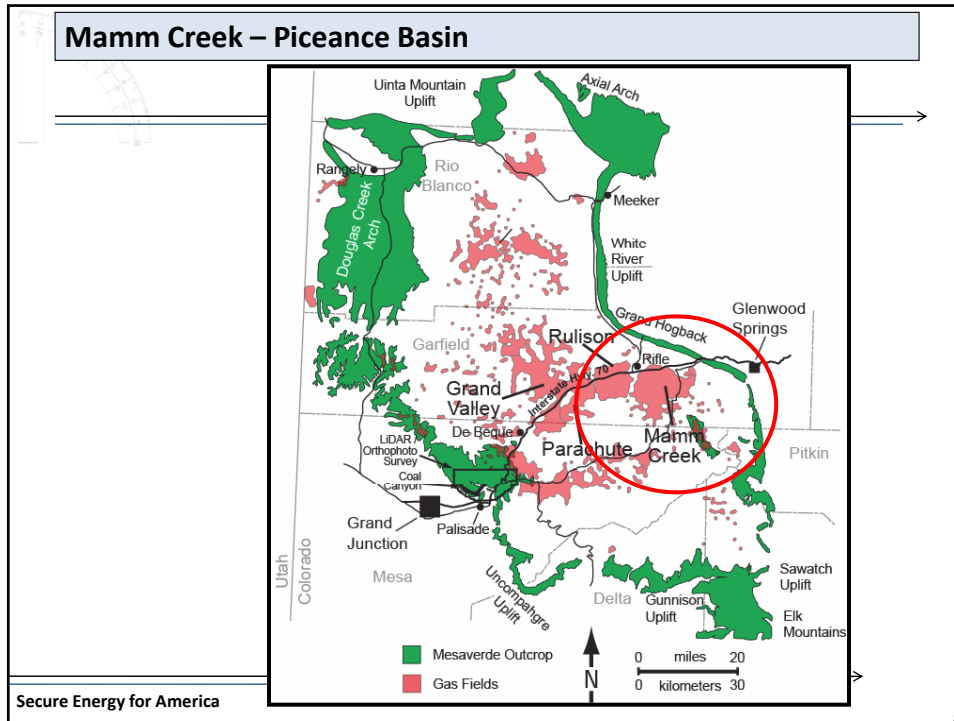
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Alabama Conasauga Shale

*Conasauga "Mushwad"*

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### Mamm Creek Field – Piceance Basin - Reservoir Connectivity and Stimulated Gas Flow in Tight Sands

#### The Rocks

- Basin-wide Stratigraphy
- Static reservoir models
- Regional structure
- Natural fractures
- Azimuthal AVO and attenuation

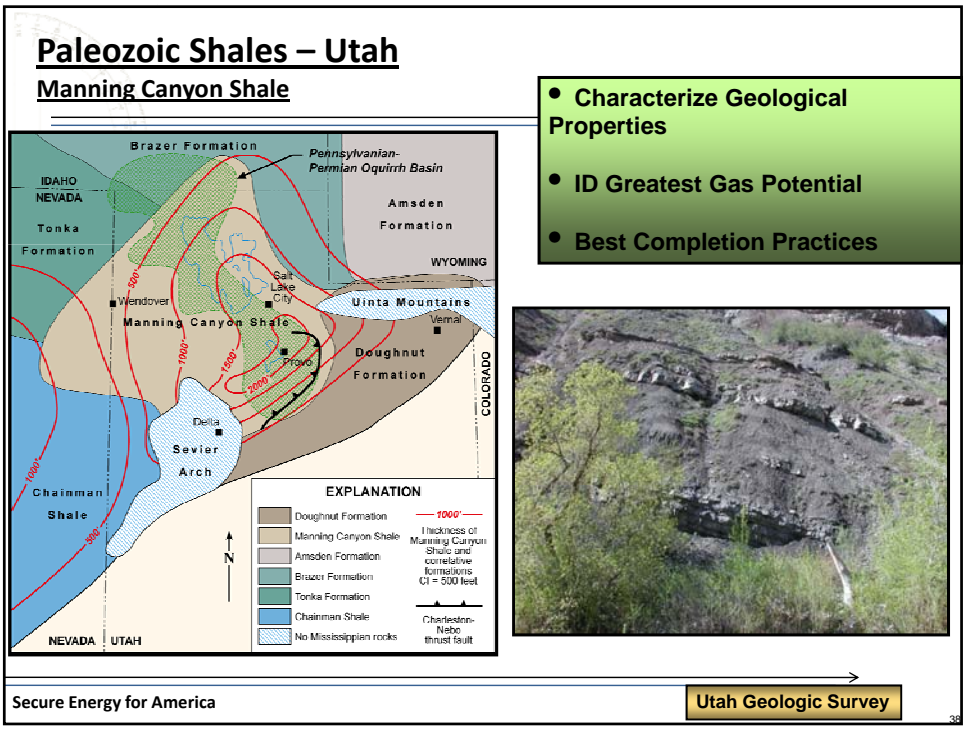
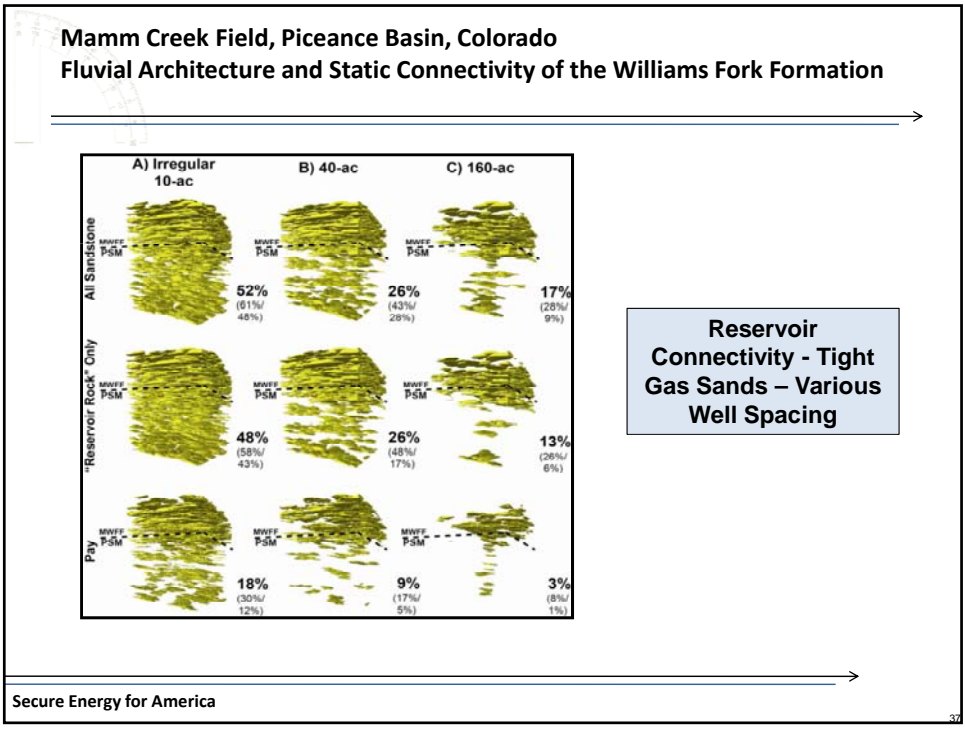
#### Reservoir Connectivity - WCONN

- Evaluates 3-D reservoir model grid for connectivity to all wells (Well-Pattern Based):
- Inputs also include
  - Well trajectories (with any inclination)

Sommer, Prantner, Cole (2007)

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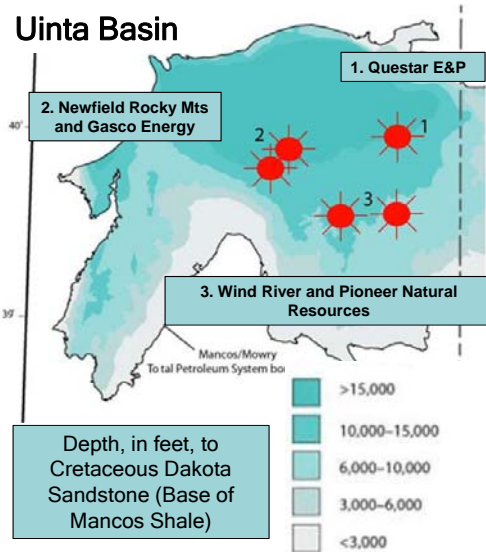
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**Cretaceous Mancos Shale Uinta Basin, Utah: Resource Potential and Best Practices for Emerging Shale Gas Play**

**Uinta Basin**



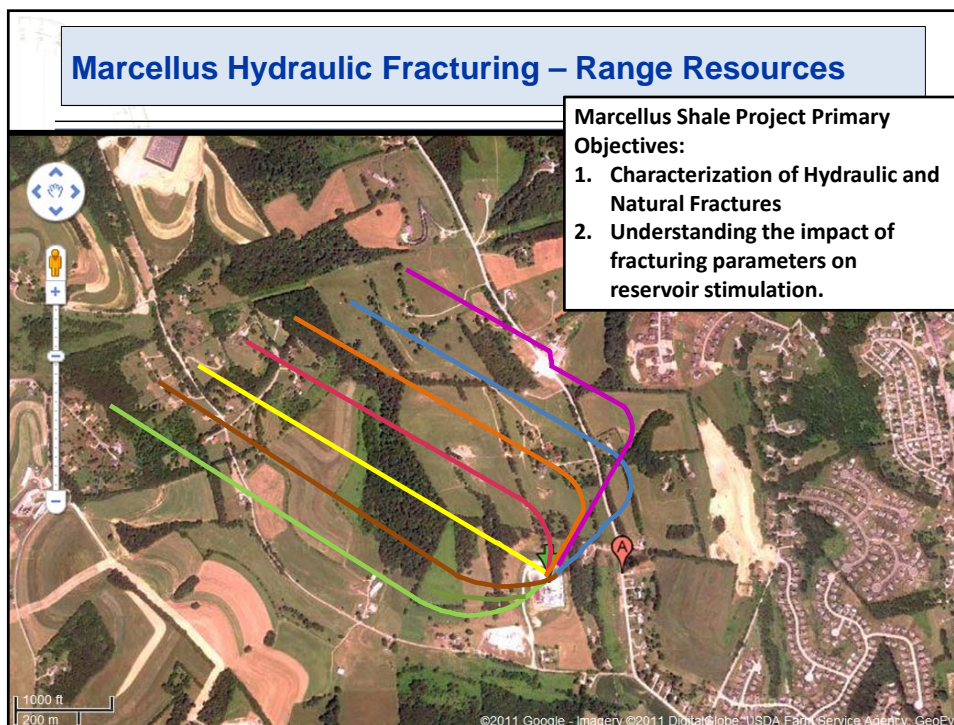
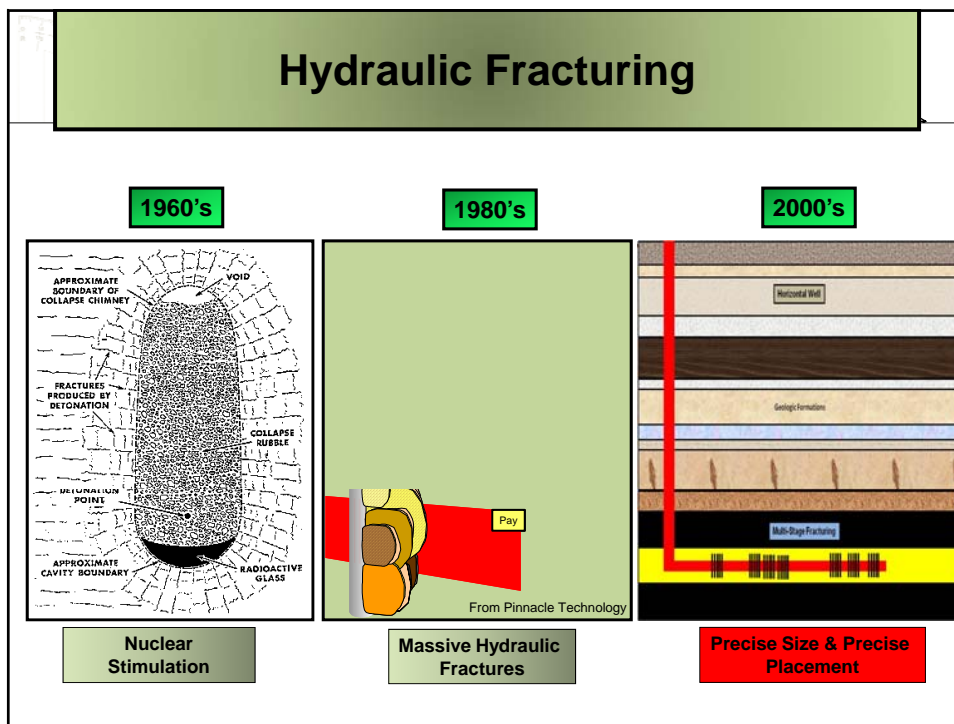
- Characterize the geology
- Define the geologic parameters that determine various geomechanical properties
- Based on this geologic model, establish preferred drilling, completion, and production techniques from targeted intervals.

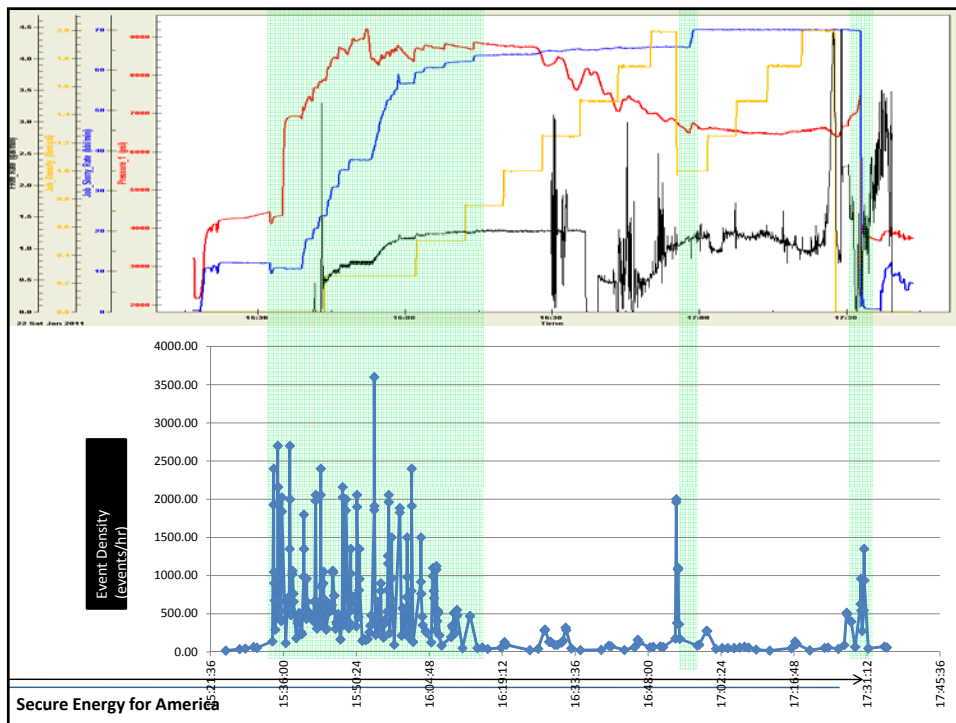
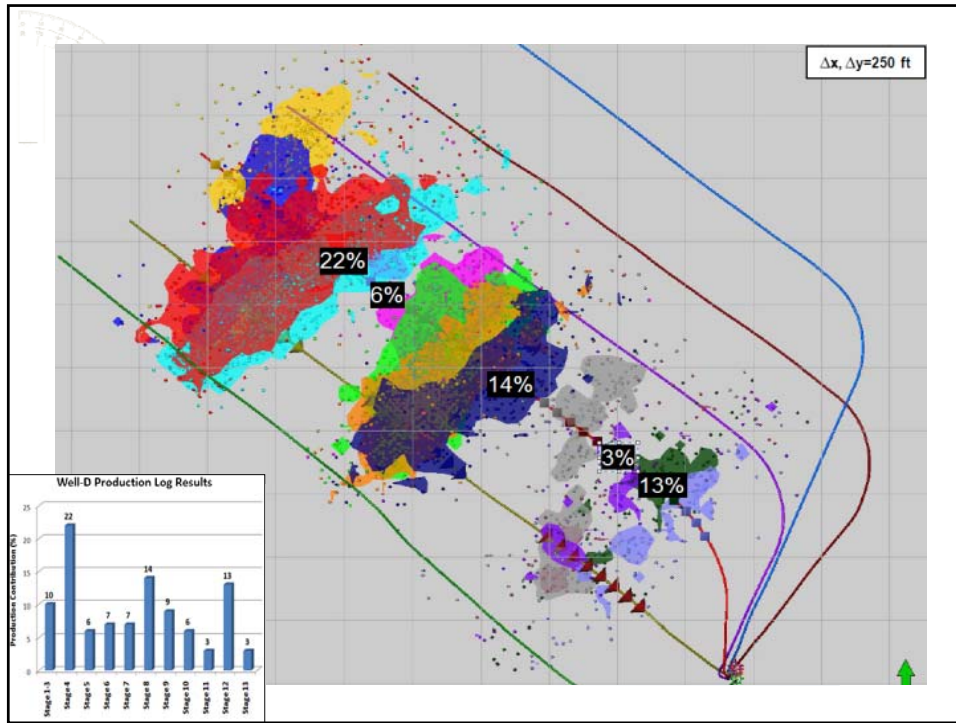
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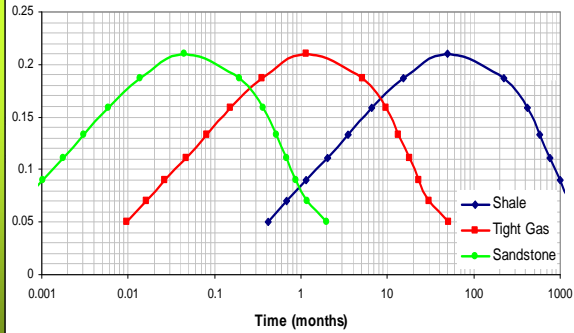
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## Identification of Refracturing Opportunities

- Methodology for candidate selection based on poro-elastic models and analysis of field data.
- Recommendations for the time window most suitable for re-fracturing
- Re-fracture treatment design for horizontal and deviated wellbores

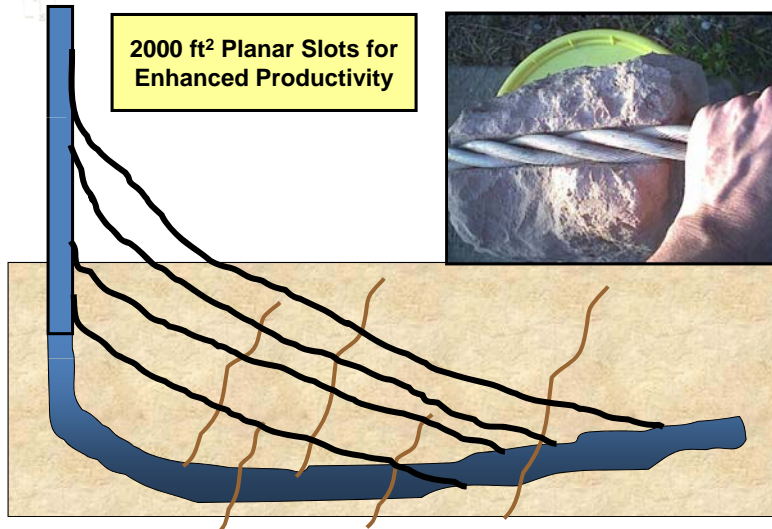


Optimum time for re-fracturing

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## Key Seat Slots Cut in Dogleg Hole



2000 ft<sup>2</sup> Planar Slots for Enhanced Productivity

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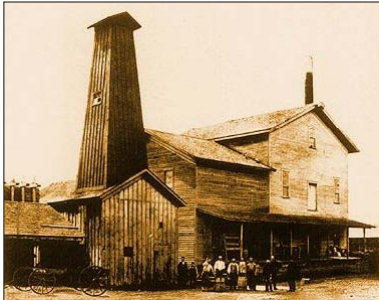
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## Beneficial Use

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Deep under the flatlands of Midland, Michigan, lie [salt-rich rocks](#), rich in magnesium, chlorine, calcium, sodium and bromine. Inside these rocks, Herbert Dow found the raw materials of creative chemistry (1897).

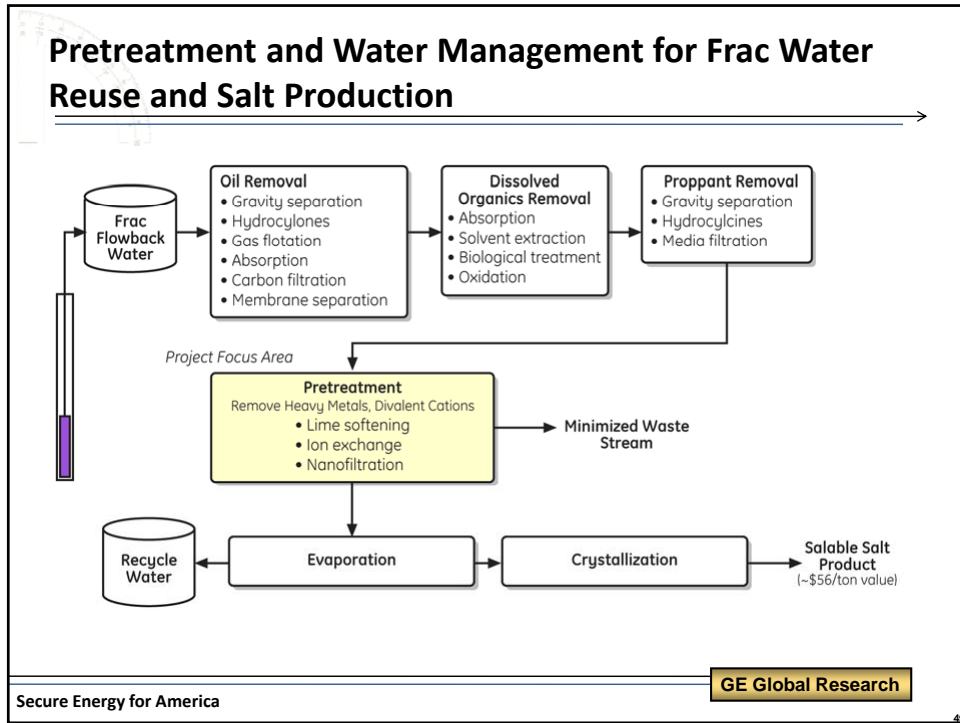




Road Salt –	\$56 per ton
Road Brine –	\$.63 per gallon
Bromine -	\$1,128 per ton
Fresh Water	\$ ?

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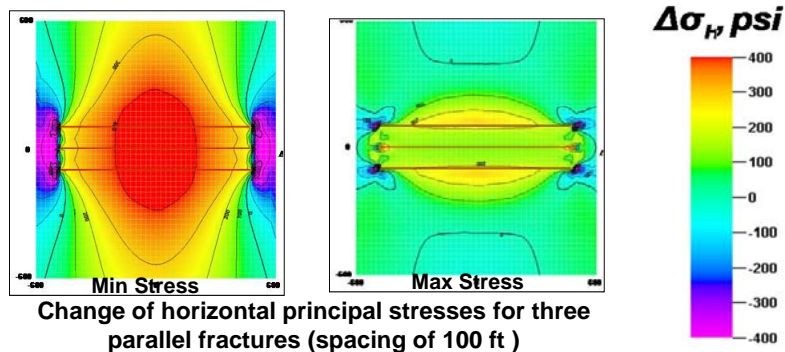
### Summary of Pretreatment Processes Analyzed

Pretreatment Process	\$/bbl produced water (Design Case)	Issue
Ion Exchange	> 6	High chemicals cost
Nanofiltration	7.7	High cost, low recovery
Sulfate precipitation	17	NORM in sludge; must dispose as LLRW
Lime-soda precipitation	63	
Modified lime-soda precipitation	3.5	Lab development needed
MnO <sub>2</sub> adsorption	1.7-2.4	Benefits: cost, Ra, Ba disposal by UIC <sup>a</sup>

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## Prediction of Fault Reactivation in Hydraulic Fracturing of Horizontal Wells in Shale Gas Reservoirs



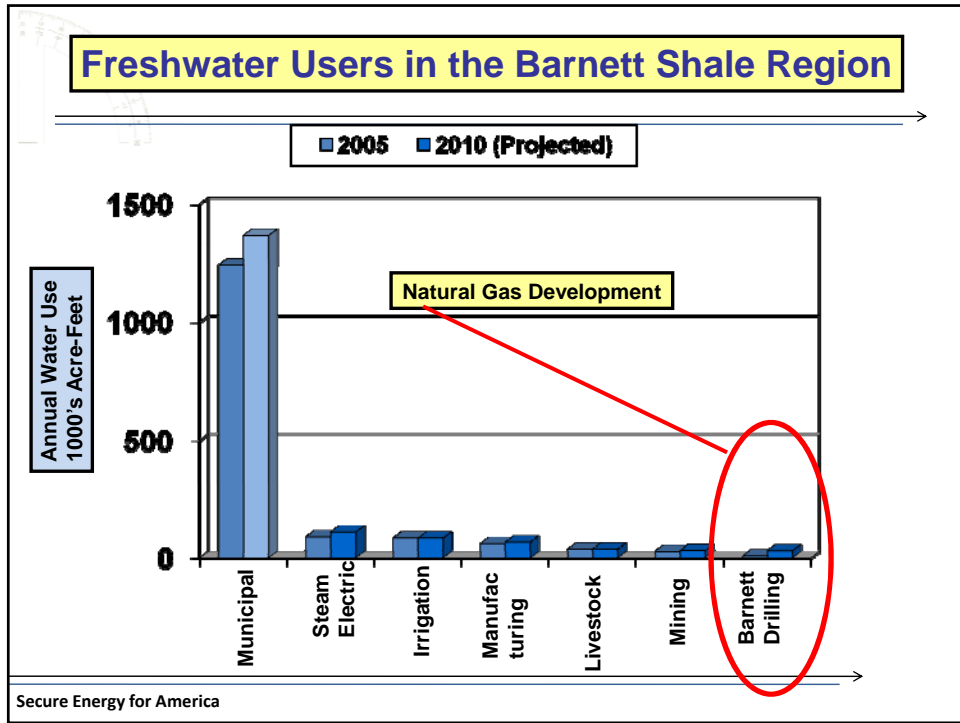
Both maximum and minimum horizontal principle stresses have been significantly changed after one stage

The induced stress field change in the fracturing process has significant effects on the geometries of created multiple fractures

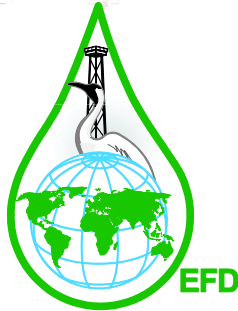
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Barnett Shale Water Conservation and Management Committee		(BSWCMC)																
<p><b>About the Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An industry consortium</li> <li>• Made up of approximately 20 Barnett Shale Energy Companies</li> <li>• Initiated in March 2006</li> <li>• Completed its Charter, Spring 2006</li> <li>• Status:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Collecting information on industry water use</li> <li>&gt; Review of Reuse/Recycle Technologies</li> <li>&gt; Planning Future Projects for 2007</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Mission</b></p> <p>Develop best management practices (BMP's) for the Barnett Shale development in the Fort Worth Basin to ensure that water is managed in an efficient and responsible manner.</p> <p><b>To Achieve the Mission, BSWCMC Will ....</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define best methods and technologies currently used for water management during drilling, completion and production operations</li> <li>• Promote a Balanced Approach                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Efficient and responsible management of water</li> <li>&gt; Conservation</li> <li>&gt; Environmental Protection / Safety</li> <li>&gt; Outreach and Education</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Utilize New Technology (Where Needed)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Goals</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine current and future water demands for the Barnett Region</li> <li>2. Estimate current and future "waste" water generation for Barnett O&amp;G development</li> <li>3. Define water quality specifications for drilling and fracturing jobs</li> <li>4. Identify technologies to provide solutions for water management</li> <li>5. Determine the feasibility of technical solutions to improve water conservation</li> <li>6. Conduct a proactive "Best Management Practices" information transfer effort for industry</li> <li>7. Promote information dissemination to Stakeholders in the Barnett Area</li> <li>8. Engage in effective responses to inquiries and concerns about water management</li> </ol>																
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## The Environmentally Friendly Drilling Systems Program



### University/NL Alliance

- **Texas A&M** – Systems Engineering Design Methodology: Low Impact Well Design Optimization
- **University of Colorado** – Best Practices Database
- **University of Arkansas** – Dissemination and Decisions Support
- **University of Wyoming** – Western Mountain States Studies
- **Utah State University/Sam Houston State University** – Public Perception
- **West Virginia University** – Eastern Mountain States Studies
- **Los Alamos National Laboratory/Argonne National Laboratory** – Technology Partnership

*integrating advanced technologies into systems that significantly reduce the impact of drilling and production in environmentally sensitive areas.*

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### Engineering Designs for Low Impact Drilling and Fracturing

- Application for Semi Arid Ecosystem
- Disappearing Roads
- Prototype Small Footprint Drilling Rig
- NOx Air Emissions Studies
- Reduced Fracturing Footprints
- Measuring Effectiveness of EFD

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## An Integrated Framework for Treatment and Management of Produced Water

### Research Objectives

- Compile data on quality and quantity of produced water associated with unconventional gas production
- Explore most appropriate and cost-efficient water treatment technologies
- Assess requirements to minimize environmental impacts and reduce institutional barriers
- Compile findings into a decision analysis framework for management of produced water



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**Produced Water Treatment and Beneficial Use Information Center**  
 Sustainable and beneficial use of produced water from coalbed methane resources.

Home Introduction Assessing Beneficial Uses Treatment Options Tools Documents Regulations

The Produced Water Treatment and Beneficial Use Information Center is an online resource for technical and regulatory information on quantity, quality, and treatment technologies for produced water from coalbed methane (CBM) resources in the western United States.

This site provides information on location and quality of CBM produced water, current and potential future treatment and use of CBM produced water, state and federal regulations pertaining to discharge and use, and guidelines and tools for selection of treatment technologies for optimal management practices.

**Site Contents**

**Introduction**

- Introductory information on beneficial uses and produced water

**Assessing Beneficial Uses**

- Beneficial use matrix, key criteria, and case studies

**Treatment Options**

- Summaries of treatment options and related fact sheets

**Tools**

- Tools for water quality, treatment technology, costs, key elements

**Documents**


- Service provider/broker list, model contract

**Regulations**

- Regulatory requirements for produced water management for selected state

**CSM Produced Water Interactive Website**

[http://aqwaterc.mines.edu/produced\\_water/index.htm](http://aqwaterc.mines.edu/produced_water/index.htm)



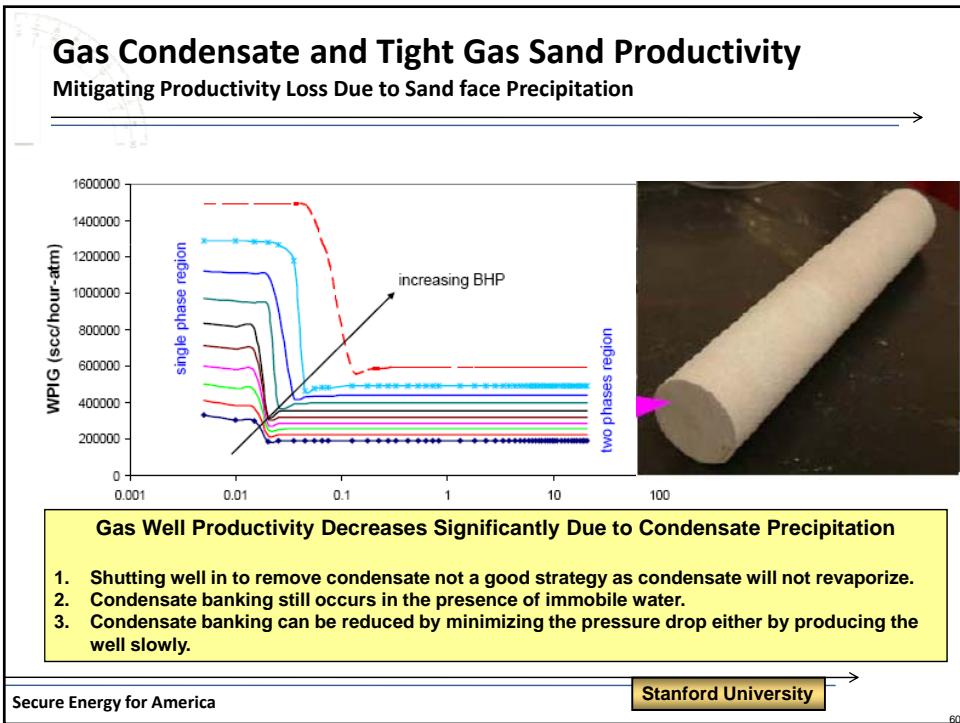
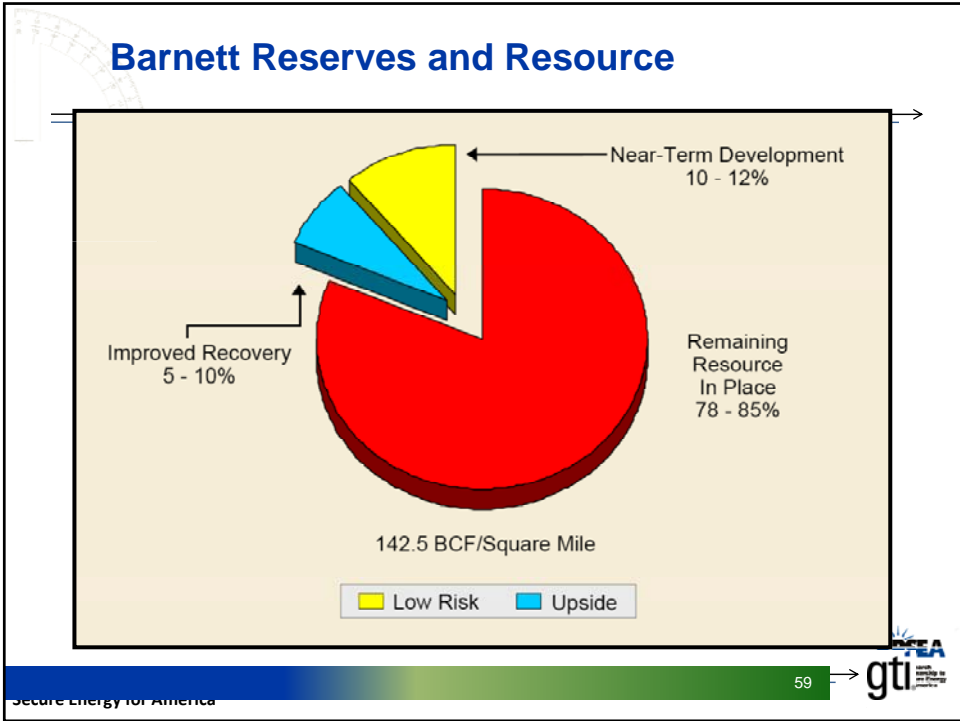
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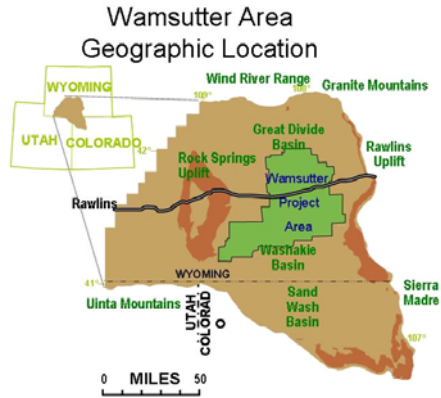




## Optimizing Infill Drilling at Wamsutter

- Over 2,000 square miles
- $k < 0.1$  md
- 80 acre spacing

- Generate static reservoir descriptions of sands using geostatistical procedures
- History match 80 & 160 acre spaced wells
- Project the future performance of 40 acre spaced wells & Identify Best Locations



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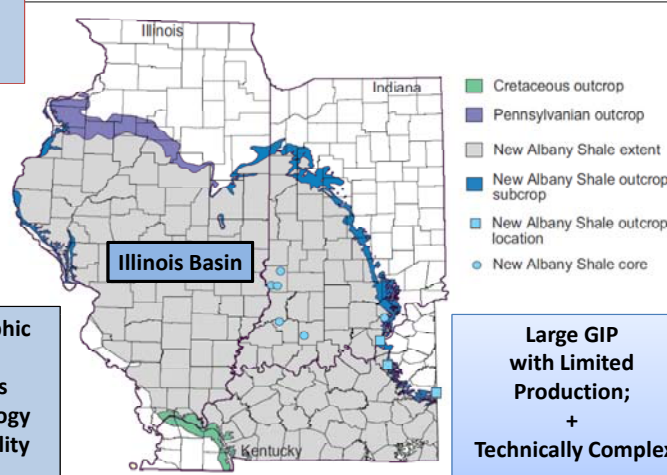
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## New Albany Shale Outcrops and Core Locations

86 to 160 Tcf  
New Albany  
Shale Gas in  
Place



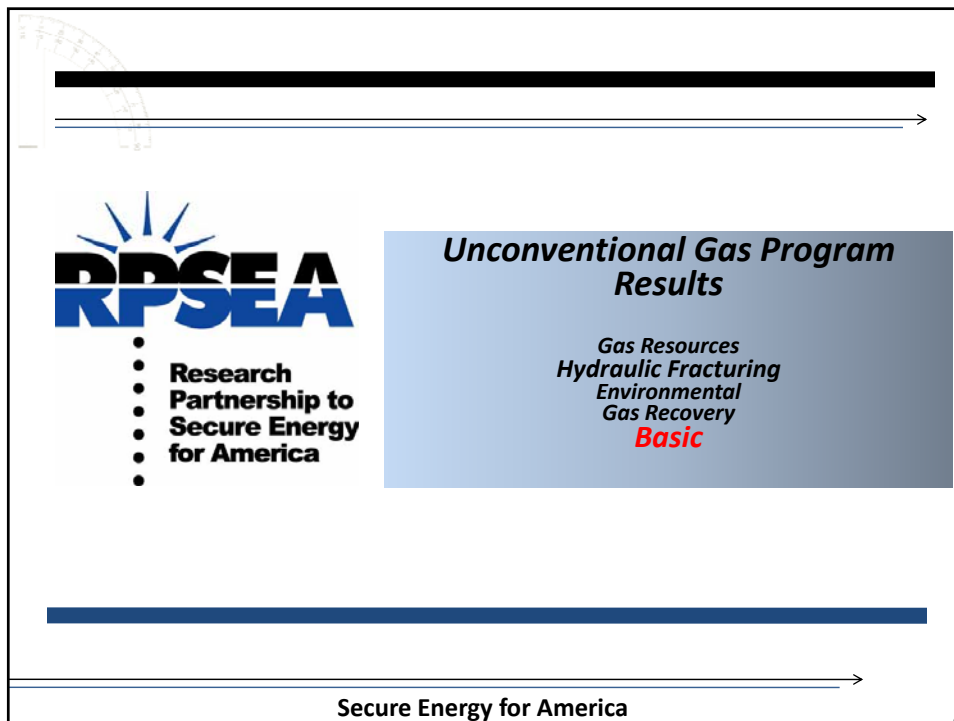
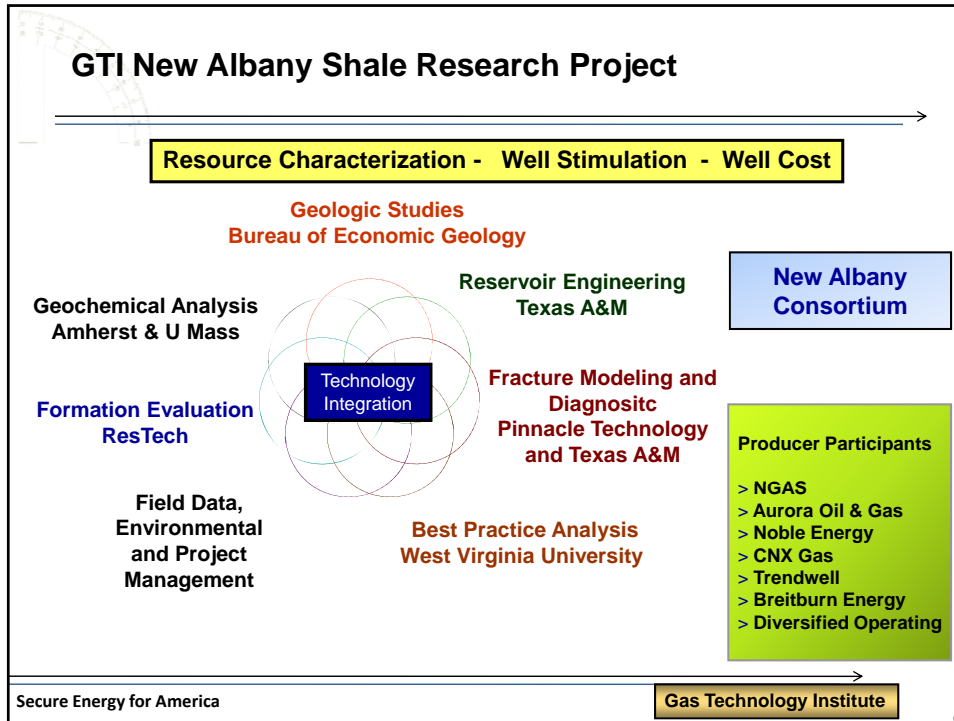
- Large Geographic Area
- Multiple States
- Complex Geology
- Low Permeability

Large GIP  
with Limited  
Production;  
+  
Technically Complex  
=  
R&D Target

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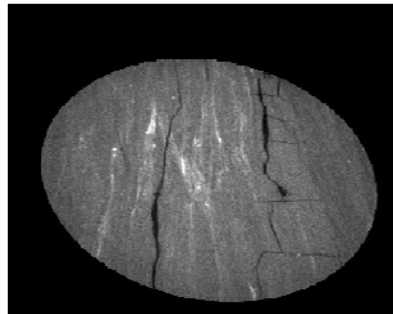






## Enhancing Appalachian Coalbed Methane Extraction by Microwave-Induced Fractures

- Microwave energy have been shown to induce fractures.
- Can we *in situ* generate new macro and micro fractures with a microwave burst?
- What is the influence of these changes on methane permeability?
- Lab experiments will scan coal core, establish fracture/permeability baseline.
- A burst of microwave energy will be tested for permeability enhancement



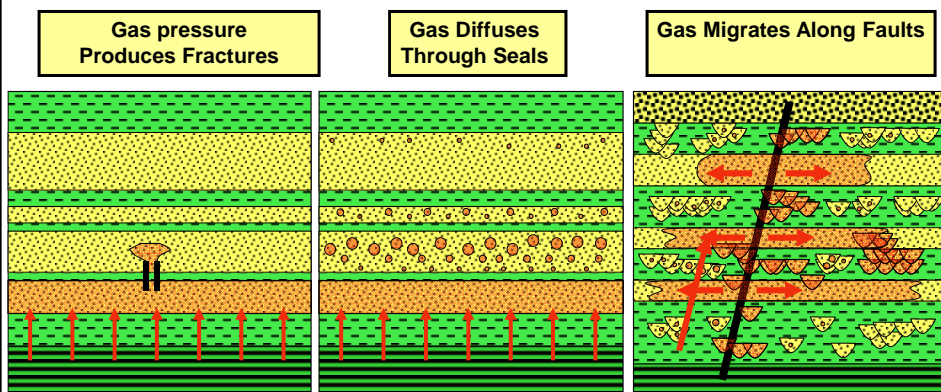
Microwave Induced Fractures in Bituminous Coal

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## How Does Gas Migrate into and Fill Unconventional Reservoirs?

Different Mechanisms Should Leave Different Signatures in the Gas Composition; Assisting with Exploration Strategy



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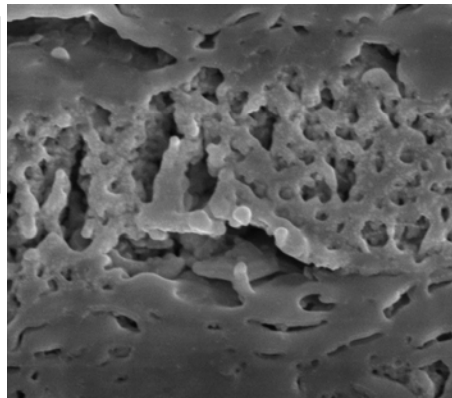
## Petrophysical Studies of Unconventional Gas Reservoirs using High-Resolution Rock Imaging

### Main Objectives

- ID Mechanisms Limiting Gas Recovery
- Means of Extending Well Productive Life

### Technical Approach

- High-resolution images of low k rocks
- Analysis of flow properties from 3D pore space geometry
- Recovery strategies preventing condensate precipitation



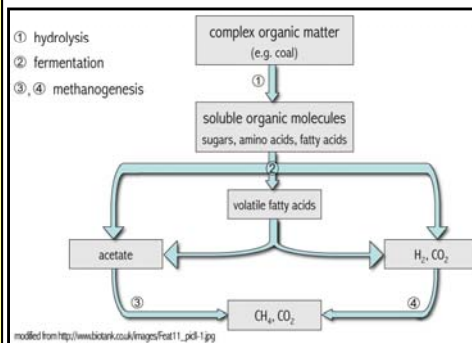
500 nm  
Pore space geometry of a hydrocarbon-bearing shale. Nanometer-scale

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## Comprehensive Investigation of Factors Enhancing Microbially Generated Coal Bed Methane

- Much coal bed methane is microbial in origin
- Enhancement of microbial methane production from coal has promise (up to 300 SCF/ton generated in lab).
- Fundamental factors influencing methane generation from coal will be investigated:
  - Coal composition
  - Growth conditions
  - Microbial dynamics
  - Chemical pathways
  - Coal pretreatment

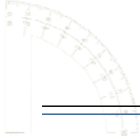


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