Critical Issues Forum

America's Increasing Reliance on Natural Gas: Benefits and Risks of a Methane Economy

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Session 3: Environmental, health, and safety impacts



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The health and environmental impacts of shale gas development: What we know and don't

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Damage function chain

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Activity→
burden→
toxicity ->
probability in environment ->
probability of exposure→
impact→
value
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This talk

Comprehensive risk matrix

Risks from liquid wastes: produced water, ponds and tanks, surface water, seismic

Ecological

Health (truck accidents, low birth weight)

Quality of life (property values)

Valuation

Research priorities

Activity→burden→toxicity→probability in environment→ probability of exposure→impact→value



Risk Matrix

Site Development and Drilling Preparation

After locating a site for shale gas development, the area must be excavated and prepared for drilling. Preparation activity also often includes leveling of the site.

Activity	Intermediate Impacts					
	Groundwater	Surface Water	Soil Quality	Air Quality	Habitat Disruption	Community Disruption
Clearing of land/construction of roads, well pads, pipelines, other infrastructure		Stormwater flows	Stormwater flows	Conventional air pollutants and CO ₂	Habitat fragmentation	Industrial landscape
		Invasive species			Invasive species	Light pollution
						Noise pollution
On-road vehicle activity	Stormwater flows	Conventional air	Other	Noise pollution		
				pollutants and CO ₂		Road congestion/accidents
Off-road vehicle activity		Stormwater flows		Conventional air pollutants and CO ₂	Other	Noise pollution

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Drilling Activities

Drilling begins by boring a single well shaft vertically into the desired formation. One or more lateral wells are then drilled from the end of the vertical wellbore, angling to run horizontally through the shale formation.

Activity	Intermediate Impacts					
	Groundwater	Surface Water	Soil Quality	Air Quality	Habitat Disruption	Community Disruption
Drilling equipment operation at surface	Drilling fluids/cuttings	Drilling fluids/cuttings	Drilling fluids/cuttings	Conventional air pollutants and CO ₂		Industrial landscape Light pollution Noise pollution
Drilling of vertical and lateral wellbore	Methane Drilling fluids/cuttings Intrusion of saline- formation water into fresh groundwater	Drilling fluids/cuttings		Methane		



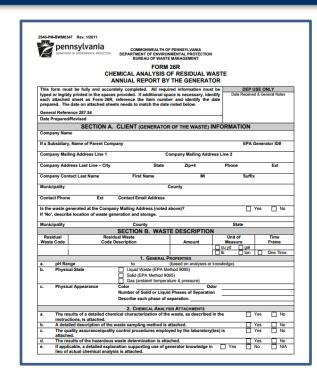
Wastewater characteristics from Marcellus shale gas development in PA

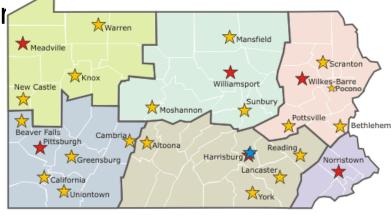
- Researchers: J. Shih, S. Olmstead (UT Austin), J. Chu, L. Muehlenbachs (U. Calgary), J. Saiers (Yale), S. Anisfeld (Yale).
- Statistically analyzes characteristics of flowback, produced water, and drilling fluid waste sent to wastewater treatment facilities in PA, 2008-2011.

 Data Source: Form 26R, submitted to PADEP by "residual waste" generators.

 432 different analytes were identified in the data, in the following categories:

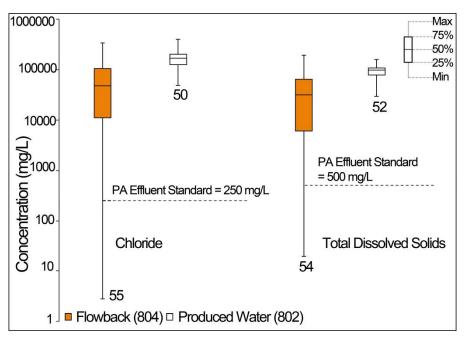
- 1. General chemicals
- 2. Organics
- 3. Pesticides
- 4. Metals
- 5. Radioactive Materials

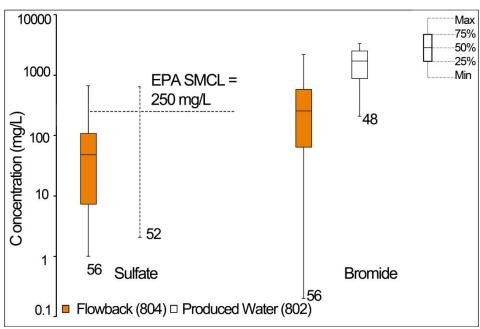






Comparison of <u>General Chemicals</u> in Produced Water and Fracking Fluid Waste

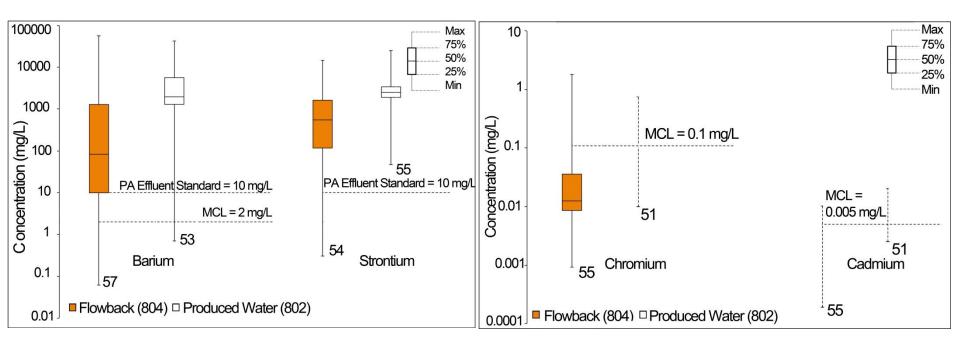




* Number at the bottom of the boxplot is the sample size

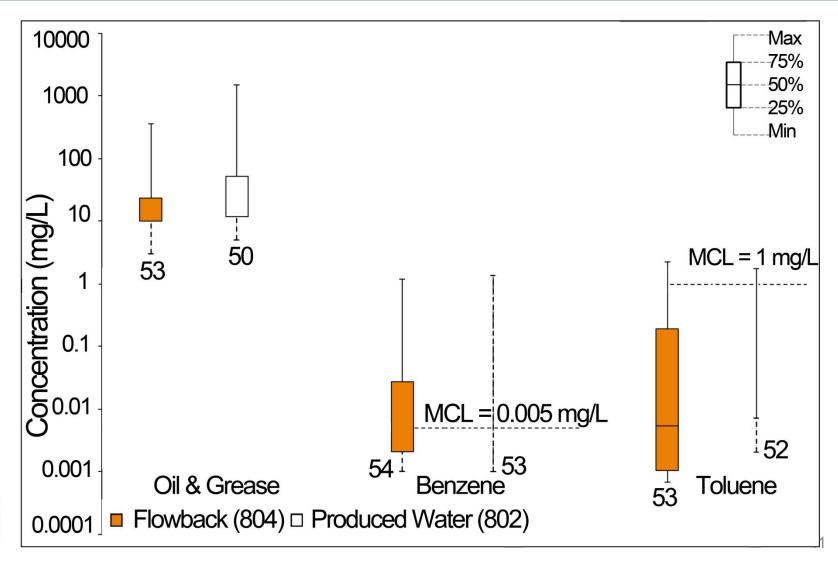


Comparison of Metals in Produced Water and Fracking Fluid Waste



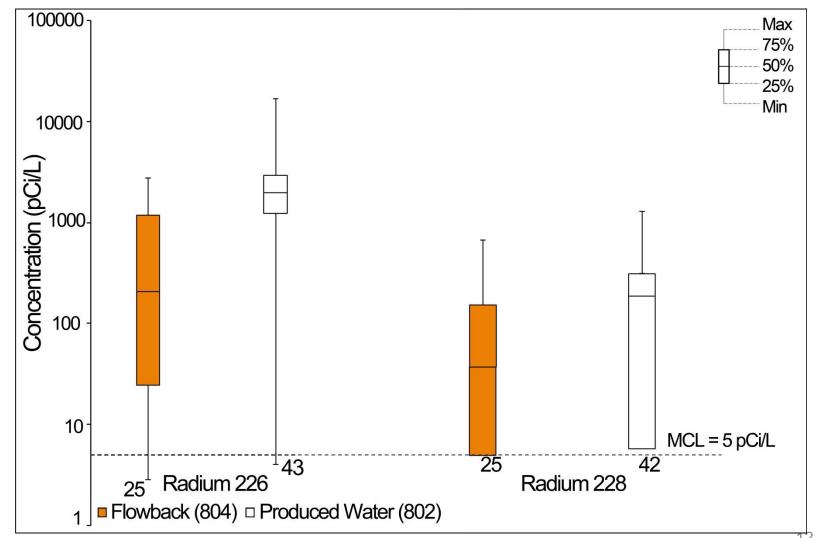


Comparison of <u>Organics</u> in Produced Water and Fracking Fluid Waste





Comparison of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials in Produced Water and Fracking Fluid Waste





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Analysis of state databases of spills and releases

- New Mexico, Colorado, and Oklahoma (not comparable)
- Only reported spills/releases
- Materials spilled: Produced water, fracturing fluid, brine, drilling mud/fluid, HCl, KCl, crude oil, fresh water

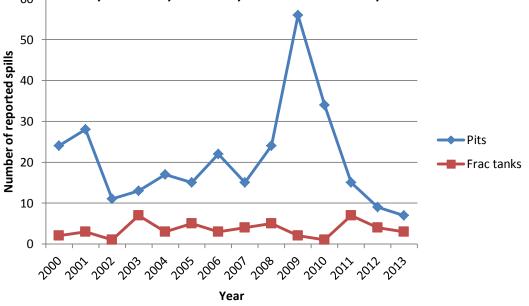




Figure: Spills from pits and frac tanks as reported to New Mexico OCD.

Analysis of state databases of spills and releases

Number of spills in New Mexico by category (2000 – 2013)

Panel A: Pits

Panel B	Frac	Tanks
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Cause of spill	# spills
Overflow	33
Liner malfunction	31
Unidentified or undocumented	19
Discovery of historical spill	8
Blowover	7
Improper closure or reclamation	3
Sinkhole	2
Other	2
TOTAL	105

Cause of spill	# spills
Leak	21
Unidentified or undocumented	13
Overflow	9
Other	3
Collapse	2
Vandalism	2
TOTAL	50

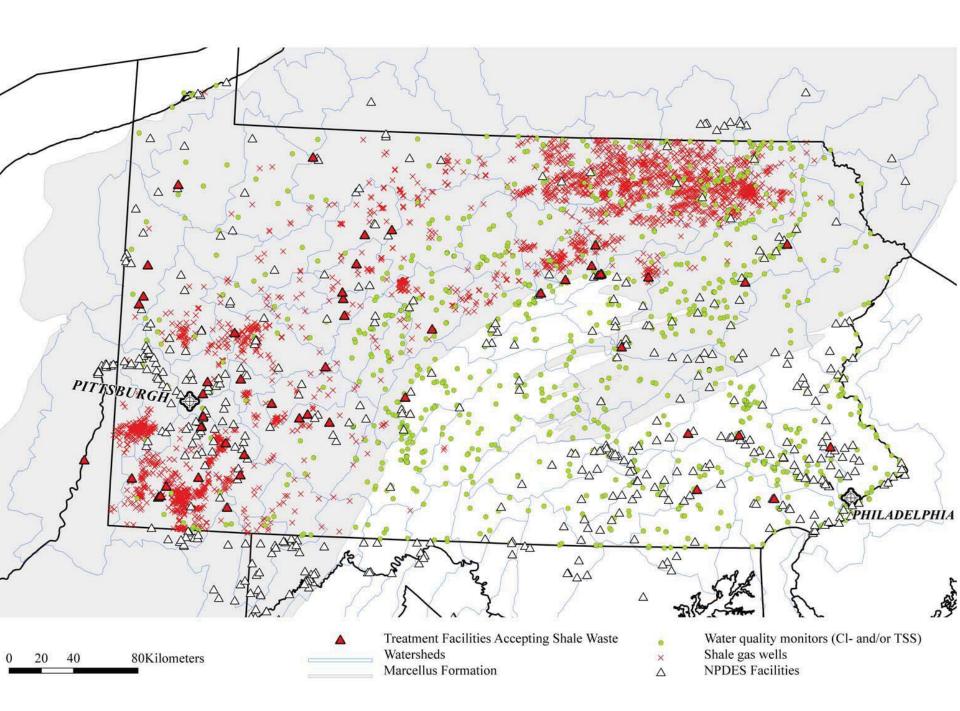


Surface Water Quality Risk Study (PNAS, 2013)

We exploit spatial and temporal variation in the proximity of shale gas wells, waste treatment facilities, and surface water quality monitors in Pennsylvania to estimate:

- 1. the impact of *shale gas wells* on downstream chloride and TSS concentrations; and
- 2. the impact of *shale gas waste treatment* and release to surface water on downstream chloride and TSS concentrations.





Conclusions

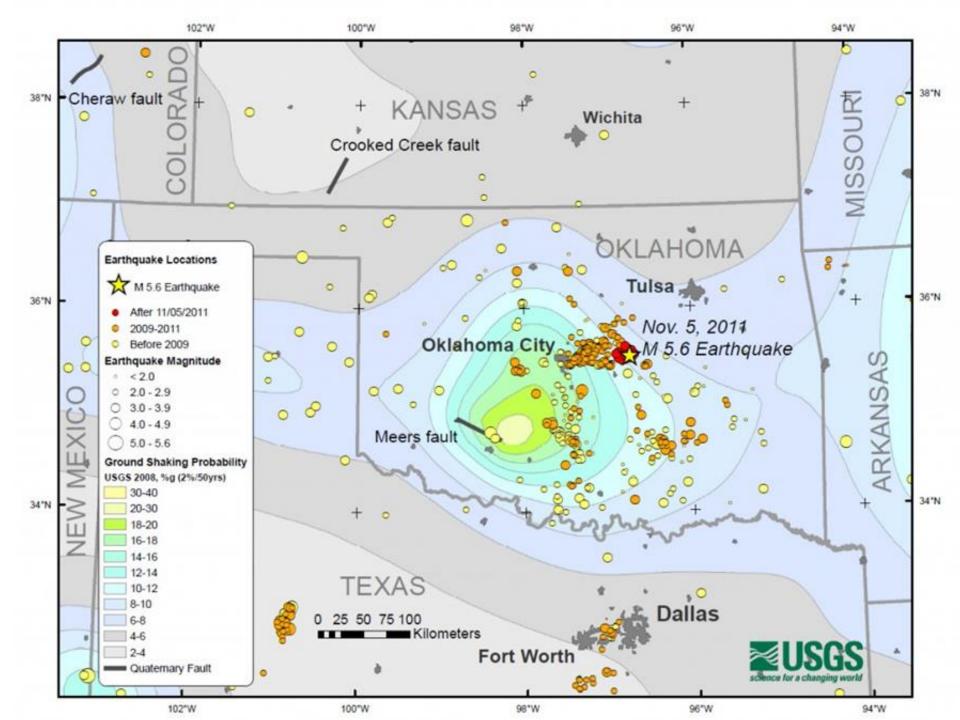
- No statistically significant impact of shale gas wells on downstream chloride concentrations.
 - A positive result here would have been consistent with contamination problems from spills, dumping, etc.
- Release of treated shale gas waste to surface water by permitted waste facilities appears to increase downstream chloride concentrations.
 - Effect is significant only for POTWs, not CWTs.
- Shale gas wells appear to increase downstream TSS concentrations.



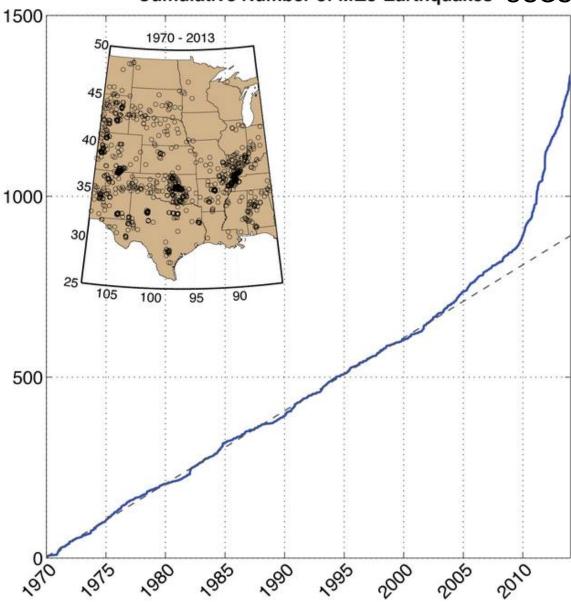
Induced Seismicity

- Seismicity from fracking NOT a problem
- Deep well injection
 - #3 in anthropogenic earthquakes):
 - 40,000 wells taking oil and gas liquid wastes.
 - Growth in earthquakes > 3.0 since 2009, "coincident with" oil and gas waste injections."
 - In CO, TX, OH, ARK, OK. a few "caused by."





Cumulative Number of M≥3 Earthquakes USGS





Cumulative number of earthquakes with a magnitude of 3.0 or larger in the central and eastern United States, 1970–2013. The dashed line corresponds to the long-term rate of 20.2 earthquakes per year, with an increase in the rate of earthquakes starting around 2009.

Induced Seismicity, cont.

- DWI better than pits, which leak; better than CWTs which can't treat some elements of produced water
- Can it be managed?
 - Industry cutting water flows through reuse/recycling, using less liquids



Sawyer, Hall, and Ryan Nielson. 2010. <u>Mule Deer Monitoring in the Pinedale Anticline Project Area: 2010 Report</u>. Cheyenne, WY: Western Ecosystems Technology.

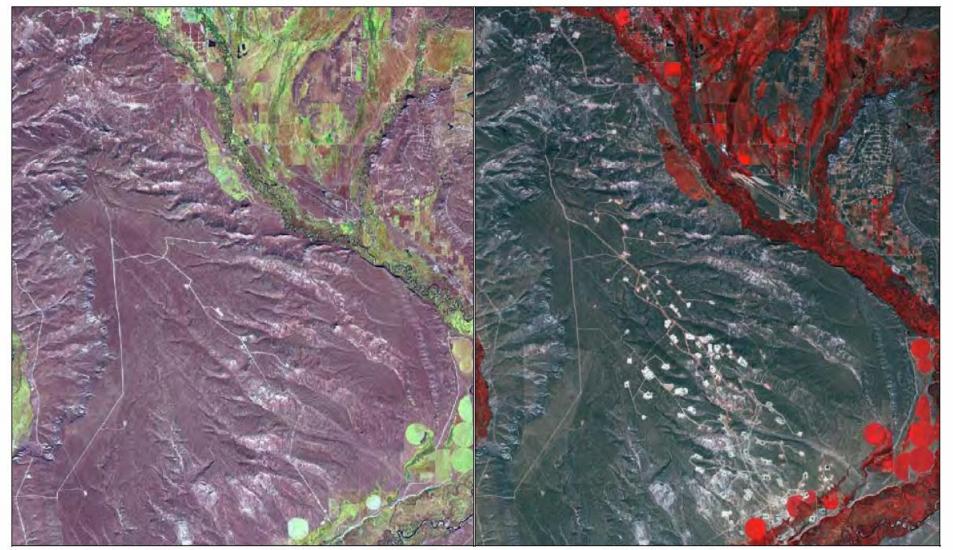
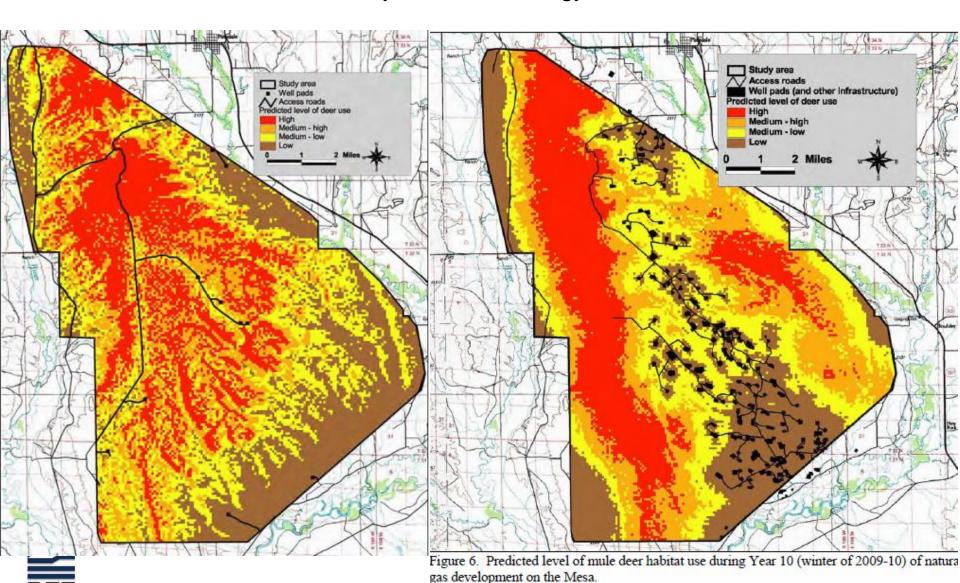
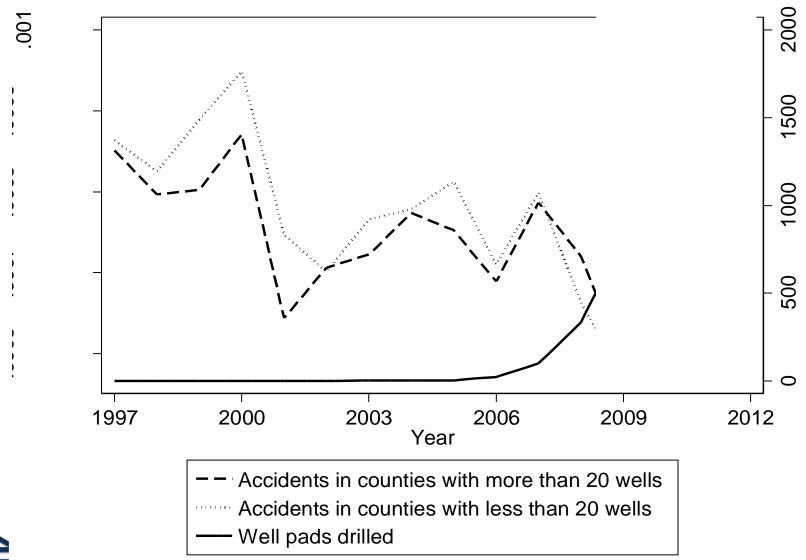


Figure 3. Satellite image of Mesa in 1999 (left) compared to 2009 (right).

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Truck Traffic Accidents in Pennsylvania by Well Activity





Property Values

- Great aggregator of local perceived risks with real effects
- Effects of proximity and intensity
- Proximity Matters
 - Within 1.5 km and on groundwater: \$33,000 decrease versus homes further away and on public water
- Intensity Matters a little



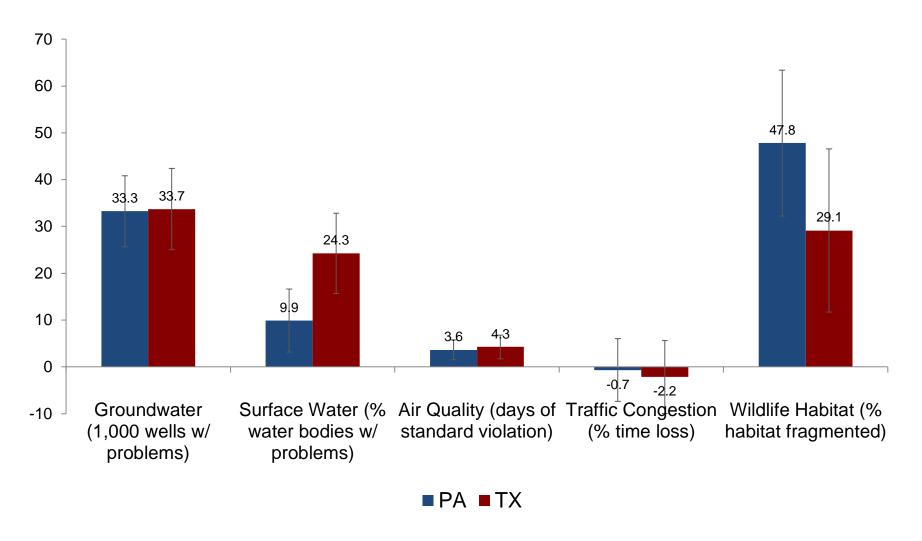


Figure 2. Estimated WTP (\$ household⁻¹ year⁻¹), on average, for the reduction of risks associated with shale gas development



Research priorities for the future

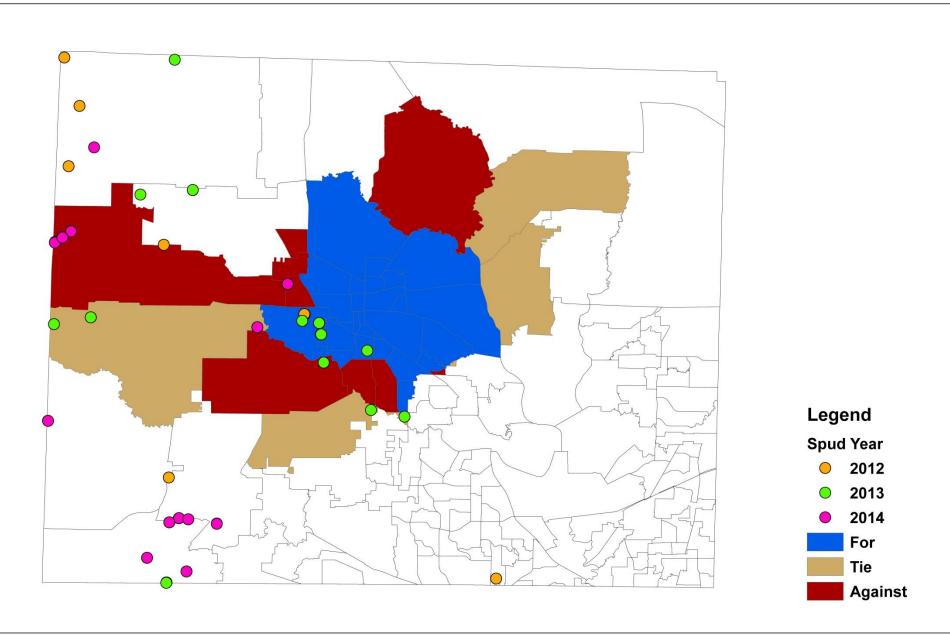
- Remainder of the water cycle
- Net benefits to communities of SGD
- Approaches for internalizing externalities and compensating locals.
 - Act 13. Turned down by PA Supreme Court.
- Mental health effects of SGD? Low Birth Weight effect?
- Legacy

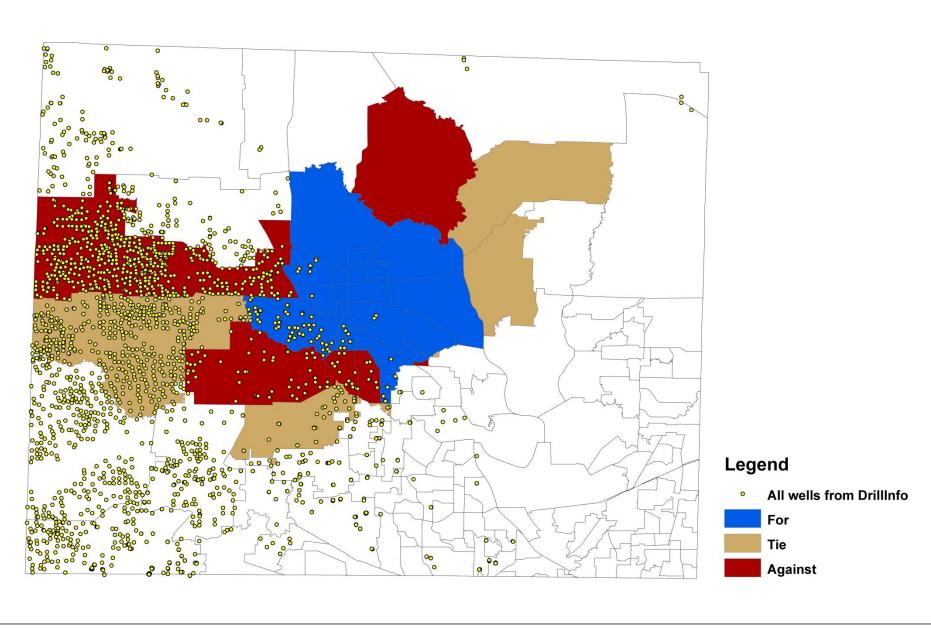


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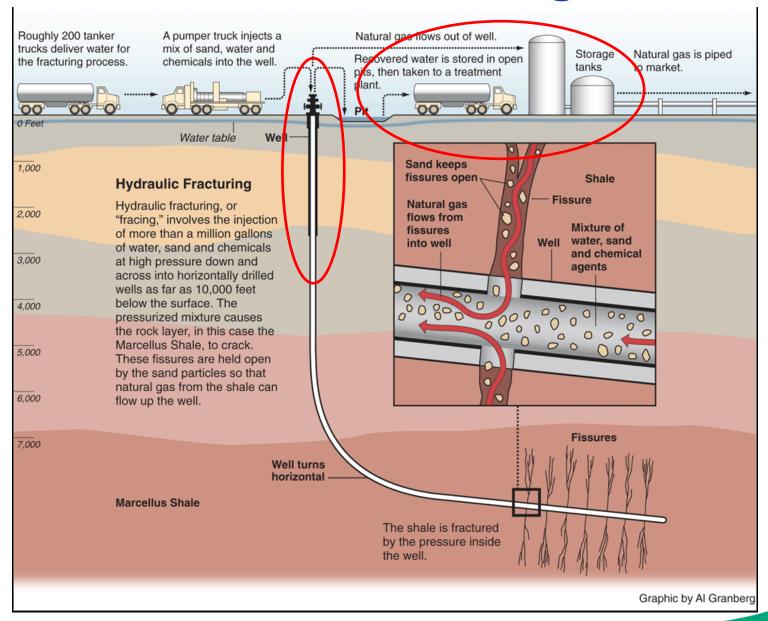


Natural Gas in a Low Carbon Future Environmental Opportunities & Challenges

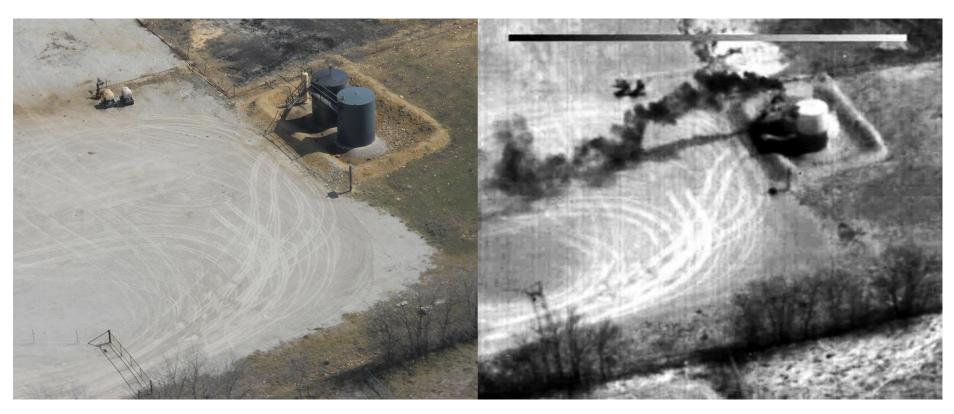
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Must address the 'fracking' issues



And then, there's methane...



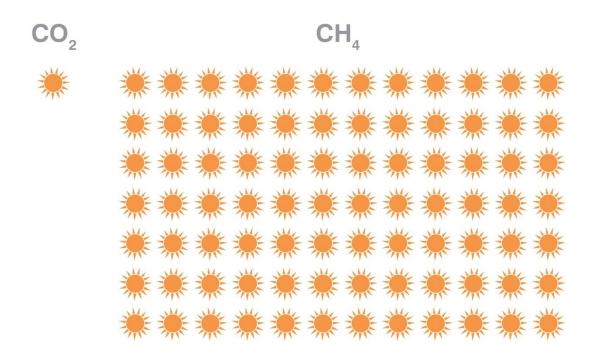
Gas storage tank

Same tank, same time, infrared camera view

...an increasingly 'visible' problem

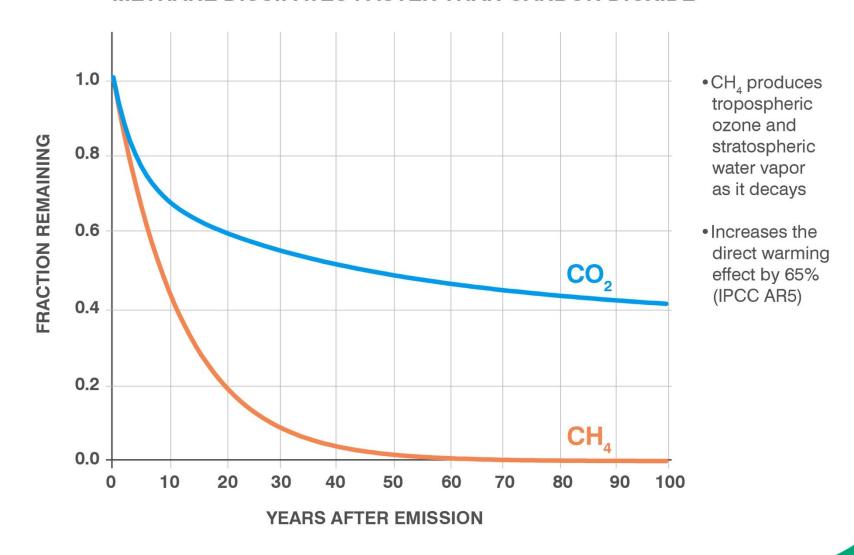
CH4 traps more heat than CO2...

EACH METHANE MOLECULE TRAPS 84x MORE HEAT

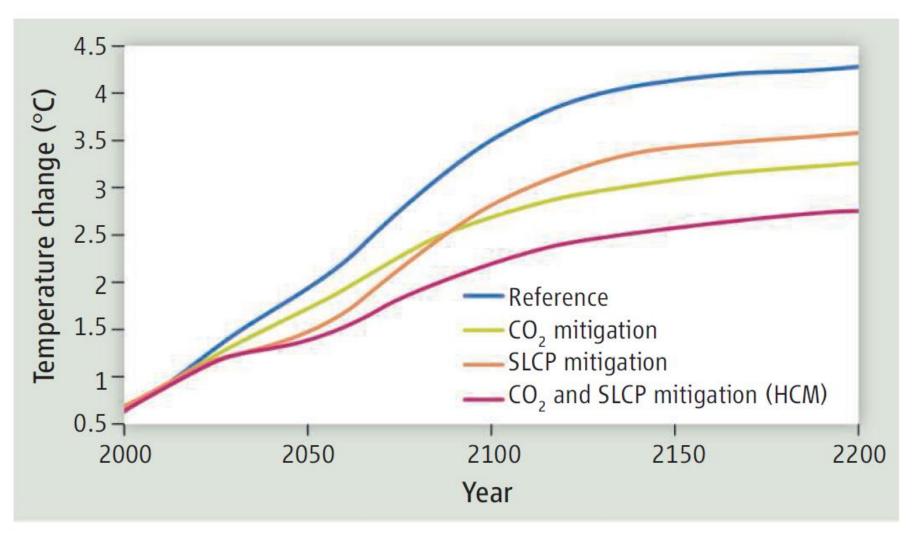


...but breaks down faster than CO₂

METHANE DISSIPATES FASTER THAN CARBON DIOXIDE



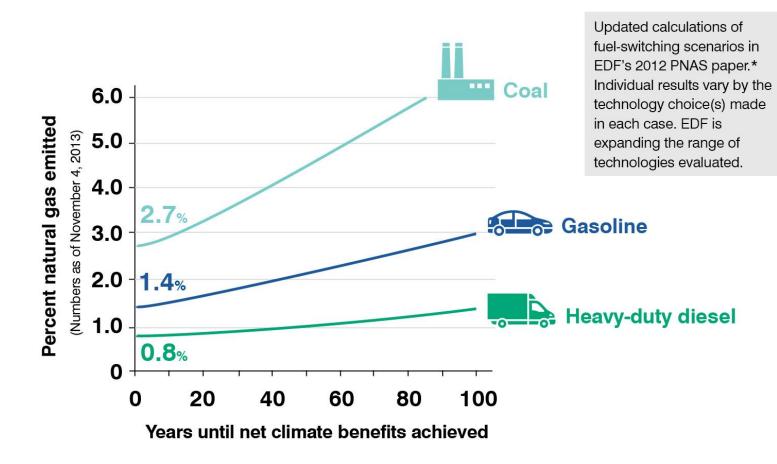
Methane and CO2 reductions required



Shoemaker, et. al., What Role for Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in Mitigation Policy?, Science, December 19, 2013

Gas can be worse than alternatives

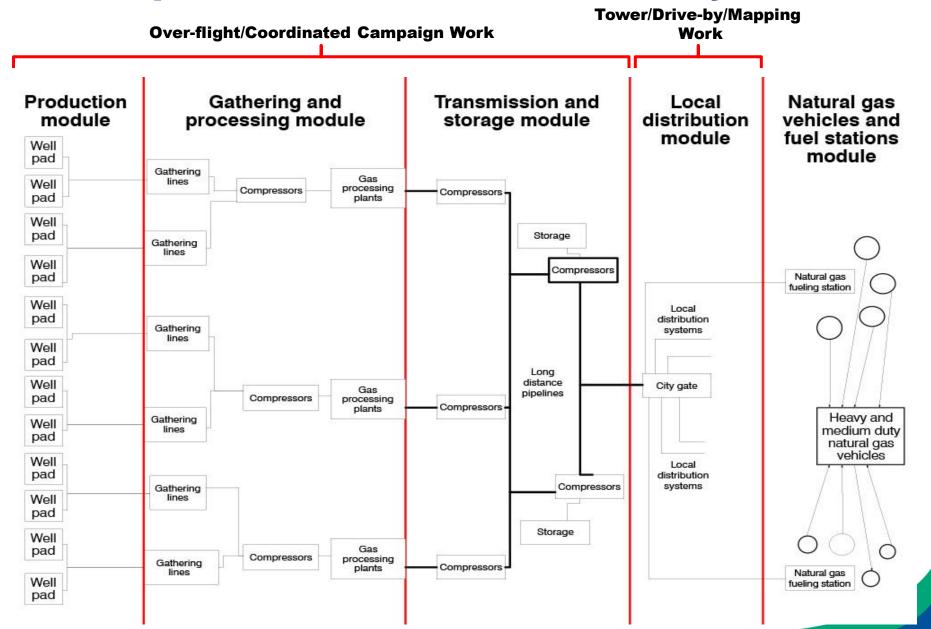
Depending on emission rate and timeframe





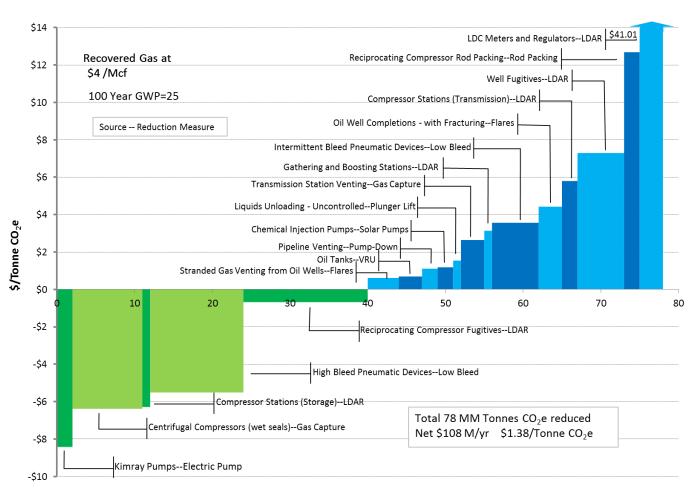
*Adapted from Alvarez et al. (2012) PNAS, **109**: 6435–6440, reflecting new IPCC AR5 & 2013 EPA GHG data. IPCC updates: (1) direct/indirect radiative forcing of CH₄ and CO₂ (2) CH₄ lifetime, (3) CO₂ impulse response function. Additional effects due to climate-carbon feedbacks and CO₂ from the oxidation of CH₄ not included (AR5 lacks data to support time-dependent analysis but EDF believes these effects to be small). Emissions updates include factors in Table 1 and corresponding L_{REF} values in Table S1 of PNAS paper; an L_{REF} value specific to heavy-duty CNG vehicles is now used.

Comprehensive emission study effort



Highly cost-effective reductions

http://www.edf.org/icf-methane-cost-curve-report



MM Tonnes CO₂e Reduced

Economic Analysis of Methane Emission Reduction Opportunities in the U.S. Onshore Oil and Natural Gas Industries ICF International, March 2014,

Doug Jordan Southwestern Energy Company







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Areas of operation



Exploration & Production Segment 2013

6,976 Bcfe* of proved reserves 657 Bcfe of production

2014 est. production: 740 – 752 Bcfe

NB CANADA Marcellus Shale PA

Fayetteville Shale

AR

OK

TX

New Brunswick

Acreage: 2.5 million net acres

Marcellus Shale

Acreage: 292,446 net acres (at 12/31/13) **2013 Reserves:** 1,963 Bcfe (28% of total) **2013 Production: 151** Bcfe (23% of total)

Denver Julesburg Basin

Denver Julesburg Basin

Acreage: 302,000 net acres

Fayetteville Shale

Acreage: 905,684 net acres (at 12/31/13) **2013 Reserves:** 4,795 Bcfe (69% of total) **2013 Production:** 486 Bcfe (74% of total)

Brown Dense Project

Acreage: 459,000 net acres (at 12/31/13)

Ark-La-Tex

Acreage: 152,937 net acres (at 12/31/13) **2013 Reserves:** 215 Bcfe (3% of total) **2013 Production:** 18 Bcfe (3% of total)

- Befe is an equivalent measurement of one billion cubic feet of mixed oil and has receives.
- ** Arkoma acreage excludes 124,653 net acres in the conventional Arkoma Basin operating area that are also within the company's Fayetteville Shale focus area.



HS&E Culture



Values + Behaviors = Culture

A true HSE culture exists when:

- HSE becomes part of everyday business.
- One has pride in HSE just like having pride in being excellent in production, footage drilled, and customer satisfaction.
- HSE is not an afterthought, but a way of doing business.

Culture is a key to continued HSE excellence!





Key Steps in Developing an HSE Culture





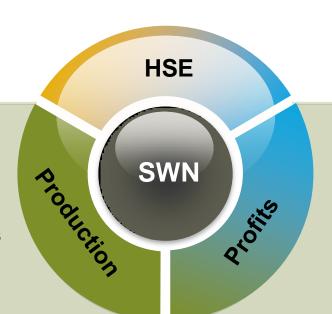


SWN Management Philosophy



SWN Values Safety

SWN makes HSE equal to production/operations and profits/expenses.



HSE Compliance is Key

If it can't be done within HSE compliance, it will not be done at SWN.



SWN HS&E



"HS&E is My Responsibility"



•A SWN priority is to ensure that health, safety and environmental management is integrated into all of our business activities.

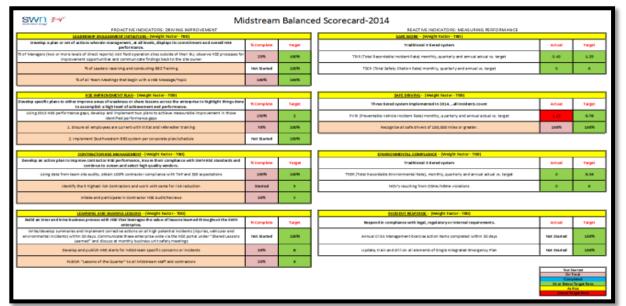


SWN HSE Culture "Tools"



- HSE "Training"
 - New Hire Orientation
 - HS&E Leadership Training
 - "R2 Training"
- HSE Handbook
- HSE Programs

- HSE Goals
 - Balanced Scorecard
 - Industry Peer Group Comparisons
- HSE Steering Committees
- HSE Awards/Recognition





The Path Forward – "HSE Next Generation"



2014 2015 2016



Envision future state

Gain management

alignment and

commitment

Phase 3

- Plan Transition
- Design corporate & local change management plans

Action

- •Develop and implement local change management plans (2015 Balanced Scorecards)
- •Begin development of observation and intervention data collection and processing tools
- •Organize and develop enterprisewide HSE governance

Phase 5

- •Sustain & Improve
- Monitor, measure and continuously improve

Action

Implement Change

Build foundation &

instill changes in

organization

Phase 4

- •Begin companywide <u>employee</u> training
- Begin comprehensive observation and intervention training and implementation
- •Develop all encompassing HSE Management System

Action

 Using Scorecard results, observation findings and lessons learned from incident investigations, develop long term plans to continuous improvement

> Complete Safety Perception Survey again in 2017



- Assess current state
- Evaluate and benchmark safety culture and systems

Action

•Safety Perception Survey completed Q1, 2014

Action

- •Develop near-term plan with senior leadership using Safety Perception Survey results
- •Begin companywide <u>management</u> <u>and supervisor</u> training



SWN Health & Safety Collaboration



- SWN's commitment to the health and safety of our employees, contractors and to our neighbors begins with collaboration – A ONE Team Approach
- Agency Engagement
 - NIOSH Flowback and Silica Studies
 - OSHA STEPS Program
- Contractor Engagement
- Community Benefits



SWN Health & Safety Collaborative Programs





Short Service Employee program.



Continuous development of the TAP initiative (business unit specific modules).



ISNetworld company wide re-launch.



Contractor Assessment process which includes desktop reviews, onsite visits, and field observations.



Continuation of Street Smart, TEAMworks, eLearning, vendor forums, and SWNlink communications.



SWN Methane Emission Reduction Activities



- EPA Natural Gas Star member since 2005
 - Cumulative reductions = 37 BCF
 - 2011 Production Partner of the Year
- SWN SMART LDAR Program voluntary program to survey and repair emission leaks from facilities.
 - Midstream initiated program in 2012
 - Production initiated program in 4th Quarter, 2013.
- SWN Dual fuel drilling rigs replacing fleet (2014 / 2015)
- Fuel cell field test
 - Pnuematic controller conversion from gas to air







Environmental Collaboration



 Collaborative effort with industry, academia and environmental community to solve issues such as air emissions, water protection and community impact.





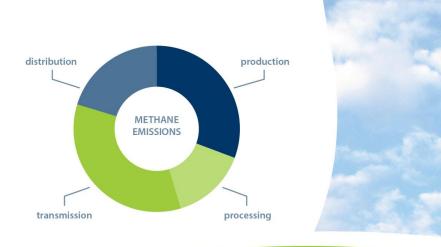
Air Collaboration





OUR GOAL

Enhance the energy delivery efficiency of the natural gas supply chain by limiting energy waste and by achieving a methane "leak/loss rate" of no more than one percent.

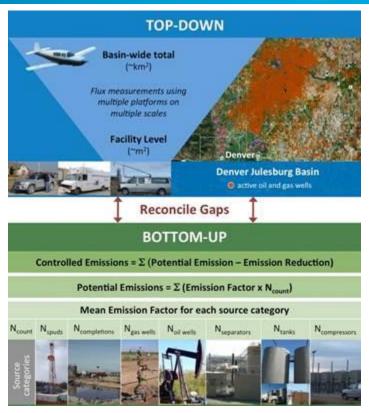




SWN Methane Research - Collaboration



- Top-Down Methane Emissions Studies
 - DOE/Penn State Marcellus Study
 - SWN's participation includes funding additional tower and study participation
- "Bottom-Up" Methane Emissions Studies
 - Production Sector Phase 1 and Phase 2
 - · University of Texas
 - URS
 - Aerodyne
 - EDF and 9 Industry Participants
 - Gathering & Processing Sector
 - Colorado State University
 - Carnegie Mellon University
 - Aerodyne
 - EDF and 4 Industry Participants
- "Top-down" and "bottom-up" methane measurements
 - D-J Basin Reconciliation Study
 - · Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America
- New Measurement Technology Partnerships
 - EDF "Methane Detectors Challenge"
 - Picarro "Surveyor" field trial
 - Rebellion Photonics "gas cloud imaging camera" field trial





Water Collaboration





Offset 100% of the volume of fresh water used in SWN operations by 2016:





ECH2O



Protection

- Protection of existing water sources
 - Model Regulatory Framework Environmental Defense Fund
 - Marcellus Water Well Monitoring Install monitoring wells before SWN pad activity.
 One year of monitoring prior to development activity Yale University
 - Streamsmart Erosion/sediment control project Nature Conservancy

Reduction

- Minimize the total quantity of water needed
- Recycle produced water for future completions
- Replace fresh water with alternate sources
- Minimize the use of potable water

Innovation

- Develop compact, low cost water treatment technologies
- Research / Develop approaches to economic low water stimulation.

Conservation

Increase water availability or improve water quality.



Fall Brook Acid Mine Drainage Completion - 2016



- Location: Tioga River Watershed, Tioga Co, PA
- Description: AMD Remediation Project
- Conservation Type: Stream and River Restoration

· Benefits:

- Place 325 million gallons (10.7 million barrels) a year of clean water into Susquehanna River for PA and NY
- Increase recreational and aesthetic value of river
- Decrease bridge maintenance cost

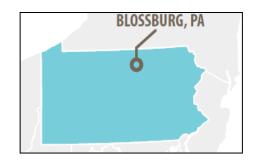
Partners:

- PA Fish and Boat Commission
- PA Dept. of Env. Protection Tioga Co. Conservation
- SRBC
- Trout Unlimited

- Tioga Co. Concerned Citizens Committee
- Tioga Co. Conservation
 District
- Tioga Co. Commissioners

Timeline:

- 2014 Survey and Design
- 2015 Construction



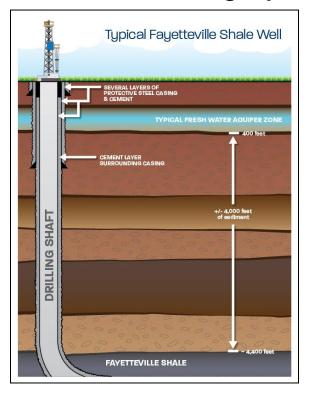




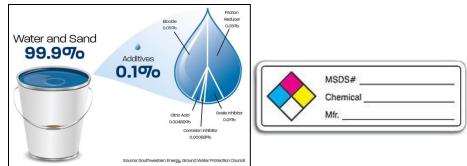
Environmental Protection Collaboration



Well Bore Integrity



Right Products Program



Systematic approach to evaluating chemicals that SWN may use in its operations.



Stream Smart Erosion Control Training

 $\frac{R^2}{A}$ $V^{+^{\circ}}$

SWN Formula



The Right People Doing The Right Thing



Wisely investing the cash flow from the underlying assets



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