Unconventional Gas SELGA Forum

South Australian Regulatory Provisions

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Purpose of Briefing

1) Who am I?

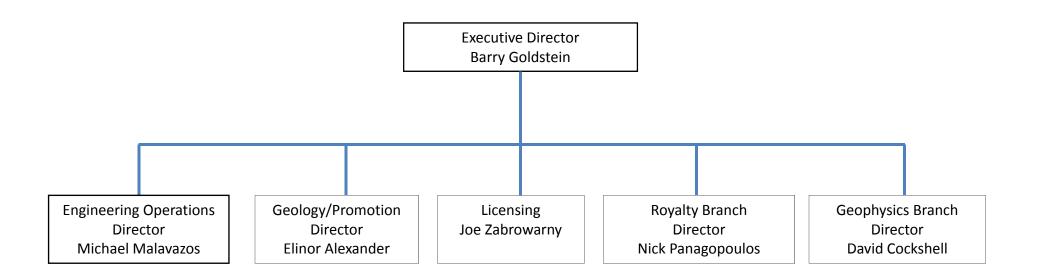
2) Part 1

- What is unconventional gas?
 - What is hydraulic fracturing?
- Background and history of gas extraction and drilling in SE
- State Government approval and regulatory processes, including the information requirements and local consultation

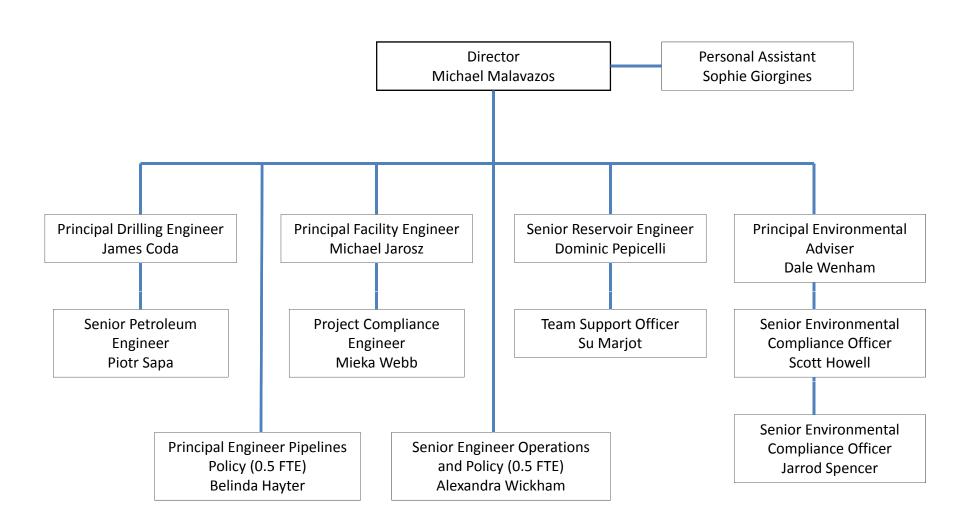
3) Part 2

 What are the Risks associated with unconventional gas exploration, drilling and related activities

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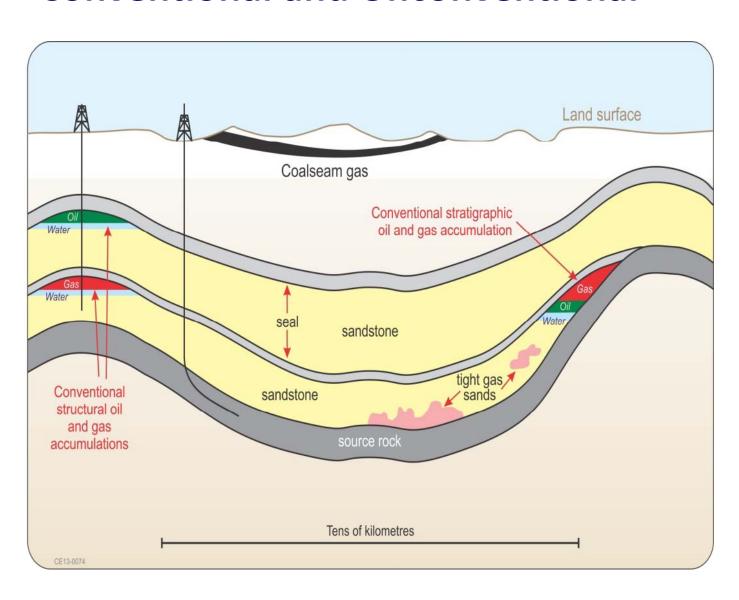


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Part 1 What is unconventional gas and oil?

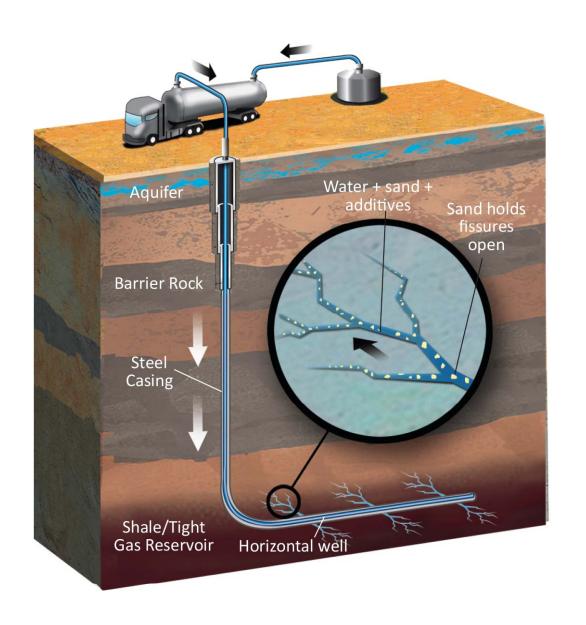
Oil and Gas Conventional and Unconventional

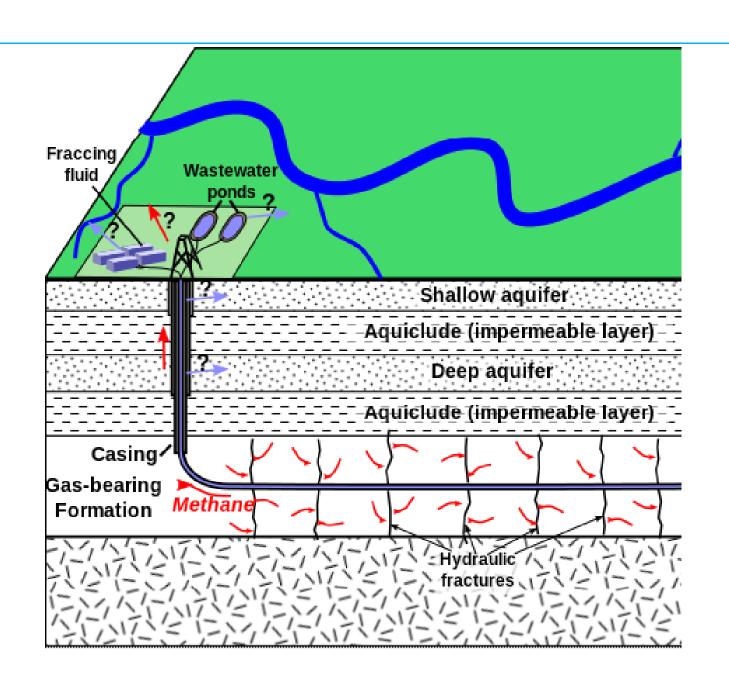


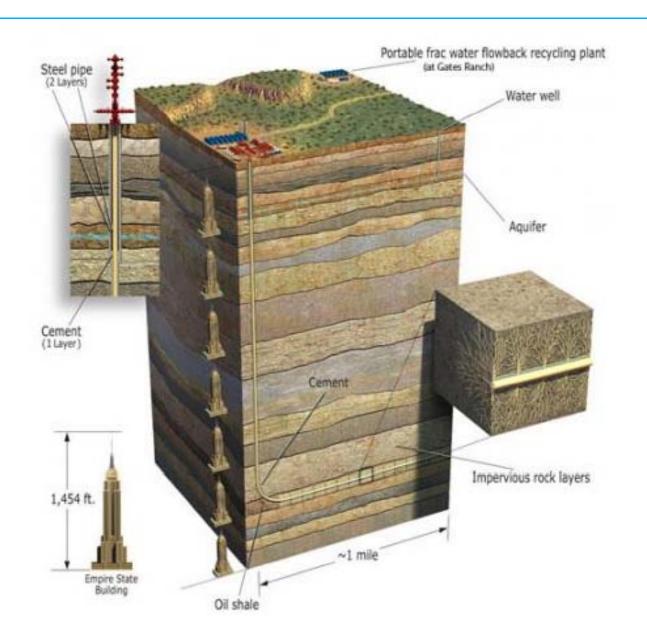
What is Hydraulic Fracturing

"..is a technique in which a mixture of mainly water mixed with sand (99.5% vol.) and chemicals (0.5% vol.) is injected at high pressure into a well to create small fractures (typically less than 1-2 mm), along which fluids such as gas and oil may migrate to the well."

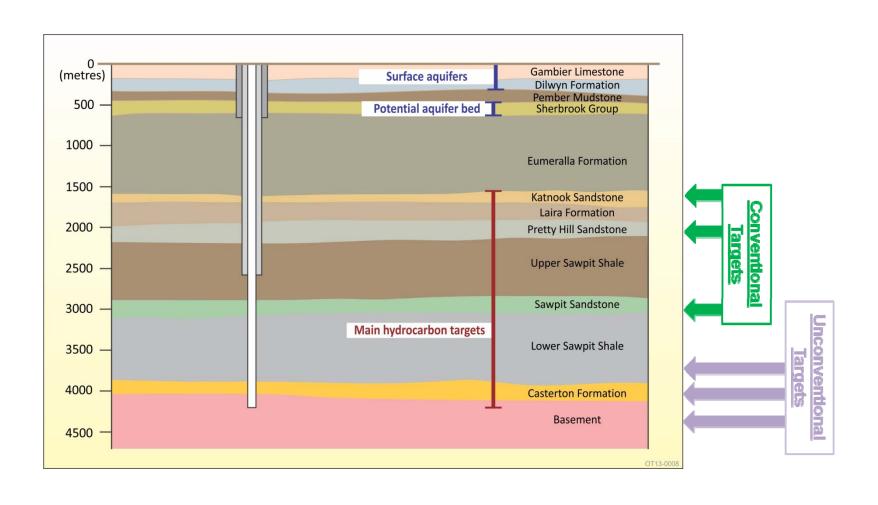
In SA Cooper Basin over 700 wells (circa 1400 stages) have been fracture stimulated







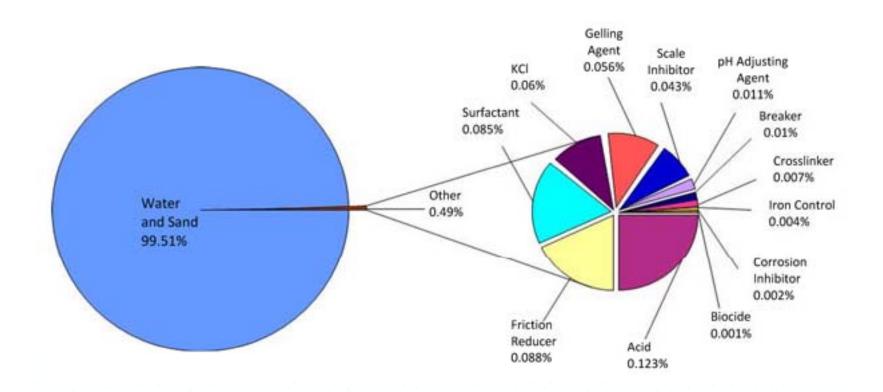
South East Source of Gas



Hydraulic Fracturing Animation







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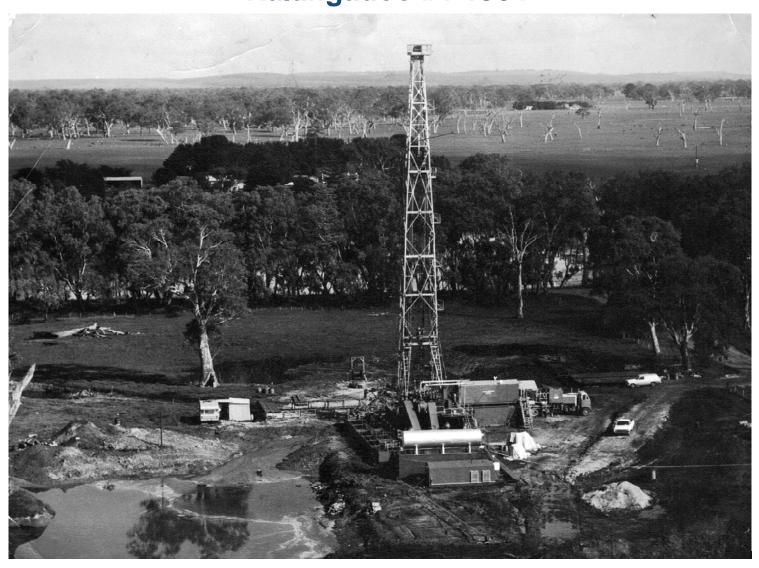
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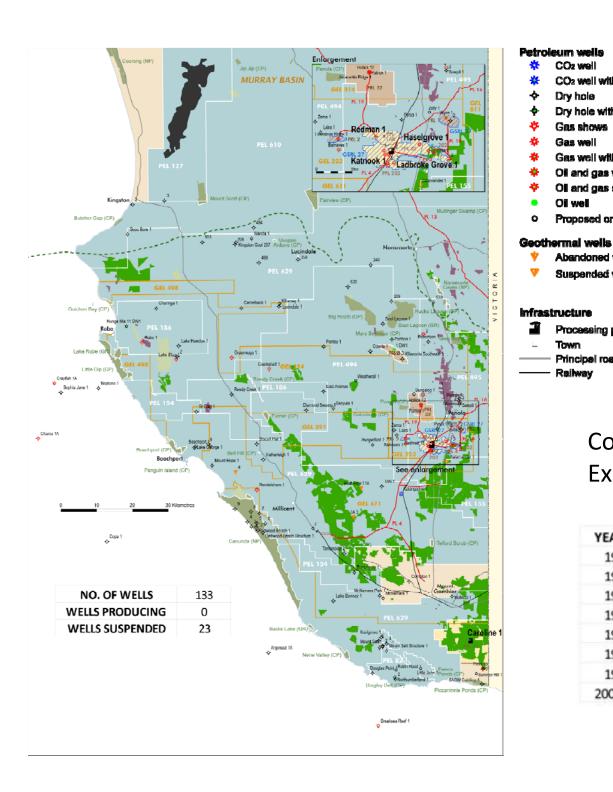
History of Gas Extraction in SE

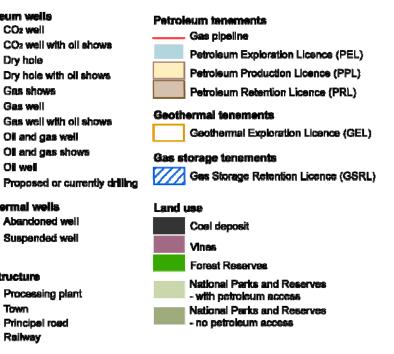


Otway Basin

Kalangadoo #1 1964







Conventional Oil and Gas **Exploration Nothing New**

COz well

Dry hole

Gas shows

Gas well

CO2 well with all shows

Dry hole with oil shows

Gas well with oil shows

Oil and gas well OI and gas shows

Abandoned well

Suspended well

Processing plant

Principal road

Town

Railway

YEAR SPUDDED	NO. OF WELLS DRILLED
1910 to 1919	2
1920 to 1929	5
1930 to 1939	1
1960 to 1969	28
1970 to 1979	12
1980 to 1989	20
1990 to 1999	37
2000 to present	12
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Key History Milestones

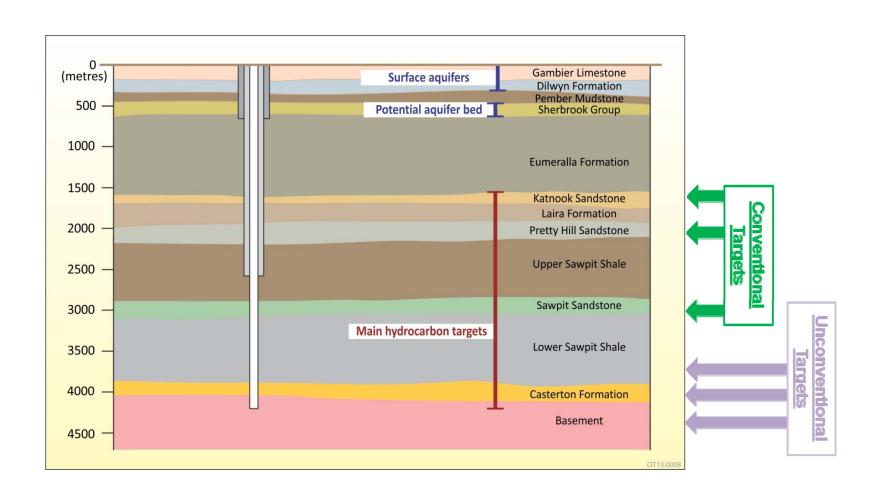
- Exploration commenced in 1866 in the South East with a well drilled near Salt Creek
- First flow at Kalangadoo-1 in 1965 and Caroline-1 in 1966 – both CO2
- First commercial flow of hydrocarbons in 1987 at Katnook-1
- Katnook Plant built and commissioned in 1991 – now mothballed
- Oil recovered from Sawpit-1 in 1992, flowed from Wynn-1 in 1994 – neither well commercial



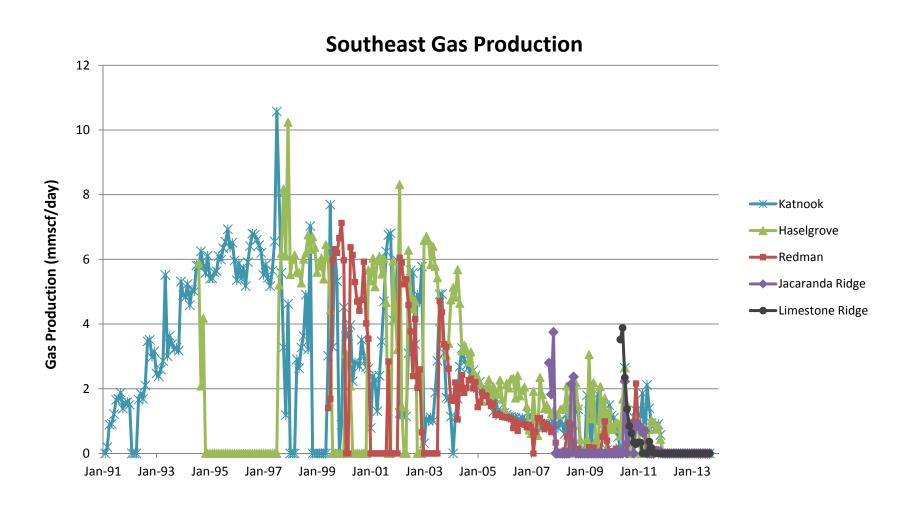
Gas Supply



Source of Gas



Historical Gas Production



Caroline#1 CO2 Production CO2 Production (tonnes/day)
100
80
40
20 Jan-68 Jan-72 Jan-76 Jan-80 Jan-84 Jan-92 Jan-96 Jan-00 Jan-04 Jan-08 Jan-12

120

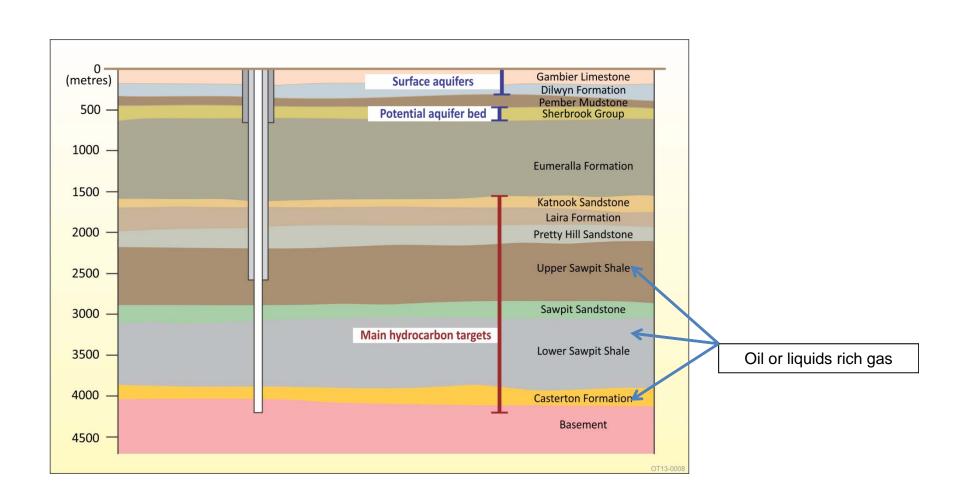
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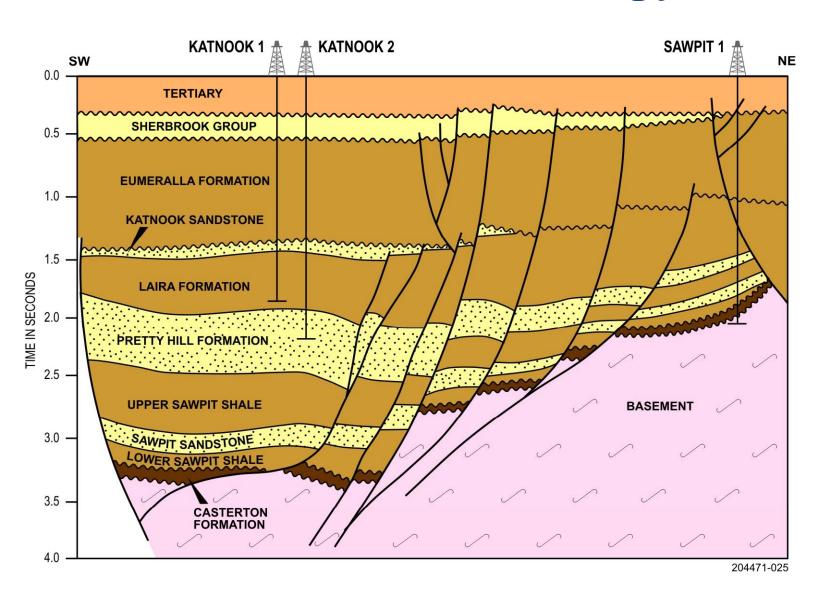
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0 Cumulative CO2 (kt)

Where to Next?







SPE 23009

Pressure-Transient Response in Compartmentalised Gas Reservoirs: A South Australian Field Example

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Abstract

The long-term, production tests of the Katnook gas field in the South-East of South Australia are analysed to enable a better understanding of the reservoir geometry.

The pressure-transient responses are interpreted to indicate a compartmentalised reservoir, comprising a series of high-permeability sand bodies in relatively poor communication. This is consistent with the geological model, which describes the stacked-channel reservoirs having been formed in a low-sinuousity, braided-stream palaeo-environment.

Estimates of channel width and reservoir

The initial discovery was made in the Windermere Sandstone of the basal Eumeralla Formation. The subsequent drilling of Katnook #2 and #3 discovered and confirmed that the major gas reserves are located in a faulted anticlinal structure of the Pretty Hill Sandstone, covering an area of about 4 km².

A drill stem test gas flow of 16.4 MMscfd (462,000 m³/d) on a half inch (12.7 mm) choke was measured during DST #12 in Katnook #2. This is a record for a well drilled onshore in South Australia.

Delivery of natural gas from Katnook to the industrial, commercial and domestic markets in the South-East of South Australia commenced in March 1991. Under the terms of the contract the producers will supply 22,5 PJ over a 15 year period.

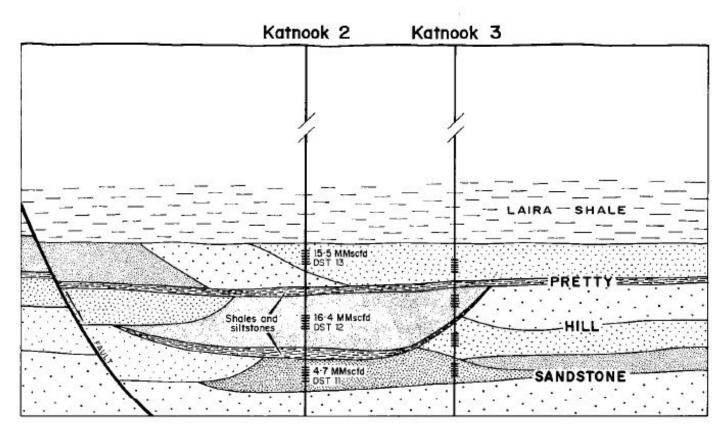


Fig. 2 Schematic section of the Katnook field (Pretty Hill Sandstone reservoir).

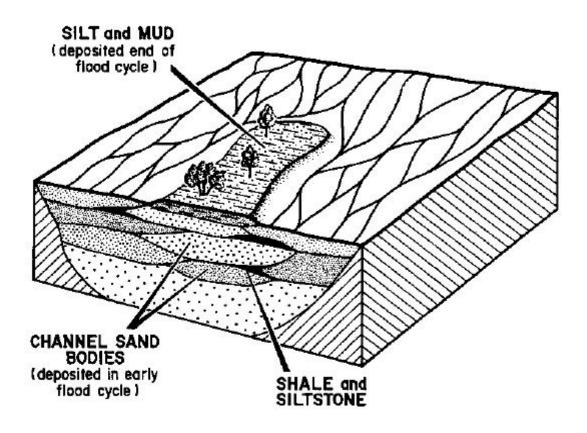


Fig. 3 Block diagram of channel sands in a braided fluvial environment (Scholle and Spearing').

Legislative Controls

VISION: <u>Deep</u> unconventional gas delivering decades of safe, secure and competitive gas

To reach this vision

- Must demonstrate: Potential risks to social, natural and economic environments are reduced to as low as reasonably practical (ALARP); and meet community expectations;
- Stakeholders get timely information describing risks to enable informed opinions/decisions

Regulatory Objectives/Conditions



Avoid:

- Contamination of aquifers
- Adversely impacting other land users and uses
- Contamination of soil
- Disturbance of heritage sites
- Adversely impacting vegetation
- etc

Aim of regulatory processes is to have licensees demonstrate that they can and are achieving these objectives

Regulatory Framework



In South Australia

Petroleum Exploration and Production Activities regulated under:

- Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (PGE Act);
- Environment Protection Act 1993;
- Natural Resources Management Act 2004;
- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972;
- Aboriginal Heritage Act, 1988;
- Development Act, 1993;
- Work Health and Safety Act 2012;
- Public and Environmental Health (Waste Control) Regulations 2010;
- EPBC Act 1999

Interaction between PGE Act and other South Australian Acts administered through Administrative Arrangements with respective agencies

Petroleum and Geothermal Act 2000

PGE Act defines the *environment* as:

- land, air, water, soil;
- plants & animals;
- social, cultural & heritage features;
- visual amenity;
- economic & other land uses.

Statements of Environmental Objectives (SEO)

- Regulated Activities cannot be carried out unless there is an approved SEO in place.
- SEO's set approval conditions for regulated activities e.g. seismic, well operations, production, processing, pipelines, gas storage, etc.
- Activity notifications licensee demonstrates how it will achieve SEO before approval granted

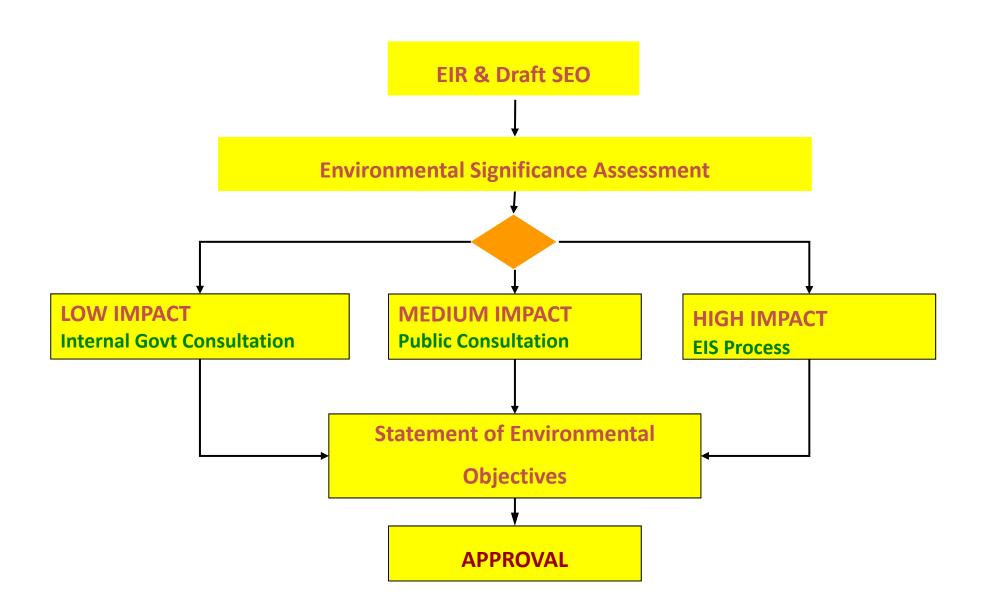
Approval Process

PGE Act Approval Processes



Two approval stages – Petroleum & Geothermal Act:

- 1. Licence approvals
 - Exploration, Retention
 - Production, Gas Storage, Pipeline, Special Facility Licences
- 2. Activity approvals
 - SEO Approval Process
 - what they must achieve
 - Activity Notification Process
 - demonstrate how they will achieve



Significance Criteria

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PREDICTABILITY

Level of confidence that for each impact and consequence these issues have been addressed:

- Size
- Scope
- Duration
- Likelihood/Frequency
- Stakeholder Concerns

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Extent to which consequences can be managed:

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- Disturbance to heritage sites
- Adverse impacts on vegetation
- etc

Breaching these objectives is a PGE Act offence

Notices of Entry (NoEs)

- Owners of land means all persons and enterprises potentially directly affected by regulated activities,
- NoEs must provide timely information to enable potentially affected people and enterprises to reach informed views regarding impacts on their interests.
- Owners of land must be given NoEs at least 21 days in advance of the start of any activities – and have 14 days to lodge objections
- All potentially directly affected people and enterprises have rights to object to the approval of land access for regulated activities, and all such objections are a showstopper until objections are resolved.

Notices of Entry (NoEs)

- These Owner of Land rights are sustained without support for vexatious objections.
- Owners of land are due compensation from relevant PGE Act licence holders for reasonable costs of assessing NoEs (including the cost of legal advice) and for any loss or deprivation that might result from activities regulated pursuant to the PGE Act.
- The dispute resolution process for objections to NoEs
 - starts with engagement between the concerned stakeholder and the relevant PGE Act Licence holder;
 - can escalate to mediation stewarded by the Minister; but
 - court proceedings are the ultimate dispute resolution process.

Best Practice Regulatory Principles

Delivering Regulatory Best Practice through 6 Principles:

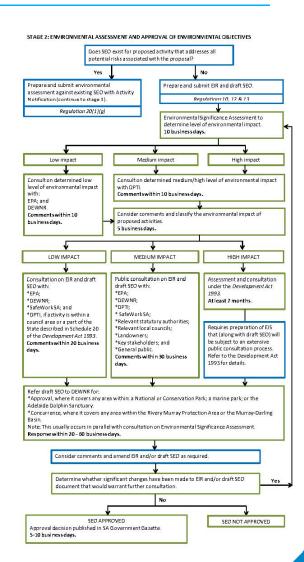
- 1) Certainty
- 2) Openness
- 3) Transparency

- 4) Practicality
- 5) Flexibility
- 6) Efficiency



Openness

 Inclusive stakeholder consultation in establishing regulatory objectives, broad community engagement on addressing potential environmental, economic and social/cultural impacts.



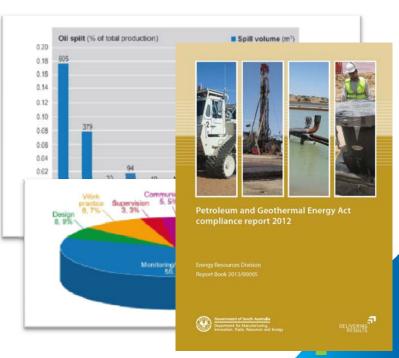
Transparency

Public Access to regulatory decision making.

- Criteria for classifying the level of Environmental Impact
- All Environmental Impact Reports, assessments and Statements of Environmental Objectives (Approval Conditions) are online

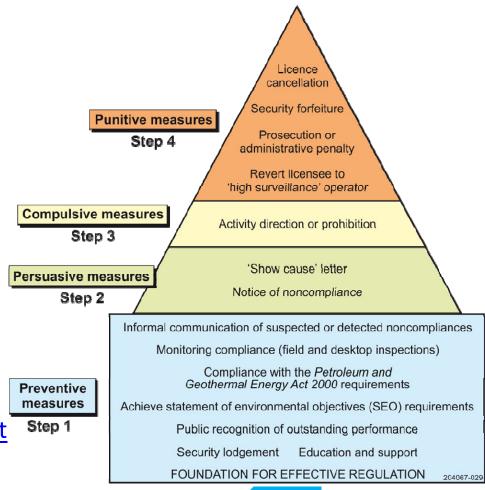
Community access to industry performance information:

- environmental performance
- regulatory enforcement actions
- surveillance activity information
- <u>Licensee Annual Compliance Reports</u>
- PGE Act compliance policy
- PGE Act Annual Compliance report



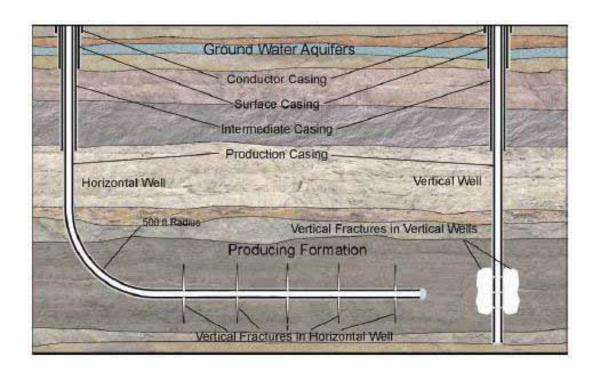
Appropriate range of regulatory enforcement tools to elicit compliant behaviour.

- PGE Act compliance policy
- PGE Act Annual Compliance report



Part 2 What are the risks?

How do we identify and manage the risks?



Beach Energy Shale Gas Fraccing - EIR

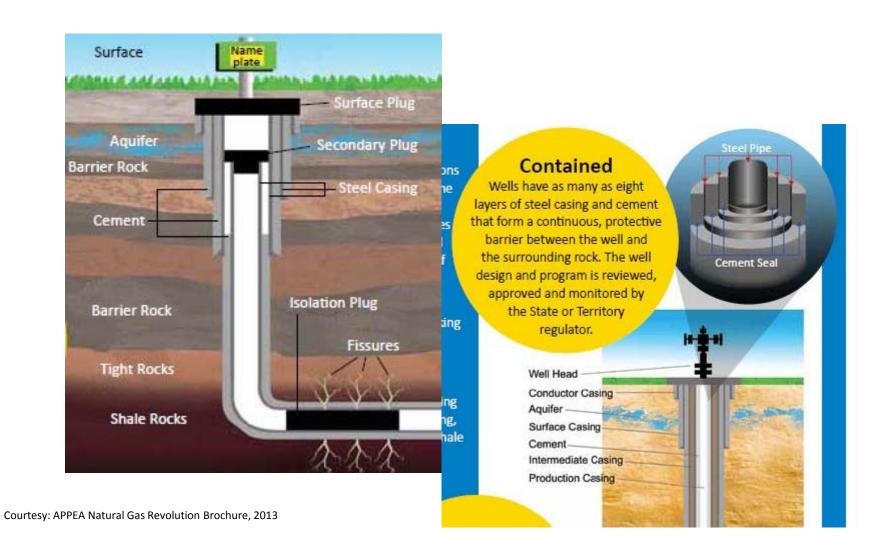
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Best Practice Industry Standards

http://www.shalegas.energy.gov/resources/HF1.pdf

Hydraulic Fracturing Operations— Well Construction and Integrity Guidelines

API GUIDANCE DOCUMENT HF1 FIRST EDITION, OCTOBER 2009



Recommended Well Construction Practice

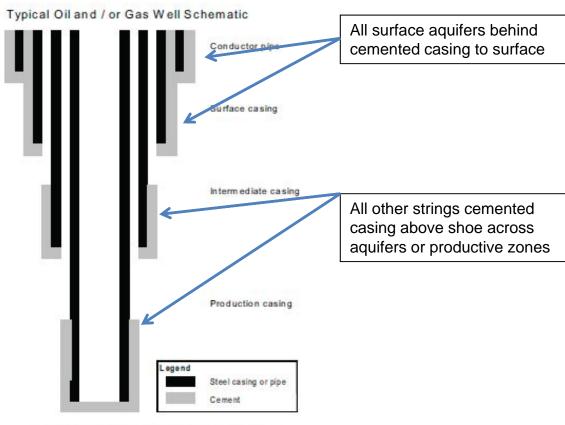
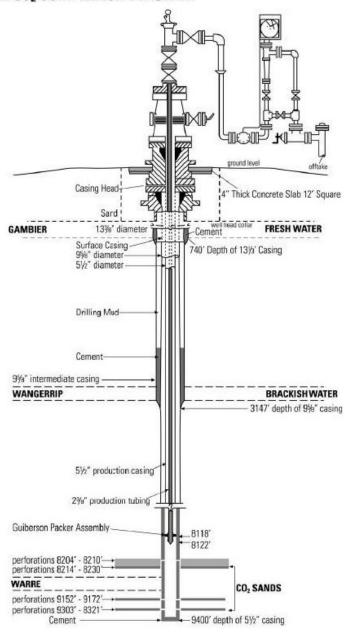


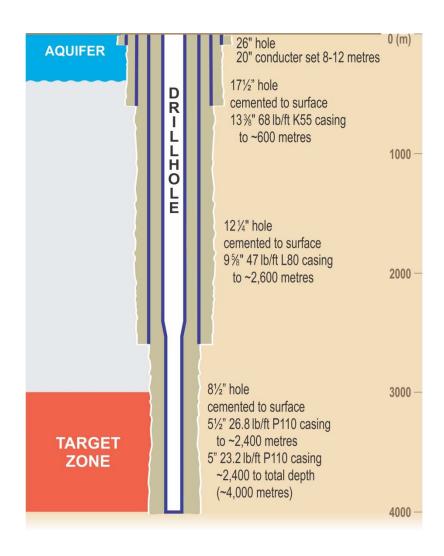
Figure 1—Typical Well Schematic

CAROLINE CO₂ COMPLETION DIAGRAM



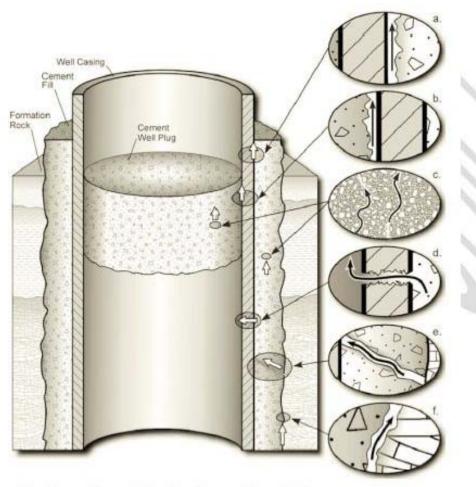
Approved Practice for All future Wells

- Well will be drilled through the surface sediments into the Eumeralla Formation and casing run so that the surface aquifers are not in communication with the well bore
- All casing strings will be cemented to surface
- Beyond recommended practice



What are the risks

Casing and cement integrity



Not acceptable or tolerable...

BRIEF OF EVIDENCE

Investigation into the circumstances surrounding the Uncontrolled Release of Oil and Gas from the Montara Wellhead Platform

MONTARA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

located in the Timor Sea approximately 250 km north-west of the Western Australian coast, almost 700 km from Darwin in the offshore area of the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands



Owned and Operated

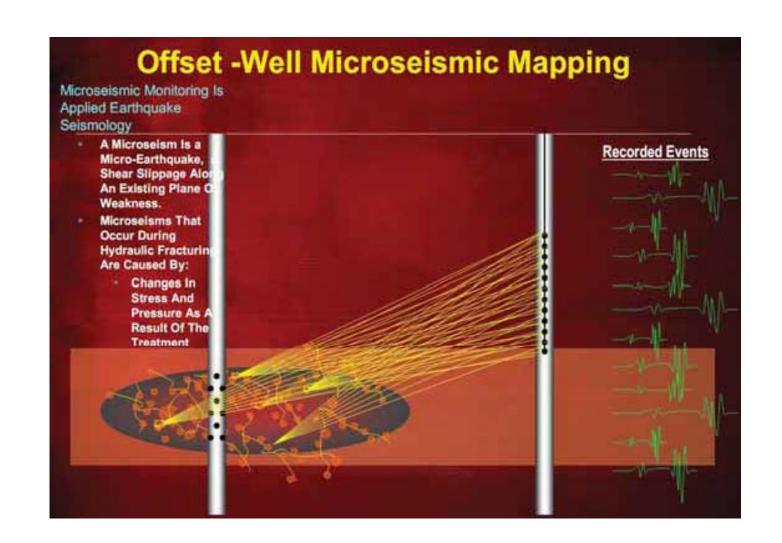
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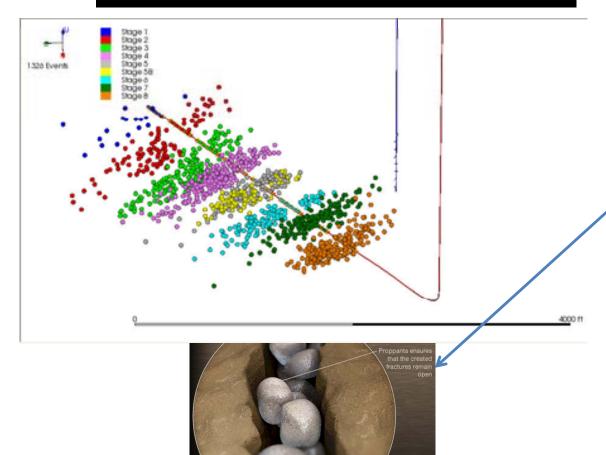
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Specialised extraction Technology

Stimulated rock volume in horizontal well (from microseismic monitoring)

Coloured dots indicate fracture events related to hydraulic stimulation of each perforated stage



Fracture half length and complexity is controlled by:

- Frac fluid viscosity (gel vs "slickwater")
- Pump rate
- Pump pressure
- Proppant "mesh" size
- In situ stresses
- Existing natural fractures
- Natural frac barriers (ductile rocks that don't break easily)
- Rock brittleness

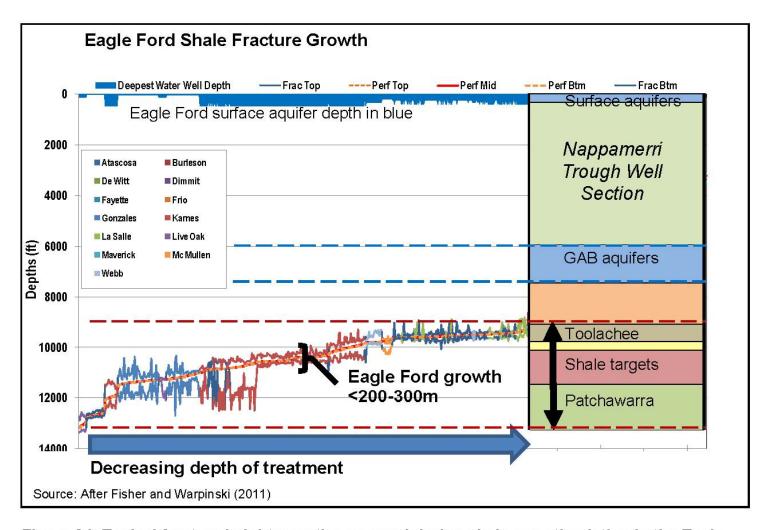
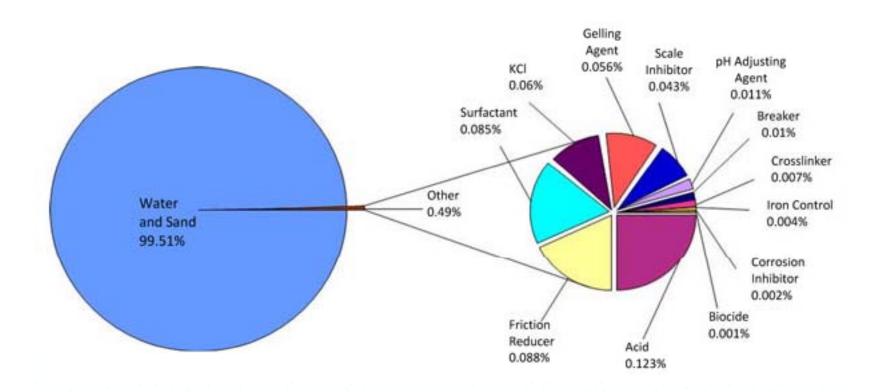


Figure 24: Typical fracture height growth measured during shale gas stimulation in the Eagle Ford (USA) with Nappamerri Trough well section superimposed

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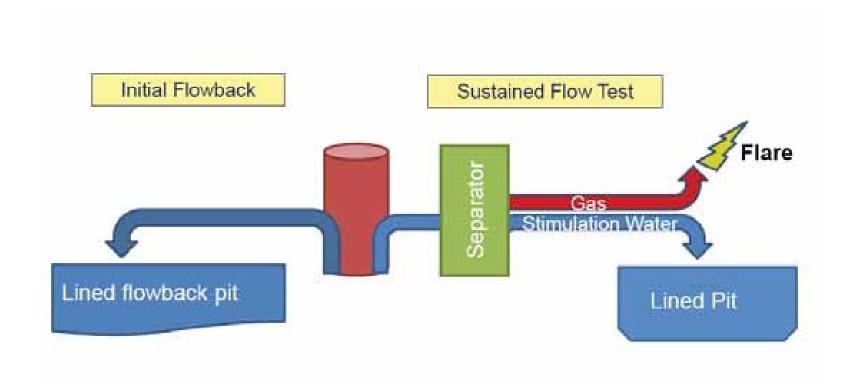
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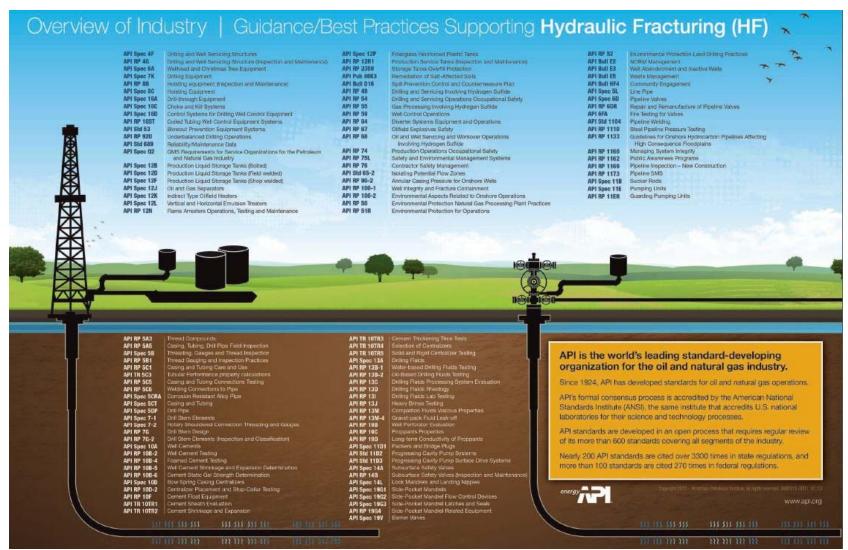
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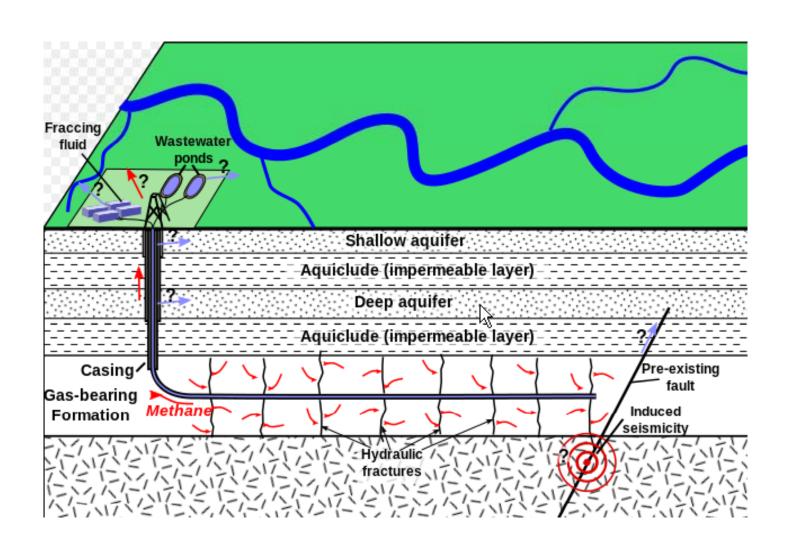
Green Completion Its all about Containment



Well and Fraccing Operation Standards



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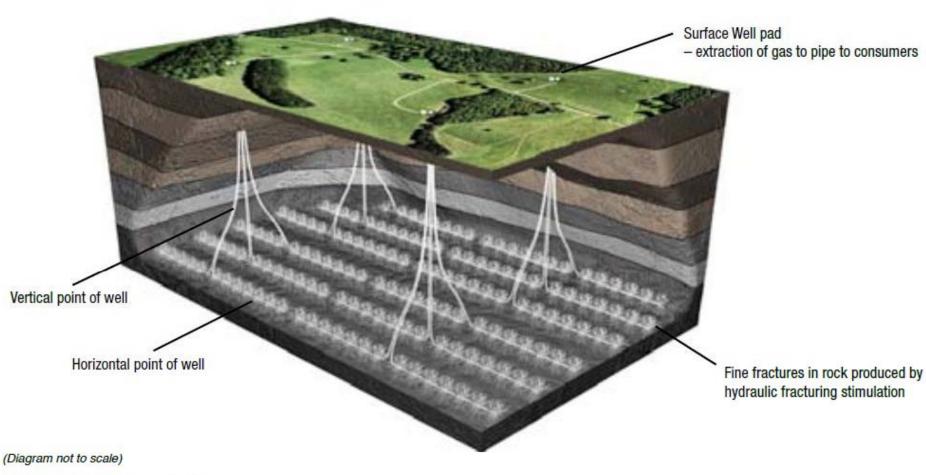
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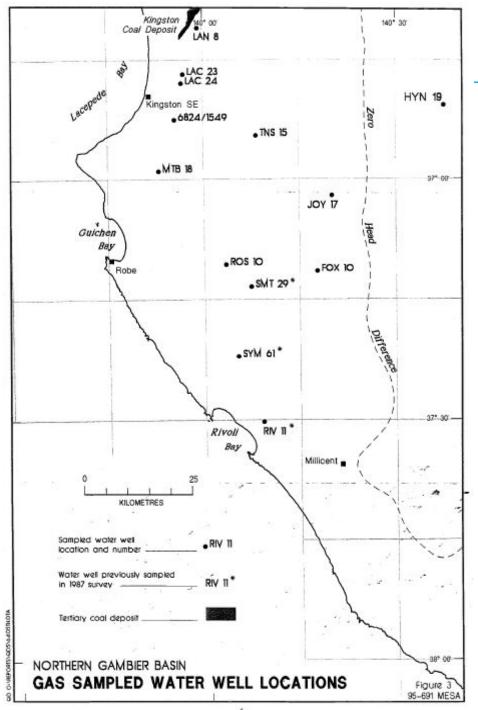
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Head Space Gas Sampling

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Table 1: Compositional analysis of water bores sampled in 1987 survey.

Sample	RIV 11 sample 1	SYM 61 sample 1	SMT 29 sample 2	SMT 29 sample 1
$N_2 + O_2$	92.67	99.39	94.51	98.92
CO_2	0.96	0.32	3.12	0.39
CH ₄	5.39	0.29	0.00	0.00
C_2H_6	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.02
C_3H_8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C ₄₊	0.68	0.00	2.37	0.00
Total	100	100	100	100

Table 2. Headspace gas volumes, 1993 survey.

Sample	Volume (mL)
JOY-17-1	100
JOY-17-2A	800
SMT-29-1	50
SMT-29-2	450
SMT-29-1A	950
6824-1549-1	100
6824-1549-2	1100
FOX-10-2	1150
SYM-61-1	400
MTB-18-1	1000

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Table 3: Bulk composition, water bore gases

Components	JOY-17-1	JOY-17- 2A	SMT25- 1	SMT29-2	SMT29- 1A	6824- 1549-1	6824- 1549-2	FOX10- 2	SYM61-1	MTB18- 1
N ₂ (mol %)	52.3	50.9	47.2	46.2	48.3	7.74	10.2	35.1	72.5	95.5
O ₂ +Ar (mol %)	4.79	1.03	2.46	2.87	1.17	0.42	0.50	0.80	1.38	1.45
CO ₂ (mol %)	0.18	1.86	0.05	0.15	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.56	2.90
C ₁ (mol %)	42.7	46.2	50.3	50.8	50.4	91.8	90.2	64.0	25.6	0.16
C ₂ (µL/L)	<30	<30	<30	<30	<30	<30	<30	<30	<30	3
C ₃ (µL/L)	<1	1	1	<1	1	4	1	<1	<1	<1
C ₄ (µL/L)	<1	1	1	<1	2	4	6	2	1	2
C ₅ (μL/L)	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	5	5	2	3	1
C ₆ (μL/L)	<1	60	30	2	4	11	20	4	15	10

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Table 4. Stable Carbon isotope analyses, δ^{13} C/ $_{\infty}$ PDB

Sample	Methane δ ¹³ C	Carbon Dioxide δ ¹³ C
JOY-17-2A	-77.7	-20.2
SMT-29-1A	-72.4	_
6824-1549-2	-52.4	_
FOX-10-2	-64.1	
SYM-61-1	-99.8	
MTB-18-1	-63.3	-18.6

Carbon Isotope Thresholds

- < -60 Biogenic Source
- > -60 Thermogenic Source

Salamander #1 Geothermal Well

