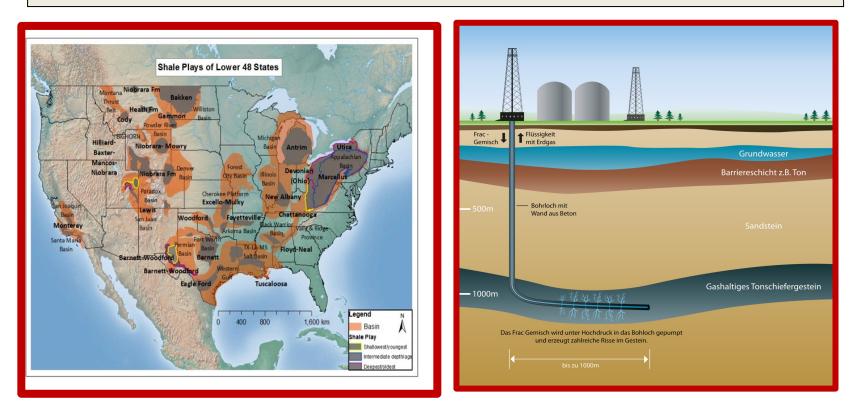
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A WHOLE LOT OF FRACKING GOING ON

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GEOLOGY IN THE NEWS

Could the Recent California Earthquakes Set Off the San Andreas Fault?



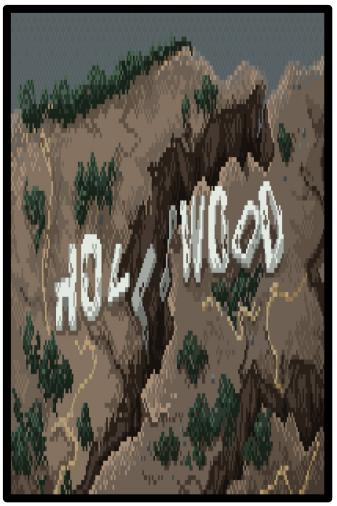
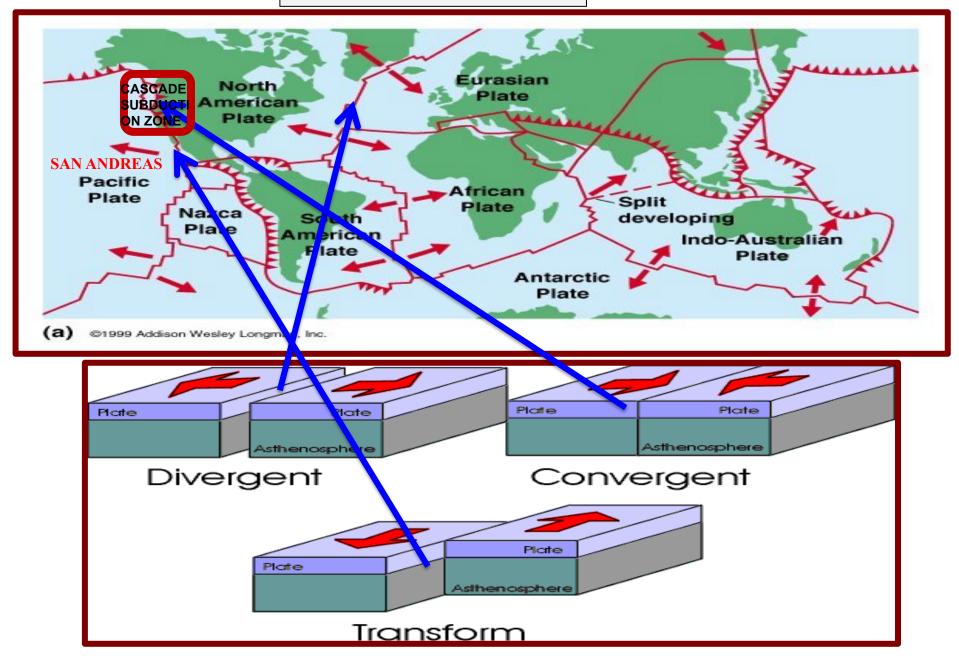
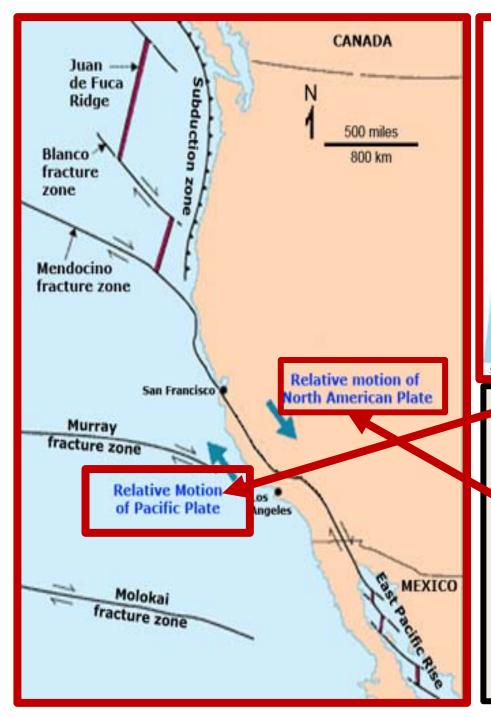


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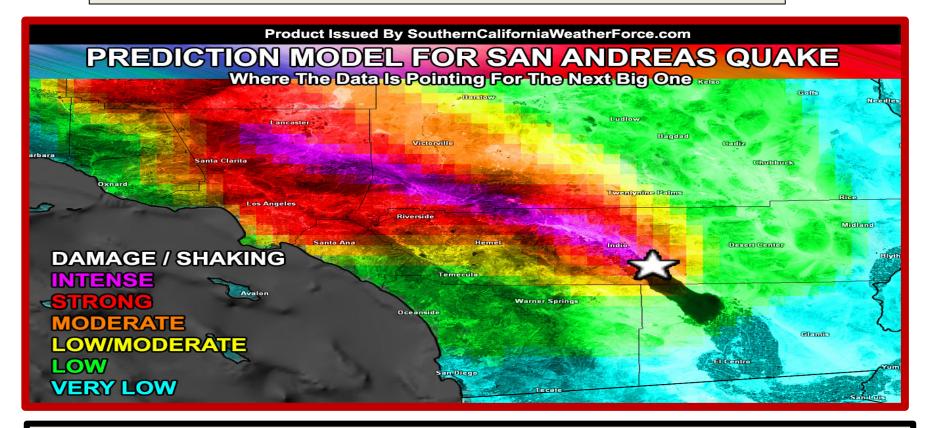




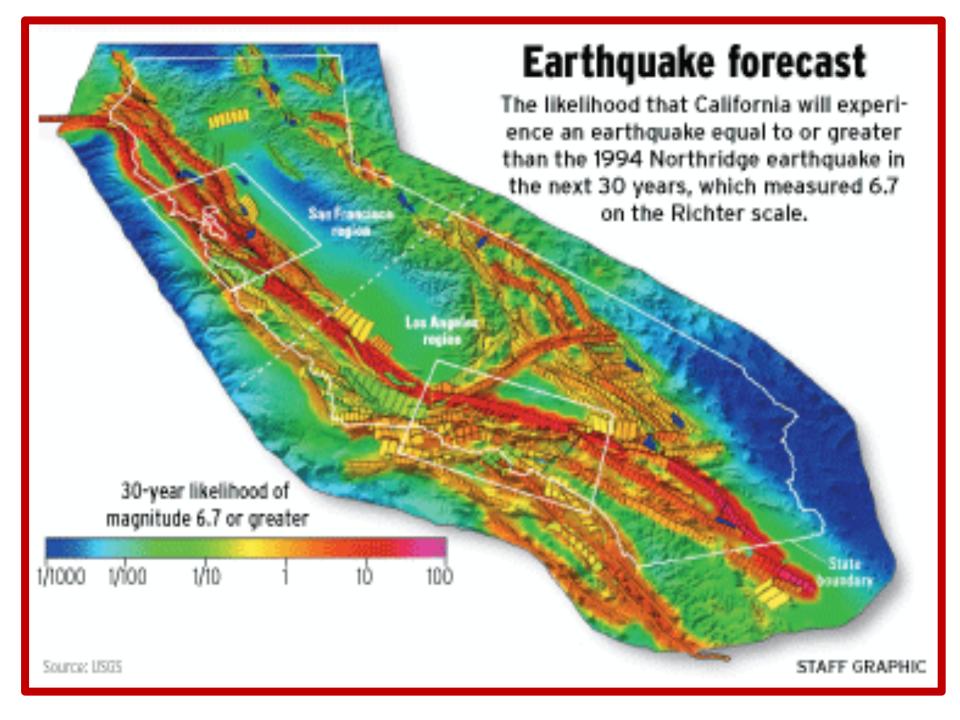


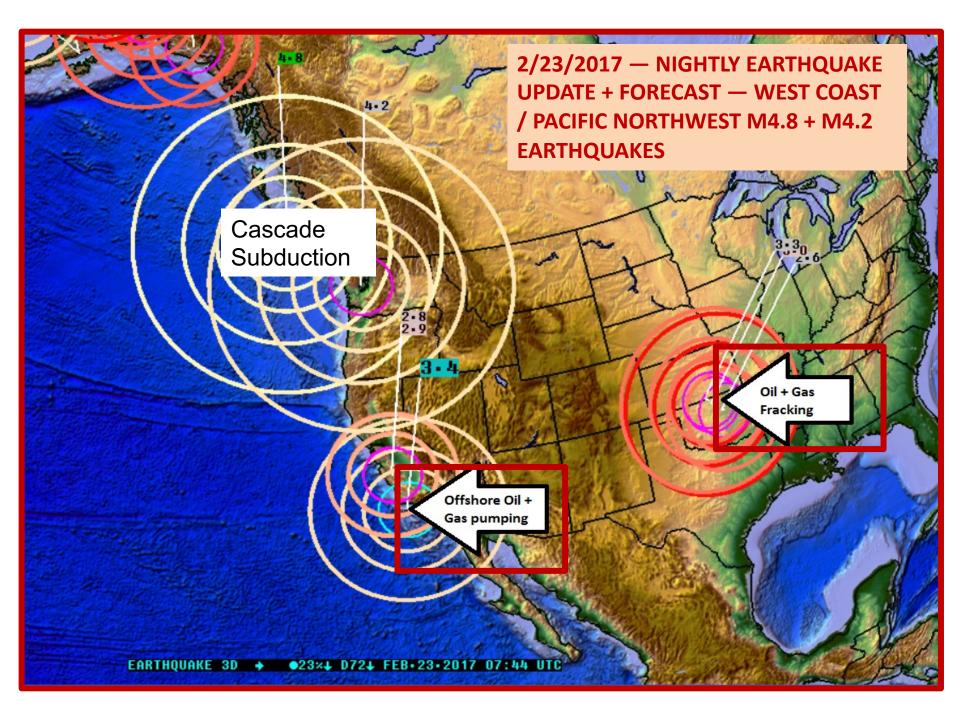
The Pacific Plate is moving to the northwest at a speed of between 3 to 4 inches a year.
 The North American plate is moving to the west-southwest at approximately 1 inch per year driven by the spreading center that created the Atlantic Ocean, the Mid Atlantic Ridge

70% Chance Seismic Activity Along San Andreas Fault Could Trigger Devastating Quake by 2030

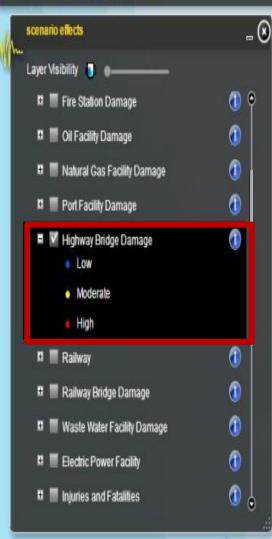


- ☐ The last major quake to occur along the San Andreas fault zone was in 1906, when a <u>7.9-magnitude earthquake and subsequent fire</u> leveled parts of San Francisco and killed 3,000 people, the deadliest in US history.
- But going more than 100 years without major seismic activity along the fault zone is an anomaly, geologists say, and could portend a massive earthquake along the infamous fault.



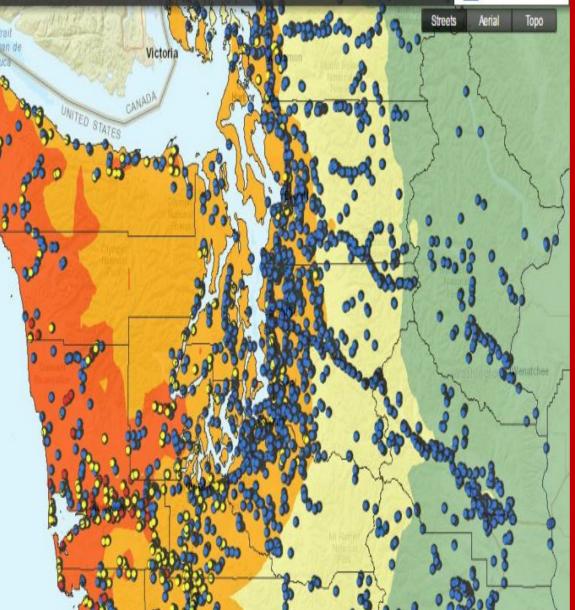


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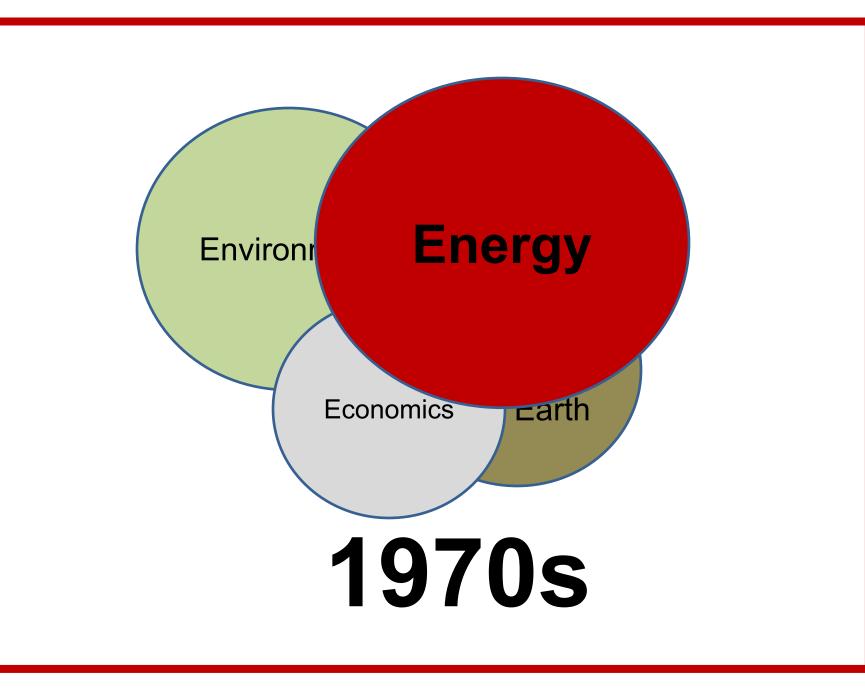
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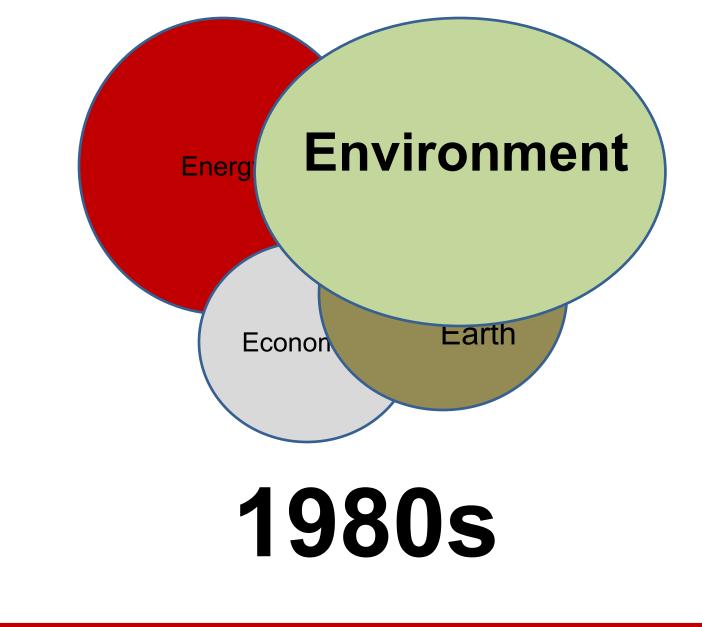
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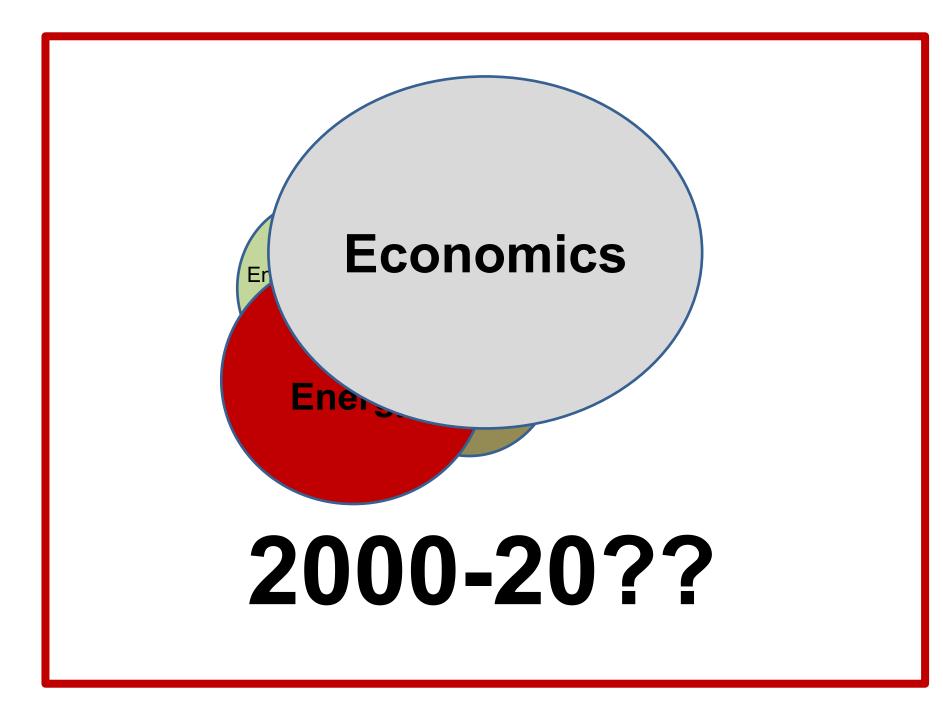


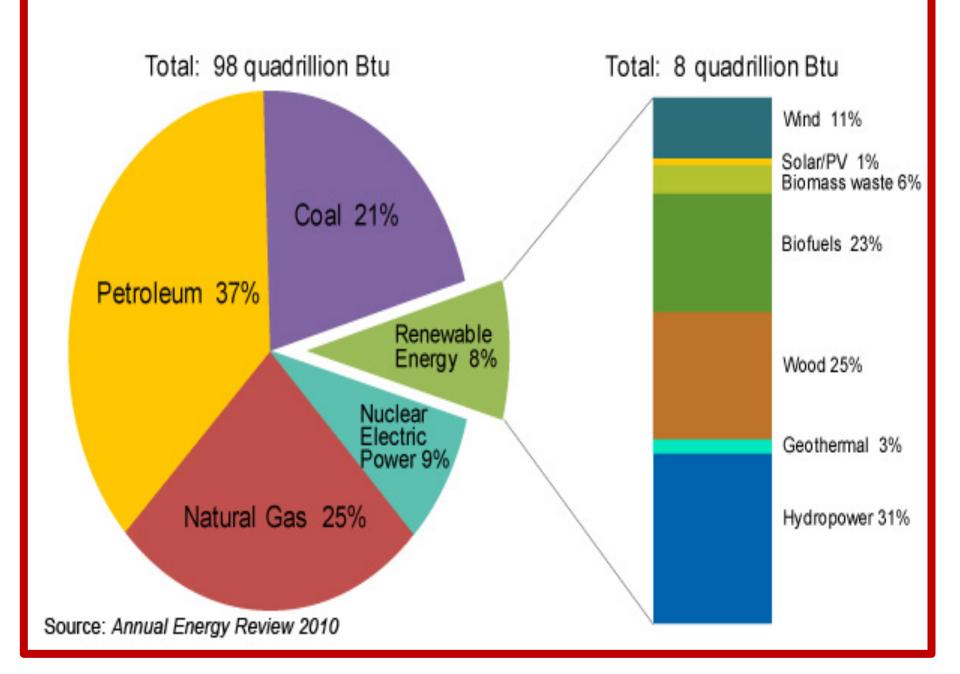
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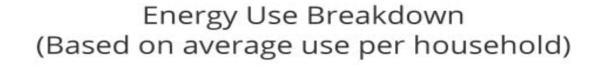
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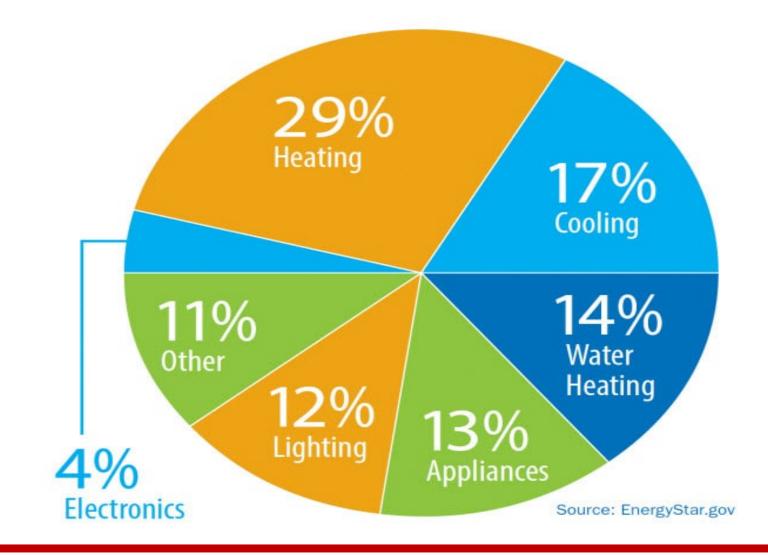


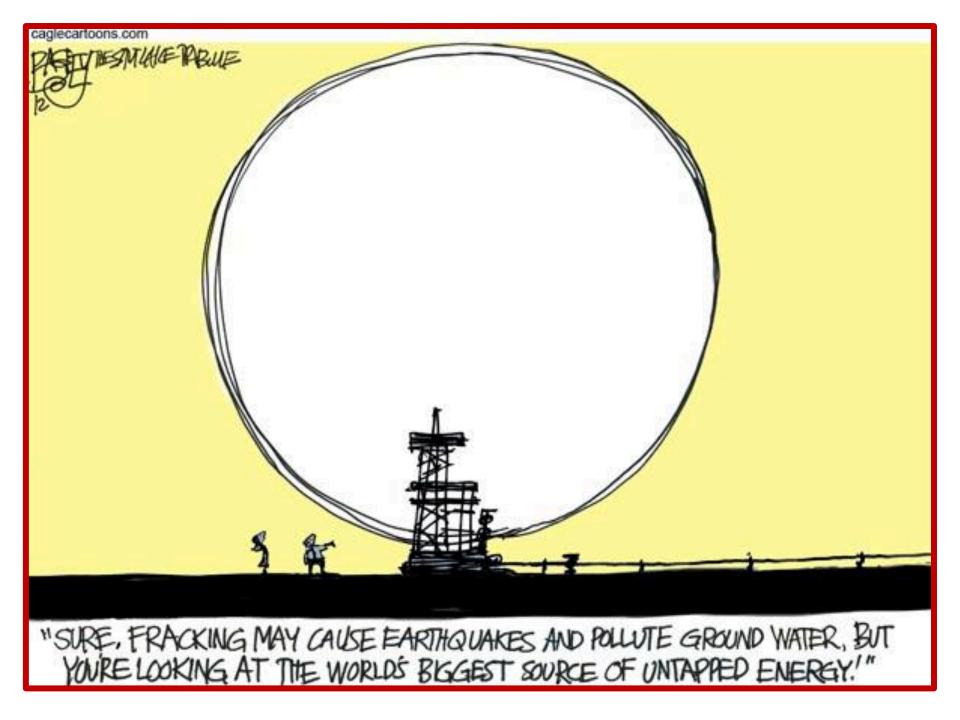








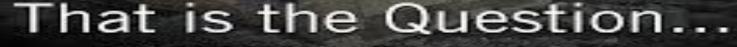








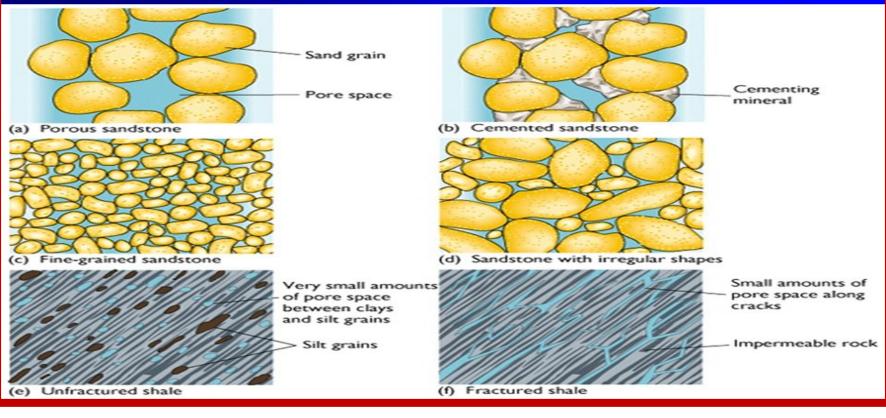
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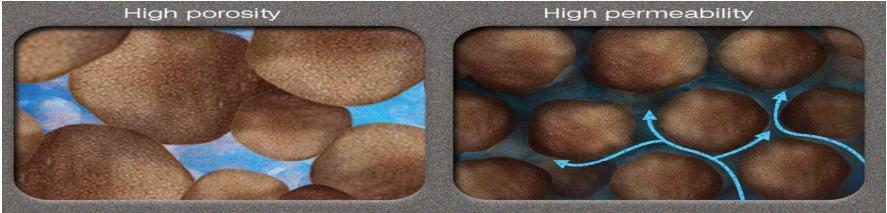


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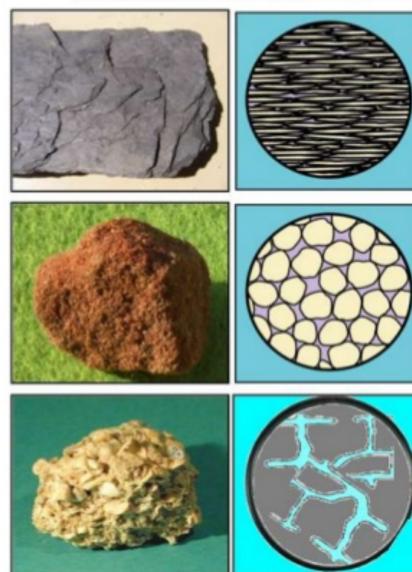
Fundamentals of Petroleum Geology

Porosity and Permeability





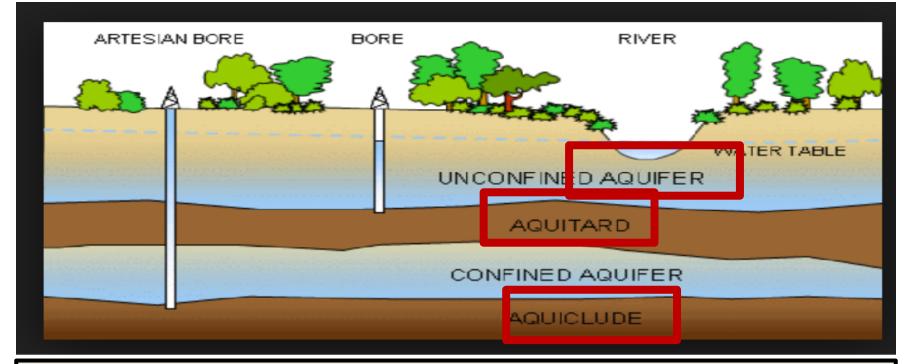
Oil and Gas are typically found in SEDIMENTARY ROCKS.



<u>SHALE</u>: has 'platy' particles, like decks of cards. There is *some porosity* but very *little permeability*. Until recently shales were considered to be source rocks. Many shales are now considered as "unconventional reservoirs" and require fracturing (or 'fraccing') to induce oil and gas to flow.

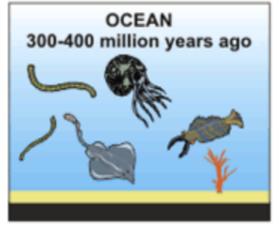
<u>SANDSTONE</u>: has 'spherical' particles and typically has *good porosity* and *good permeability*. The 'best' reservoirs are frequently sandstone reservoirs.

LIMESTONE: has irregular shaped particles like the shells that they are made of. The porosity is typically 'vuggy' or irregular as are the connections between the pore spaces.

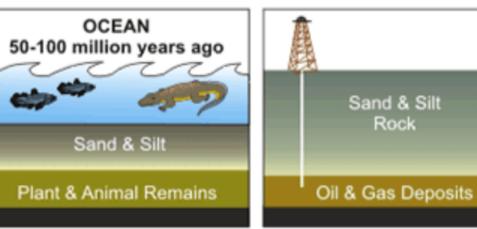


- **<u>Aquifers</u>** are underground layers of very porous water-bearing soil or sand.
- An <u>aquitard</u> is a zone within the Earth that restricts the flow of groundwater from one aquifer to another.
 - ✓ Aquitards comprise layers of either clay or non-porous rock with low hydraulic conductivity.
- □ A completely impermeable aquitard is called an <u>aquiclude</u> or aquifuge.

PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS FORMATION

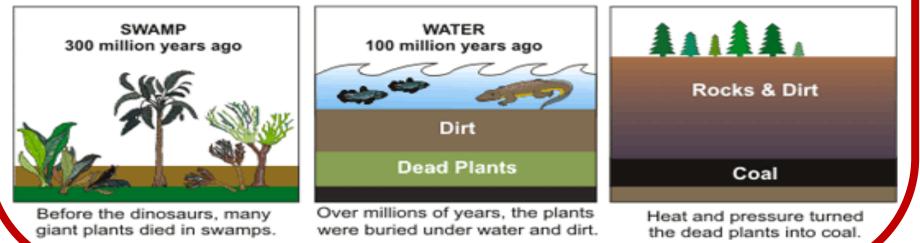


Tiny sea plants and animals died and were buried on the ocean floor. Over time, they were covered by layers of silt and sand.



Over millions of years, the remains were buried deeper and deeper. The enormous heat and pressure turned them into oil and gas. Today, we drill down through layers of sand, silt, and rock to reach the rock formations that contain oil and gas deposits.

HOW COAL WAS FORMED

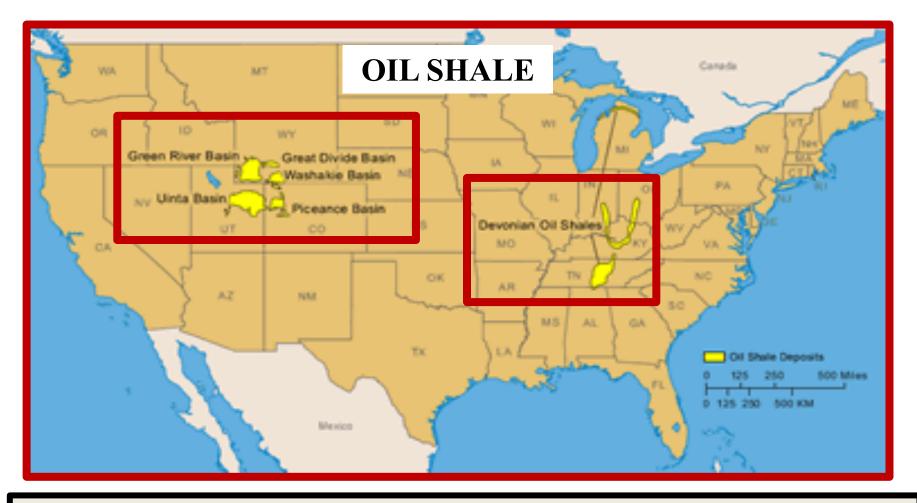


Oil Shale versus Shale Gas

Although **shale oil** doesn't technically have any oil in it, it does have the potential to produce it.

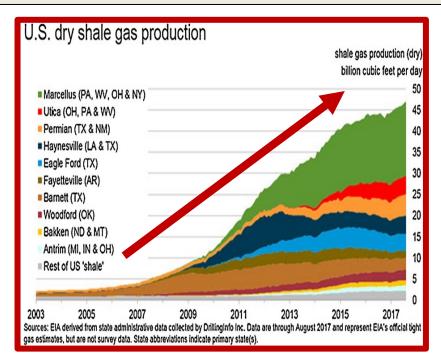


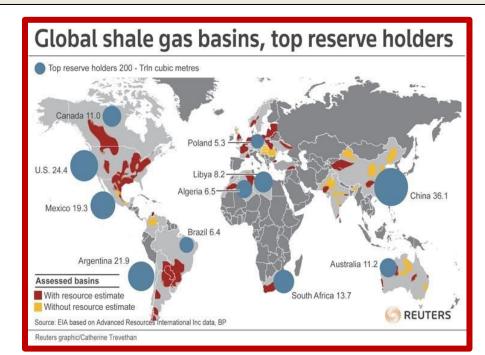
- Oil shale is essentially rock that contains solid bits of kerogen, a precursor to oil.
- All oil is from organic matter that is subjected to intense heat and pressure until it breaks down into hydrocarbons.
- □ With the kerogen in oil shale, there wasn't quite enough heat to finish the job but that, of course, can be fixed.
- Two methods have been developed to extract petroleum products from oil shale.
 - ✓ One is to mine it like the rock it is, and then heat it in the low-oxygen environment needed to turn the kerogen into oil and gas.
 - ✓ The other method is to heat the oil in situ, applying heat to the formation, and then pumping out the resulting oil.
- □ The major difference between these methods is that the first one requires more heat than the second.

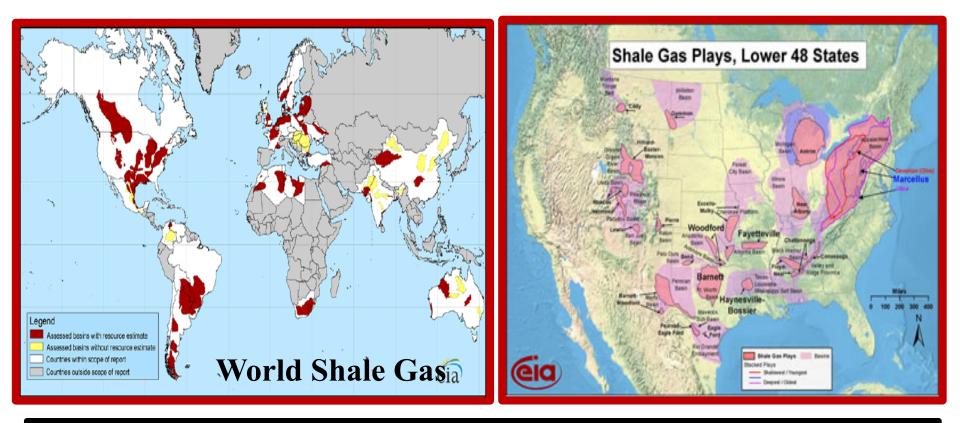


- United States: Areas underlain by the Green River Formation in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.
- Major areas of surface minable Devonian oil shale in the eastern United States.

- Basically, <u>it is natural gas primarily methane found in shale</u> <u>formations</u>, some of which were formed 300 to 400 million years ago.
- Some of the methane that formed from the organic matter buried with the sediments escaped into sandy rock layers adjacent to the shales, <u>forming conventional accumulations of natural gas</u> which are relatively easy to extract. This gas has been normally extracted for many years!
 - But some of it remained <u>locked</u> in the <u>tight, low permeability shale</u> layers, <u>becoming shale gas and requiring Fracking.</u>

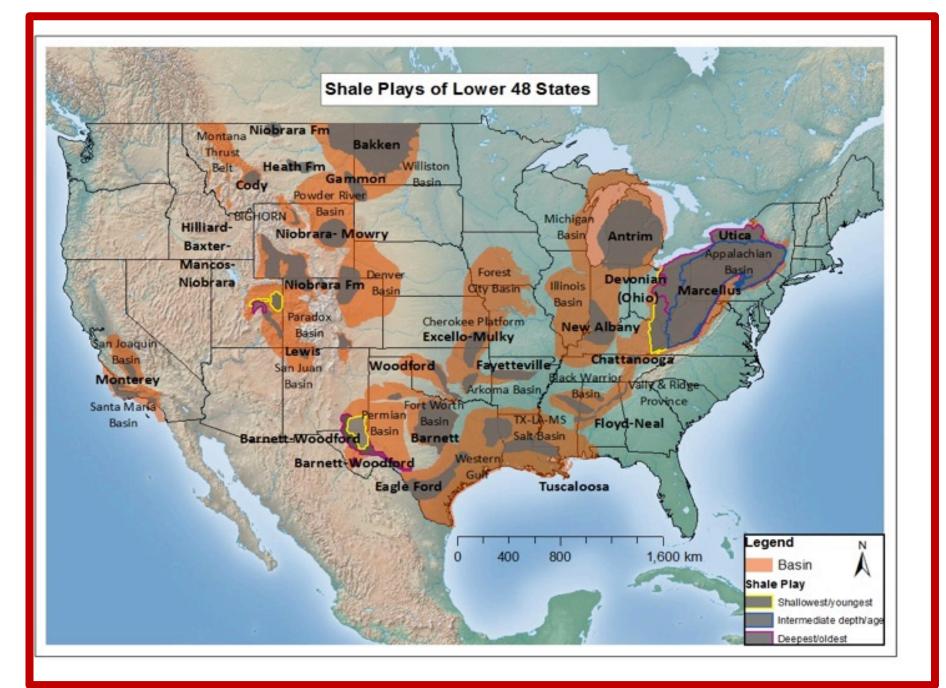




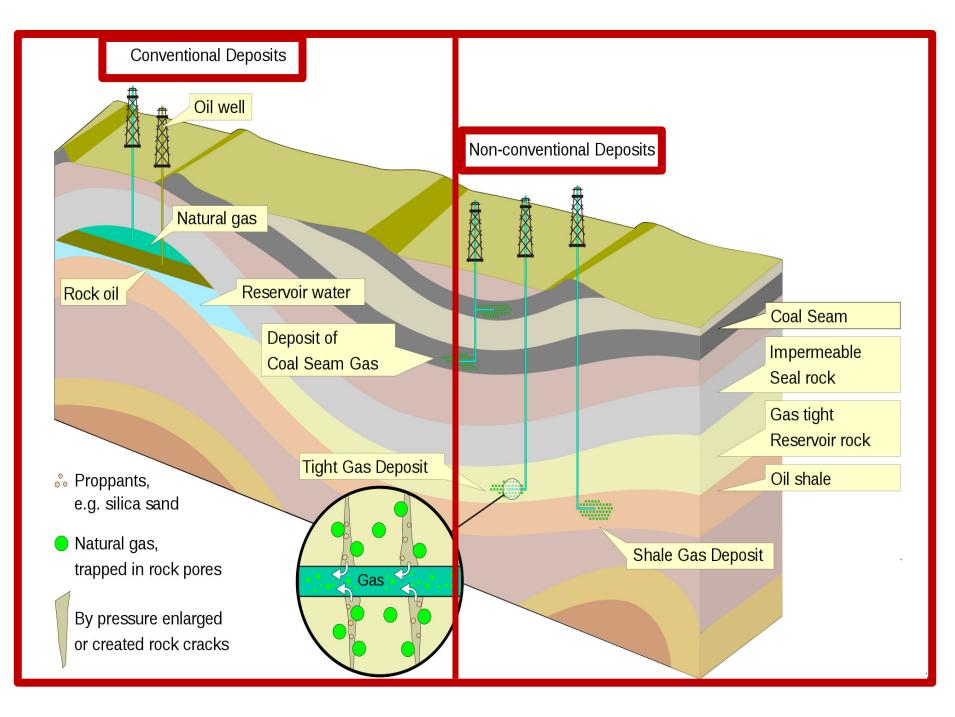


What Triggered the U.S. Shale Gas Revolution?

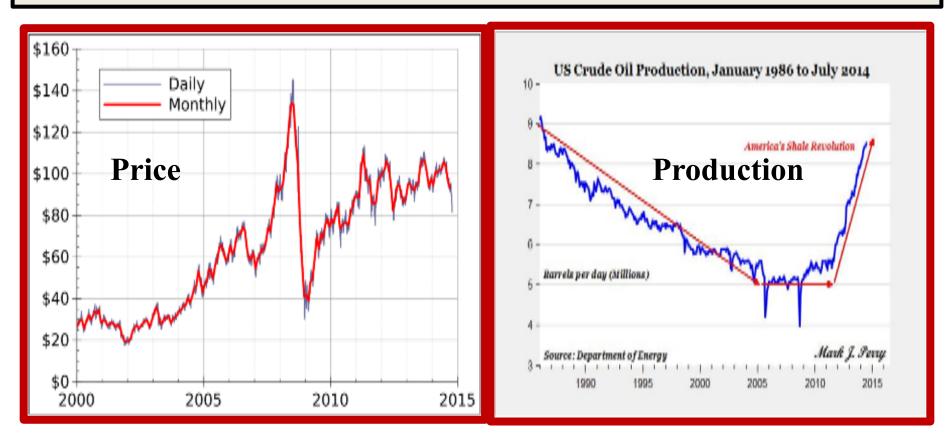
- □ The use of horizontal drilling in conjunction with hydraulic fracturing has greatly expanded the ability of producers to profitably produce natural gas from low-permeability geologic formations, particularly shale formations.
- Application of fracturing techniques to stimulate oil and gas production began to grow rapidly in the 1950s, although experimentation dates back to the 19th century.

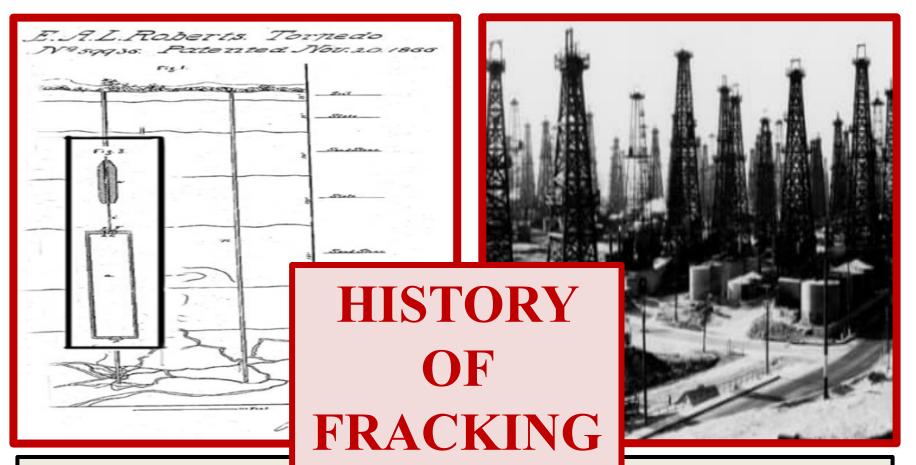






- Modern day fracking didn't begin until the 1990s when a new technique was created which took <u>hydraulic fracturing</u> and combined it with <u>horizontal</u> <u>drilling.</u>
- □ Hydraulic fracturing has been around for 100+ years..
- Why did this shale oil production boom occur so long after the technology was created?
- **These two charts will help explain why.**

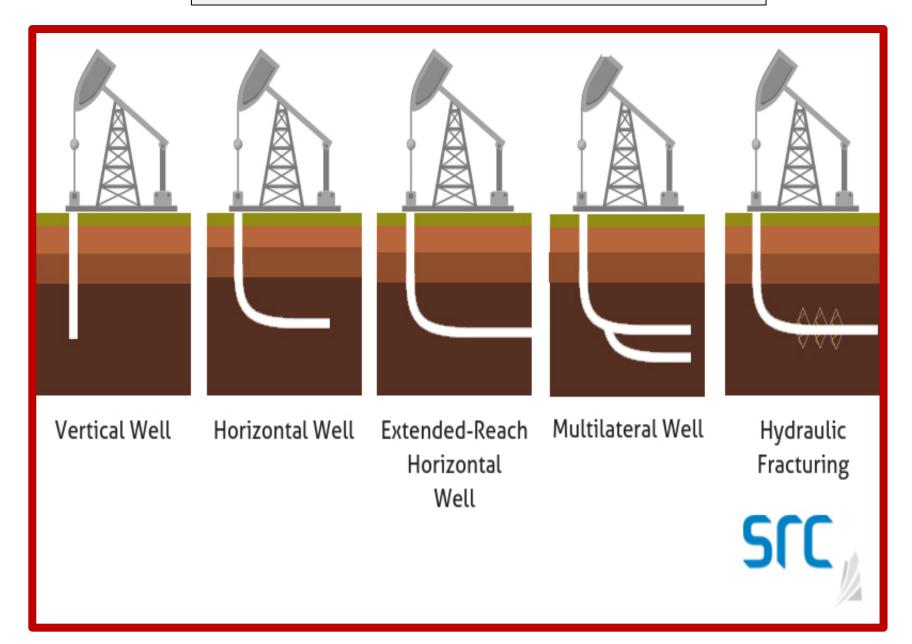


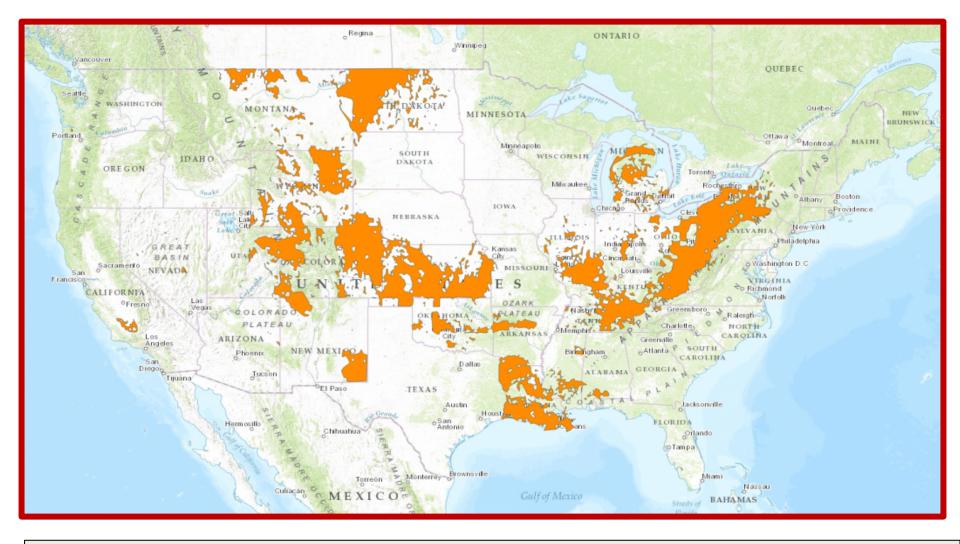


- In November of 1866, Edward Roberts was awarded patient number 59,936, known as the "Exploding Torpedo."
- □ Modern day fracking didn't begin until the 1990s.

This originated when George P. Mitchell created a new technique, which took hydraulic fracturing, and combined it with horizontal drilling.

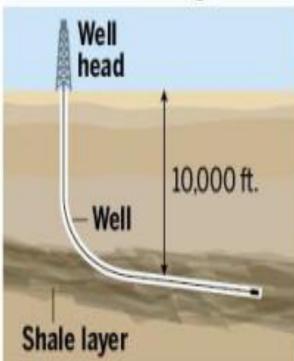
History of horizontal directional drilling





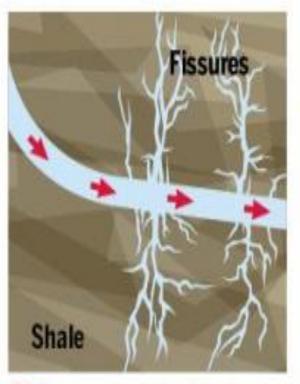
- Areas where America's 1.1 million oil and gas wells, both conventional and hydraulically fractured, are found are highlighted in orange.
- **Texas, where many of the wells are concentrated, is excluded because** *FracTracker was unable to publish data from the state.*

How fracking works

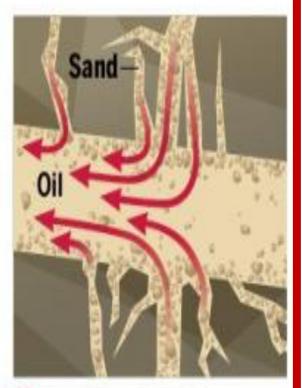


 Wells are bored using directional drilling, a method that allows drilling in vertical and horizontal directions to depths of over 10,000 feet.

Sources: USC, Los AngelesTimes



2 Large amounts of water, sand and chemicals are injected into the well at high pressure, causing fissures in the shale.

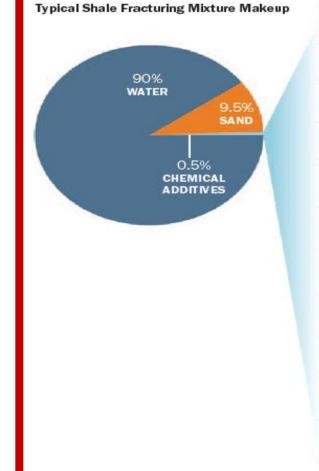


3 Sand flows into the fissures, keeping them open so that the oil from the shale can flow up and out of the well.

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Many fracking chemicals are protected from disclosure under trade secret exemptions.

□ For each frack, 80-300 tons of chemicals may be used, selected from a menu of up to 600 *different* chemicals.

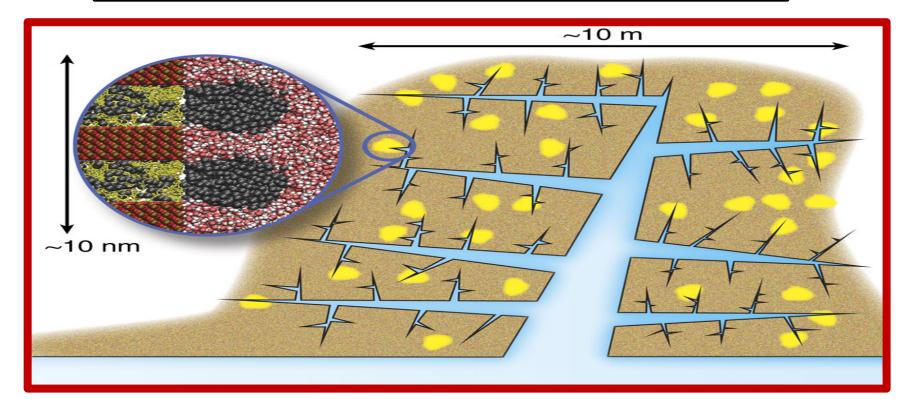


Typical Chemical Additives Used in Frac Water

Compound	Purpose	Common application
Acids	Helps dissolve minerals and initiate fissure in rock (pre-fracture)	Swimming pool cleaner
Sodium Chloride	Allows a delayed breakdown of the gel polymer chains	Table salt
Polyacry lamide	Minimizes the friction between fluid and pipe	Water treatment, soil conditioner
Ethylene Glycol	Prevents scale deposits in the pipe	Automotive anti-freeze, deicing agent, household cleaners
Borate Salts	Maintains fluid viscosity as temperature increases	Laundry detergent, hand soap, cosmetics
Sodium/Potassium Carbonate	Maintains effectiveness of other components, such as crosslinkers	Washing soda, detergent soap, water softener, glass, ceramics
Glutaraldehyde	Eliminates bacteria in the water	Disinfectant, sterilization of medical and dental equipment
Guar Gum	Thickens the water to suspend the sand	Thickener in cosmetics, baked goods, ice cream, toothpaste, sauces
Citric Acid	Prevents precipitation of metal oxides	Food additive; food and beverages; lemon juice
Isopropanol	Used to increase the viscosity of the fracture fluid	Glass cleaner, antiperspirant, hair coloring

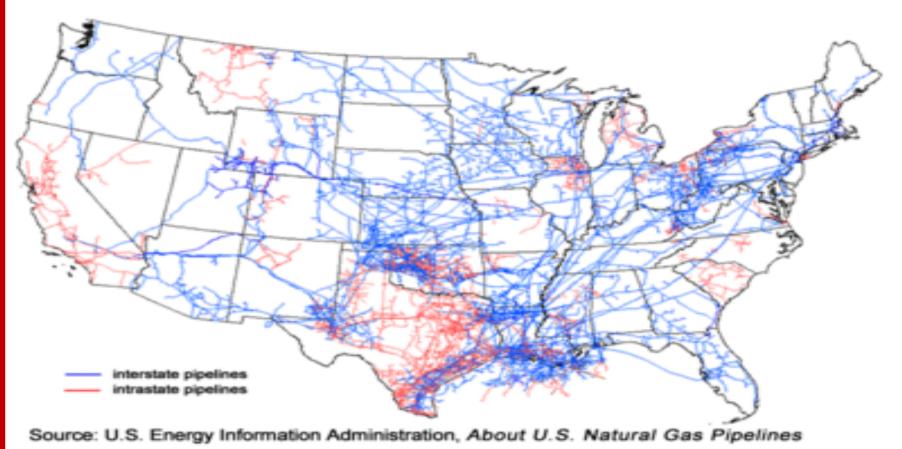
Source: DOE, GWPC: Modern Gas Shale Development in the United States: A Primer (2009).

One Way to Solve Fracking's Water Problem: Don't Use Water



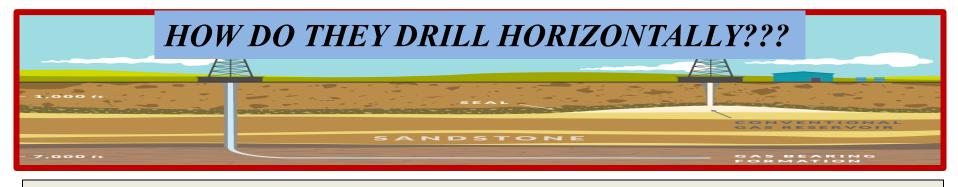
- □ Fracking, up close: Tiny gas deposits (yellow) are distributed throughout shale rock (tan).
- □ High pressure breaks up the rock and water (blue) washes out the gas molecules.
- A new study suggests CO2 may do water's job better.





Once <u>natural gas</u> is extracted, it must be transported to different places to be processed, stored, and then finally delivered to the end consumer⁻

Natural gas can be transported on land via pipeline or on water via ship.



- □ Most horizontal wells begin at the surface as a vertical well.
- Drilling progresses until the drill bit is a few 100 feet above the target rock unit.
- At that point <u>the pipe is pulled from the well</u> and a hydraulic motor is attached between the drill bit and the drill pipe.
- The hydra . <u>(Why doesn't the well collapse?</u>) f drilling mud down the drill pipe.
- □ It can rotate the drill bit without rotating the entire length of drill pipe between the bit and the surface.
- □ This allows the bit to drill a path that deviates from the orientation of the drill pipe.
- □ Finally the bit drills a path that steers the well bore from vertical to horizontal over a distance of a few hundred feet.



- □ Once the well has been steered to the proper angle, straight-ahead drilling resumes and the well follows the target rock unit.
- □ Keeping the well in a thin rock unit requires careful navigation.
- Horizontal drilling is expensive. When combined with hydraulic fracturing, a well can cost up to three times as much per foot as drilling a vertical well.
- **The extra cost is usually recovered by increased production.**
- **These methods can multiply the yield of gas or oil from a well.**
- Many profitable wells would be failures without these methods.

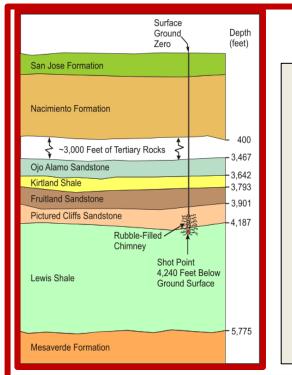
- □ After the fracking well is fully drilled and encased, fracking fluid is pumped down into the well at extremely high pressure.
- □ Large volumes of a low-viscosity, water/sand slurry is pumped into the shale to induce new fractures and augments existing fractures:
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 - ✓ Pre cars (3000 lbs each) on top of one 15, another and then concentrated down

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slickwater.

- □ It is mostly water, though it also can contain a wide range of additives and chemicals that serve an engineering purpose.
- Additives can include detergents, salts, acids, alcohols, lubricants and disinfectants.
- □ These chemical additives usually make up 0.5 to 2 percent of the slickwater.



Project Gasbuggy

- It was an underground nuclear detonation carried out by the United States AEC in December 1967 in rural northern New Mexico.
- □ It was part of Operation Plowshare, a program designed to find peaceful uses for nuclear explosions.
- Its purpose was to determine if nuclear explosions could be useful in fracturing rock formations for <u>natural gas</u> extraction.

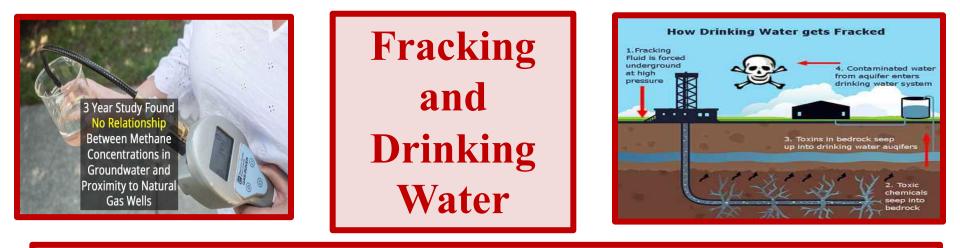
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- Following this test, two sub experiments were conducte technique.
- ☐ They were <u>Project Rulison</u>
- □ In both cases the gas radioa
- Soon after that test the ~ 15 dried up.
- These early fracturing tests were later superseded by <u>hydraulic</u> <u>fracturing</u> technologies.

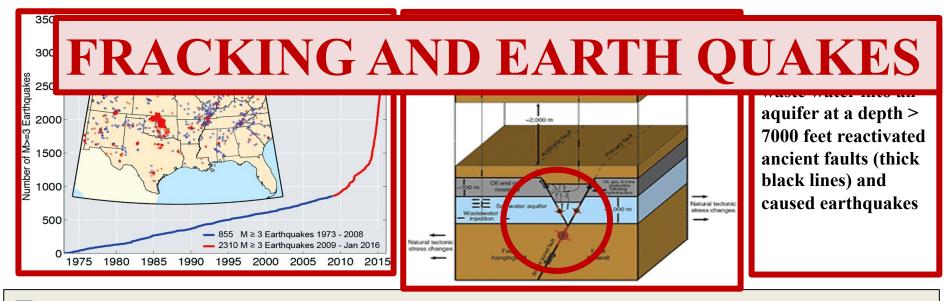
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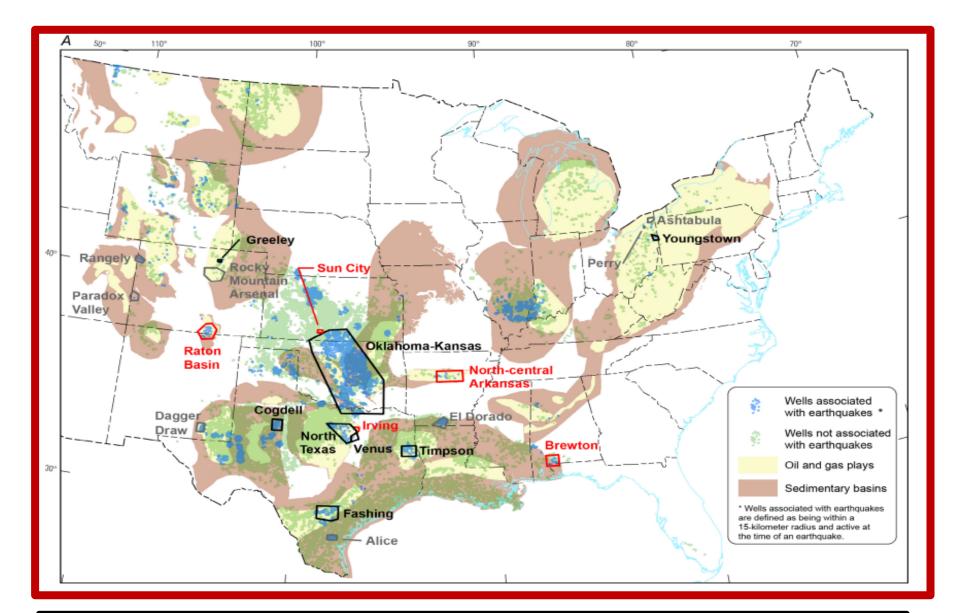
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- EPA found scientific evidence that hydraulic fracturing activities can impact drinking water resources under some circumstances:
 - ✓ Water withdrawals for hydraulic fracturing in times or areas <u>of low water</u> <u>availability</u>
 - ✓ Spills during the handling of hydraulic fracturing fluids and chemicals or produced water that result in large volumes or <u>high concentrations of chemicals</u> <u>reaching groundwater resources</u>
 - ✓ Injection of hydraulic fracturing fluids into wells with <u>inadequate mechanical</u> <u>integrity</u>
 - ✓ Injection of hydraulic fracturing fluids <u>directly</u> into groundwater resources
 - ✓ Discharge of <u>inadequately treated</u> hydraulic fracturing wastewater to surface water
 - Disposal or storage of hydraulic fracturing wastewater in <u>unlined pits</u> resulting in contamination of groundwater resources.



- According to the USGS, the cause of earthquakes near fracking sites is <u>not</u> believed to be the act of drilling and fracturing the shale itself, but rather the disposal wells.
- ☐ There are more than 50,000 disposal wells in Texas servicing more than 216,000 active drilling wells.
- □ Earthquakes with magnitudes between 4.5 and 5.0 have been induced by fluid injection in Colorado, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.
- **However, there is evidence to indicate <u>Fracking</u> can cause earthquakes.**
- ☐ There is field evidence that] hydraulic fracturing itself caused earthquakes in western Canada, by adding pressure to tectonic faults and when the pressure builds up enough, the tectonic plates slip!



Tight association between Oklahoma natural gas wells and induced seismicity.

Proponents for Fracking

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Naval Affairs Group Hears This Is a Conservative Estimate

Wisseningeton, Manual P H. A. Stuart, director of naval petroleum reserves, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee today the oil supply of this country will last only about 15 years.

"We have been making estimates for the last 15 years." Stuart said. We always underestimate because of the possibility of discovering new oil fields. The best information is that the present supply will last only 15 years. That is a conservative estimate."

Stuart said the United States produces about 70 percent of the world's oil, and when the supply is exhausted in this country the oil industry will be forced to look to South America and Mexico for its supply.

Valued at \$1

He said the Government at the present time has about 700,000,000 barrels of oil in its naval reserves and that the navy annually consumes from alx to seven million barrels. He valued Government holdings at \$1 a barrel.

Stuart's testimony was presented as the committee began consideration of a bill proposing to give the buy and exchange land to consolidate present naval oil reserves.

Stuart said in two fields in Caliland within the Government holdings, with the result that oil beneath Government land is being withdrawn. The Navy Department combats this, he said, by leasing wells on its own land for a royalty, thus deriving an income of about \$654,000 annually. Oil is sold, he said, only to prevent leakage into other hands.



Savs U. S. Oil Federation Reports Supplies May Unemployment Rise

Last 15 Years anuary Estimate Places Total at 10,041,000, an Increase of 1,001,000 Compared With December-Farm and Store Help Affected

> Washington, March 9 @2-The ly the low-ebb months of the year." the Federation said. merican Federation of Labor esti-

r. mated today that there were 10,-041,000 unemployed in the country in January, as compared with 8,990,-000 in December and 11.666,000 a year ago.

In reporting that 1,001,000 workbegan, the Federation called attention to the fact that 3,223,000 work--before the seasonal slack and layoffs

"January and February are usual- 552,000 in January."

"This is the time when demands

on relief begin to be heavy, when families out of work exhaust their resources so that relief need continues for the next three months. "January is the slack month in

agriculture, and this year our farms ers were laid off as the year 1937 laid off about 200,000 hired workers lation of the \$2,000,000,000 dairy from December to January; it is the month when retail stores lay off ers were added to payrolls last year their Christmas help, and this year stores which had taken on 492,000 workers for the busy season laid off



Proposal Certain of Committee Passing Albany, March 9 (49-Governor

Lehman's proposal to give the Pub-Secretary of the Navy authority to lic Service Commission power to limit rates of municipally-owned power plants to cost of service apfornia private eil companies own peared certain of Senate committee approval today despite protests that day it is "vastly unfair."

> While action was withheld after ate Public Service Committee indicated a favorable report in the near future.

Spokesmen for a number of municipalities opposed enactment of the measure, contending it would kill" municipal utilities in the State, while Chairman Milo R. Malthie of the Public Service Commission defended the proposal with the statement:

"If the municipalities don't think

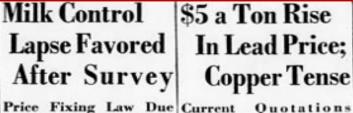
All Major Areas

Tulsa, Okla., March 9 (P)-The production of crude petroleum established another new high for the week ending March 6, a total of 3,-308.859 barrels daily, or 12,009 more barrels daily than the week before. the Oil and Gas Journal reported to-

ing areas showed an increase in daily production, Oklahoma declined a public hearing yesterday. Chair- 25.875 barrels to 578,125. East Texas man Thomas P. Burchill of the Sen- increased 4,901 barrels to 460,398 daily and the total State of Texas was up 19,018 barrels to 1,359,780 daily.

> to 246,265, California increased 1,350 barrels to 584,500 barrels daily and Kansas had an increase of 4,175 barrels to 187,350.

827 daily and production in the Rocky Mountain region was up 2,760



NEW YORK CITY, TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1937

to Expire March 31-No Definite Plans

Albany, N. Y., March 9 (49)-Automatic expiration March 31 of the price fixing provisions of New York's milk control law was favored by a legislative committee today as its members began drafting recommendations for future State reguindustry.

The committee, of which Democratic Senator George F. Rogers of Rochester is chairman, concluded here last week a series of Statewide hearings designed to sound out sentiment as to continuance, discontinuance or amendment of the law enacted in 1933 as an emergency measure.

The law expires March 31, unless re-enacted, and the committee must

One member who declined to be quoted said that the committee estimated approximately 80 percent of the speakers favored elimination of the price fixing clause, under Showed Increase in which Agriculture Commissioner Peter G. Ten Eyck has authority to file prices to be paid to producers for milk and by consumers,

"A majority of the committee members feel likewise," he said. Previously, some members suggested the price fixing provisions be continued only until Aug. 1.

Committee members were reported to favor continuation of other provisions of the law, including requirements for licensing and bonding of dealers and establishment of health and sanitary standards for the production of milk.

Astonishing progress by the avia-

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\$5 a Ton Rise In Lead Price; **Copper Tense**

> Highest for Years -Demand Very Good

The price of lead was advanced 25 points, or \$5 a ton today, to 7% cents a pound, New York base, and 7.35 cents a pound, East St. Louis. The announcement was made by the St. Joseph Lead Company and was followed immediately by the American Smelting and Refining Company.

Meanwhile, the domestic copper situation was tense, with the price quited at 16.25 cents a pound, delivered Valley. This price, announced late yesterday, was a new post-depression high for the metal. Despite this advance the domestic copper rate is still more than 1/2 cent a pound lower than foreign. At least one important domestic smelter believes the domestic price is still too low.

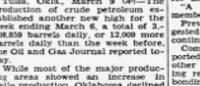
Preceding the advance in the virgin metal, domestic wire and cable makers raised their prices to conform.

Copper buying abroad was in good volume today, with the price equal to about 16.775 cents a pound, clf. European base ports. This compares with 16.40 to 16.775 cents on Monday, Some sales were reported abroad at as high as 16.85 cents a pound, c.i.f.

The London Metal Exchange experienced another exciting session with turnover heavy and consumers trying to cover their needs, fearing a shortage of non-ferrous metals, owing to the worldwide re-armament and industrial requirements.

Featured in trading today were tin and zinc. Turnover for tin in the first session was 900 tons at 276% pounds on heavy overnight purchases from America coupled Found Excellent Contest Booming with general trade demand.

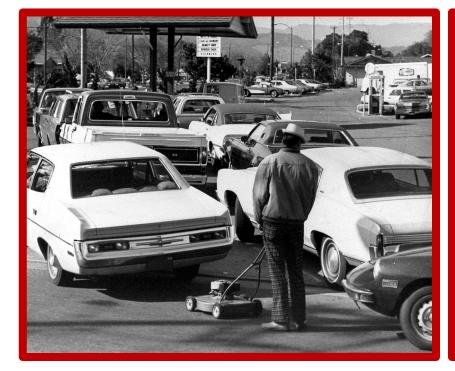
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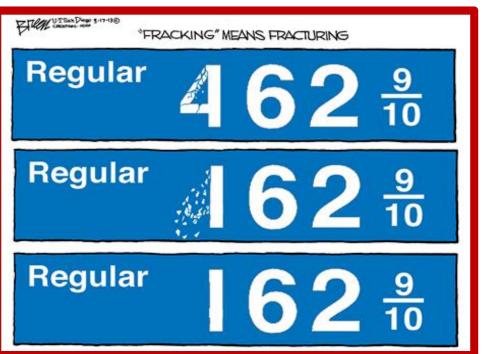


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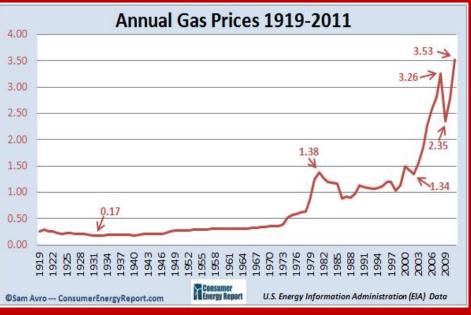
Louisiana increased 3,160 barrels

Eastern States, including Michigan, increased 3,393 barrels to 150,- tion industry during 1936 over 1935







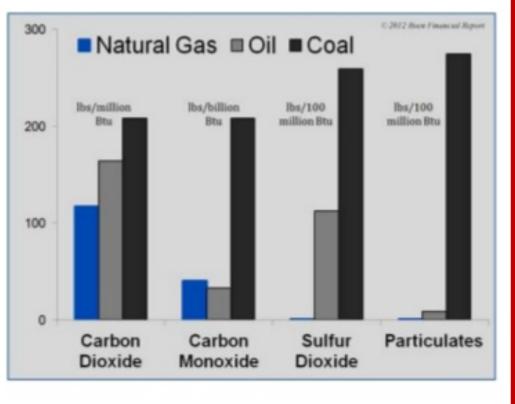


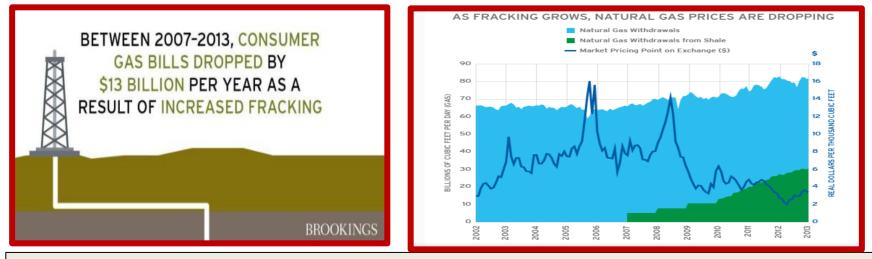
LETS HEAR IT FOR FRACKNG

- 1. Fracking has greatly reduced the need for coal in the United States.
- 2. Technologies exist to capture potential emissions.
- 3. The real fracking process occurs under most groundwater tables.
- 4. Methane can contaminate groundwater supplies naturally.
- 5. The EPA testified that there are no proven cases of fracking affecting water.
- 6. The water intensity used for the fracking process is relatively low.
- 7. Fracking is a temporary process.
- 8. It is an extraction process that is stable.
- 9. Much of the fracking process uses natural materials.
- 10. Domestic fracking reduces foreign reliance on energy products.
- 11. It allows for a return on an energy investment to occur.
- 12. Some households see lower property taxes because of fracking.

Cleaner Fossil Fuel

- From 2008 to 2012 U.S. carbon emissions have dropped 20%. The major factor cited is the production and use of domestic natural gas. (7)
- Natural gas emits:

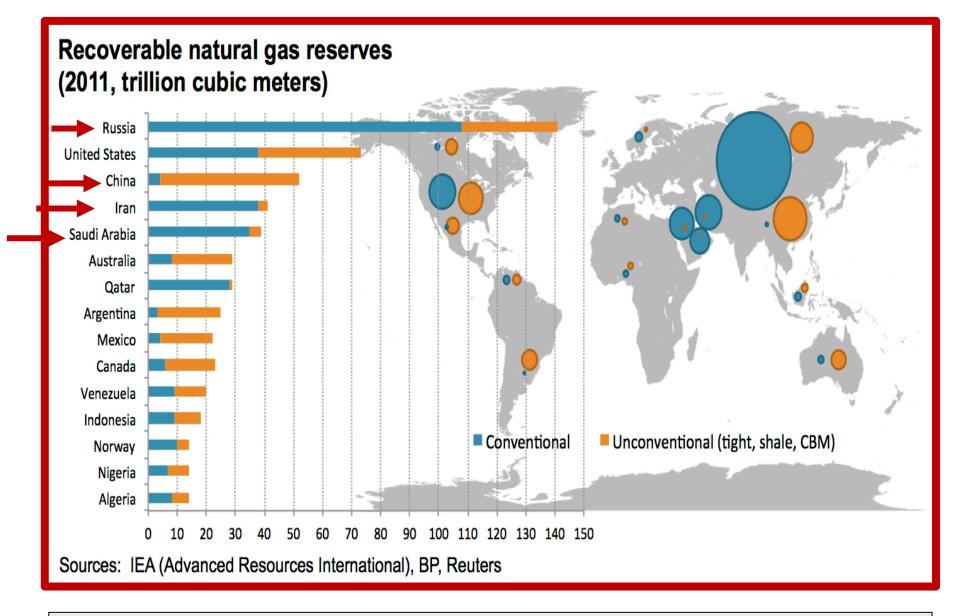




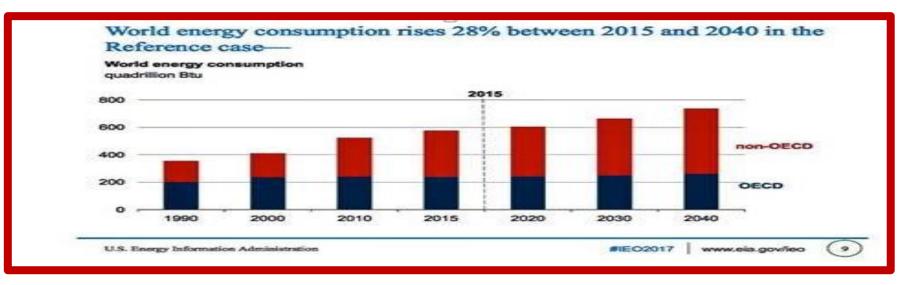
- According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, hydraulically fractured wells in the United States increased 1,204 percent—from approximately 23,000 hydraulically fractured wells in 2000 to approximately 300,000 wells in 2015.
- In 2015, hydraulically fractured wells accounted for 67 percent of U.S. natural gas production and 51 percent of U.S. crude oil production.
- Proponents of fracking argue that the practice produces economic benefits, such as jobs, higher tax revenue, lower energy prices, and economic growth.

Proponents argue:

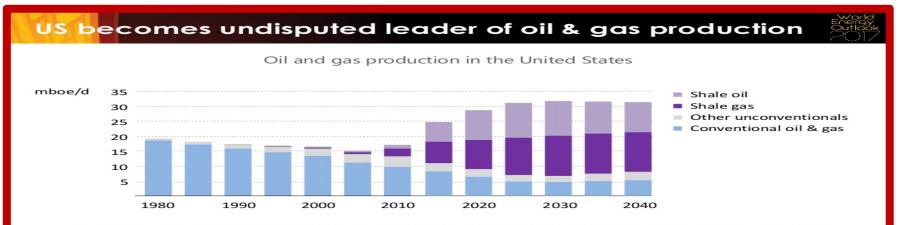
- ✓ Fracking leads to fewer energy trade deficits and "a boom in energyintensive manufacturing, like chemicals, steel, fertilizers, and paper."
- ✓ The shale industry itself is a bonanza of middle-class blue-collar jobs, and the prospect of a reindustrializing America promises many more.
- ✓ The oil and gas industry use specific measures during fracking and other extraction operations to prevent damage to the environment, including the installation of multiple cement and steel layers to protect drinking water sources.
- ✓ A 2012 study from the National Academies concluding that fracking does not pose a high risk for <u>felt</u> earthquakes.
- A national ban on fracking would reduce economic benefits for producers and consumers and would raise energy prices, reduce the global supply of oil, and cause the United States to become a natural gas importer rather than exporter.
- ✓ <u>A 2016 study</u> found that a national fracking ban would reduce U.S. jobs by <u>14.8 million, double electricity and gasoline prices, increase cost of living</u> <u>expenses by approximately \$4,000, and reduce household incomes by \$873</u> <u>billion by the year 2022.</u>



Natural gas production in the United States is expected to expand dramatically, climbing by 56% between 2012 and 2040,

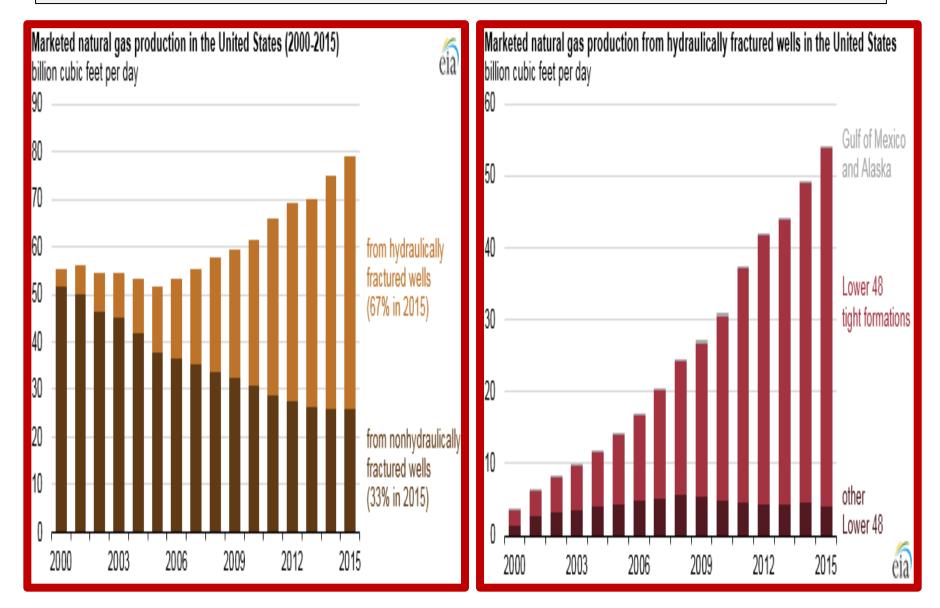


The International Energy Outlook 2017 projects that world energy consumption will increase by <u>28%</u> from 2015 through 2040.

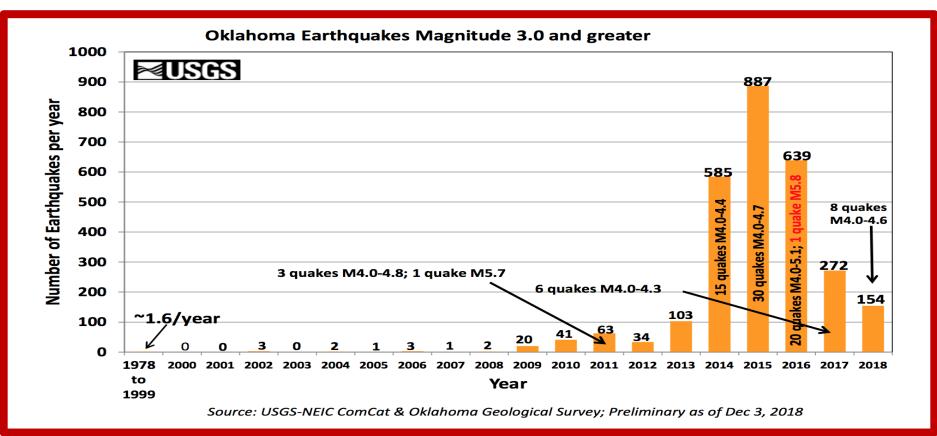


The US is already switching to become a net exporter of gas & becomes a net exporter of oil in the 2020s, helped also by the demand-side impact of fuel efficiency & fuel switching

Hydraulically fractured wells provide two-thirds of U.S. natural gas production



Earthquakes continue to decrease in Oklahoma for third straight year



The risk of human-made earthquakes due to fracking is greatly reduced if high-pressure fluid injection used to crack underground rocks is 895m away from faults in the Earth's crust, according to new research.



PRO FROFRACKING: We know that, at the power plant level, natural gas produces only somewhere between 44 and 50 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions compared with burning of coal.
 This is known for certain; it's basic chemistry.

OPPOSITION TO FRACKING

Speeds up climate change

Produces hazardous pollutants that can damage health

Blights roads & countryside with mass lorry movements

Not needed as transitional fuel

Overrides local planning decisions

A web of financial interests links Tory politicians & fracking co's.

Support Kirkby Misperton and Preston New Road camps

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Another noteworthy fracking earthquake strikes Central Oklahoma - 0.8 miles from nearest well. Operation looks to be an older rusted out well

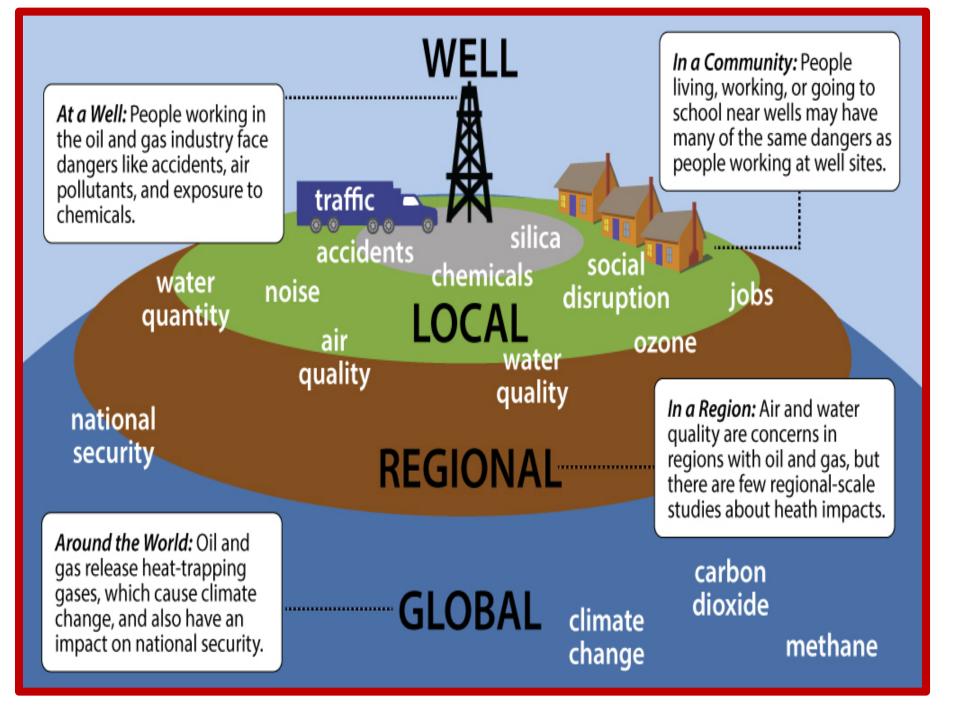


If terrorists poisoned the water... you'd be outraged.

STOP FRACKING, NOW.









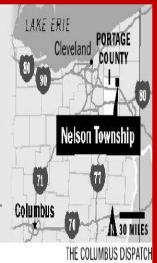
Scientific Study Links Flammable Drinking Water to Fracking

- □ For the first time, a peer-reviewed scientific study has linked natural gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing with a pattern of drinking water contamination so severe that some faucets can be lit on fire.
 - **HOWEVER:** Methane may also occur in a water well due to natural conditions or may enter due to human activities besides gas well drilling: including coal mining, pipeline leaks and landfills.



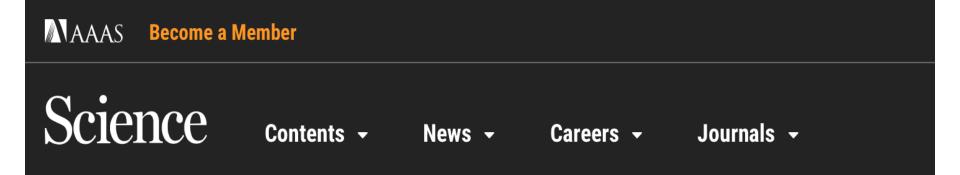
Faucet fire

Ohio oil and gas regulators have concluded that natural gas that leaked from a faucet and caught fire in a home in Nelson Township in Portage County last year did not come from a nearby Utica-shale well.





Smokey the Bear Recruited to Fight Fracking: Forest Service Not ...

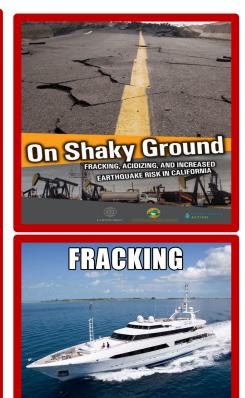


Methane in drinking water unrelated to fracking, study suggests

- ❑ Fracking doesn't appear to be allowing methane to seriously contaminate drinking water in Pennsylvania, a new study finds— contrary to some earlier, much publicized research that suggested a stronger link.
- But the lead authors of the two bodies of research are sparring over the validity of the new results.
- The new study of 11,309 drinking water wells in northeastern Pennsylvania concludes that background levels of methane in the water are unrelated to the location of hundreds of oil and gas wells that tap hydraulically fractured, or fracked, rock formations.

- ✓ The Case for a Ban on Gas Fracking,
 ✓ Exposing the Oil and Gas Industry's False Jobs Promise for Shale Gas Development:
 ✓ How Methodological Flaws Grossly Exaggerate Jobs Projections, False Promises and Hidden Costs:
 ✓ The Illusion of Economic Benefits from Fracking,
 ✓ Fracking: The New Global Water Crisis
 ✓ Fueling Extinction: How Dirty Energy Drives Wildlife to the Brink
- ✓ U.S. Energy Insecurity: Why Fracking for Oil and Natural Gas Is a False Solution

✓ WASTE: The Soft & Dirty Underbelly of Fracking



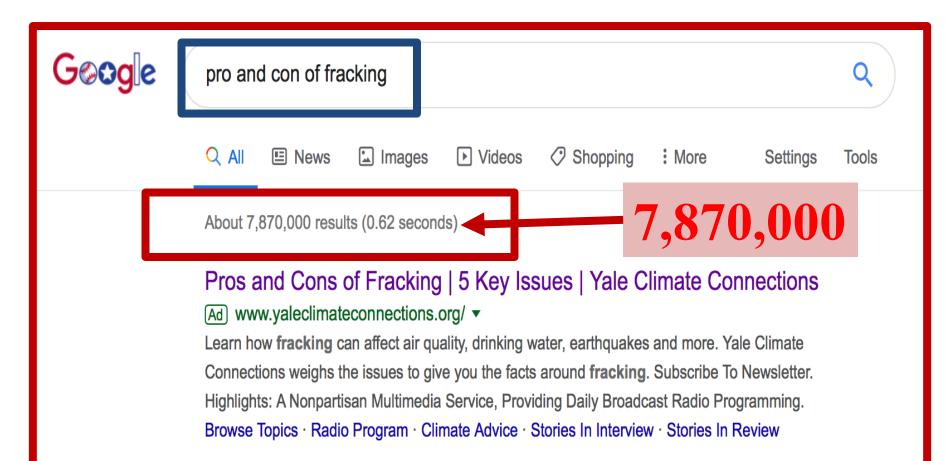
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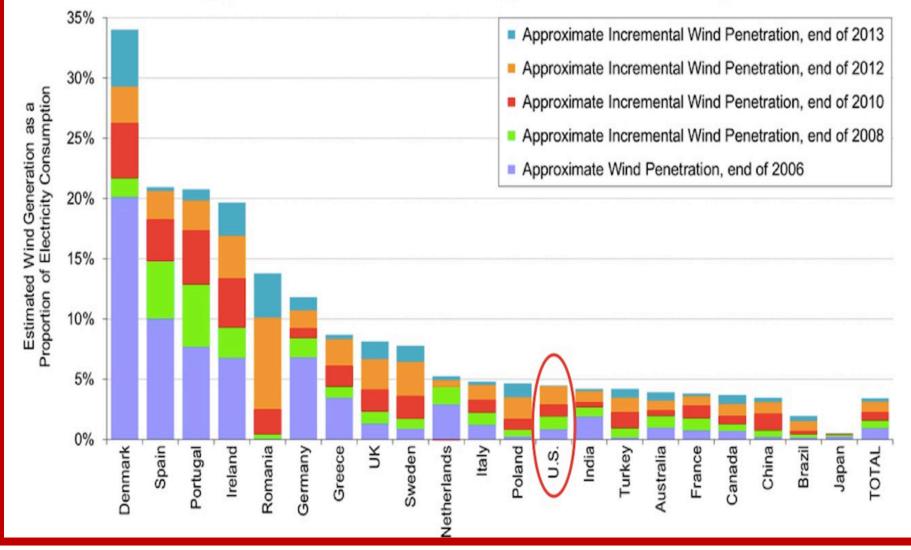


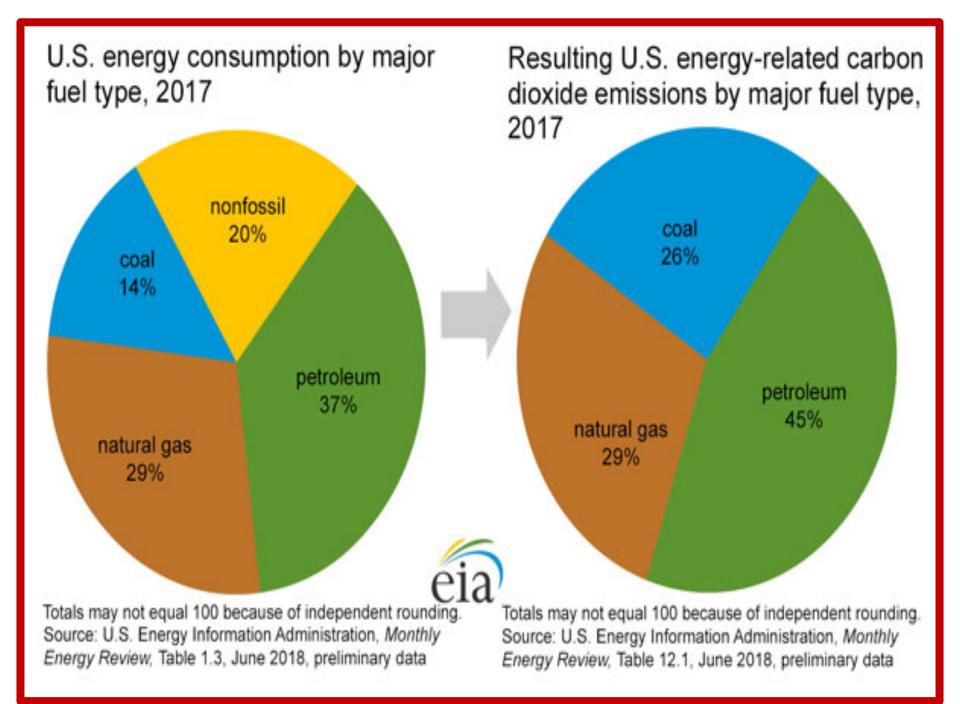
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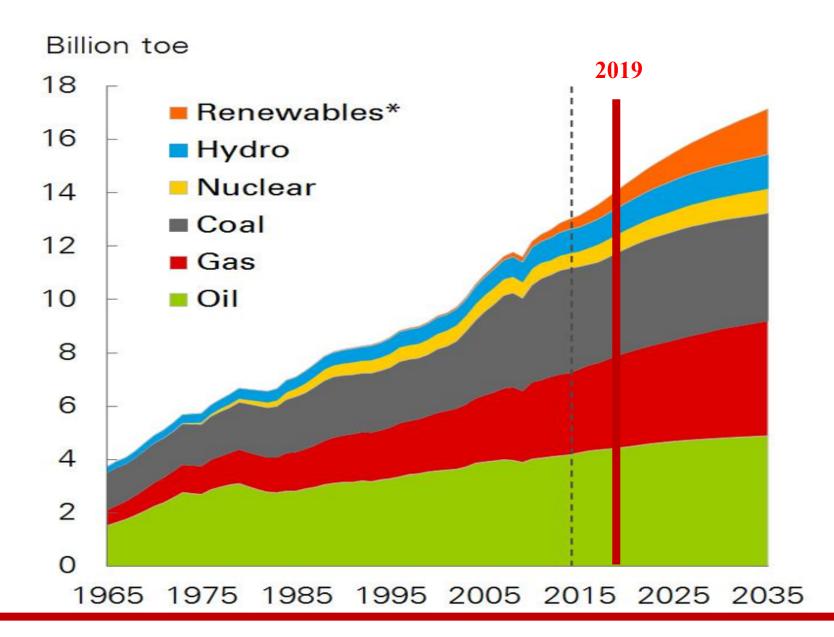
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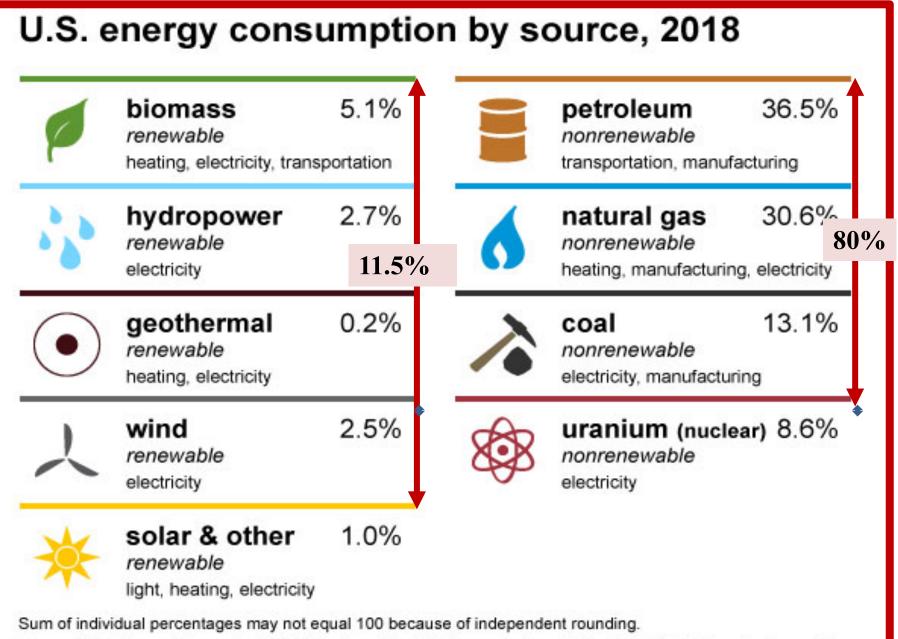


Primary energy consumption by fuel



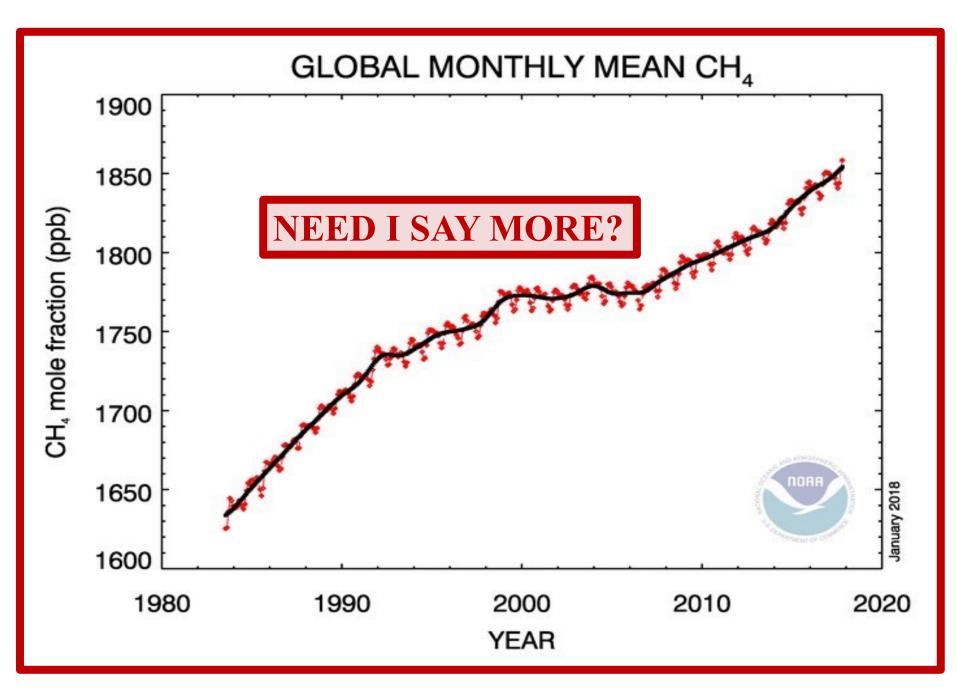
Fracking And **Climate Change**





Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Monthly Energy Review, Table 1.3, April 2019, preliminary data







- Many studies have estimated that leaks from oil and gas production, particularly fracking, are a major driver of rising methane emissions.
- Other research groups have estimated that the rise in methane emissions was due to a rise in "microbial production in wet tropical environments like marshes and rice paddies."
- □ The two explanations both seemed right, yet could not both actually be right. Or could they?
- After a very deep dive into multiple ground and satellite datasets, NASA determined that a third source of methane emissions — <u>global fires</u> — had been *declining* much more rapidly than previously realized..



- □ With wildfire emissions way down, it was now possible for both fossil fuel emissions and wetland emissions to be up.
- □ Significantly, the huge rise in fossil fuel methane emissions "found here is *substantially larger* than in previous literature."
- □ The recent jump in methane emissions from oil and gas production appears to be a whole lot bigger than we previously thought.
- □ And that is a bombshell finding.
- □ After all, methane (CH4) traps <u>86 times</u> as much heat as CO2 over a 20-year period.
- That's why countless studies find that even a very small leakage rate of methane from the natural gas supply chain can have a large climate impact — enough to gut the entire benefit of switching from coal-fired power to gas for a long, long time.

By 2050, London's climate will be as warm as Barcelona's, says new study

Annual temperatures are expected to rise globally by 2050



For years, the IPCC, governments and environmental organizations they influence have told the public:

- ✓ that global warming is still manageable
- ✓ that global warming consequences will occur gradually
- that global warming consequences will remain generally mild until about 2100
- ✓ the very worst consequences of global warming will occur after 2100 long after most of us living today are gone.

Nothing listed in items 1-4 above could be farther from the truth!

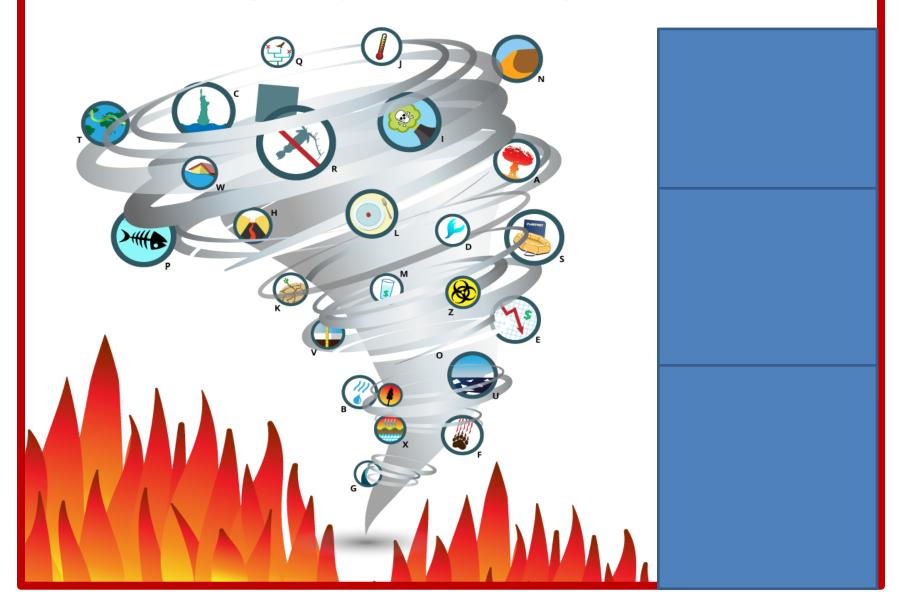
- the public has no idea that we have managed global warming so incredibly poorly for the last 35 plus years that it has probably now become <u>out of our</u> <u>meaningful control</u> for at least <u>another 30-50 years</u> with <u>horrific and</u> <u>unavoidable consequences</u> arriving <u>far sooner</u> than almost any of us are prepared to deal with.
- ✓ It's also far worse than just now *unavoidable* horrible consequences. What we do now until 2025 will be critical in determining if we are able to avoid the *likelihood* of extinction.

America is building another big wall. This one will protect New York



- By 2025, New York's Staten Island will be <u>fortified</u> by a towering seawall running 5.3 miles along the coast, an engineering feat designed to ward off a <u>growing threat</u>.
- **The climate crisis** is predicted to create more powerful and extreme weather systems all over the world, and coastal engineers are racing to respond with structures to reduce their impact.

Global Warming Consequences Destabilizing our Climate and Lives



Moving Beyond Carbon

To help address the mounting climate change crisis, Michael. Bloomberg launched <u>Beyond Carbon</u>, the largest-ever coordinated campaign against climate change in the United States



Transition to 100% clean power



Replace oil burning cars and trucks with electric vehicles



Phase out polluting building equipment

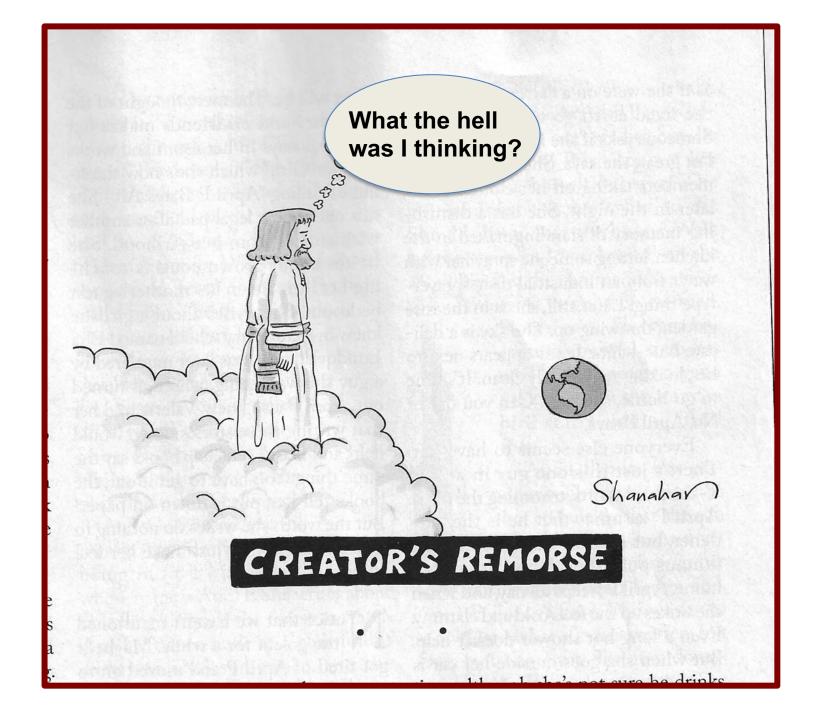


- Modernize industry and infrastructure
- Repay our debt to coal producing communities

WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT

Geology in the News The 4 E's **Petroleum Geology Oil Shale versus Shale Gas** Fracking **Pros of Fracking Cons of Fracking Fracking and Climate Change** Discussion







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