

# Local Regulatory Considerations

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# Regulatory Entities in Texas

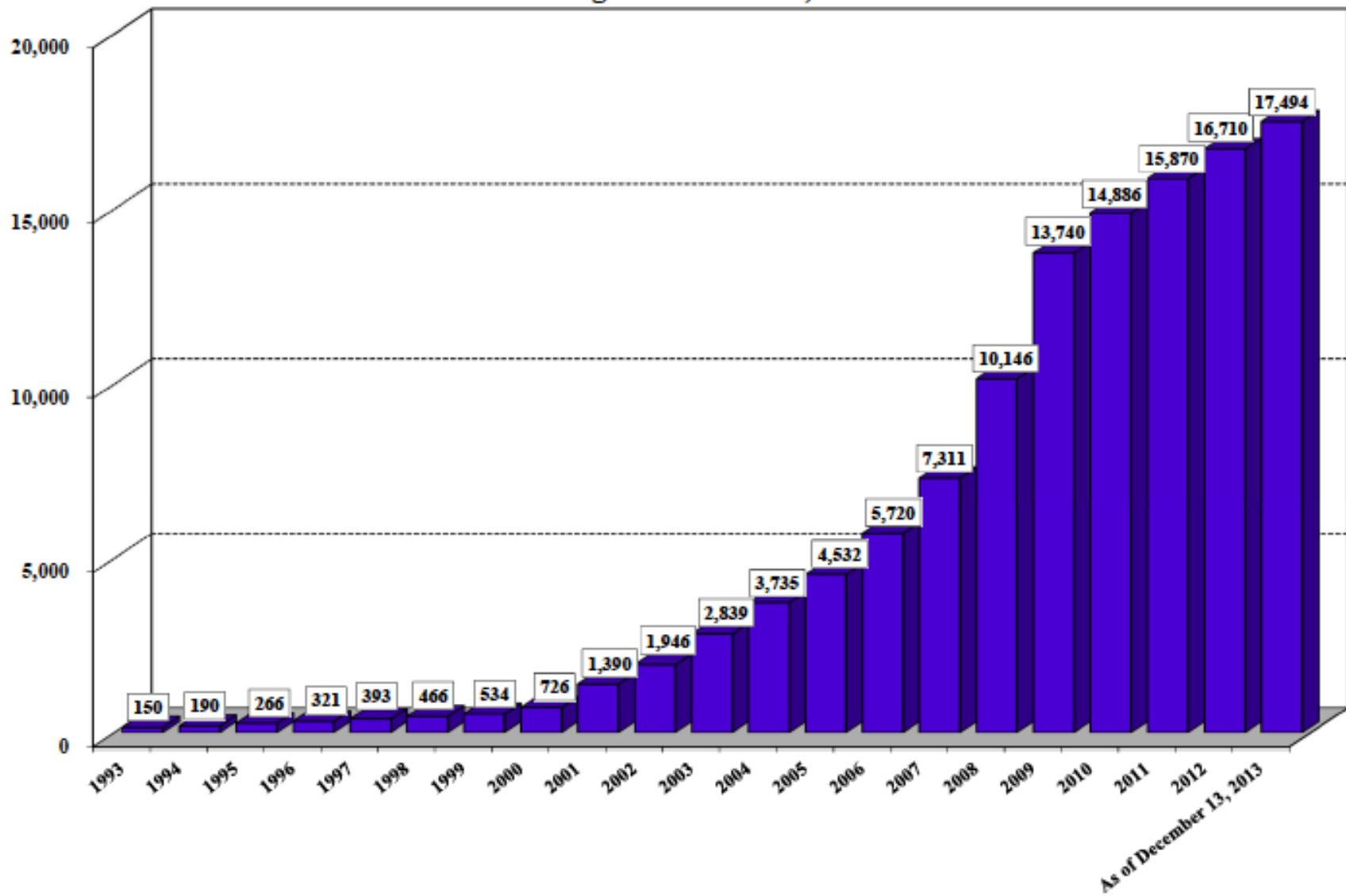
A background image showing a space shuttle launch at night. The shuttle is illuminated by its own lights and is reflected in a body of water in the foreground. The sky is dark blue.

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Local City and County Regulation (i.e., City of Fort Worth)

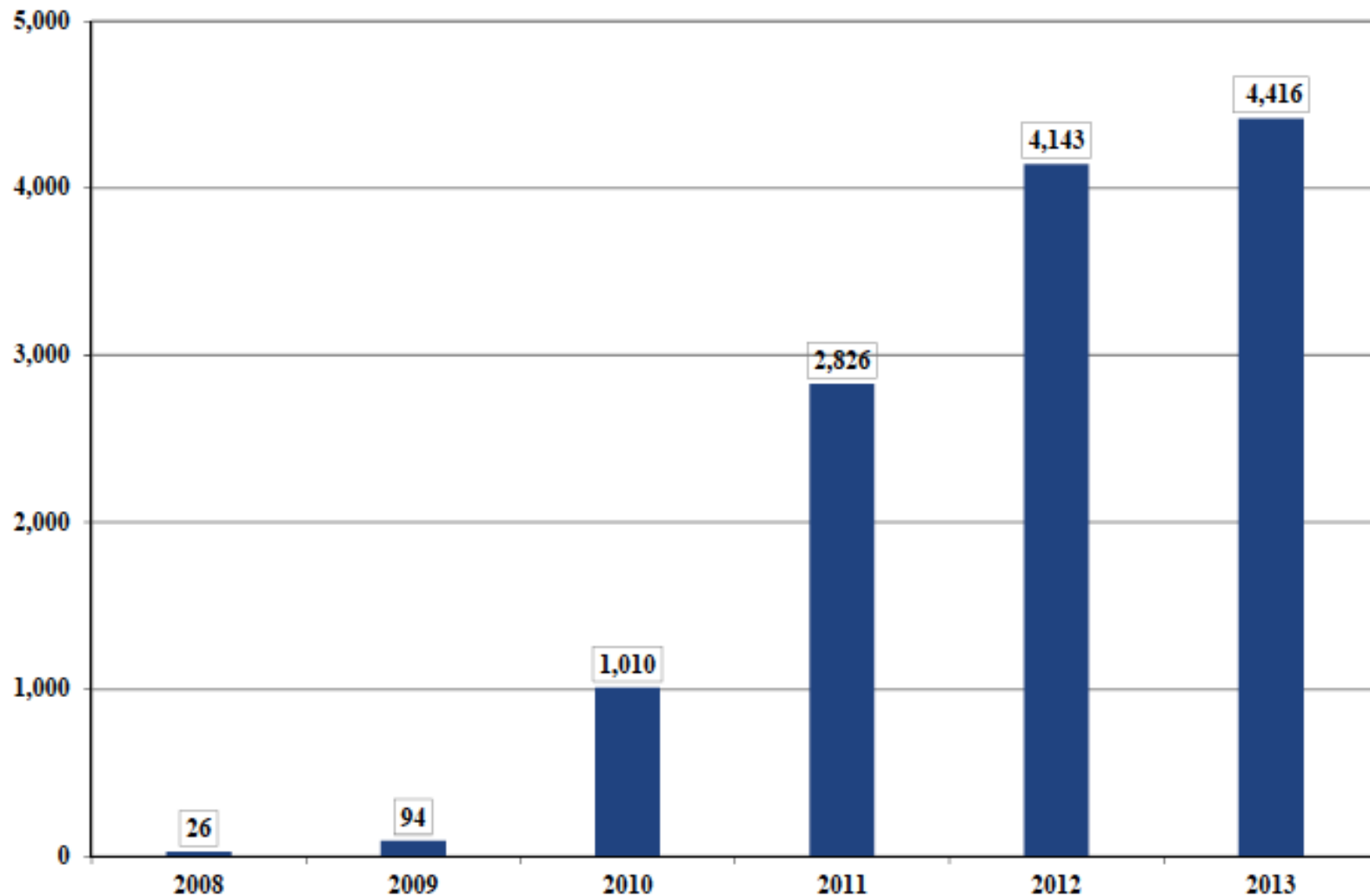
# Shale Gas in Texas

- **Barnett Shale**
  - 17,494 wells to date
- **Eagle Ford Shale**
  - 5,304 wells to date
- **Haynesville Shale**
- **Wolfcamp Shale/Permian Basin**
  - Over 9,000 permits per year
- **Anadarko Basin**

Newark, East (Barnett Shale)  
Well Count  
1993 through December 13, 2013



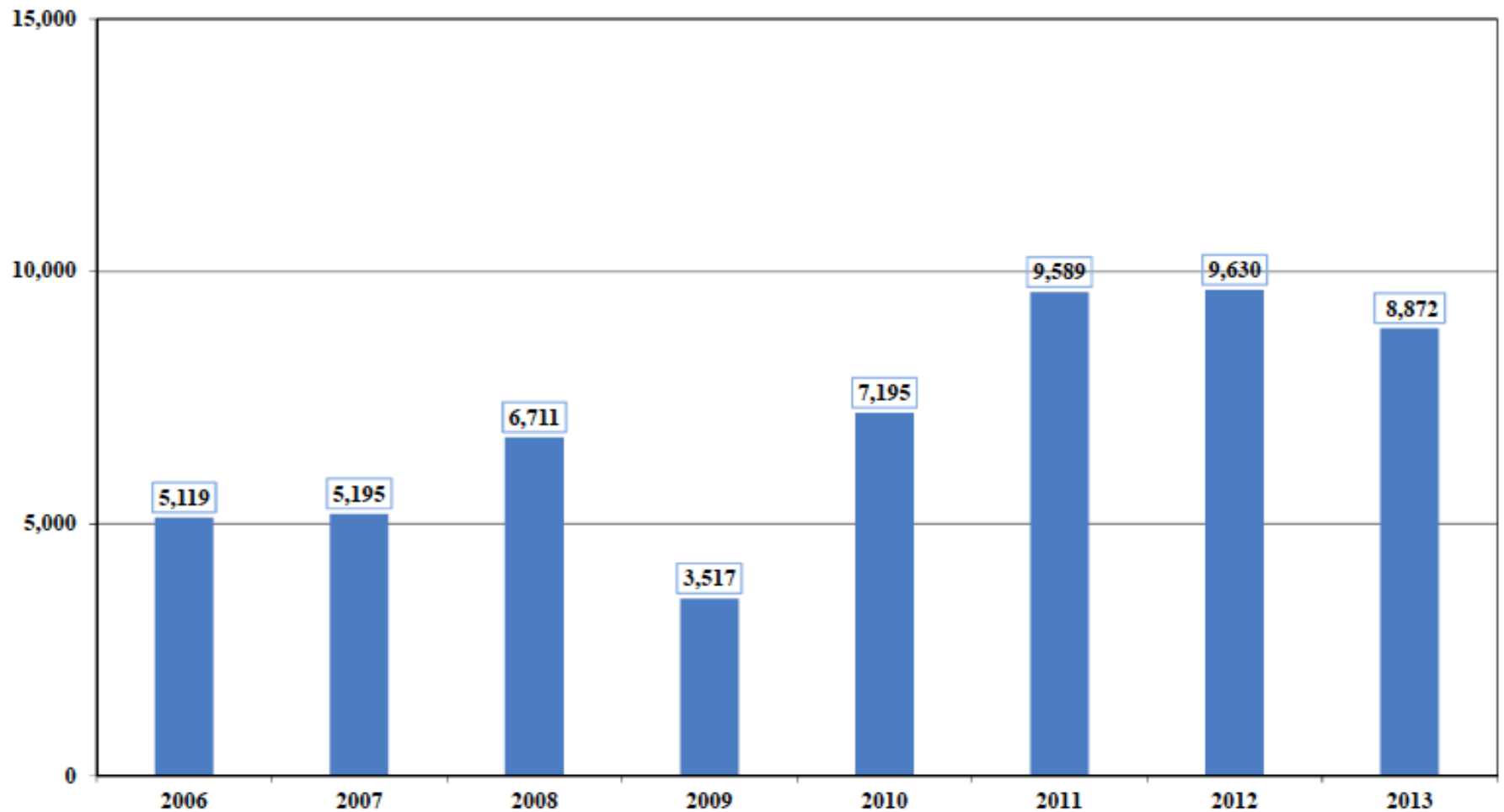
## Texas Eagle Ford Shale Drilling Permits Issued 2008 through 2013



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Source: Texas Railroad Commission DrillingPermitQuery(Includes New Drill & ReEnter Permits)

**Texas Permian Basin  
(District 7C, 08, & 8A)  
Drilling Permits Issued  
2006 Through 2013**



# Hydraulic Fracturing

## What is it and how does it work?

- A method of drilling wells that releases oil and gas from shale rock by using water and other fluids under pressure to fracture or crack the rock, thereby releasing the oil and gas.
- Freshwater combined with chemical additives and proppant assist with the completion of a well.
- The average well requires between 2 and 9 million gallons of water for hydraulic fracturing.

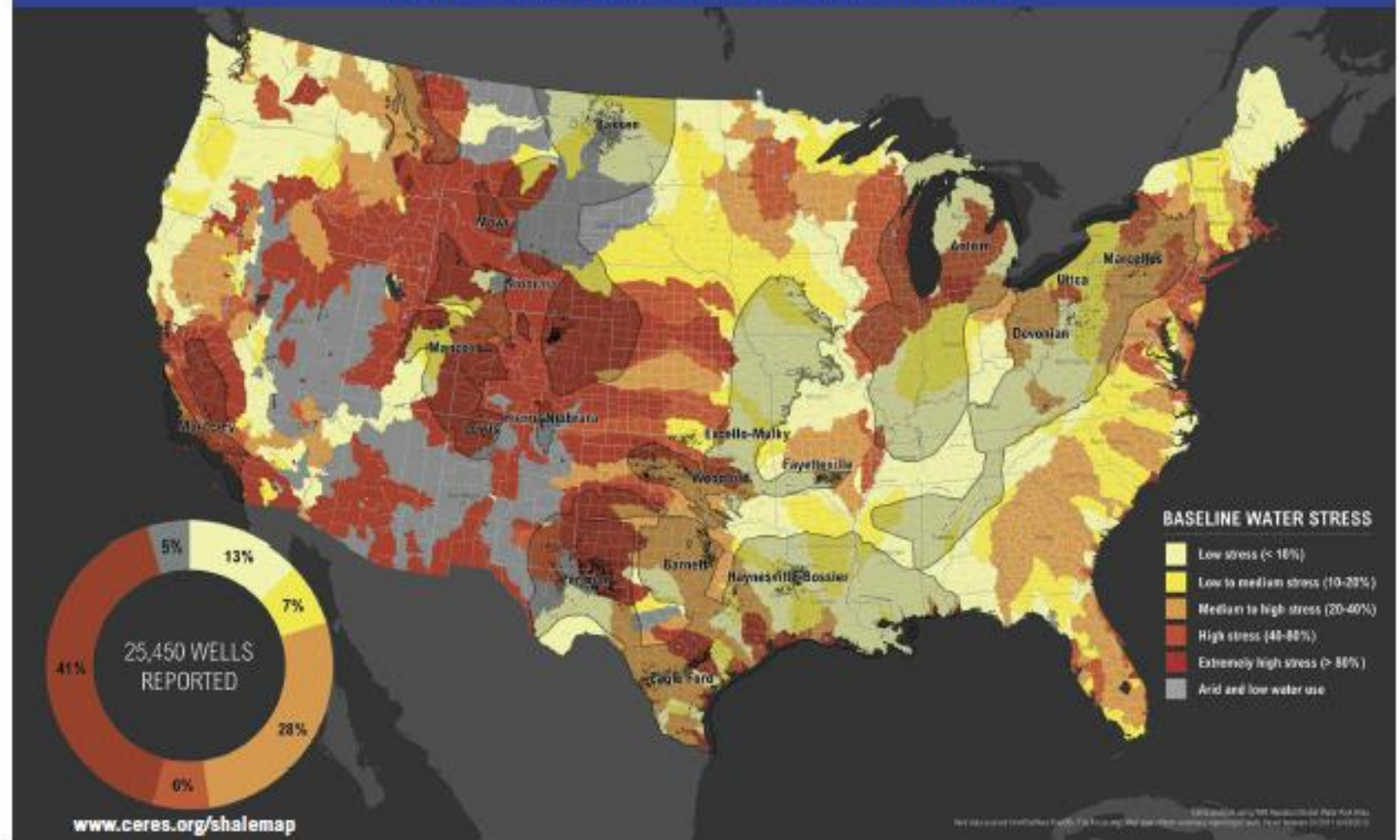
# Water Use in Perspective

- 65.8 billion gallons of water used for hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas development across the U.S. from Jan. 2011 through Sept. 2012
  - Enough water to supply roughly 2.5 million Americans for one year
- Texas used a reported 25 billion gallons in 2012 for hydraulic fracturing
  - This represents less than 2 percent of total water usage in Texas
  - 47 percent of Texas shale gas wells are located in areas with high or extremely high water risk
  - High or extremely high risk means over 80 percent of available water for an area is being withdrawn for municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes each year



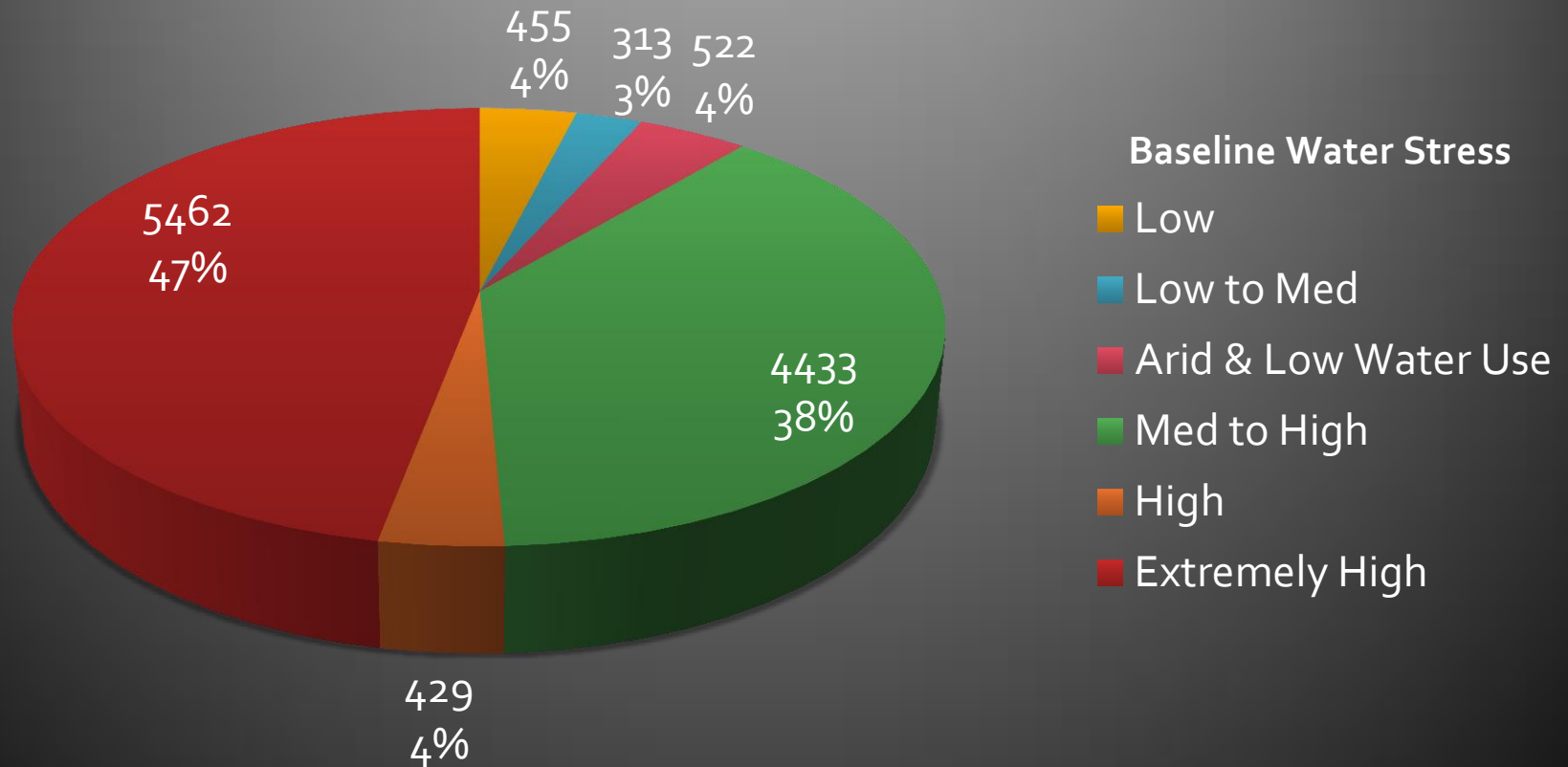
# Shale Water Use Across the U.S.

## COMPETITION FOR WATER IN U.S. SHALE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

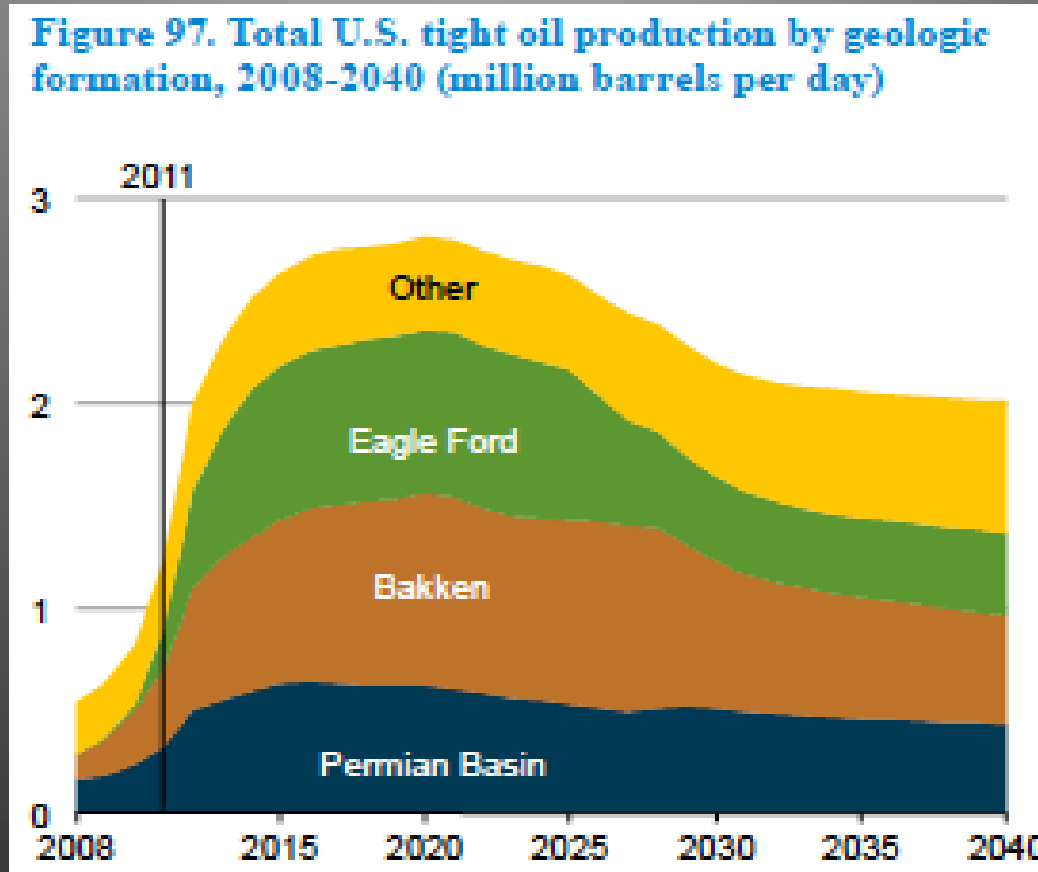


# Texas Wells and Water Stress

Number and Percentage of Wells

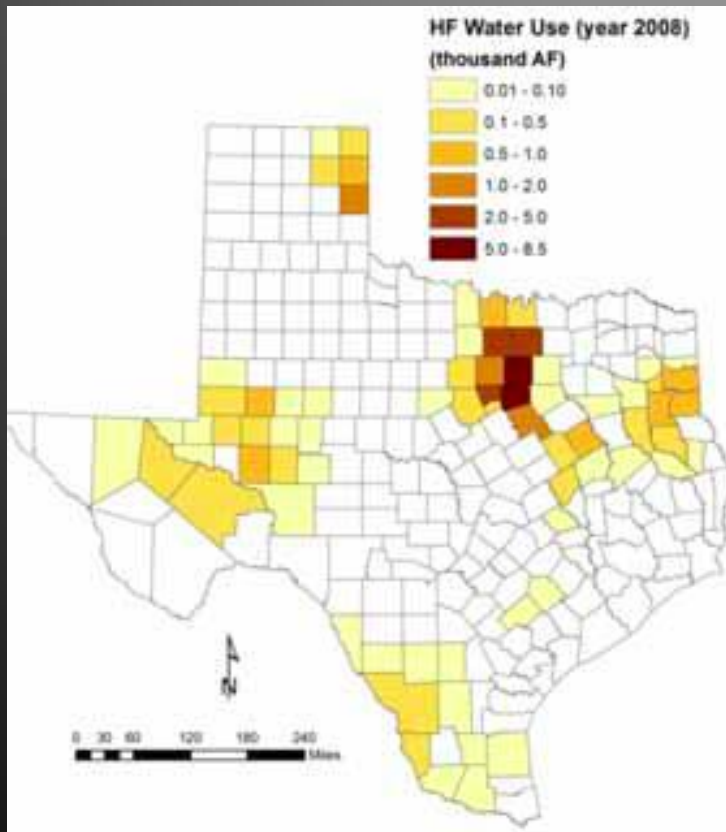


# Total and Projected Production 2008-2040

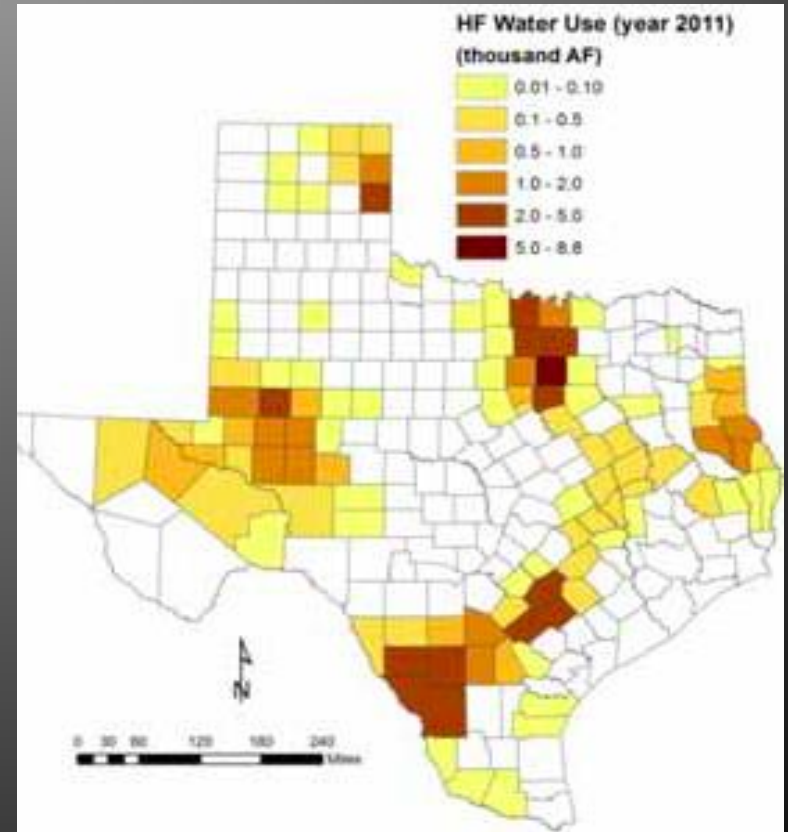


# Hydraulic Fracturing Water Use 2008 and 2011

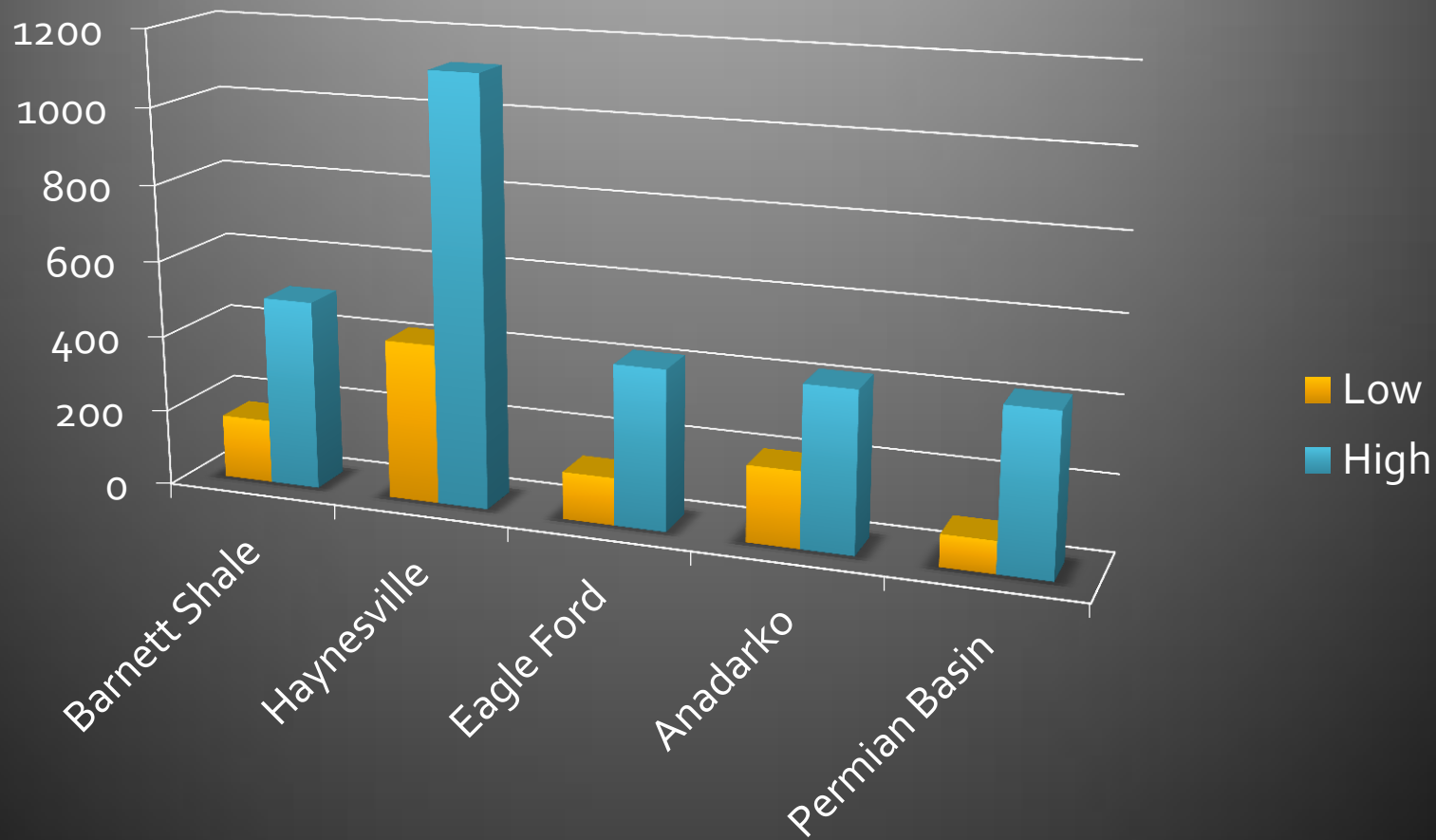
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2011



# Drilling Water Use by Shale (in 1,000's gal/well)



Source: Jean-Philippe Nicot, Robert C. Reedy, Ruth A. Costley, & Yun Huang, Oil and Gas Water Use in Texas: Update to the Mining Water Use Report 63 (Sept. 2012).

# Common Local Concerns

- Water Use and Contamination
- Hydraulic Fracturing
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Traffic and Road Damage
- Setbacks
- Waste Disposal

# COFW Gas Drilling Ordinance

- Comprehensive Noise Regulations, including Noise Management Plan, Pure Tones and Low Frequency
- Compressor Regulations
- Green Completions
- Setbacks
- Gathering line maps with Well Permit
- Fresh Water Fracture Ponds
- Salt Water Pipelines

# Noise Management

- Every operator with their well permit must provide a plan.
  - Ambient measurements for 72 hours at multiple locations, including one weekend day;
  - Address elevations, distance to residences;
  - Noise mitigation techniques, including noise walls and buffer pads



# Noise Restrictions

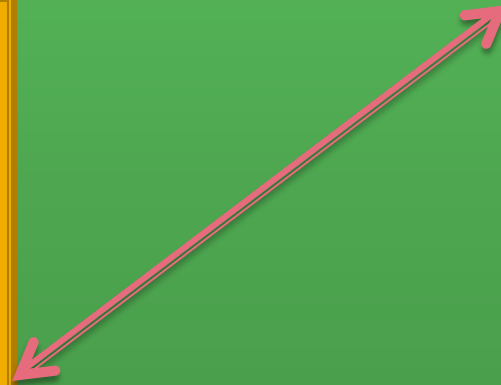
- Values based on advice of sound expert that has data on almost every Barnett rig.
- May not exceed ambient by 5db(day) and 3db(night);
- 10 db limit over ambient for fracturing;
- 3 db for flowback
- Limits on pure tones and low frequency
- Ordinance limits compressor noise also.

# Setbacks

- How do you measure?
  - Wellbore to structure or edge of site
  - More setback, more sites
- Multiple Well site v. Single Well site
- Pad site equipment
- Line Compressors
- Reverse Setback Effect
- What structures are protected?

Planned Development of  
Multi Family

Pad Site



# Setbacks

- 600 feet from Residence without waivers or Council approval;
  - Council may reduce to 300 feet.
  - Wellbore measurement or pad site boundary
- Other limits on schools, churches and public buildings

# Fresh Water Fracture Ponds

A background image showing a series of water droplets falling into a body of water, creating concentric ripples. The droplets are captured in mid-air, and the water surface is dark with light reflecting off the ripples.

- New Ordinance allows fresh water frac ponds.
  - No liners
  - Can be located adjacent to drill site or in Ag or Industrial Zoning classifications.

# Gas Drilling Review Committee

- Formed to meet and consider disputed scenarios;
  - Applies to wells requiring Council approval
  - Pipelines in residential areas; and
  - Truck routes off of commercial routes
- City Staff Departments convene and Operator and Citizens appear.



Chesapeake  
8th Avenue Railroad Lease  
High-Impact Well Site

Chesapeake  
8th Avenue

Chesapeake Operating, Inc.  
8th Avenue Railroad Lease

600' Buffer

Intersection of 8th Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

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# Green Completions

- Ordinance requires reduced emission completions i.e. capturing salable gas when completing a well.
- First well on a pad is exempt.
- Some operators had already been doing this and making money vs. venting.





# Why Does a City need a Pipeline Ordinance?

Density-gathering lines and connecting lines more dense than ever seen in urban context;

Duplication-multiple producers must build out to interstate transmission lines;

Knowledge-City must know where all of the lines are located;

Future Land Use and Planning-pipelines have a significant impact on future use by city and private development.

## Rule 29

# Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure

- Regulated by Texas Railroad Commission
- Operators are required to disclose chemicals used subject to certain trade secret protections
- Operators required to disclose volumes of water used
- FracFocus website

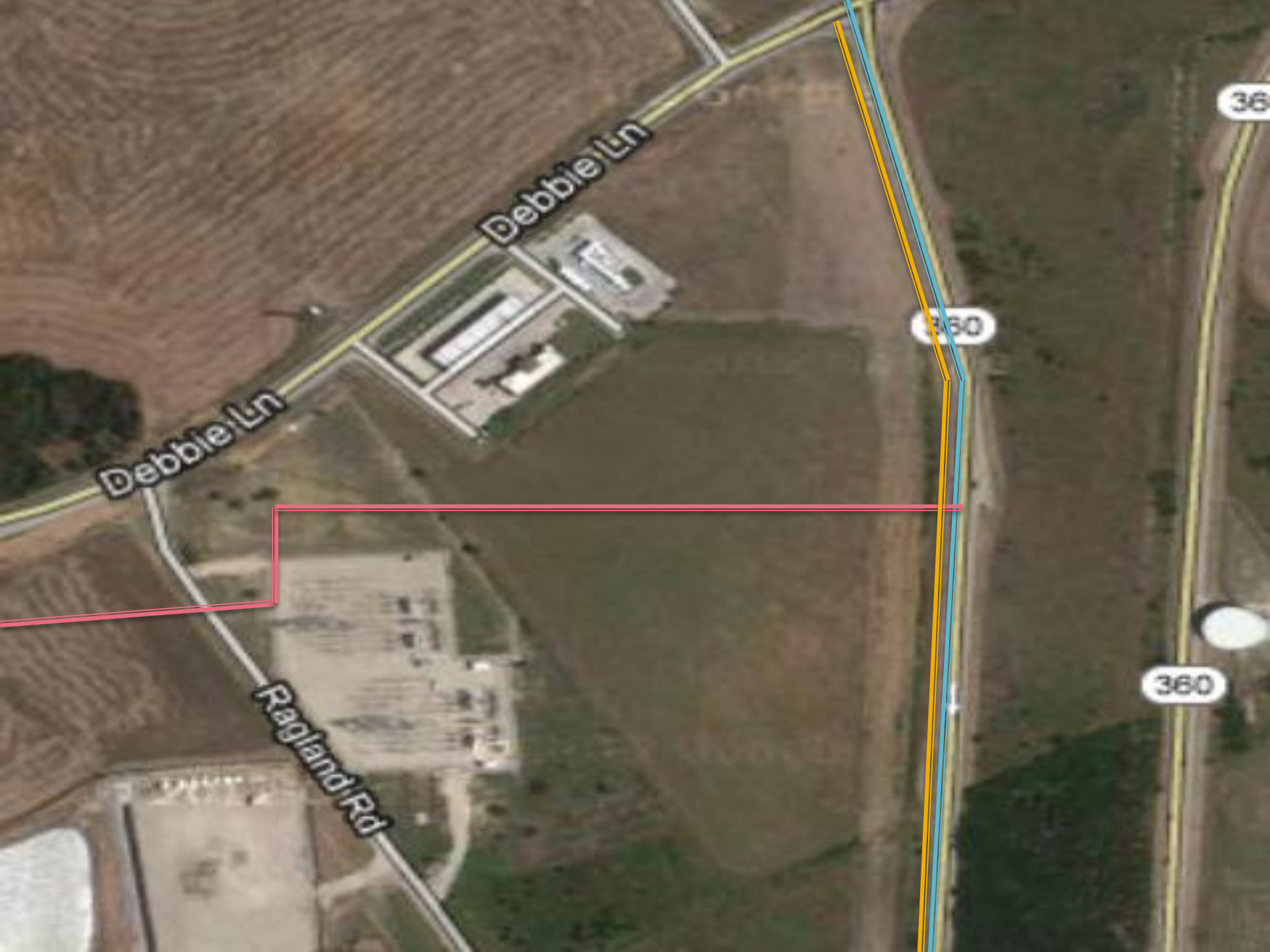


# Pipeline Regulation

- Pipelines may not interfere with existing utilities or ROW;
- Must restore to original condition;
- Must meet or exceed federal and state requirements;
- 10 days prior to construction, operator shall give written mailed notice to all tenants, property owners and residents that are located adjacent to proposed line.

# City Regulated Pipelines

- Must incorporate all federal and state requirements for lines between well and first transfer;
- Obtain permit;
- When applying for well permit must show proposed route to reach transmission line;
- Must submit application to COFW BEFORE making any offer or initiating any negotiations in residential area.



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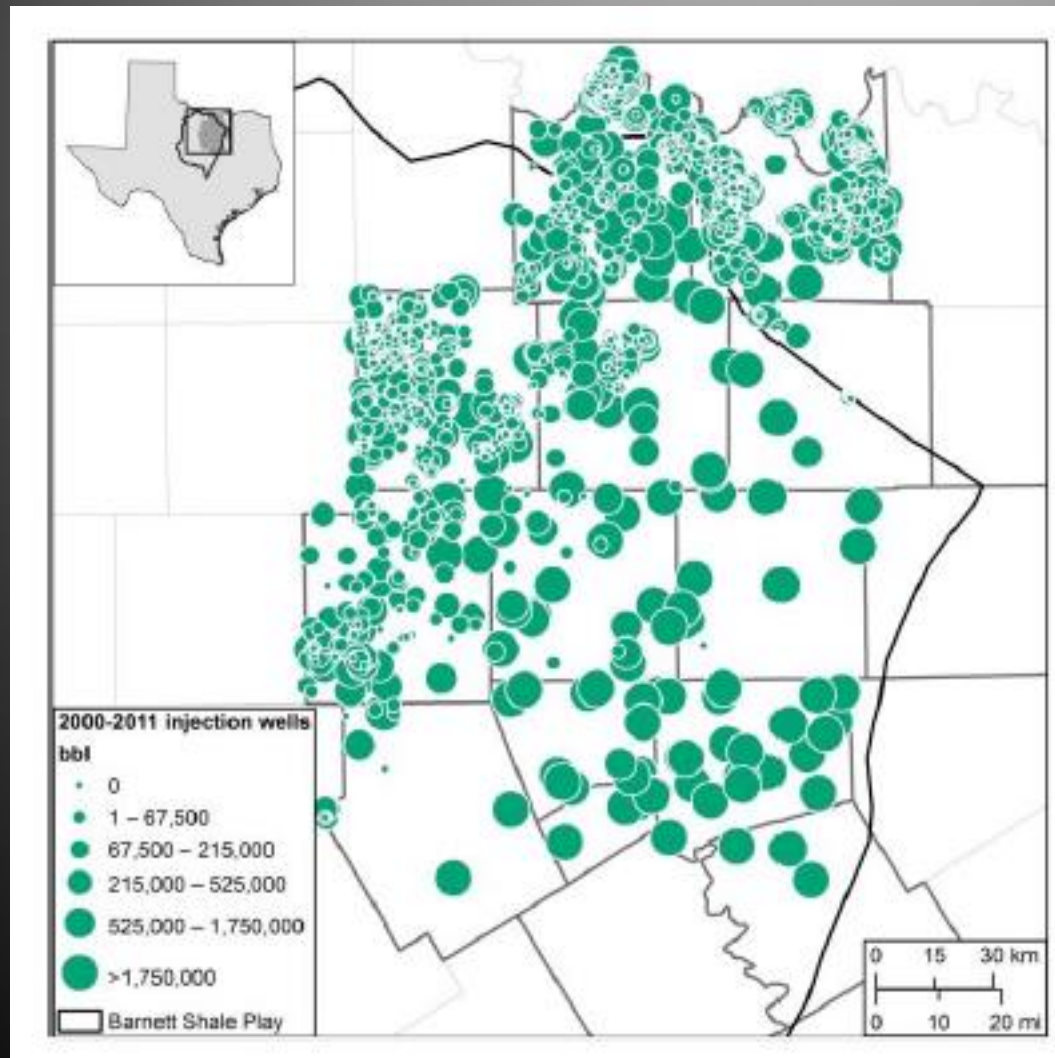
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# Waste Disposal

- Significant Issue facing Hydraulic Fracturing drilling.
- Fort Worth had a Moratorium and has now declined to allow wells.
- Tremendous volumes of waste.
- Other jurisdictions are moving to treatment and re-use of water vs. disposal.
- Consult technology providers such as GE Water.

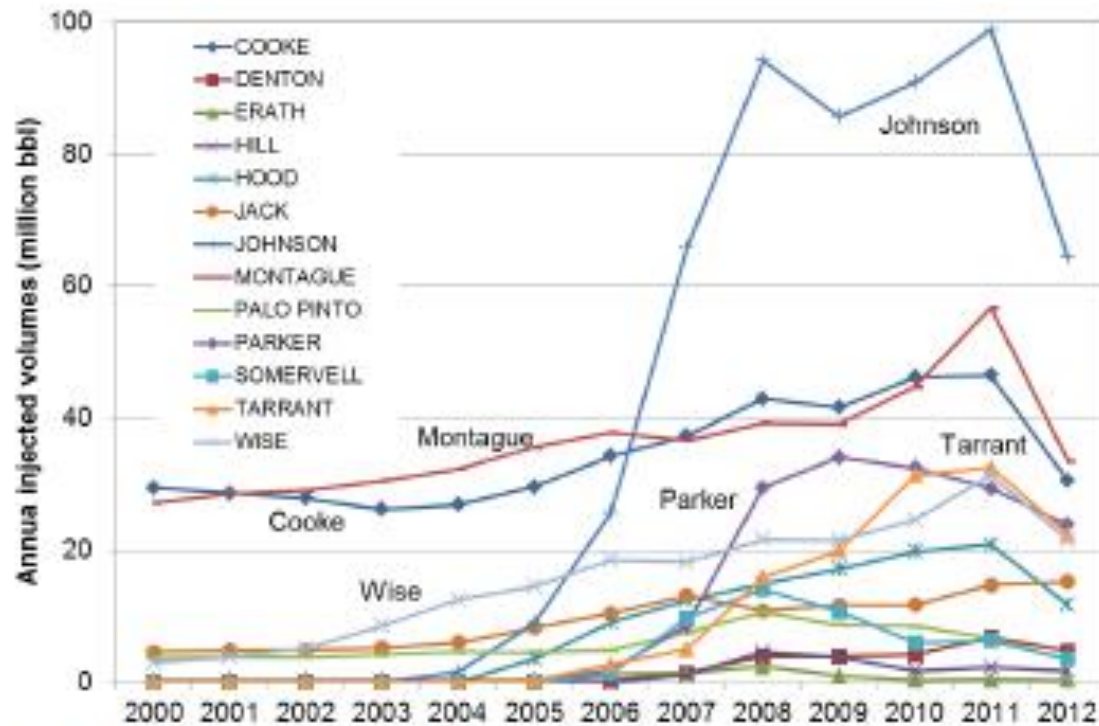
# Map of Barnett Shale Injection Wells and Cumulative Injected Volume 2000-2011



**Injection Wells**

# Barnett Shale

## Yearly Injected Volumes by County (including conventional oil and gas)



Note: no injection in Dallas and Bosque Counties.

Source: Jean-Philippe Nicot, Bridget R. Scanlon, Robert C. Reedy, and Ruth A. Costley, Source and Fate of Hydraulic Fracturing Water in the Barnett Shale: A Historical Perspective, S39 (Nov. 29, 2013).



# Concerns with Disposal

Increased pollution and damage to roads from truck traffic

Potential for contamination of other water sources through soil migration or spills

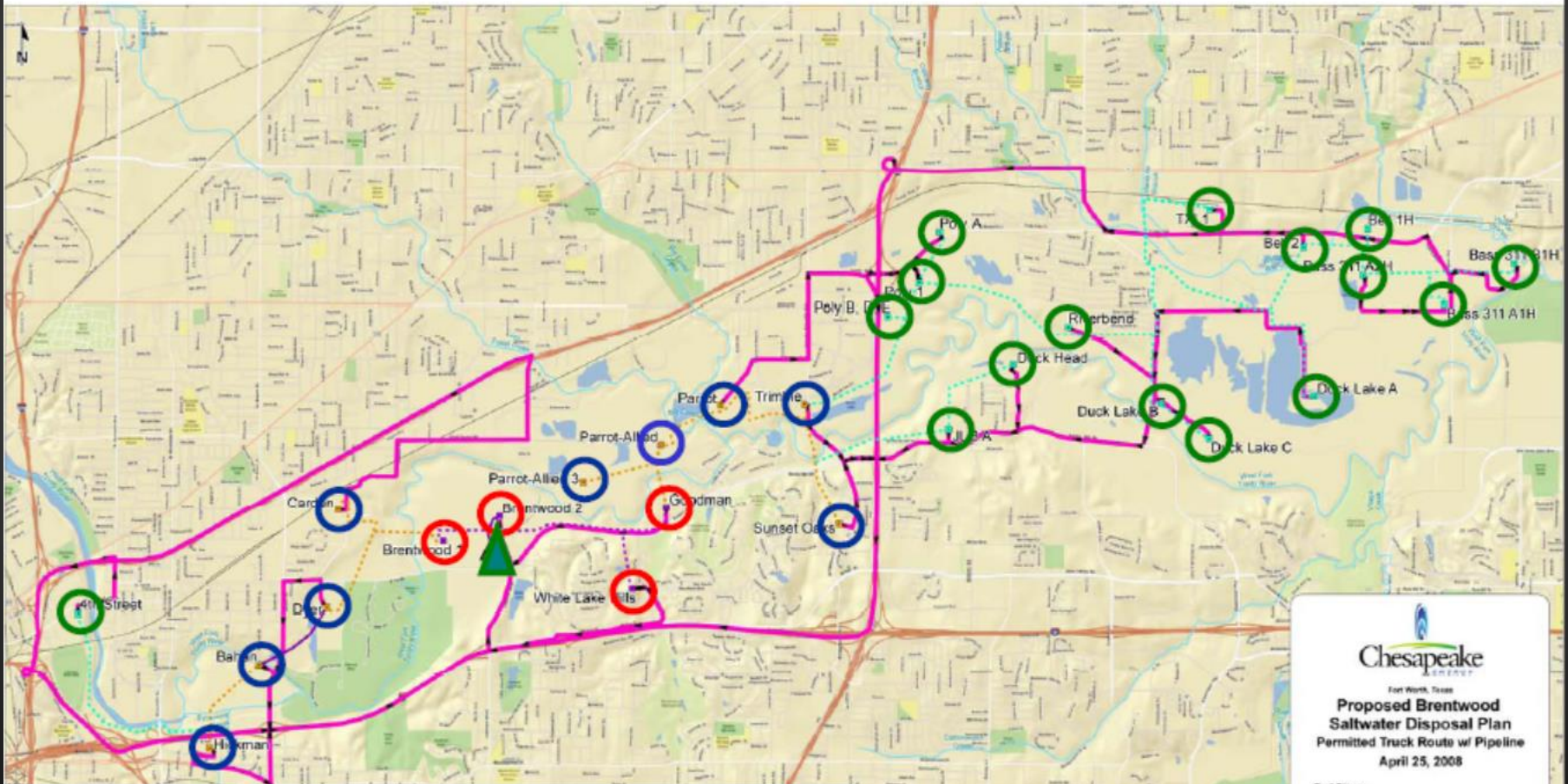
Impacts to naturally occurring fault lines causing earthquakes

Water lost from hydrologic cycle

# Saltwater Pipelines

- Must obtain permission from the City
- Designed and sealed by a professional engineer
- Locate 5 feet below City utilities
- Automatic shutdown system
- Markers
- FW Pilot Study on Disposal

# Phase-In Approach



Phase I – all trucked

Phase II – 3 months: Trinity South piping completed

Phase III – 12 months: Trinity North piping completed

Phase IV – 15 months: East of 820 piping completed



**Chesapeake**  
AN ENERGY COMPANY

Fort Worth, Texas  
**Proposed Brentwood  
 Saltwater Disposal Plan**  
 Permitted Truck Route w/ Pipeline  
 April 25, 2008

**Pad Sites:**

- Phase I - Trucking Only
- Phase II - Pipeline & Trucking
- Phase III - Pipeline & Trucking
- Phase IV - Pipeline & Trucking

**Pipeline Routes:**

- Existing Saltwater Pipeline
- Proposed Saltwater Pipeline Phase II
- Proposed Saltwater Pipeline Phase III
- Proposed Saltwater Pipeline Phase IV
- Proposed Truck Routes

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# Air Quality

- Recent events have placed increased focus on emission from facilities;
  - Condensate tanks
  - Compressors
  - Disposal facilities
  - Well completions
  - Idling trucks
  - Leaking valves
- Texas has been doing real-time monitoring and has an expedited response time on complaints. Real time monitors throughout Barnett.

# Air Quality

- Fort Worth convened a special panel to develop a methodology for analyzing various impacts from drilling. Consultant was selected and final report is available. New reports also available.
- EPA has newly enacted rules including green completions.



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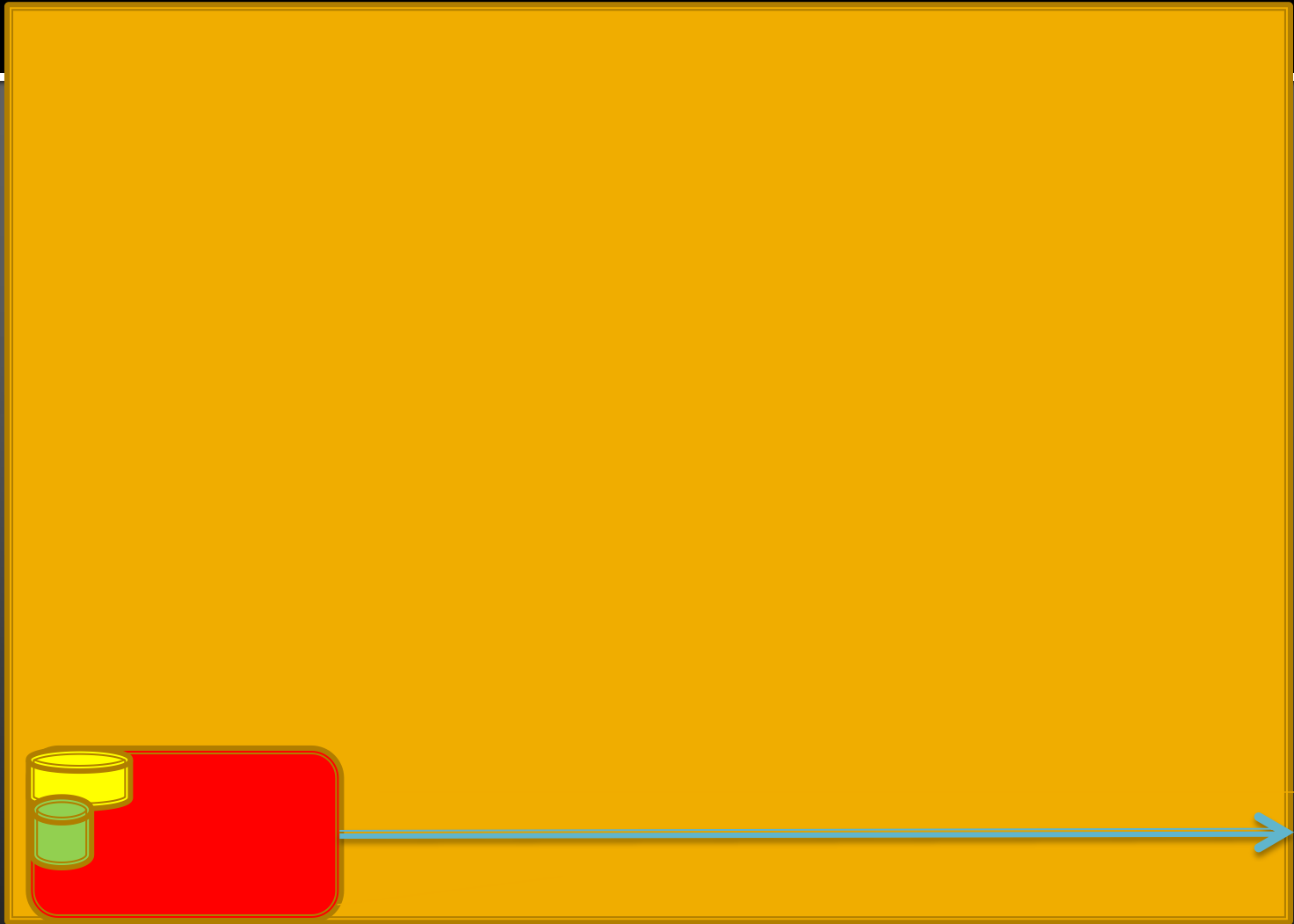




# RRC Planned Development

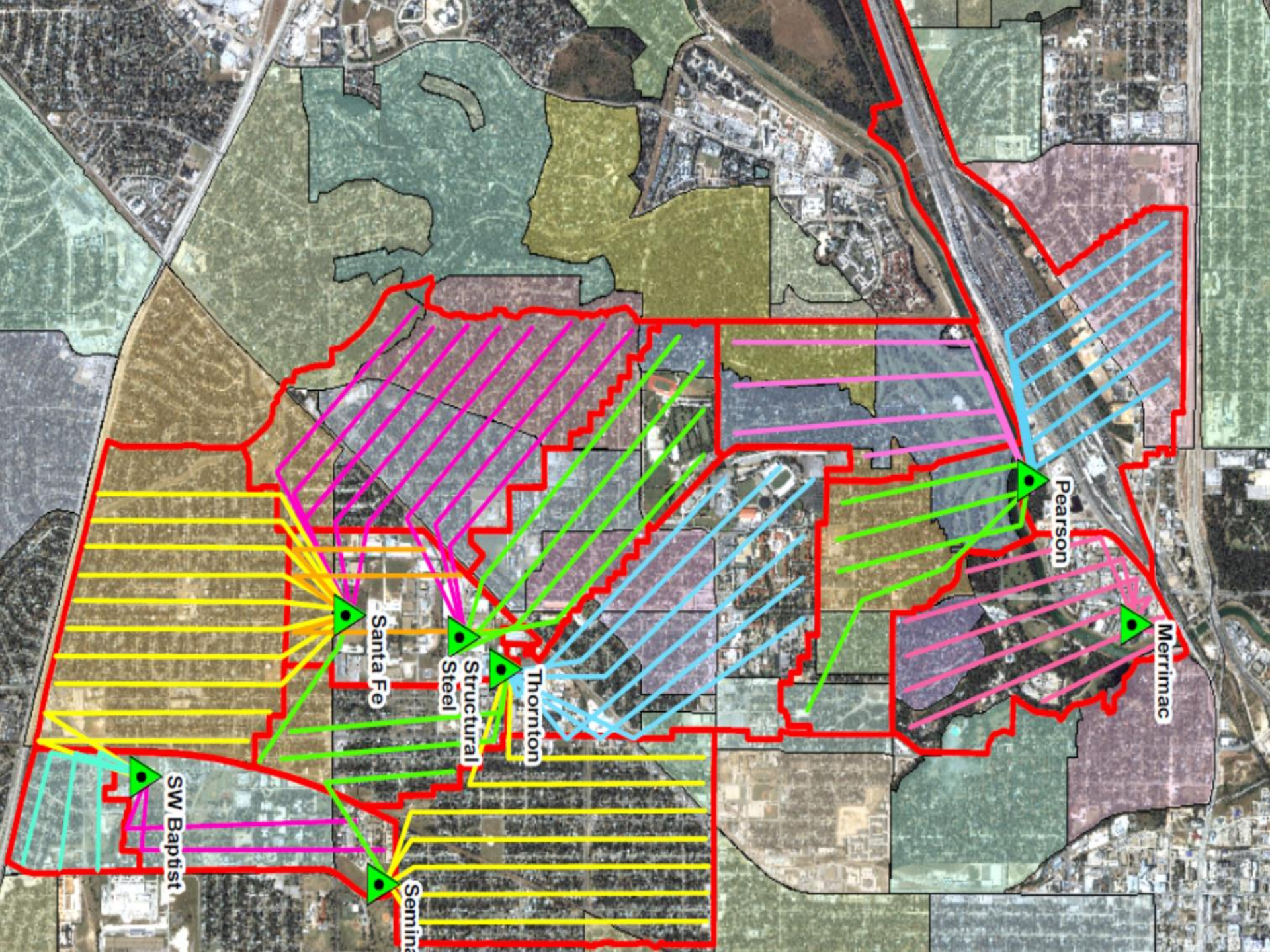
- Mineral and Surface Owner must be notified
- Advanced plan of development must establish size and location of production site-1 for every 80 acres of surface
- Pipeline corridors
- Once approved is binding on later production activities

# Planned Energy Site



# Master Plan

- Common Pad Sites-used by multiple operators
- Common pipeline corridors, under or along city streets
  - Encourage shared pipelines
- Saltwater pipelines, centralized treatment facilities
- Common Compressor Locations



Pearson

Merrimac

Thornton

Structural Steel

Santa Fe

SW Baptist

Seminat



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Vickers

Rosedale

Ramp

Clara

Buck

Mistletoe

University

Old University

Merrimac

Rogers

- 4 wells permitted by the City of Fort Worth
- 1 well drilled
- 1 well currently drilling



Mopac

Collinsworth

Riverfront

Rogers

University







# Truck Traffic and Road Damage

- Approximately 1,200 truck trips needed to drill one well.
  - Each truck weighing up to 80,000 pounds
- Another 300 truck trips annually are needed to maintain the well.
- Impact of truck traffic needed for production is equivalent to 8 million cars.
- Impact of truck traffic required to maintain the well is equivalent to an additional 2 million cars per year.



# Truck Traffic and Road Damage

- Road damage from drilling trucks was estimated in one Texas shale to be \$2 billion.
- The Texas Department of Transportation estimates that renovating state-maintained rural routes to accommodate drilling traffic will cost \$1 billion a year.
- Oil and gas activity is projected to be ongoing for at least the next 20-30 years.



# Alternatives to New Water

## BRACKISH WATER

- Abundant supply of brackish and sea water
- Nine legislative bills introduced in 2013 Session regarding brackish water
- Concerns remain over well corrosion, contamination, and regulation

## RECYCLE/REUSE

- Variety of methods on or off-site (microfiltration, vapor recompression, etc.)
- Trucking and disposal rates reduced 60%
- More expensive than current injection disposal
- 16 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 4, Subch. B—Rules addressing recycling by oil and gas operators

# Recycle/Reuse by Shale

## Barnett Shale

- Fresh Water: 92% (20% groundwater and 80% surface water)
- Brackish Water: 3%
- Recycled/Reused: 5%

## Eagle Ford Shale

- Fresh Water: 80% (90% groundwater and 10% surface water)
- Brackish Water: 20%
- Recycled/Reused: 0%

## Haynesville Shale/East Texas Basin

- Fresh Water: 95% (70% groundwater and 30% surface water)
- Brackish Water: 0%
- Recycled/Reused: 5%

## Permian Basin

- Fresh Water: 20% in Far West and 68% in Midland (100% groundwater)
- Brackish Water: 80% in Far West and 30% in Midland
- Recycled/Reused: 0% in Far West and 2% in Midland

## Anadarko Basin

- Fresh Water: 50% (80% groundwater and 20% surface water)
- Brackish Water: 30%
- Recycled/Reused: 20%

# Flowback/Produced Water Volume by Shale

Estimated flow back/produced water volume relative to HF injected  
volume

<b>Play / Region</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Delaware Basin (Permian Basin)	Close to 100% in year 1, 150% well life >200% well life
Midland Basin (Permian Basin)	50%-100% in year 1
Anadarko Basin	~50% in month 1, 90% at month 6
Barnett Shale	10-20% month 1, 20-60% well life 70% year1; 150% in 5 years
Eagle Ford Shale	20% over life; 20% over life
Haynesville Shale	20% over life; 15% over life
Cotton Valley Fm.	60% month 1, >100% well life; 40% or 100% over life





**NOTICE**

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE  
CONSTRUCTION

Texas Midstream Gas Services  
(877) 622-6831



# Financial Impacts

Source: The Perryman Group prepared for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

- **Increased Output (gross product)**
  - Total impact in 2011 in Barnett Shale area is \$11.1 billion in annual output (gross product)
- **Increased Jobs**
  - In 2011, Barnett Shale was responsible for 100,268 jobs
- **Important Source of Tax Revenues**
  - In 2011, approximately \$1.6 billion in additional fiscal revenues were generated due to Barnett Shale and related activity

# Financial Impacts

## MUNICIPALITIES

- \$31 million in royalties
- \$30 million in bonuses
- \$25 million in tax revenues (directly for natural gas and mineral rights)

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- \$2.7 million in royalties
- \$2.5 million in bonuses
- \$45.8 million in tax revenues (directly for natural gas and mineral rights)

- Entire FW Ordinance and other information at:
- [WWW.FortWorthGov.Org](http://WWW.FortWorthGov.Org)

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