







Energy & Water

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Agenda



 Overview of global water cycle & demand

Water Use in Oil & Gas Industry

 Unconventional Energy Challenges



Key Points

Population & Economic Growth Drive Demand for Water & Energy





Population, GDP and Energy Demand from ExxonMobil 2013 Outlook for Energy,

Freshwater Use from UNESCO & State Hydrological Institute, St. Petersburg (Shiklomanov)

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Taking on the world's toughest energy challenges."

Global Energy Demand by Sector



ExxonMobil 2013 Outlook for Energy

Freshwater Use by Sector



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Global Freshwater Withdrawals by Sector

World Bank Country Income Groups

Source (left): *after* World Bank 2011 World Development Indicators Source (right): Brown, T. C. (2000), Projecting U.S. freshwater withdrawals, *Water Resour. Res.*, 36(3), 769–780, doi:10.1029/1999WR900284.



Physical & Economic Water Scarcity



Source: International Water Management Institute (2007)



Water Use in the Oil & Gas Industry



Upstream

- Exploration and production
- Modest water use during hydrocarbon extraction, but can be material local user

Downstream & Petrochemicals

- Conversion of oil & gas to fuels and chemical base stocks
- Refining is the largest energy-related water consumer after electricity

End Use

- Electricity generation is the most significant energy-related water consumer
- Overall modest water consumption by other end users

Freshwater Intensity of Energy Production





Source: internal & external reports



Energy Intensity of Water Use



Source: CA Energy Commission 2005, Tech. Rep. CEC-700-2005-011-SF



Protecting Water Sources



Protect human health and the environment by striving to prevent spills, and managing water withdrawal, consumption and discharges



Hydraulic Fracturing

- Groundwater protection assured by geology and well casing.
- Actual gas resource isolated by solid rock layers.
- Well encased in multiple layers of steel casing and cement.

Elements of Hydraulic Fracturing Fluid



- What is hydraulic fracturing fluid?
 - The vast majority of fracturing fluid is water and sand.
 - The small fraction of remaining ingredients are other additives often found in common household goods.



Safe Treatment of Water After Use



- What happens to the hydraulic fracturing fluid?
 - Recycled by treating and mixing with freshwater for re-use in future operations
 - Sent to an industrial wastewater treatment plant
 - Injected underground in properly permitted wells for disposal

Water Use – Marcellus Shale Region



- Susquehanna and Delaware River Basin Commissions employ strict siting and surface water management requirements
- Industry will use far less than 1% of water flow in both Basins

Water Use – Barnett Shale Region

- Water managed by multiple water management districts and municipalities
- Industry uses less than 2% of total surface water in Fort Worth Basin







In Summary ...



- Water and energy are interrelated, and both are vitally important for society and economic development
- Population and economic growth drive water and energy demand
- Water scarcity is regional and can vary over time
- Water issues are most effectively addressed with local, watershedscale solutions
- All stakeholders (industry, government, academia) have a valuable role to play in sustainable water solutions
- Petroleum industry is not an intensive freshwater user, but can be a material local water user
- Conduct research and operational analyses to support improvement of water-related technologies, practices, and performance