



Getting The Waters Tested The Marcellus Shale Factor



Water Resources




Marcellus Shale Formation




Old Issues



Environment



New Issues




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Target Audience

- Stakeholders
- Community Advocates and Scientists
- Health Related Professionals
- Municipal and Local Officials
- Water Supplies and State Regulators

What is the Marcellus Shale Factor?

- We have been educating private wellowners for 20+ years- but it was difficult to get citizens to test their well water. It looks clear – I am not sick – It is fine.
- The Marcellus Shale Factor – Baseline Testing for Natural Gas Development is conducting Testing and Citizens are be told they have a Problem NOW.
- Based on Private Well Construction and Placement - Some Private Wells may be the pathways for Contamination.
- **DO YOU Know that 30 to 50 % of Private Wells in PA produce water that does not meet the Drinking Water Standards??**

WE Support the Citizen Groundwater Database at Wilkes University !



Goals

- Private Well Water Quality for the Region
- Existing Problems in Region
- Brief Introduction to Marcellus Shale and Importance of Proper Well Construction
- Review of Hydraulic Fracturing
- The Citizen Groundwater Database
- Well Monitoring and Purging
- Baseline Testing – What Parameters?
- Educating the Community



Private Wells/ Water Systems in Pennsylvania



What ?



County	# of homes served by private water systems			Avg. Change in homes served by private water systems per year	% of all homes served by public water	% of all homes served by private water system
	1980	1990	2000			
Bradford	13,443	16,865	20,287	+342	37	63
Carbon	6,594	12,235	17,876	+564	55	45
Lackawanna	9,952	12,745	15,538	+279	86	14
Luzerne	19,994	24,662	29,330	+467	82	18
Monroe	21,129	37,246	53,363	+1612	32	68
Pike	9,441	16,875	24,309	+743	45	55
Sullivan	2,147	4,727	7,307	+258	13	87
Susquehanna	9,423	15,212	21,021	+679	29	70
Tioga	9,126	11,888	14,650	+276	35	65
Wayne	9,913	19,097	28,281	+918	33	67
Wyoming	7,236	8,657	10,078	+142	27	73
Region	118,398	180,209	242,020	+562	43	57

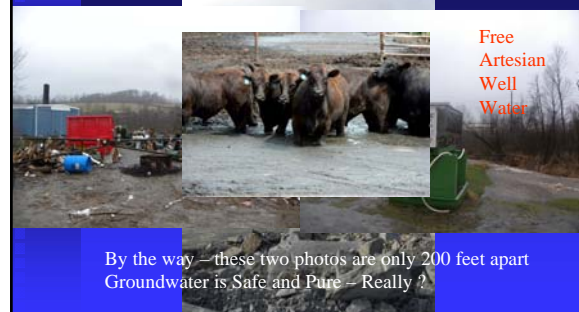
Our Groundwater is Pure and Regulated?
Information We Have Known Prior to Marcellus Shale Development



This is Drinking Water from Private Wells in PA?



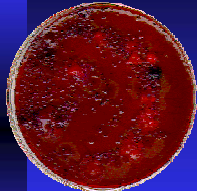
Things I have found within 100 feet of a private well – Just a Few



Geological Sequence		
Time	Period	Deposit or Rock Type
0 to 1.8 million years	Quaternary – Glaciation	sand, silt, clay, and gravel
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Based on the geology of the NEPA and my 20+ years experience, the **common** water quality problems are as follows:




- Corrosive Water
- Low pH
- Soft Water (low hardness) to Moderate Hardness
- Iron and Manganese
- Total Coliform Bacteria
- Sulfur Odors and Methane-
- Biogenic/Thermogenic Gas (Tends to be < 10 mg/L)
- Radon Gas
- Arsenic

Biggest Problem Bacterial And Microbiological Agents

Contamination by VOCs, SOCs, Glycols, Saline Water (< 3 %), Barium, Salt, and Radionuclides are NOT COMMON!

Quick Questions?

- Have I mentioned that these problems have nothing to do with Marcellus Shale?
 - ◆ These background and baseline issues have nothing to do with Marcellus Shale – 50% of Private Wells DO not meet the drinking water standard.



Drinking Water Regulations

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), passed in 1974 and amended in 1986 and 1996, gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to set drinking water standards.

These standards are divided into two broad categories: Primary Standards (NPDWR) and Secondary Standards (NSDWR).

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Primary Standards (NPDWR)

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

Primary standards protect drinking water quality by limiting the levels of specific contaminants that can adversely affect public health and are known or anticipated to occur in water. They take the form of Maximum Contaminant Levels or Treatment Techniques.

Examples: Arsenic, Lead, MTBE, total coliform, *Giardia*, Trihalomethanes, Asbestos, Copper, Benzene, Trichloroethane, etc.

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Secondary Standards

National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations

These standards were established more for cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor or color) in drinking water.

The secondary standards include: aluminum, chloride, color, corrosivity, fluoride, foaming agents, iron, manganese, odor, pH, silver, sulfate, total dissolved solids, and zinc.

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Private Wells Not Regulated

- Private Wells Are Not Regulated under Safe Drinking Water Act
 - ◆ EPA – NO
 - ◆ PADEP – NO
 - ◆ County – Very Few Counties in PA
 - ◆ Townships – some have basic ordinance on placement- some have comprehensive requirements- but most have nothing.

Private Wells (They) - The Facts- Baseline Conditions

- Are they Regulated?
 - ◆ Not really – no state-wide construction standard
 - ◆ Not Classified as a Regulated Source
- Are they Permitted?
 - ◆ May be the Licensed Well Driller Submitted a Log
 - ◆ Maybe a permit issued at the local level
- Are they Tested?
 - ◆ Not required- Data not stored
 - ◆ Some contain elevated levels of bacteria, barium, salt, arsenic, etc – should we be concerned.
- Do we know where they are located?
 - ◆ Maybe +/- a few hundred feet.
 - ◆ PaGWIS - PA Groundwater Information System

Before Marcellus Shale Development What was the Quality of Private Well Water?

A USGS survey found that 70% of private wells were contaminated. This contamination could result in acute or chronic health concerns (1996).

Testing Conducted under my supervision at Wilkes University in through out the United States indicates that 30 to over 50 % may be contaminated – Mostly by Total Coliform Bacteria (1989 – 2011).

PSU – Master Well Owner Network suggests that 33 to 50 % of Private Well Owners in PA may have some Form of contamination.

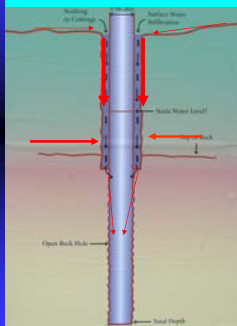
Most Contamination appears to be associated with Total Coliform Bacteria



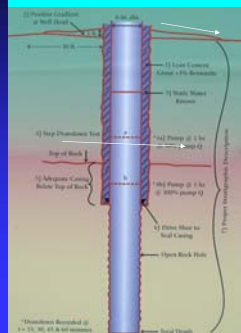
- Insects, Larvae and Nests / Egg Masses
- Mouse Colonies
- Snakes
- Beehives
- Mud - when casing to close to ground

Therefore – In some cases - the Private Wells are Facilitating Groundwater Contamination.

An UngROUTED Residential Well



A Properly Grouted Well



Radon (In Air)- PA -Recommend < 4 pCi/L



Bradford County – 38 % < 2 pCi/L, but 43 % > 4 pCi/L.
 Lackawanna County– 52 % < 2 pCi/L, but 27 % > 4 pCi/L.
 Luzerne County– 45 % < 2 pCi/L, but 23 % > 4 pCi/L.
 Susquehanna County – 48 % < 2 pCi/L, but 31 % > 4 pCi/L.



Radon Exposure <http://pa-radon.info/>

Radon in Water – no Standard, but proposed range 300 to 4000 pCi/L

Recent testing in Susquehanna/ Luzerne County at 577 to 2200 pCi/L – 100% over 300 pCi/L

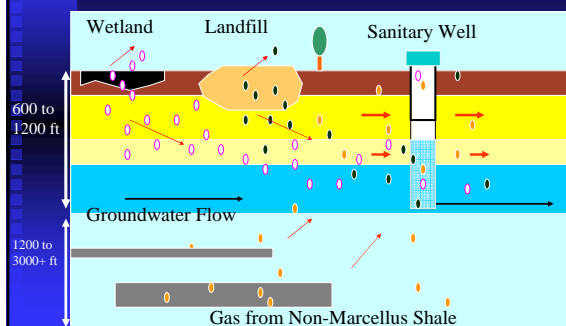
Recommendations

1. Test indoor radon in air levels.
2. If radon in air > 2 pCi/L- test the radon level in the water.
3. Add to Community Baseline Testing Program

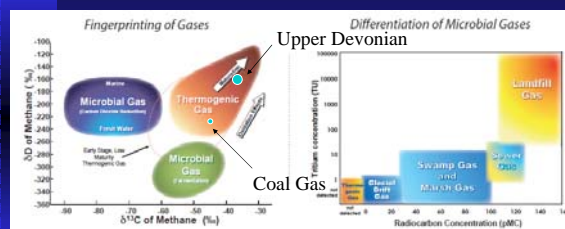
Methane in Water

- Methane has been a hidden issue in NEPA.
- The gas is colorless, tasteless, and odorless and there are no known health effects.
- Potential concerns relate to flammability/ explosiveness of gas.
- Background – appears to range from non-detect to over 20+ mg/L (highly variable) in Northeast Pennsylvania.
- I light my first well water sample in about 1989- thanks to methane gas.

Methane Gas Migration- Not Related to Marcellus Shale



Gas Finger Printing



Rock Sample from Quarry – West of Dimock



Sandstone Unit – Containing Plant Materials, Organic MudS – Possible Shallow Methane Source

Methane Gas- Natural Sources – Saline Seeps



Video from Salt Springs State Park – Fall 2010, by Brian Oram

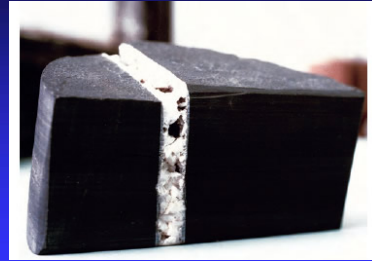
<http://www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org>

“At the base of the gorge is a bubbling salt spring, traces of an 1850s woolen mill, and mid-19th century farmhouses and barns.”

Methane (a little more)

- The Coal regions and northern portion of NEPA, and areas associated with the Mahantango / Marcellus Shale may have elevated levels of methane- Naturally.
- No drinking water limit, but Office of Surface Mines recommends monitoring for concentrations from 10 to < 28 mg/L and immediate action for concentrations > 28 mg/L
- My Recommendations:
 - ◆ < 2 mg/L – Monitor annually with passive venting
 - ◆ > 2 to 7 mg/L – Real-Time Monitoring and Isotopic Analysis – “Like fingerprinting the source of the gas”- with passive venting.
 - ◆ > 7 mg/L to < 10 mg/L – active venting
 - ◆ > 10 mg/L – Treatment with active venting

Marcellus Shale



This is Causing all the Concern?

Geological Sequence

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0 to 1.8 million years	Quaternary – Glaciation	sand, silt, clay, and gravel
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385 Million Years Ago



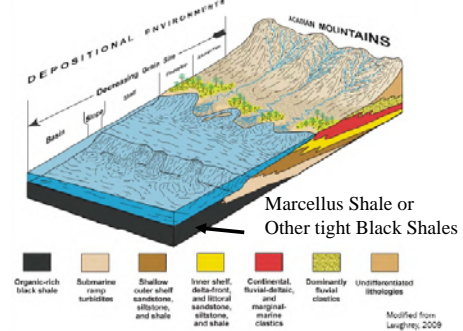
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Looking Back 400 million Years

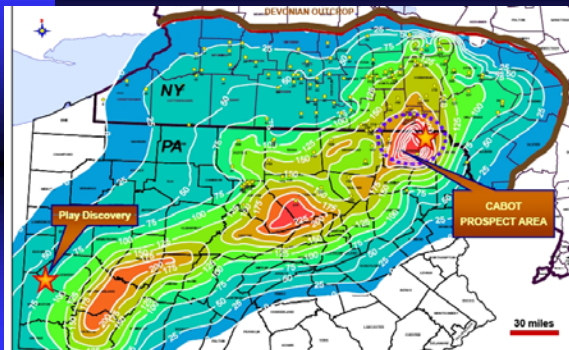


Barkley, 2009

DEVONIAN DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENTS



This is why the term – Fairway is being used to describe the play.



Source- Cabot – Marcellus Shale Thickness Map

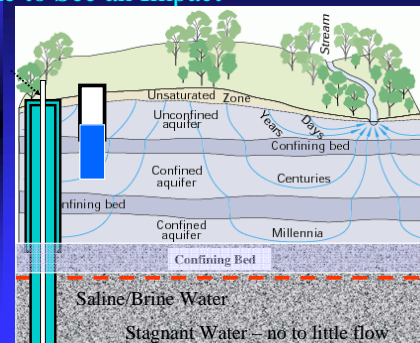
- Marcellus Shale Development
 - ◆ Drilling
 - ◆ Casing
 - ◆ Cement
 - ◆ What are the weaknesses?
 - ◆ What are the contaminants of concern?

Marcellus Shale Drilling Site



Total disturbed pads areas can be 5 acres – but one pad will support drilling multiple horizontal wells. Many drillers switching to Closed loop drilling and lining sites – Not a Regulation.

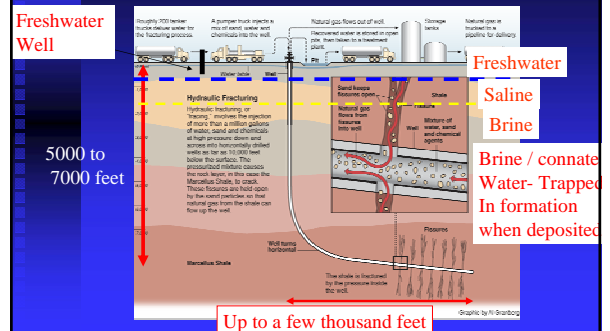
Properly Constructed Wells and Ideal Natural Gas Wells- How Long it May Take to See an Impact

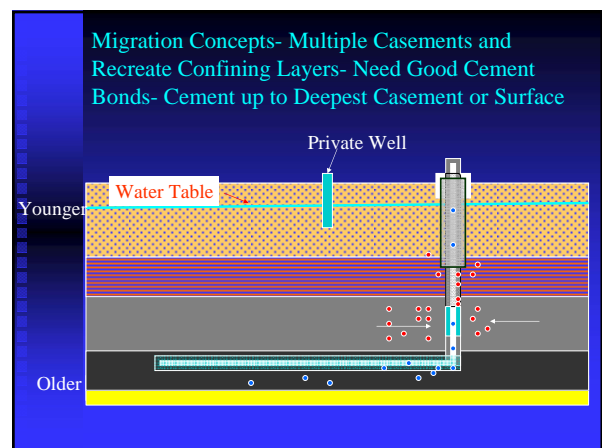
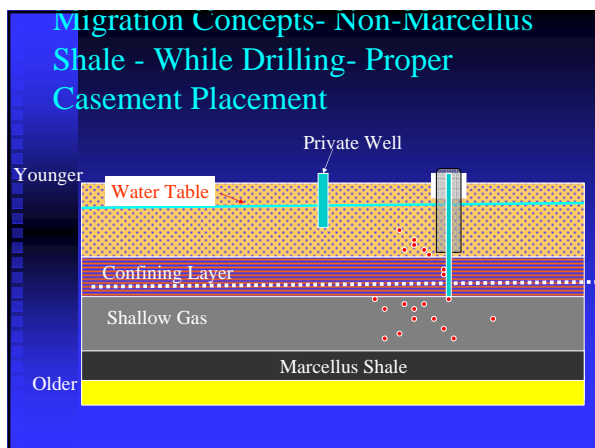
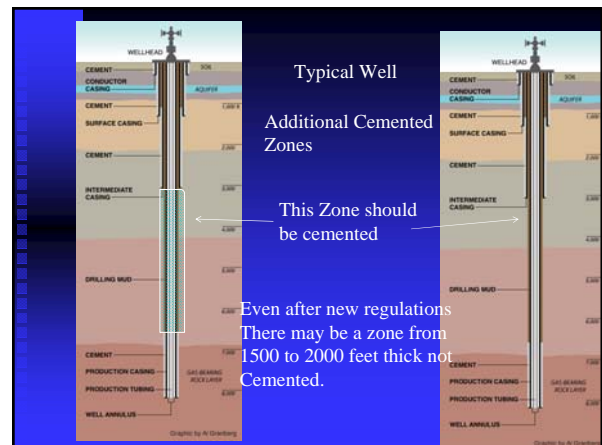
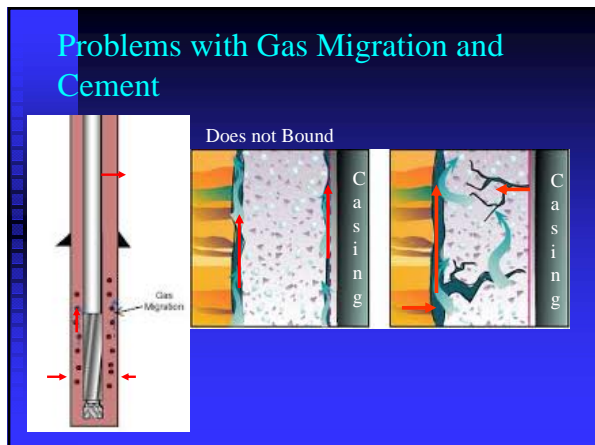
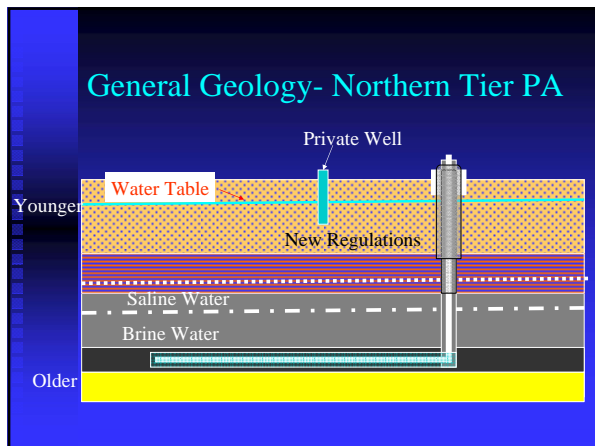


Types of Fluids - Associated with Marcellus Shale

- Top hole fluids – typically the water from the freshwater aquifer. This water from the first 600 to 1200 feet.
- Bottom hole fluids – brine or connate water.
- Stimulation Fluids – fluid used to improve recovery (frac process)- includes biocides and other chemicals.
- Production Fluids – water produced along the natural gas release – similar to bottom hole fluid.

Getting to The Natural Gas

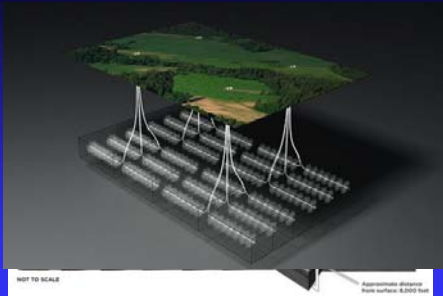
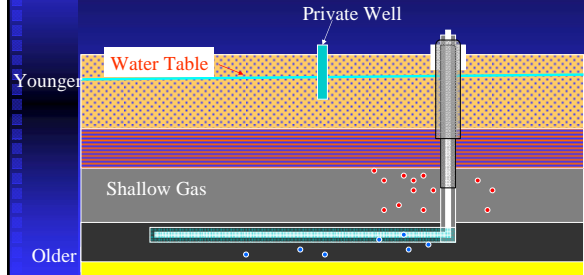




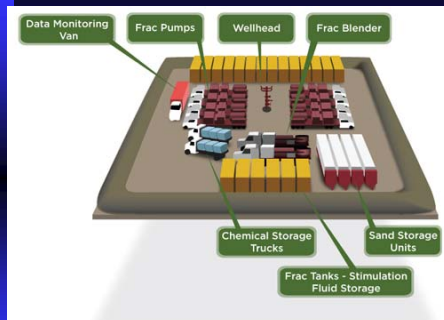
Migration



Migration Concepts- Multiple Casements and Recreate Confining Layers – No Uncemented Zones.



Hydrofracturing



Hydrofracturing



High Pressure Injection of Water, sand, and a mixture of chemicals in a series of stages to part formation. Note- Drilling Rig is not on the site – all drilling is done.

Injection Wells – Class II

Class II wells inject fluids associated with oil and natural gas production. Most of the injected fluid is salt water (brine), which is brought to the surface in the process of producing (extracting) oil and gas.

Regulated by:
EPA - http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/wells_class2.html

Does the UIC Program regulate hydraulic fracturing?

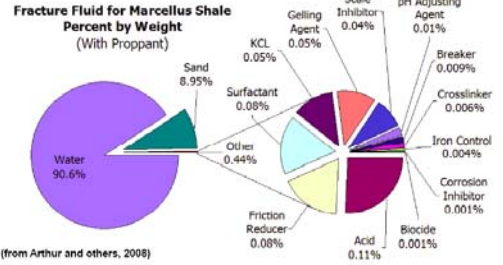
Sometimes. The UIC Program regulates the following activities:

- Well injection of fluids into a formation to enhance oil and gas production (Class II wells).
- Fracturing used in connection with Class II and Class V injection wells to "stimulate" (open pore space in a formation).
- Hydraulic fracturing to produce methane from coal beds in Alabama.
- Hydraulic fracturing that uses diesel in the mixture.

Note: Class V wells are shallow wells that inject water into or above a freshwater aquifer. <http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw000/uic/>

Concerns Related to Marcellus Shale

- Based on Location in Community Location – additional planning, education, and response plans are needed.
- In general, the issues are related to the following:
 - Erosion and Sedimentation
 - Volume of Water Used In Hydrofracturing- 2 to 9 million gallons per well.
 - Loss of Freshwater Aquifer or contamination by brine water and drilling fluids.
 - Drilling fluids may contain environmental contaminations (metals and organics).
 - Impacts to Roadways, Tourism, and Ecology
 - Noise Levels – by be at a Nuisance Level for the Public
 - Air pollution – Partial Combustion, Methane Releases,



Arthur et. al., 2008 – All Consulting – “ Natural Gas Wells of the Marcellus Shale”, Presented at Groundwater Protection Council 2008 Annual Forum. Go to <http://www.bfenvironmental.com>

Active Marcellus Production Site – Frac Fluid Chemistry – I may concern is Surface Spills and Releases !

Typically Frac Water is comprised of clean or recycled water with a low probably for scale formation, but treated effluents and other sources being used. The components include:

Friction Reducer – anionic polymer high molecular weight (hold frac sand and other particles)

Wetting Agent- nonionic surfactant – reduce surface tension and improve frac water flowback.

Biocides- control growth or regrowth of microorganisms.

Scale Inhibitor – phosphate based chemicals to inhibit precipitate formation and scale formation.

Industry has released chemicals used – Great Website <http://www.fracfocus.org>

Flowback Water Chemistry

Flowback water is generated from drilling and it is what gets produced from the first 5% of water returned after a well is started

Parameter	Frac 1	Frac 2	Frac 3	Frac 4
barium mg/l	3,310	2,300	7,75	4,300
calcium mg/l	14,100	5,140	683	31,300
iron mg/l	52.5	11.2	211	134.1
magnesium mg/l	938	438	31.2	1,630
manganese mg/l	5.17	1.9	16.2	7.0
strontium mg/l	6,830	1,390	4,96	2,000
dissolved solids mg/l	175,268	69,640	6,230	248,428
suspended solids mg/l	416	48	490	330
chemical oxygen demand mg/l	600	567	1,814	2,272

May contain elevated levels of trace metals, nitrogen, bromide, uranium, and hydrocarbons. Most of the dissolved solids includes chloride and sodium.

Source: <http://www.prochemtech.com/>

Production Water

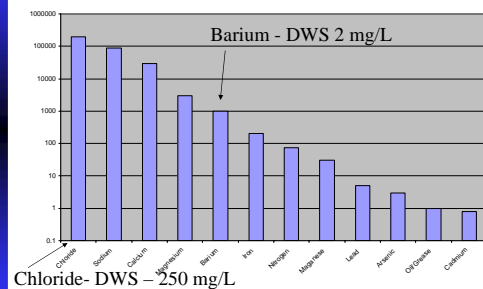
Produced water is wasted water that accompanies oil extraction and is high in saline. Typically, separated stored on site and then hauled to treatment/disposal facility.

Parameter	Result	Parameter	Result
pH	4.79	conductivity nanhos	366,600
total oil/grease mg/l	9	chemical oxygen demand mg/l	2,332
surfactants mg/l	105.7	barium mg/l	690
calcium mg/l	23,200	iron mg/l	160
magnesium mg/l	2,240	manganese mg/l	10.1
strontium mg/l	732	dissolved solids mg/l	224,300
suspended solids mg/l	33		

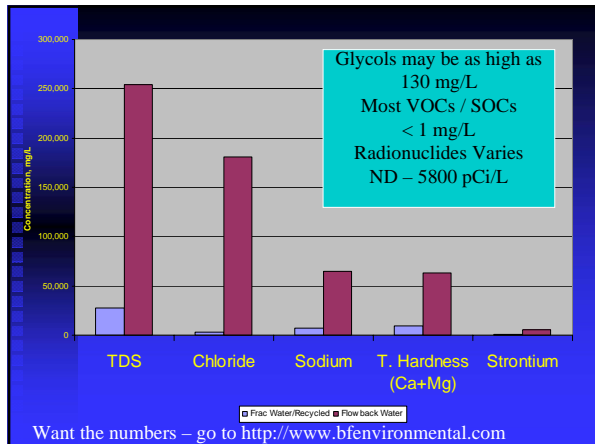
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Approximate Flowback Water - Wastewater Chemistry Concentration - mg/L (Source: PSU and Marcellus Shale Coalition)



More Data can be found at <http://www.bfenvironmental.com>



Concerns Related to Marcellus Shale

- In general, the concerns are related to the following:
 - Surface Spills and Releases Near Surface
 - Methane Gas Migration
 - Pushes and Slugs associated with Improper Cementing and not Properly Sealing the Existing Confining Layers
 - Improper Disposal of Brines
 - Freshwater Aquifer Contamination by brine water and drilling fluids/ muds.
 - Drilling fluids does contain environmental contaminations (metals and organics).

Frac Water Chemical Disclosures

- FracFocus™ - <http://fracfocus.org/> - the hydraulic fracturing chemical registry website.
- Information is also in the well permit and on-site.
- This website is a joint project of the Ground Water Protection Council Interstate Oil and Gas Compact

Citizen Database



Please Spread the Word – Private Well Owner and Watershed Group Survey – Data will be used to update a Free Guidebook – Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NMG6RQ3>



Goal of the Database

- Provide a Central Location to Store Baseline Pre-Drilling and/or Post-Drilling Water Quality Data for the Region
- Document Quality by Geological Formation
- Identify Existing Regional Issues or Concerns
- Provide an Un-Biased Community Resource
- Provide a Mechanism to Track Temporal, Spatial, and other Geospatial Variation in Water Quality.

Recent Baseline Testing in Luzerne County, PA
320 Private Wells

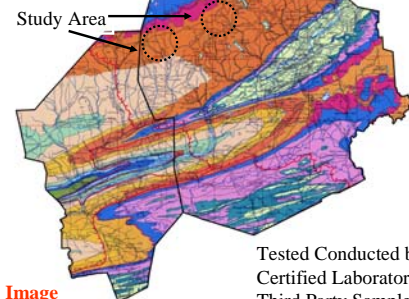
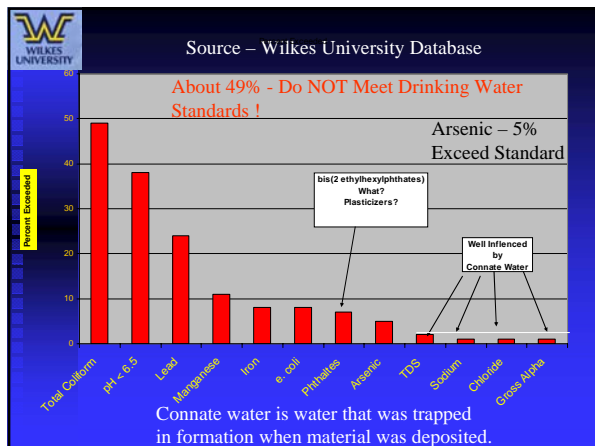


Image
Source: Luzernecounty.org

Tested Conducted by
Certified Laboratories
Third Party Samplers
Not Wilkes University



What are Phthalates?

- Used as Plasticizers- is a substance which when added to a material, usually a plastic, makes it flexible and easier to handle.
- Bis(2ethylhexylphthalate) (DEHP) – DW Standard – 6 ppb – GI problems, possible endocrine disruptor and carcinogen.
- Recent Testing – Highest Value was 60 ppb.
- How did this get in the aquifer?

The Marcellus Shale Factor- The Truth about Private Wells

- In 1996 – we knew 50% of Private Wells in PA were contaminated – But What Did We DO?
- The Marcellus Shale Factor or the Development of this resource is NOW bringing this problem to the surface.
- Baseline Testing is being conducted and more problems with groundwater quality are being identified.
- What do we do now? What is the Risk? What are the pathways to Contamination/ Impact? How should Risk be Managed?
- What to Test For as Part of Baseline Testing?
- Some Private Wells may be the pathway to Contamination.

What Parameters

■ Baseline Testing



I Got to Lose Weight !

Make sure to complete the Following:

1. Take Notes and Record Observations
2. Label Each Container Name, Site ID, Date, Time, Parameters, Your Initials, Preservation
3. Prepare Chain-of-Custody
4. Record Field Water Quality Data

Suggested Baseline- For Citizens

■ Testing Package # 1 Recommendations

Total Coliform with e. coli confirmation, chloride, sodium, bromide, barium, pH, total dissolved solids, MBAS, iron, manganese, and methane/ethane.

■ Testing Package # 2 Recommendations

Package # 1- plus T. Hardness, Magnesium, Selenium, Strontium, Conductivity, Calcium, Zinc, Alkalinity, Arsenic, Nitrate, Total Suspended Solids, Sulfate, Oil & Grease, and 21-VOCs/MTBE.

■ Testing Package # 3 Recommendations

Package #1 and # 2 - plus Potassium, Sulfide, Ammonia, Acidity, Nickel, Gross, Alpha/Beta, Lead, and Uranium.

It may be advisable to add Glycols, Radon in water, and other organics and inorganics. Depending on surrounding land-use, use of geothermal wells, and past history.

<http://www.wilkes.edu/water> (Fact Sheet - Recommended Baseline)

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Citizen Database at Wilkes University- Guidelines for Submission

II. Guidelines for Data Submission

1. Third Party Samplers following chain-of-custody to certified laboratory.
2. Submit detailed reports from certified laboratory with a GPS position for the well.
3. The water sample must be collected ahead of any water treatment system.
4. other conditions – Learn More at the Wilkes University Website.

Learn More –
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**WATER QUALITY
DATABASE
CONSENT &
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New Community Resource

Download a Free Copy (pdf) or Link to a copy at <http://www.wilkes.edu/water>

Also:

1. We are Working with Wilkes University on a Regional Citizen Water Quality Database.

Add Your Data to the Citizen Database- Contact Mr. Brian Oram at bfenviro@ptd.net

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What Professionals Can Do?

- Get Educated and Informed. Where does your water come from?
- Be active in Proposed Legislation.
- Push for Local Zoning/ Subdivision Ordinances
- Encourage Private Well Construction and Siting Standards
- Getting all Marcellus Shale related infrastructure added to deeds for parcels.
- Determine the information you may need to baseline a patient.
- Self Monitoring- Drinking Water- Encourage others to "Test the Waters"
 - ◆ Baseline Testing- Certified, Chain-of-Custody
 - ◆ Post Testing Using Informational Water Test Services – <http://www.water-testing-kits.com>
 - ◆ Self Monitoring – Easy to Use Monitoring Equipment and Citizen Monitoring Programs <http://www.bfenvironmental.com>

Get the Facts Not the SPIN !- There is SPIN on Both Sides

Recent Site Tour- Towanda, PA



I took both photos – First Time on the Drilling Platform

Certificate of Completion

Training Event

Getting The Waters Tested The Marcellus Shale Factor
10/7/2011
1 – hour PDH or 0.1 CEUS
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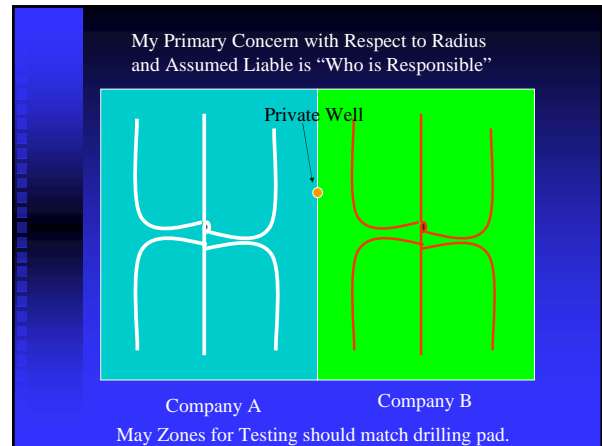
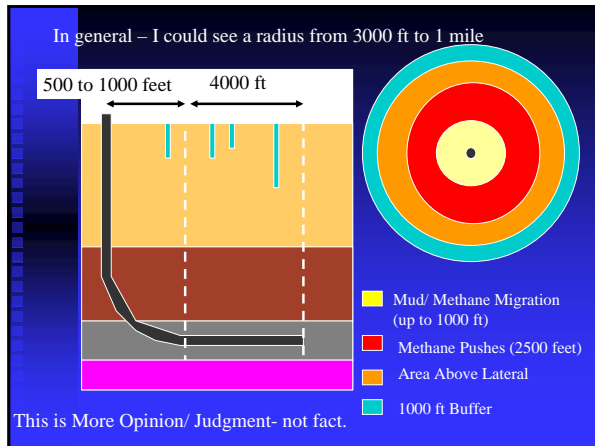
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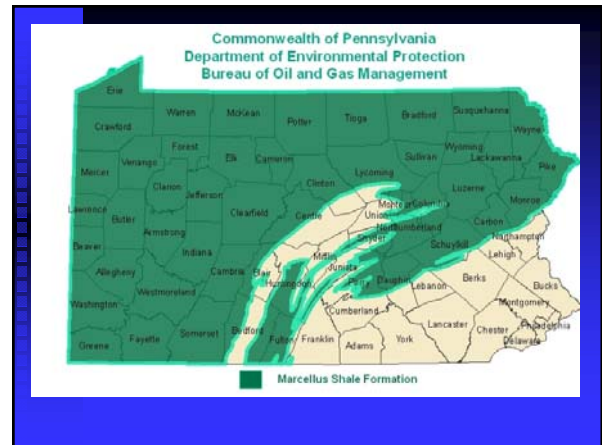


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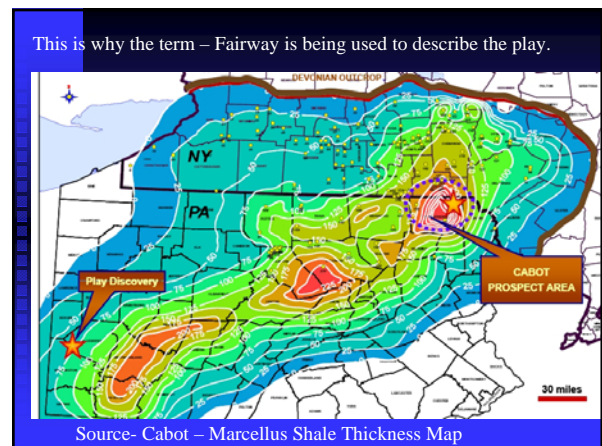
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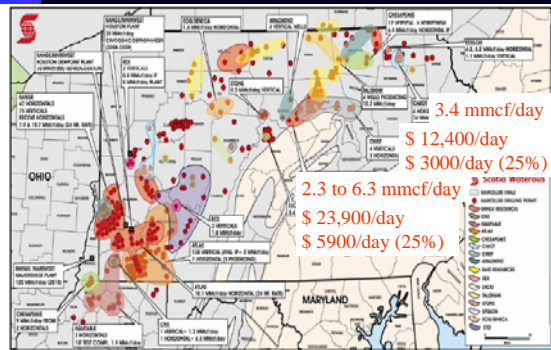


Marcellus Shale Photo

Outcrops Along the
Southeastern Border
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Along Route 209

Main Fracture Orientation



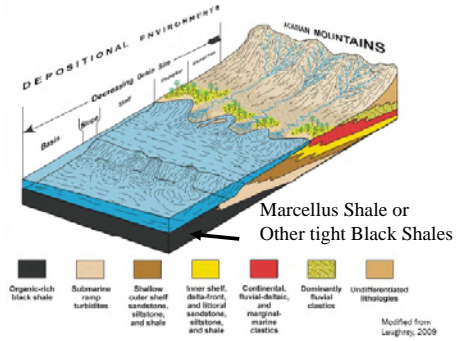


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1 MMcf = 1000 MMBtu

\$3.64 per MMBtu

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Flowback Water Chemistry

Flowback water is generated from drilling and it is what gets produced from the first 5% of water returned after a well is started

Parameter	Frac 1	Frac 2	Frac 3	Frac 4
barium mg/l	3,310	2,300	7,75	4,300
calcium mg/l	14,100	5,140	683	31,300
iron mg/l	52.5	11.2	211	134.1
magnesium mg/l	938	438	31.2	1,630
manganese mg/l	5.17	1.9	16.2	7.0
strontium mg/l	6,830	1,390	4.96	2,000
dissolved solids mg/l	175,268	69,640	6,220	248,428
suspended solids mg/l	416	48	490	330
chemical oxygen demand mg/l	600	567	1,814	2,272

May contain elevated levels of trace metals, nitrogen, bromide, uranium, and hydrocarbons. Most of the dissolved solids includes chloride and sodium.

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Production Water

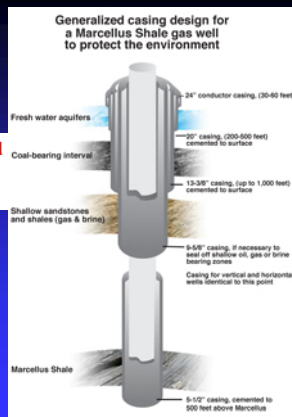
Produced water is wasted water that accompanies oil extraction and is high in saline. Typically, separated stored on site and then hauled to treatment/disposal facility.

Parameter	Result	Parameter	Result
pH	4.79	conductivity numhos	366,000
total oil/grease mg/l	9	chemical oxygen demand mg/l	2,332
surfactants mg/l	105.7	barium mg/l	690
calcium mg/l	23,200	iron mg/l	160
magnesium mg/l	2,240	manganese mg/l	10.1
strontium mg/l	732	dissolved solids mg/l	224,300
suspended solids mg/l	33		

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Multiple Grouted Casing Used in Drilling Process



Typical Well

Additional Cemented Zones

This Zone should be cemented

Even after new regulations There may be a zone from 1500 to 2000 feet thick not Cemented.

Available Frac Water (Includes Recycled) Chemistry

Parameter	Units	Concentration	PWS	MultipleAbove PWS Standard
Aluminum	mg/L	1.2	0.2	6
Arsenic	mg/L	0.014	0.01	1.4
Barium	mg/L	410	2	205
Iron	mg/L	17	0.3	56
Manganese	mg/L	0.89	0.05	17.8
Hardness	mg/L	1750	500	3.5
T. Dissolved Solids	mg/L	31324	500	62
Nirate @ N	mg/L	90.1	44	2
pH	su	6.73	6.5 - 8.5	oK
Bromide	mg/L	61.8	0.01	6180
Chloride	mg/L	27000	250	108
Gross Alpha	pCi/L	223.3	15	15
Gross Beta	mrem/yr (Sr)	38.65	4	10
Radium 228	pCi/L	18.55	5	4
Radium 226	pCi/L	69.63	5	14

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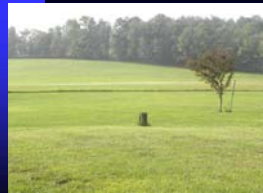


Photo Document Sampling Site, Purging, and Monitoring Process



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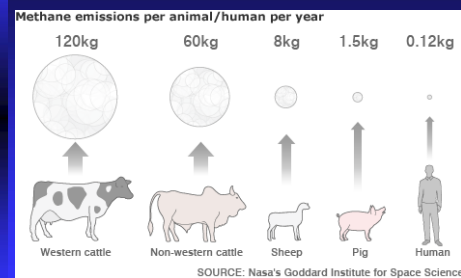
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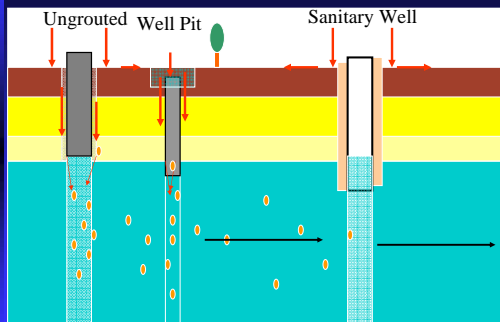
- Well is 100 feet from septic disposal area
- Well is 50 feet from septic tank
- Well is 10 feet from property
- That is ALL Folks !
- No Water Testing
- No Construction Requirements
- No Real Siting Requirements

Just for the Record



Note: For Humans - Some higher than others.

How Contaminants Can Get In to the Aquifer (Surface)



How ? Not Sure – Here are Some Ideas

- Trace Level or near Detection Limit may be related to contamination during field sampling or laboratory testing, but this does not appear to account for levels at or above the drinking water standard.

Other Sources

- Private Wells Not Regulated and there are no plumbing codes.
- Sources – PVC plastic piping used in the home.
- Sources – Drop Pipe and Delivery Piping used in the well.

This is only a hypothesis.

Sometimes we also see hits for **Vinyl Chloride** and **Toluene**

(What the electric Tape !!!!)

Baseline Testing

- Baseline Testing
 - ◆ Proper Well Purging, Field Monitoring, and Sampling
 - ◆ Documenting Existing Conditions and Well or Water Source Information
 - ◆ Chain-of-Custody Protocols
 - ◆ Using a Certified Lab / Using Certified Methods
 - ◆ Picking Water Quality Parameters