# B.C.'S STORY

Effectively regulating natural gas and oil



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**Commissioner and CEO** 

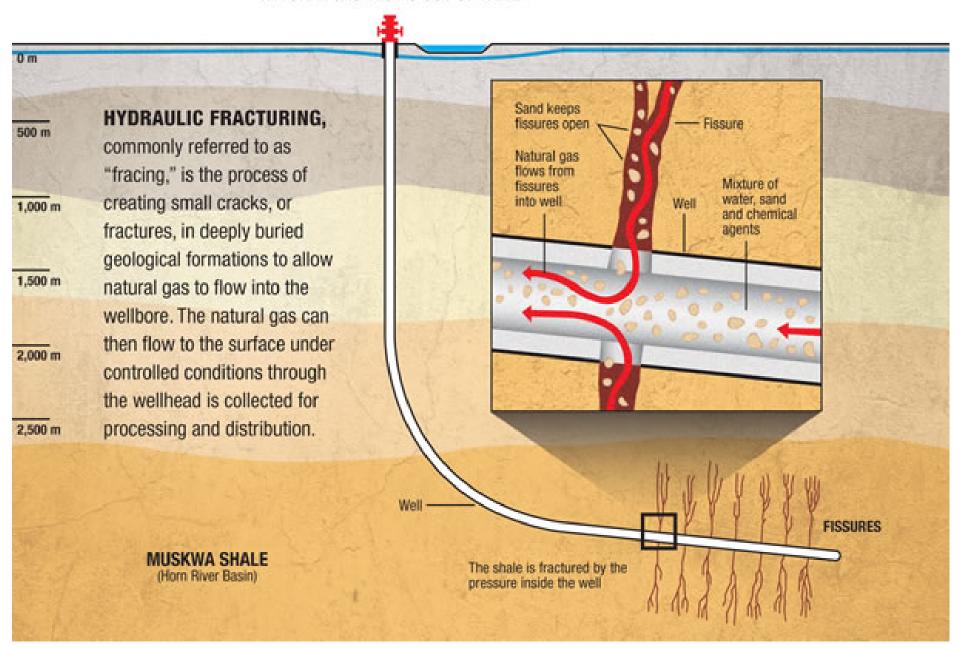
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Five years ago, 15% of wells drilled in B.C. targeted unconventional sources.

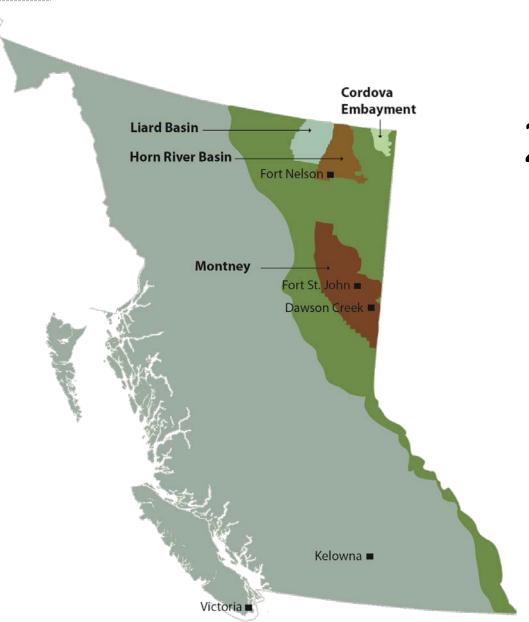
Now, over 90% do.



#### NATURAL GAS FLOWS OUT OF WELL



### **RESOURCES**



# 2,900+ TCF

Total Gas-In-Place Estimate for Shale Gas Regions

Montney - 1,965 TCF

Horn River Basin - 448 TCF

Liard Basin - >200 TCF

Cordova – 200 TCF



### SINGLE WINDOW / FULL CYCLE

Consultation and notification by industry

Industry application to Commission

**Commission First Nations consultation** 

Commission application review and assessment

Decision by Commission w/ terms and conditions

Industry exploration commences

Commission compliance and inspection

Application for production – activity commences

Commission enforcement

Site reclamation and restoration

# Commission is involved at every step



The Commission consults with First Nations on behalf of the Crown.

Negotiated agreements with northeast B.C. First Nations.

Follow provincial consultation guidelines for rest of province.

### REQUIRED LANDOWNER C&N

1 Intention Company intends to submit an application

**2 Notification** Company notifies recipients

3 Enquiry 21 days for potential recipient to respond to applicant

4 Response Applicant responds to recipient

**Summary** Company replies and reports to Commission

6 Application Company submits application

### **Environment**

Air Quality
Water protection

### **Social**

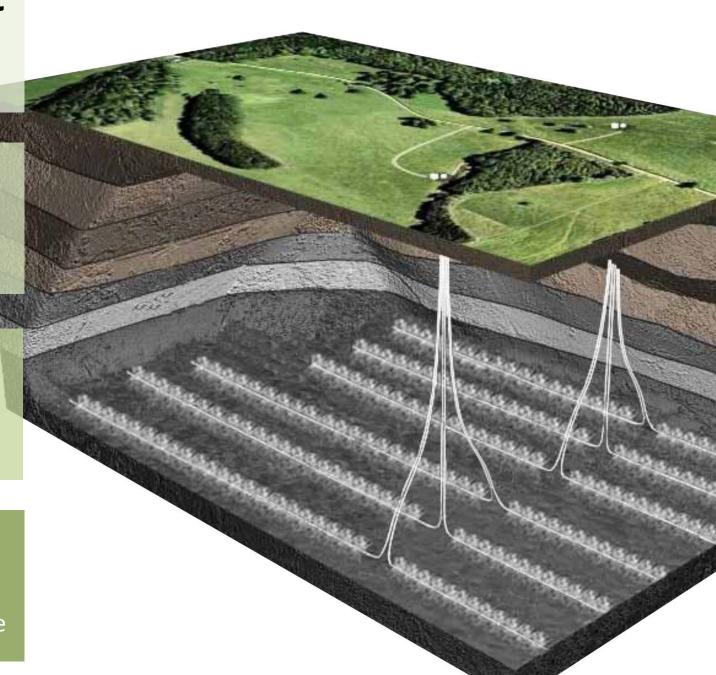
First Nations
Local communities
Public

### **Technical**

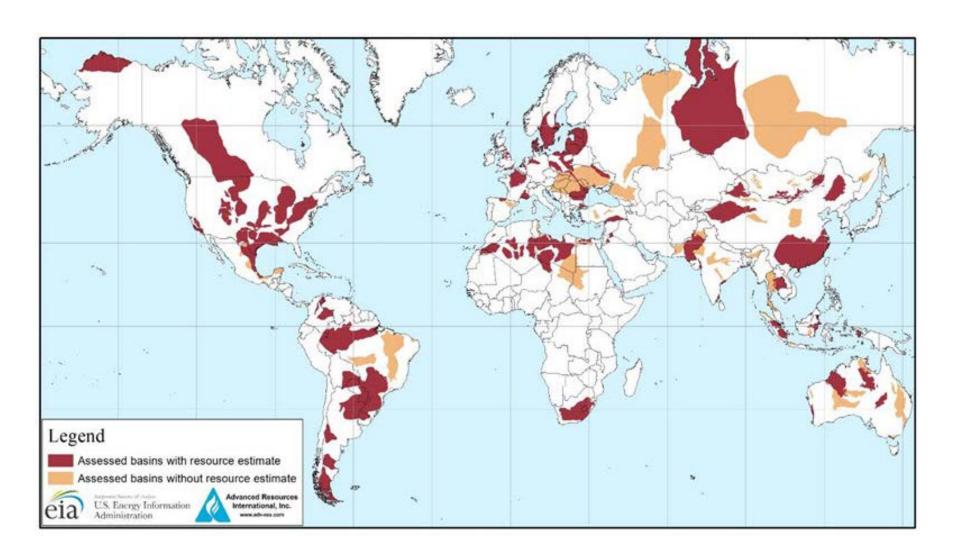
Hydraulic Fracturing
Pipelines
LNG

# Geological

Rising reserves
Increased knowledge



### LEARNING INTERNATONALLY





Commission File No.: Application Category: Well Classification:

Applicant Name:

APPLICATION FORM

Physical Address: 6330 Airport Road.

Mailing Address: OSC, Bag 2, Fort St. John.

Phone: (250) 794-5200

FOR INSTRUCTIONS REFER TO THE WELL PERMIT APPLIC. COMMISSION USE ONLY WA No.:

Document: Application Fee: \$

Objective Field Code:

Phone:

I Application with new area ommission File No.:

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rr charged against the title? 

Yes 

No

# Strategic Direction

Geographic Scale: North Eastern British Columbia - 10 million ha

Temporal Scale:

> 10 years

Inputs:

First Nations, stakeholders, public and industry

Outputs:

Legislation (OGAA), laws, land use plans, policy guidance,

strategic land and resource objectives

### Area-based Analysis

(Commission led analysis)

Geographic Scale:

Basin - 1 million ha, specific to basin

Temporal Scale:

5-10 years

Inputs:

Government agencies, Industry, First Nations and stakeholders

Outputs:

Basin specific tactical analysis, footprint analysis, monitoring plan,

required best practices and increased knowledge and expertise within

the Commission

### Operational

(Regulatory decisions made by the Commission)

Geographic Scale:

up to 600 ha

Temporal Scale:

1 year +

Inputs:

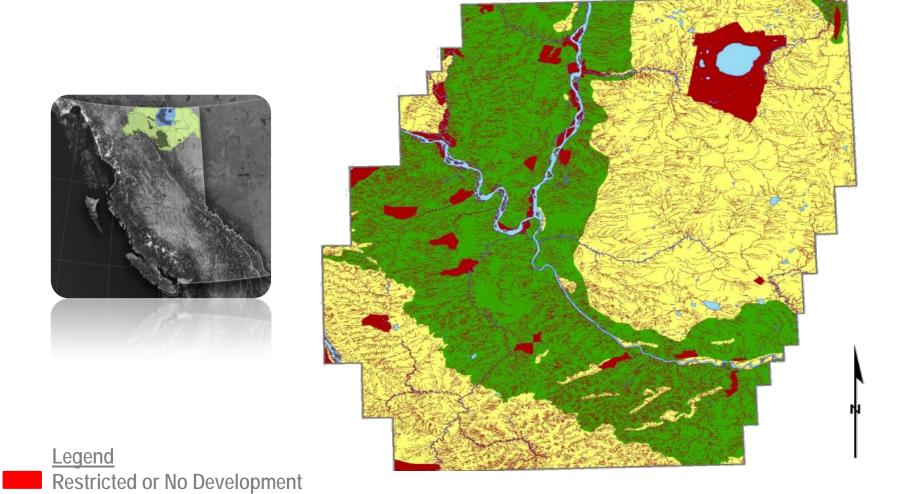
Industry, First Nations and stakeholders

Outputs:

Statutory decisions with regards to applications, strengthened regulatory

framework and greater transparency in reporting

### **AREA-BASED ANALYSIS**



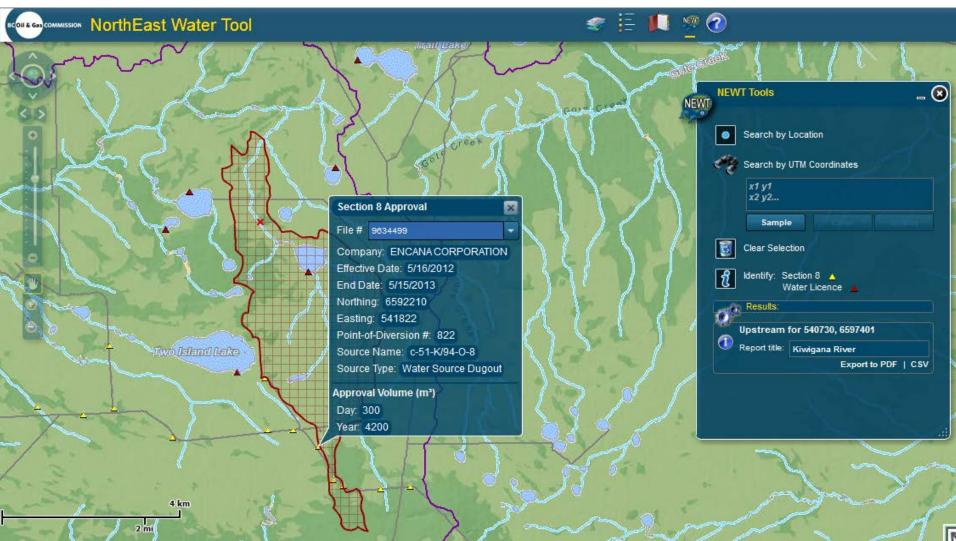
Develop with additional practice requirements and targets

Develop with standard practices requirements

### NORTHEAST WATER TOOL

- Supports decision-making process for water permits and licences.
- Public-facing application available to all British Columbians.





# 7.05 million m<sup>3</sup>

- Volume of water used for hydraulic fracturing in 2012.
- Volumes used by play:

Play	# of Wells	Mean (m³/well)	Total Water Use (m³)
Horn River Basin	50	76,923	3,846,142
Montney - Heritage	193	6,760	1,304,619
Montney - North	138	9,792	1,351,341
Liard Basin	1	139	139
Cordova Embayment	15	36,704	550,563
Other	9	211	1,899
Total	406	17,376	7,054,704

### **TRANSPARENCY**

### Oil and Gas Land Use in Northeast British Columbia August 2013 | BC Oil and Gas Commission



### **Investigation of Observed Seismicity** in the Horn River Basin

BC Oil and Gas Commission - August 2012



### 2012 **Pipeline Performance and Activity Report**





Water Use in Oil and Gas Activities 2012 Annual Report



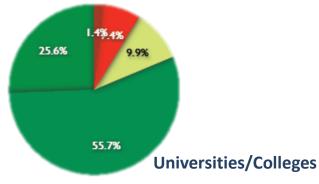




# Social Attitudes Toward Hydrocarbon Development in British Columbia

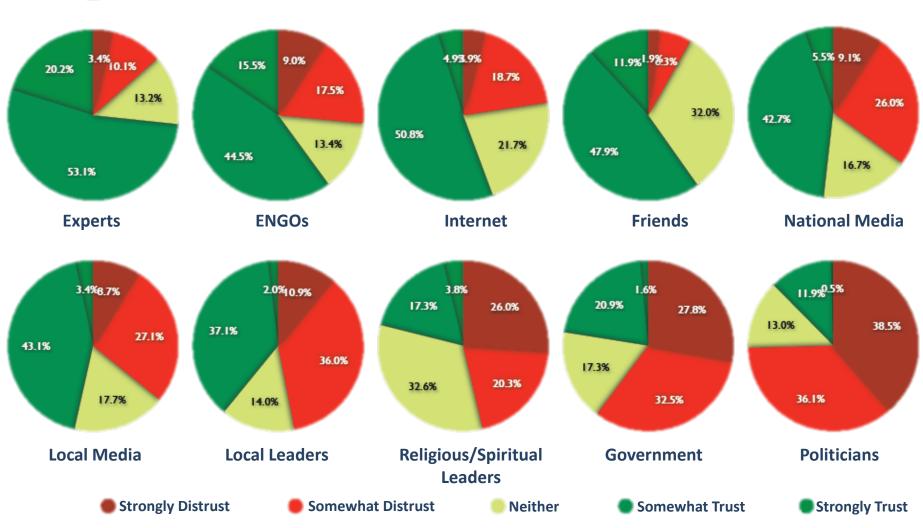
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### **Public Opinion Survey (UBC)**

Trustworthiness of different sources of information about oil and gas development



### **STUDIES**







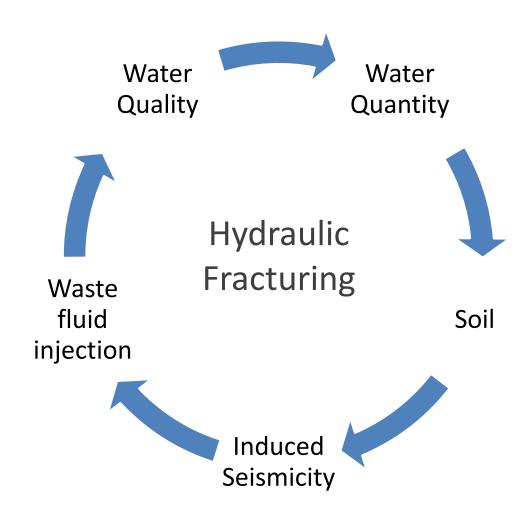


- Evaluation of gas migration in unconventional wells
- Cementing and surface casing vent flows
- Assessment of groundwater baseline sampling criteria
- Modelling hydraulic fracture propagation
- Induced seismicity
- Air quality impacts

#### WIDE RANGE OF EXPERTS

 Engineers, geologists, hydrologists, agrologists, biologists, foresters, natural resource specialists, inspectors, First Nations and landowner liaisons, lawyers and more from human resources to communications to application review specialists.

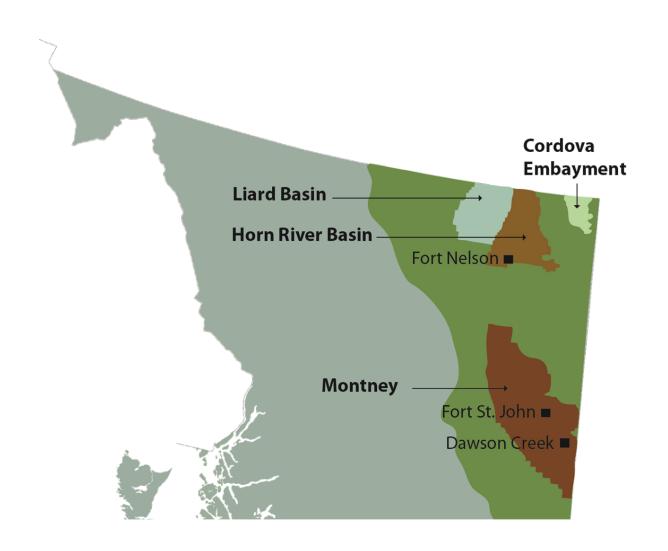
### MONITORING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING



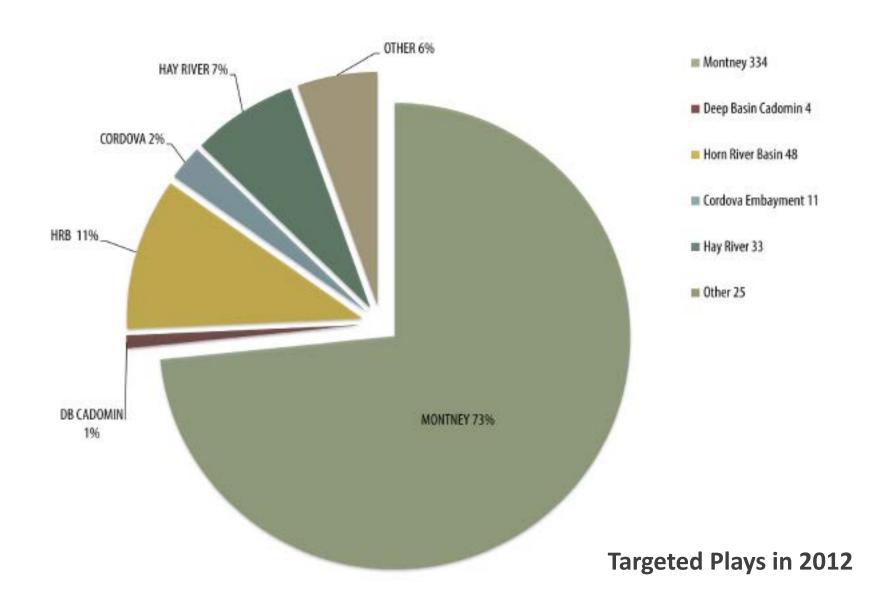
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Longer Term: full resource recovery | vehicle traffic | noise | visual effects

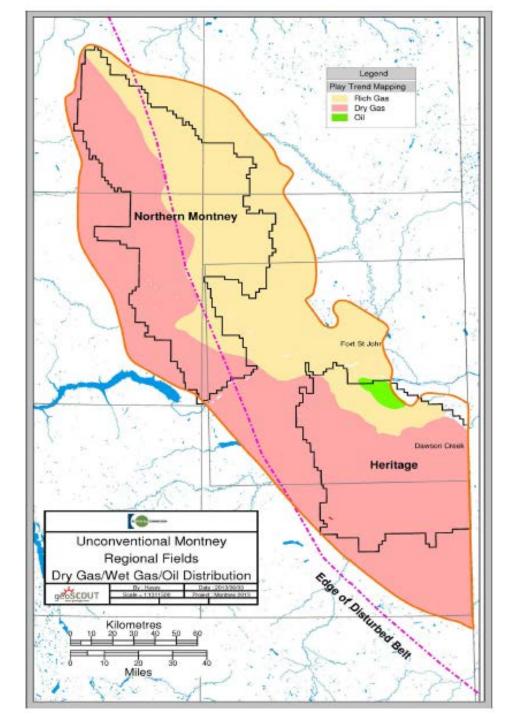
### **B.C.'S BASINS**



### **B.C.'S ACTIVITY**



### **MONTNEY**



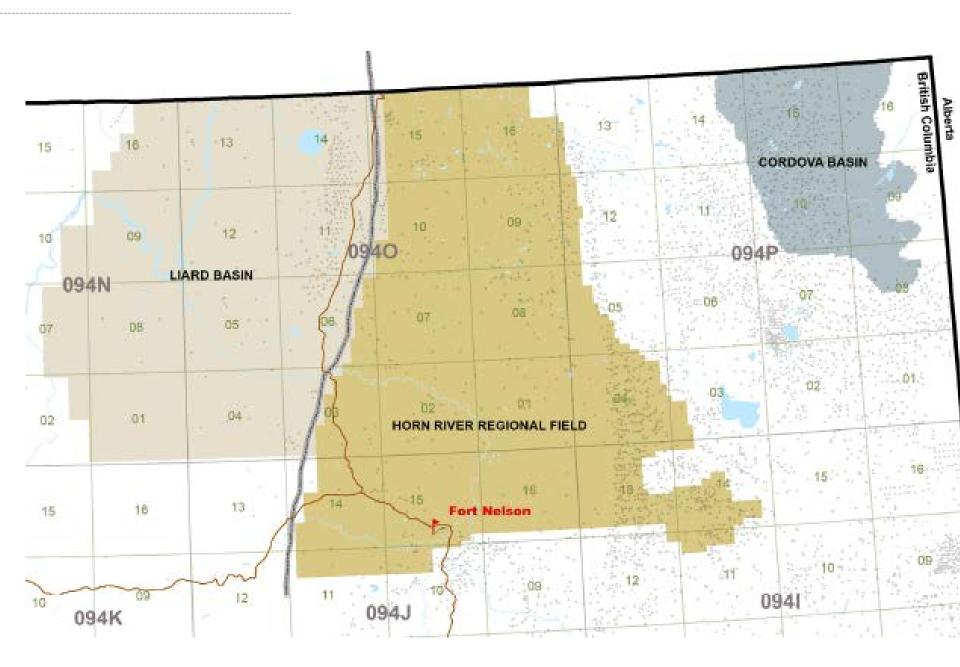
### MONTNEY RESERVOIR PARAMETRES

Reservoir Data	Heritage	Northern Montney
Depth Range	1,800 – 3,200 m	2,000 – 2,400 m
Gross Thickness	30 – 300 m	30 – 300 m
TOC Range	~2%	~2%
Porosity	2-9%	2 – 9%
Water Saturation	25%	25%
Pressure	20 – 50 MPa	30 – 44 MPa
Pressure Regime	Over Pressure	Over Pressure
Temperature	60 – 100° C	60 – 75° C
H <sub>2</sub> S	Less than 0.3%	Less than 0.3%
CO <sub>2</sub>	Less than 1% (max 5%)	Less than 1% (max 5%)

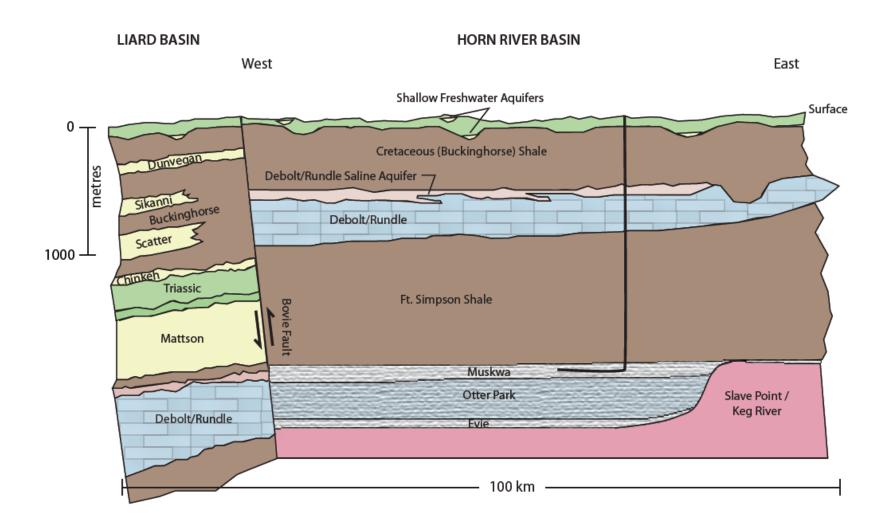
## MONTNEY DRILLING/COMPLETIONS (2010-2012)

Drilling Data	
Wells/pad	Up to 20
Well density	Up to 16 wells per GSU, average 2.5 wells per GSU
HZ length	Up to 3,000 m, average ~1,600 m
Wellbore	75% Cased / 25% Open hole
Completion Data	
Number of stages	Up to 36, average 10
Fracture fluid	Slickwater, linear or cross-linked gel Energized or foam with CO <sub>2</sub> and/or N <sub>2</sub>
Pump rate	2 – 15 m³ per min, average 6 m³ per min
Average water per well	<2,000 m³ gel/foam; 9,000 m³ slickwater
Average sand per well	1,300 T

### HORN RIVER BASIN



### HORN RIVER BASIN/LIARD



### HORN RIVER BASIN GAS COMPOSITION

Gas Composition, Avg (Min-Max) %	Muskwa-Otter Park	Evie
Methane (C <sub>1</sub> )	89 (71 – 95)	87 (75 – 98)
Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> )	0.2 (0.01 – 3)	0.2 (0.01 – 7)
NGLs (C <sub>3+</sub> )	0.05 (0 - 4)	0.07 (0 - 4)
CO <sub>2</sub>	10 (4 – 22)	12 (0 – 19)
H <sub>2</sub> S	0 (0 - 0.1)	0.07 (0 - 0.1)

### HRB DRILLING/COMPLETIONS (2010-2012)

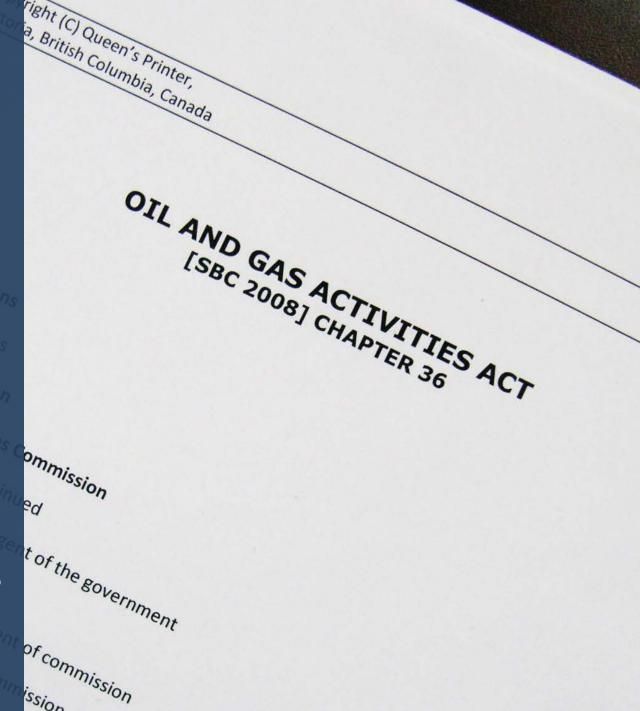
Drilling Data	
Wells per pad	Up to 16
Well spacing	100 – 600 m, average 300 m
HZ length	Up to 3,100 m, average ~1,500 m
Wellbore	Cased
Completion Data	
Completion method	Perf and plug
Fracture	Slickwater
Number of stages	Up to 31, average 18
Pump rate	8 – 16 m³ per min
Water per well	Average 64,000 m <sup>3</sup>
Sand per well	Average 3,700 T

- Legislation OGAA and Regulations
- Policy Government Agencies
- Input from First Nations others affected by activities
- Memoranda of Understandings
- Our commitment to being a credible regulator

# Enacted 2010

Modernized legislative framework

Reviewed and audited for effectiveness



### OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES ACT

# **OGAA** Regulations

**Cabinet Regulations** 

**Geophysical Exploration** 

**Drilling & Production** 

Pipeline & LNG Facility

**Consultation & Notification** 

Fee, Levy & Security

**OGAA & General** 

**PNGA General** 

Regulations Act Schedule

**Environmental Protection & Mgmt** 

**Administrative Penalties** 

### SPECIFIED ENACTMENTS

Single-window

Land Act



Temporary Occupation of Crown Land Licence of Occupation Right-of-Way

Water Act



Water Permits and Licences Changes in & About a Stream Permits Over Crown Land

Forest Act



Master Licence to Cut

Other Enactments



Heritage Conservation Act
Environmental Management Act

An effective regulator.

Government's role.

Industry's role.



# Thank you



Questions?