

# Recognition of Meeting on Ta'an Kwäch'än and Kwanlin Dün First Nations Traditional Territory

# Good Reasons for a Frack Free Yukon

Presented by

Yukoners Concerned About  
Oil & Gas Exploration &  
Development

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Select Committee of the Yukon  
Legislature, on  
Hydraulic Fracturing



# Presentation Outline

1. Fracking – Effects on Economy, Environment, Water, Land, and Air
1. A Cautious View of Shale Gas Development
2. The Process of Hydraulic Fracturing
3. Impacts on Land: Yukon, Alaska and Yukon River
4. Effects on Human Health
5. Communities, & Local, & Traditional Economies
6. Conventional and Unconventional-a Difference
7. Green Energy Plan

Video: Prospect of Shale Gas in Ireland (or Yukon)



# Deborah Rogers, Senior Natural Gas Advisor for the U.S. Dep. Of the Interior



Long time economic specialist and financial analyst for natural gas in the banking sector. She summarizes after presenting at a 2013 Oil & Gas conference in Ireland.

<http://youtu.be/R9oRsKVlzCo>



# How Does Fracking Work?

1. **New** or unconventional method to extract natural gas from Shale Rock.
2. Horizontal drilling and pumping water, chemicals, and sand to extract methane.
3. 6 years old, high volume, slick water, long lateral, multi well pads, grid spaced.
4. NOT the same as conventional oil & gas extraction.

Following video highlights fracking basics and problems:

# The New Brute-Force Fracking: Basics on the Ground in B.C.



[http://youtu.be/vo0qHcpMf\\_Y](http://youtu.be/vo0qHcpMf_Y)



# Negative Impacts of Fracking

1. Fresh water: 100 million litres/well - typical
2. Storage of contaminated water
3. Well casings not reliable: 35% of wells are leaking (Society of Petro. Eng.)
4. Leakage of methane into the atmosphere:  
100 times more powerful GHG than CO<sub>2</sub>
5. Water contamination:
  - Hundreds of additives in frack water - glycol, benzene, diesel, sulphuric acid, etc.
  - Deep earth contaminant pathways to water

Following 1 min. video highlights water use in N.E. B.C...




Fresh water becoming toxic frack fluid in N. E.  
B.C. equals approximately one the Yukon  
Southern Lakes, Damien Gillis presents:



<http://youtu.be/gDxqHc8SFy0>

# One of the World's Largest Frack Jobs, Encana, Horn River Area, N.E. British Columbia

An aerial photograph showing a large industrial site, likely a fracking operation, situated in a forested area. The site is a cleared, light-colored patch of land with various structures, including buildings, storage tanks, and equipment. A large body of water, possibly a reservoir or pond, is visible to the right of the site. The surrounding landscape is densely forested with green trees, and a body of water is visible in the background under a clear blue sky.

16 wells  
417 million gallons of water  
78,400 tons of sand  
8 million gallons of fracing chemicals  
500 frack intervals  
10,000 foot laterals  
40,000 hp for fracking pumps

Figures as obtained from Encana

# Frack Fluid Quantities, Example Horn Basin

- 100 000 wells, 10 frack sequences each
- 10 million litres each frack sequence or re-frack
- Equals 10 trillion litres, (Lake Laberge, 10.8)
- Equals 200 million 50 ton water truck loads
- 1000 truck loads additives per day over 6 years
- Some rules for disclosure, but with loopholes (fracfocus)

Based on only 1% additives, not counting silica, no pro-rating or eager updating of quickly expanding industry figures. Recycling of parts of about 30% return flow has been omitted as industry information is inconsistent.

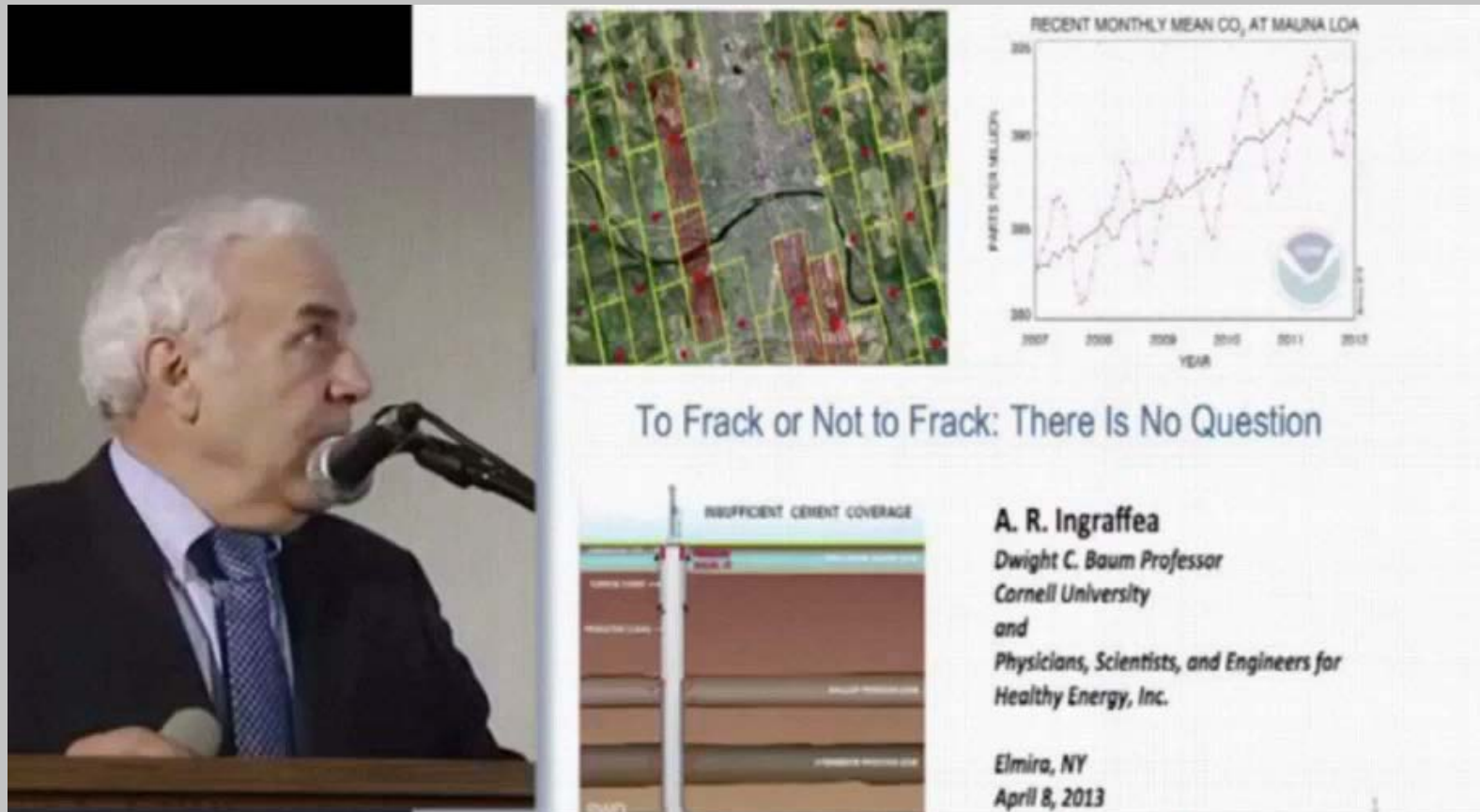


# Effects on the Environment: Water

- Water diversion from wetlands, streams, lakes, aquifers [trillions of litres]
- Water contamination for thousands of years
- Effects on drinking water
- Water baseline testing re. fracking is specific – it hasn't been done.
- Direct methane pathways to surface water.
- Methane tests are not routine but crucial.

Video explains: What is Fracking?

# Dr. Tony Ingraffea: The Certainty of Pollution



RECENT MONTHLY MEAN CO<sub>2</sub> AT MAUNA LOA

PARIS PER MILLION

YEAR

To Frack or Not to Frack: There Is No Question

INSUFFICIENT CEMENT COVERAGE

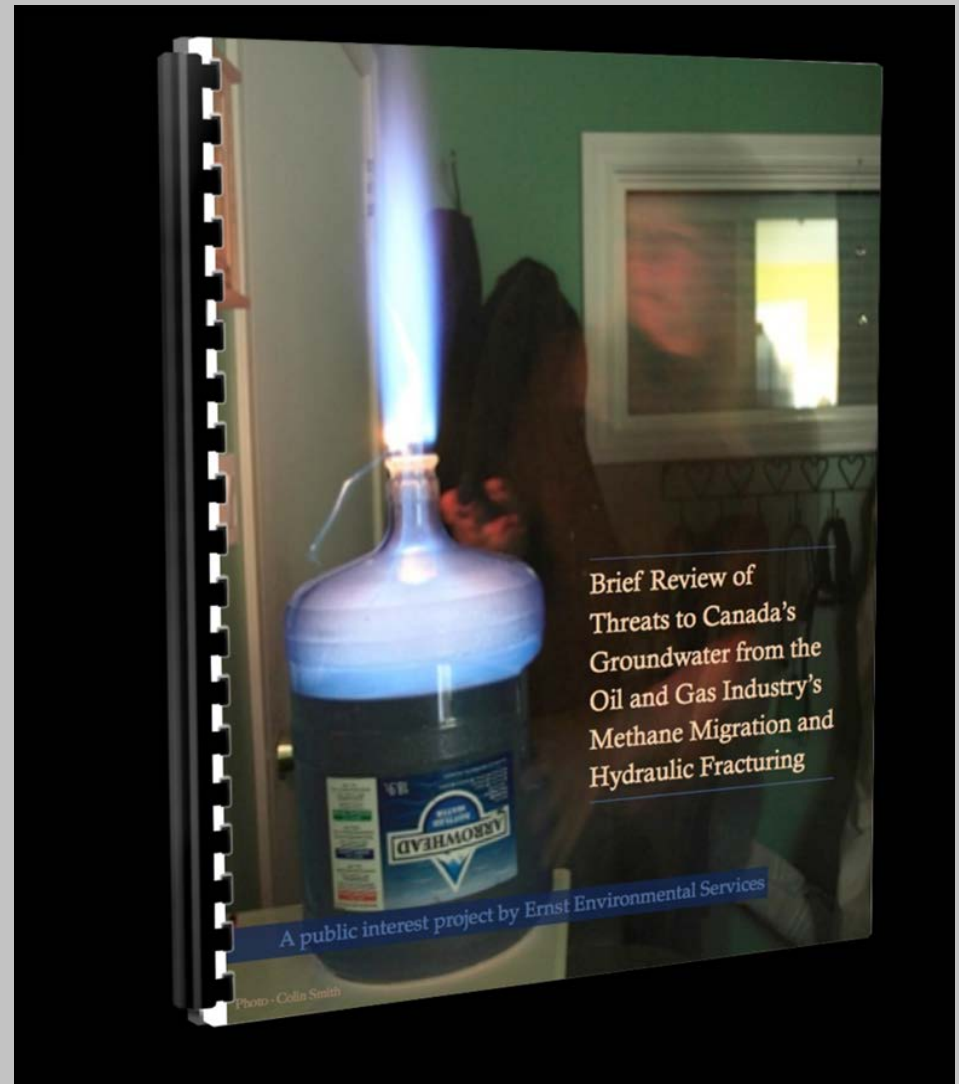
**A. R. Ingraffea**  
*Dwight C. Baum Professor  
Cornell University  
and  
Physicians, Scientists, and Engineers for  
Healthy Energy, Inc.*

Elmira, NY  
April 8, 2013

<http://youtu.be/q1RFWgbmVHI>

# Water Impacts

Jessica Ernst (Rosebud, AB),  
-Worked for gas industry  
-Has assembled methane groundwater studies for gas fracking areas in Alberta and Saskatchewan.



Following 2 min. video touches on poll. pathways through fissures



# Deborah Rogers on Water Contamination Pathways in a Shattered Geology



<http://youtu.be/M3qZwL-XU9U>

# Effects on the Land

## Well Pads in N.E. B.C.



Satellite photo  
Ft. Nelson area  
2010

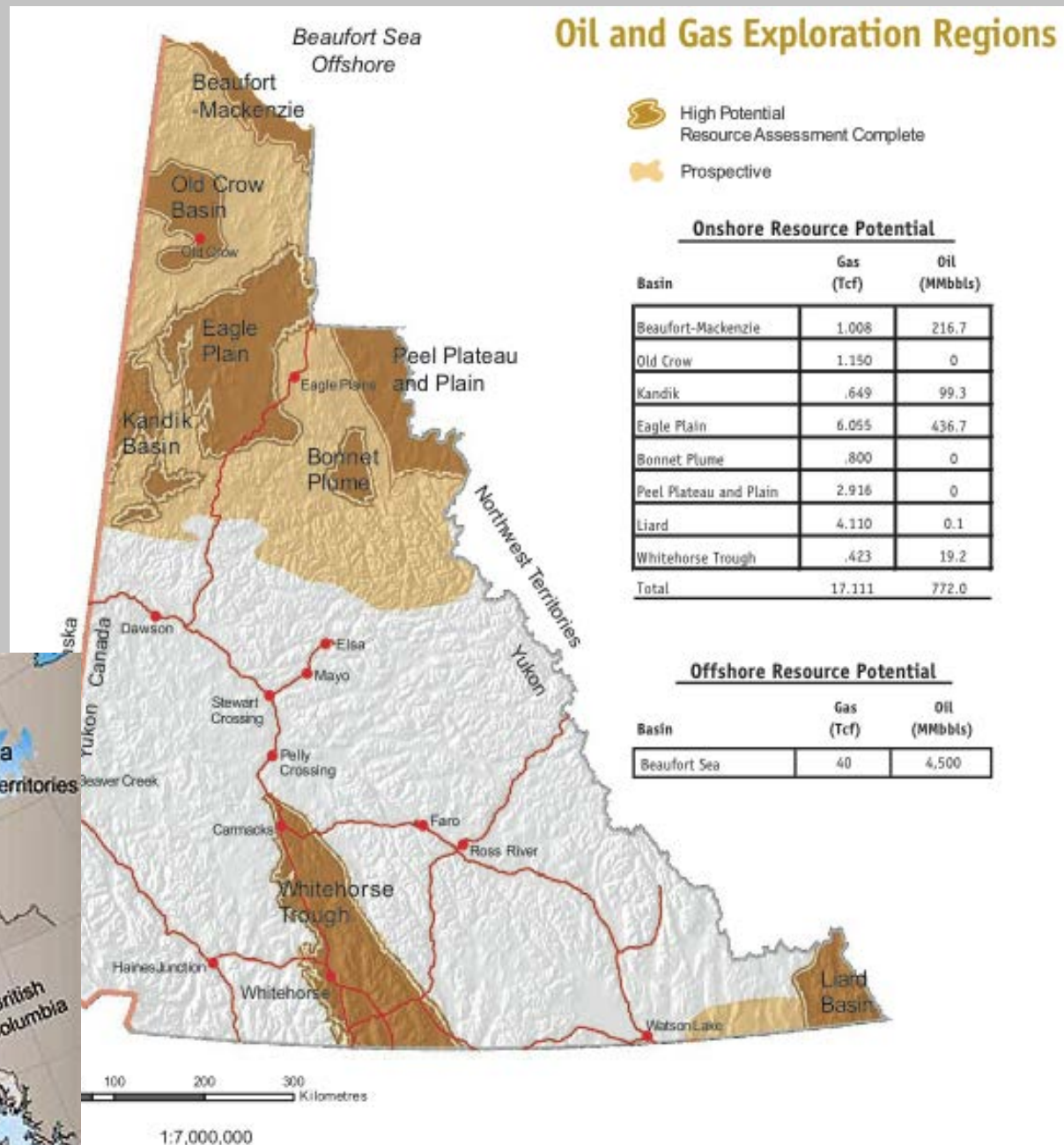
multi well pad construction  
about 120 meters base each

Early Phase of  
Full Spatial Build Out



Full Spatial Build Out  
of Wyoming Jonah field

# Yukon Geological Survey Studies say Yukon Oil & Gas Geology is Unconventional



# Effects on Land

- Infrastructure: well pads, roads, gravel pits, water dug-outs, evaporation/storage pits, stream crossings, fuel storage, waste/sewage
- Disposal of fracking fluids (60-80% stays in ground) 20%-40% flows back and is discarded... down bore holes, abandoned wells, into domestic water treatment plants or perhaps recycled.
- Spills/leaks, vehicle accidents, traffic, congestion
- Emissions of radio-activity
- Earthquakes affect wells and create fissure interconnections
- All have negative impacts on wildlife, vegetation

# Effects on the Environment: Land

## Mining Frack Sand



Wisconsin

<http://fracsandfrisbee.com/2012/02/01/sand-mine-photos/>

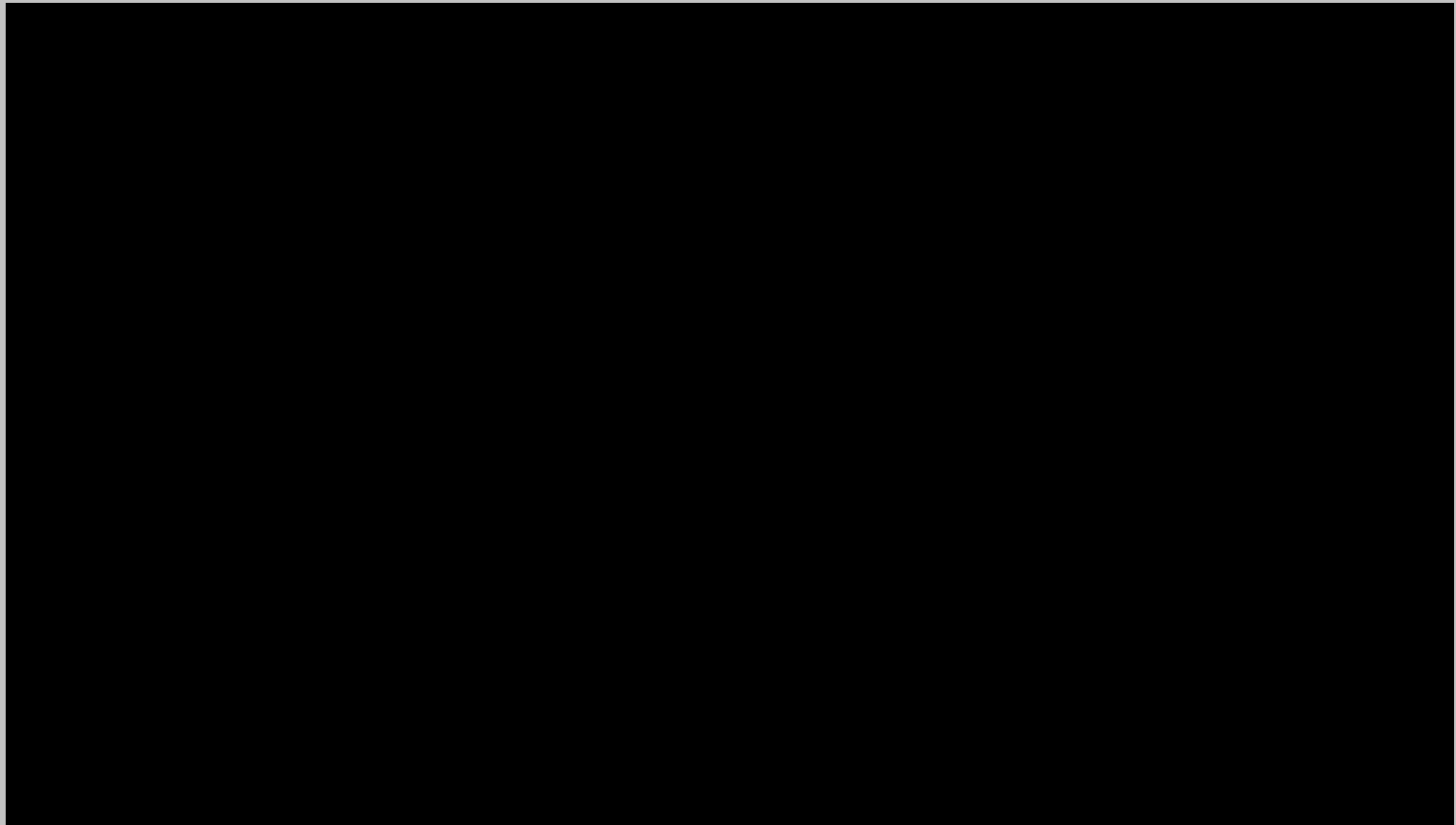
# Effects on the Environment: Air/Atmosphere

- Flaring of methane and other gases
- Leakage of methane and other gases
- Equipment and truck exhaust
- Radioactive nuclides, gases, - e.g. radon
- Particulate matter - silica dust
- Frack chemical fumes/emissions
- Major impacts on global warming

Video: Changing Homelands Changing Lives



# Changing Homelands Changing Lives



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAgDrSofN40>

# Effects on Human Health

Industry ignores  
studies  
by respected  
physicians:

S. Steingraber, “Living Downstream”

Adam Law

Theo Colborn, endocrine disrupt. Exp.

Marian Loyd-Smith and  
hundreds of other doctors  
speak out against fracking



Sandra Steingraber, PH.D., environmental cancer specialist



# Effects on Communities & Local Economies

- Boom & Bust: Frack wells last between hours, weeks – years, declining quickly
- Few jobs, net energy dead end, investor losses.
- Poor job quality. Outside workers have little/no investment in the environment.
- Damage to community: e.g. roads
- Degraded landscape will cause declines in tourism, agriculture, hunting, fishing...

# Dr. Janette Barth- Economist, Pepacton Institute (Independent Research)

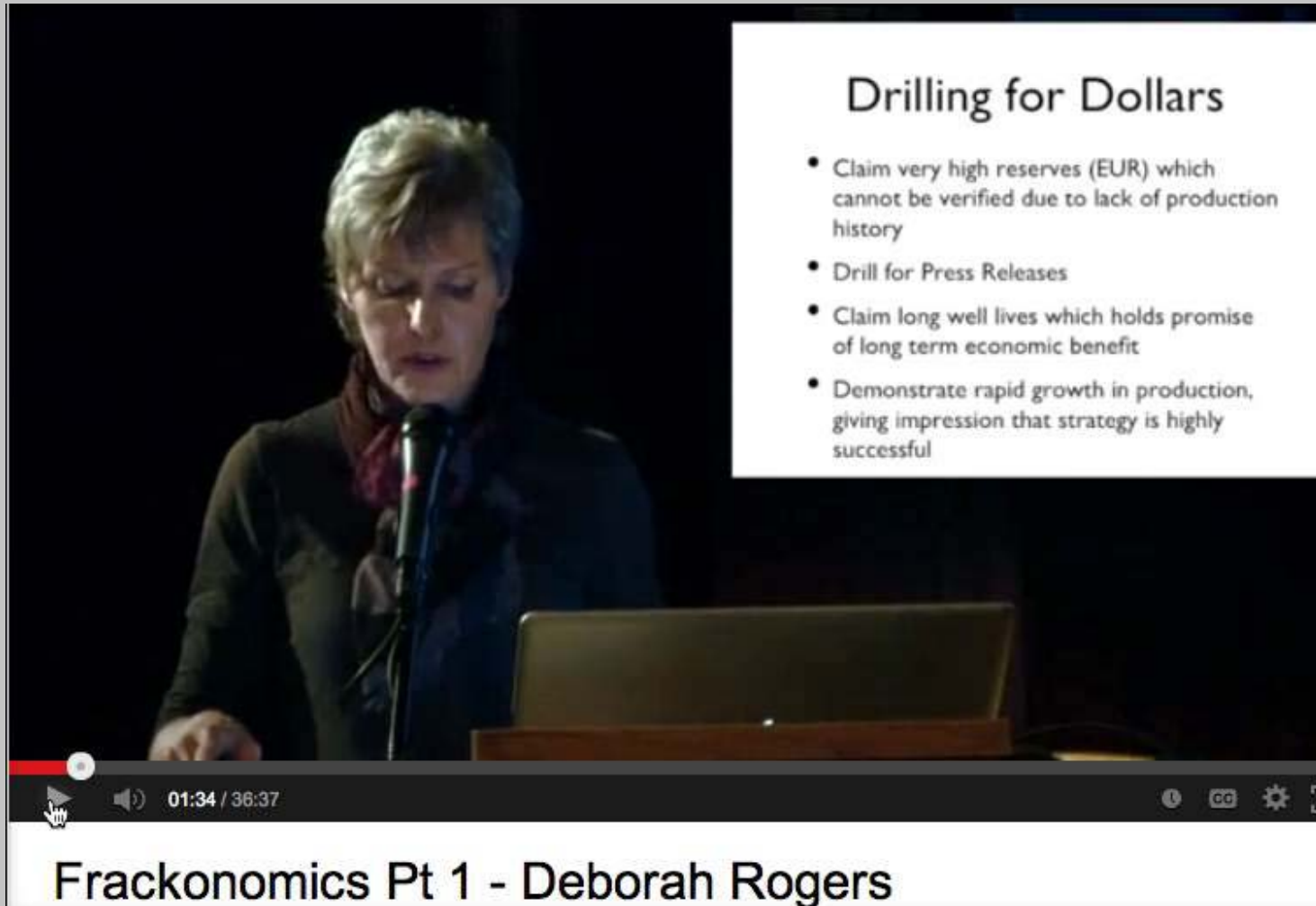


## Costs are Ignored

- Infrastructure Costs
- Drinking water contamination
- Land, Stream and Air Pollution
- Declines in Property Values
- Costs to Communities
- Declines in Other Industries (Tourism, agriculture, organic farming, sport hunting and fishing)
- Opportunity Cost of Future Development

*From: To Frack or not to Frack  
See [www.shaleshockmedia.org](http://www.shaleshockmedia.org)*

# The Economics of Fracking



Drilling for Dollars

- Claim very high reserves (EUR) which cannot be verified due to lack of production history
- Drill for Press Releases
- Claim long well lives which holds promise of long term economic benefit
- Demonstrate rapid growth in production, giving impression that strategy is highly successful

Frackonomics Pt 1 - Deborah Rogers

<http://youtu.be/F2elo1xU-fw> 2012, New York City



# Industry Tactics Used to Promote Development

- Public relations experts – “green washing”
- Industry spends billions on advertising & lobbying
- American Natural Gas Alliance (2009) as well as CNOOC/Nexen/NCY (25 July 2012) hired PR firm Hill & Knowlton, based on their historic success of lobbying cigarettes as a wellness strategy to governments.

Following 3 x 1 min. videos highlight some of the spin ...

# Dr. Ingraffea Explains Industry's PR Methods



<http://youtu.be/uwO9rf0hJDQ>

Next Video: Communication Training for Shale Gas Promotion



# Media & Stakeholder Relations Hydraulic Fracturing Relations Initiative 2011, Oct.31/ Nov.1 Houston/Texas

## “It Does Not Matter What The Facts Are!”



Reported  
by CNBC  
network

“Chesapeake has got nearly 100 people whose sole jobs are to deal with community relations. We have got people going out and speaking in the community every night.”

<http://youtu.be/OfZzm0OX1Dw>

Next video: Jessica Ernst in Whse

# Jessica Ernst on Synergy Consultation



In Alberta and B.C., development goes ahead during consultation.

<http://youtu.be/DN2cTAtnUxw>

# Conventional vs. Unconventional, A Difference Deserving Attention

## Unconventional Resources and Hydraulic Fracturing

### The Transition to Unconventional Resources

Enabled by three key innovations:

- Horizontal wells.
- Multi-stage hydraulic fracturing.
- Multi-well pads.

The supply of North American natural gas and oil is now largely dependent on unconventional resources.

- Decline in conventional resources in Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin and elsewhere in North America.

**NOTE: to extract these resources currently requires hydraulic fracturing**

Supplies largely dependent on unconventional resources

# Conventional Gas vs. Unconventional Gas

## Canadian Production

Year	1980	2011	2020 (Cont low price)	2020 (Price recovery)
Production average (billion cubic feet/day)	7	14.4	14.1	19.6
Conventional natural gas	100%	86%	50%	48%
Unconventional natural gas	0%	14%	50%	52%
Total annual natural gas production (tcf)	2.6	5.3	5.1	7.1

Source: CAPP 2012

Continued low price case – assumes price remains below \$4/GJ.

CAPP disagrees, most of natural gas is conventional.

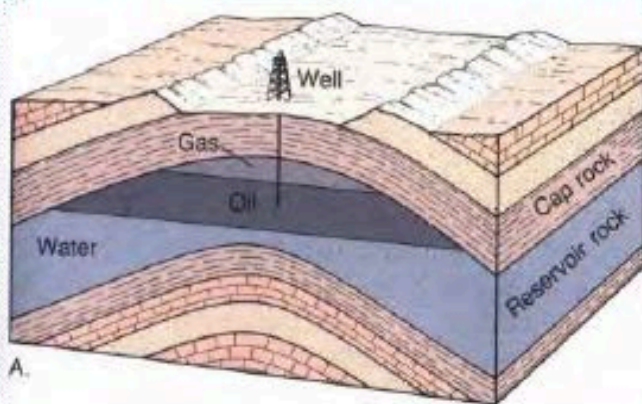
Natural Gas Fact Book, Canadian Assoc. of Petroleum Producers

## Unconventional Resources and Hydraulic Fracturing

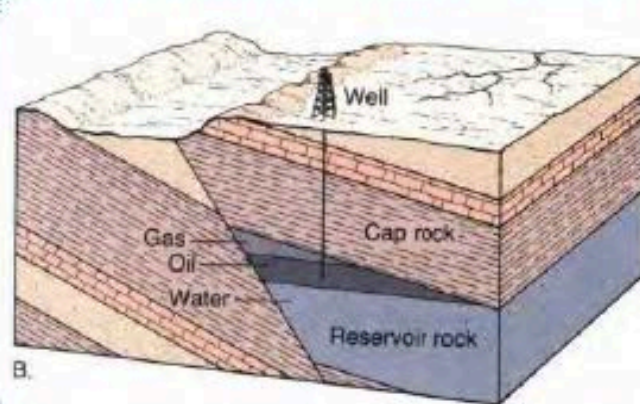
### Conventional Resources

- Conventional oil or gas accumulations are trapped in structures in the rock.
  - Requires: (1) Source, (2) Migration, (3) Trap, and (4) Reservoir.
- Majority of historic production has come from conventional deposits.
- These deposits were typically accessed by vertical wells.

### Traps/Seals

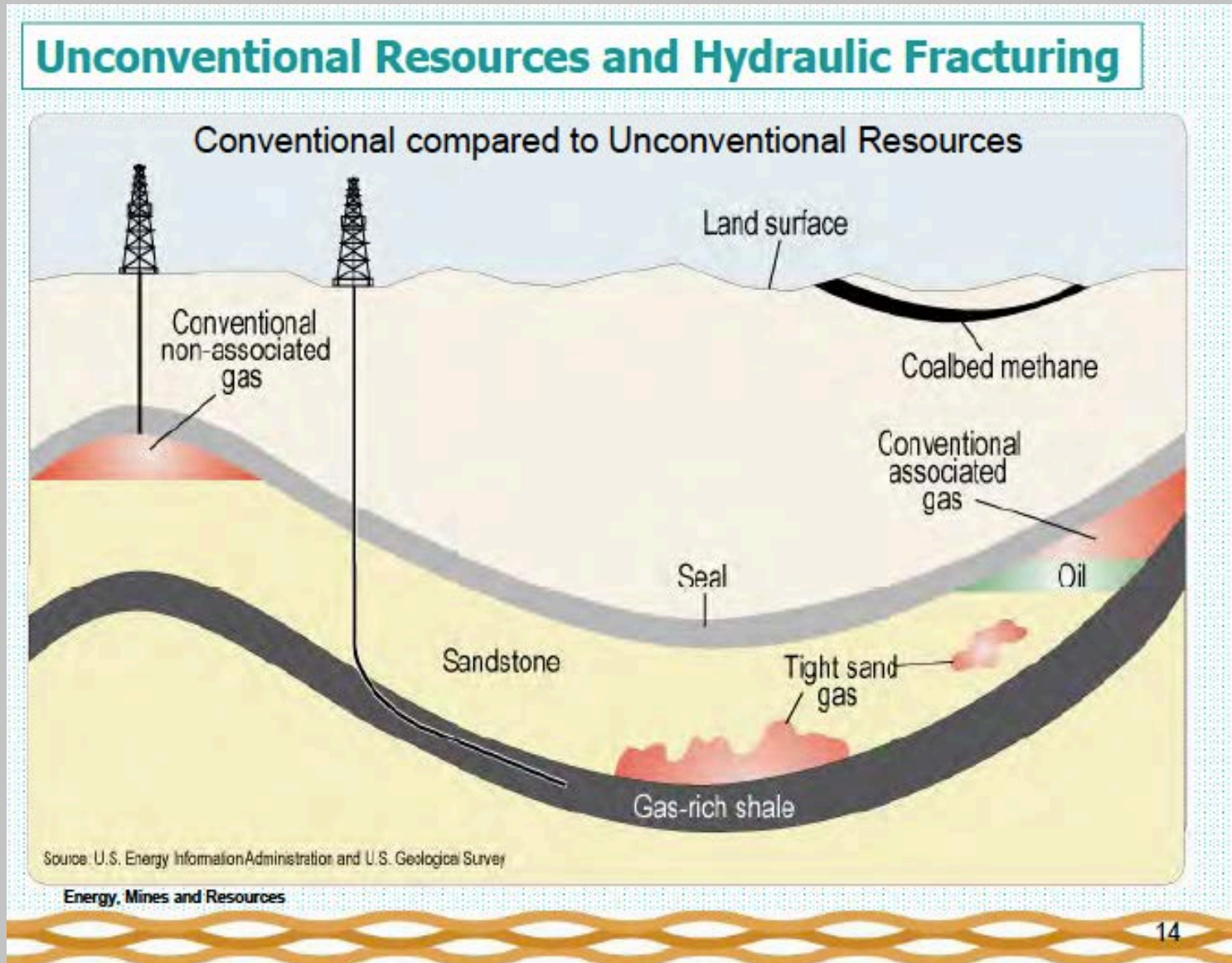


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*Fault*

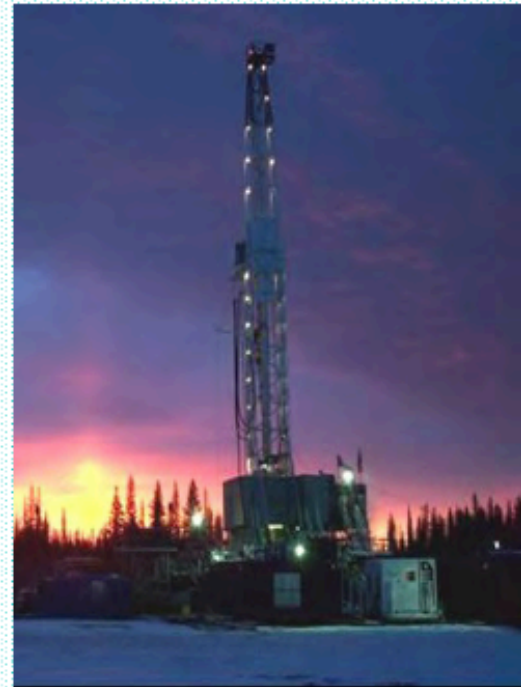
# Unconventional Gas is Extracted from Shattered Source Rock



Trapped Reservoir Pools/Porosity are as Different to Source Rock as an Egg is to a Chicken; Not Similar as Stated by EMR.

## Context - Introduction

- Material presented is introductory; detailed presentations on any topic can be delivered at any time to the Select Committee.
- Yukon Oil and Gas Act (YOGA) - focused on developing resources in a safe and environmentally responsible manner, and ensuring optimal value for the resource.
- Unconventional oil and gas development – similar to conventional and can be effectively managed with existing legislation (YOGA/regulations).
- Hydraulic fracturing – considerable debate amongst Yukoners continues.



# No Industry Alternative to Fracking in Shale

Within its interim O+G guidelines, the YWB had taken an approach in assessing O+G projects that is fully consistent with its methods and approaches for all classes of undertakings governed under the Water Act. Proposed project activities that require water for operations and/or deposit wastes that may affect water resources are evaluated based upon the proposed technological and engineering approaches within local and regional physical environments. Through this assessment approach, the Board allows for various technological methods to be proposed and licensed, provided that the risks to water resources associated with the specific technologies can be managed to an acceptable level. The Board then maintains no specific *a priori* position on ‘Hydraulic Fracturing’ as a method of O+G formation stimulation, since the evaluation of that method will be conducted only within the context of a proposed project. Further, since ‘Hydraulic Fracturing’ is but one specific method of a rapidly evolving set of technologies for formation stimulation, the Board chose to issue its guidance in a sufficiently general manner allowing for future industrial innovations and government policies.

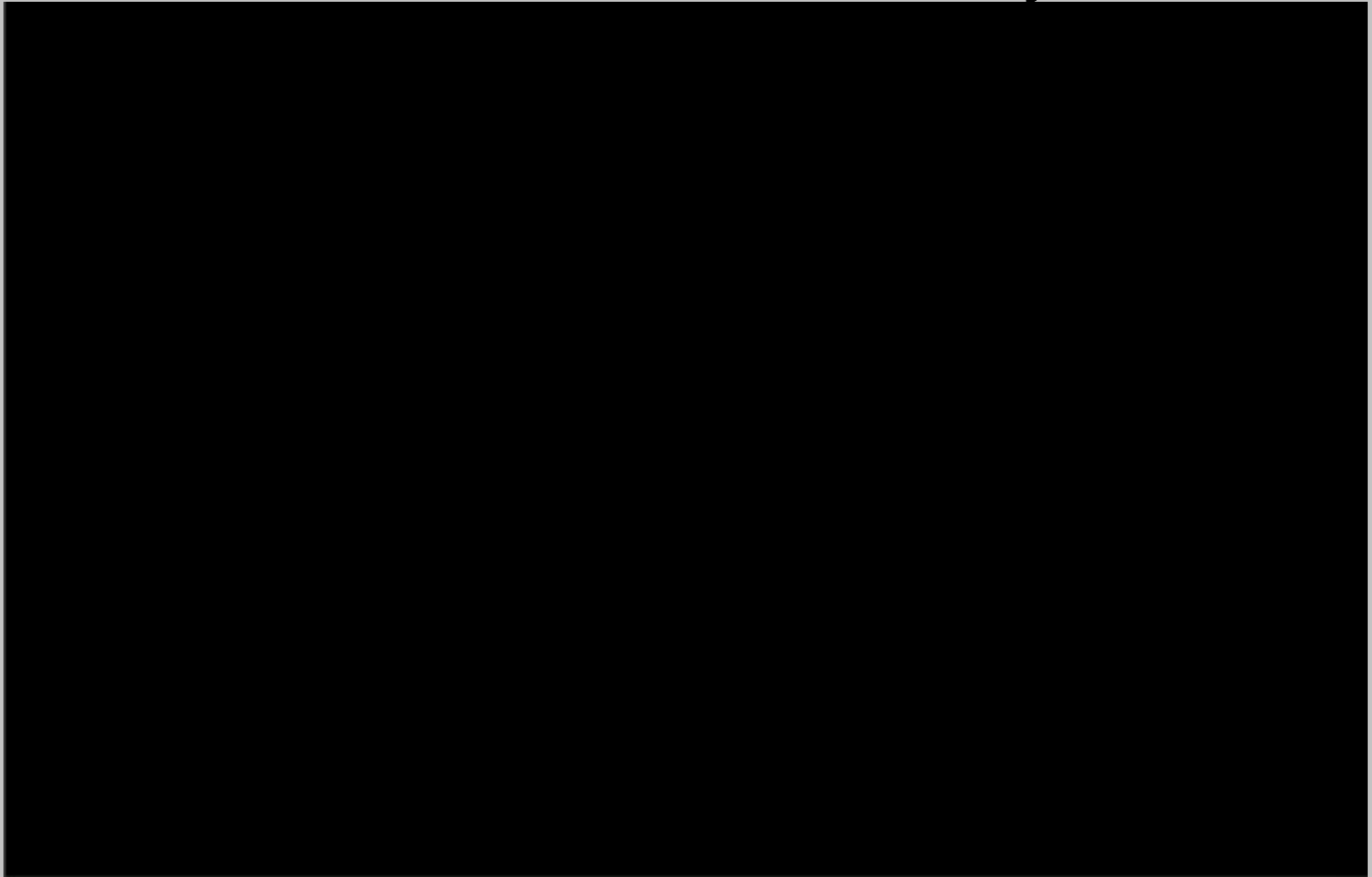
## Water Board Speaking Notes to Select Committee 30 Sept 2013.

Third line from the bottom: “Hydraulic Fracturing is but one specific method ... “ No evidence is provided or known for this key statement.

## Following video: Dr. Ingraffea questions industry hype re. fracking



# Dr. Ingraffea: Promises of Industry



<http://youtu.be/l9yaxgcK76k>

June 28 2013

# Council of Yukon First Nations Resolution – Frack Free

“Be it resolved that the Council of First Nations calls on the Yukon Govt. to prohibit fracking in the Yukon and declares our traditional territories to be frack-free.”

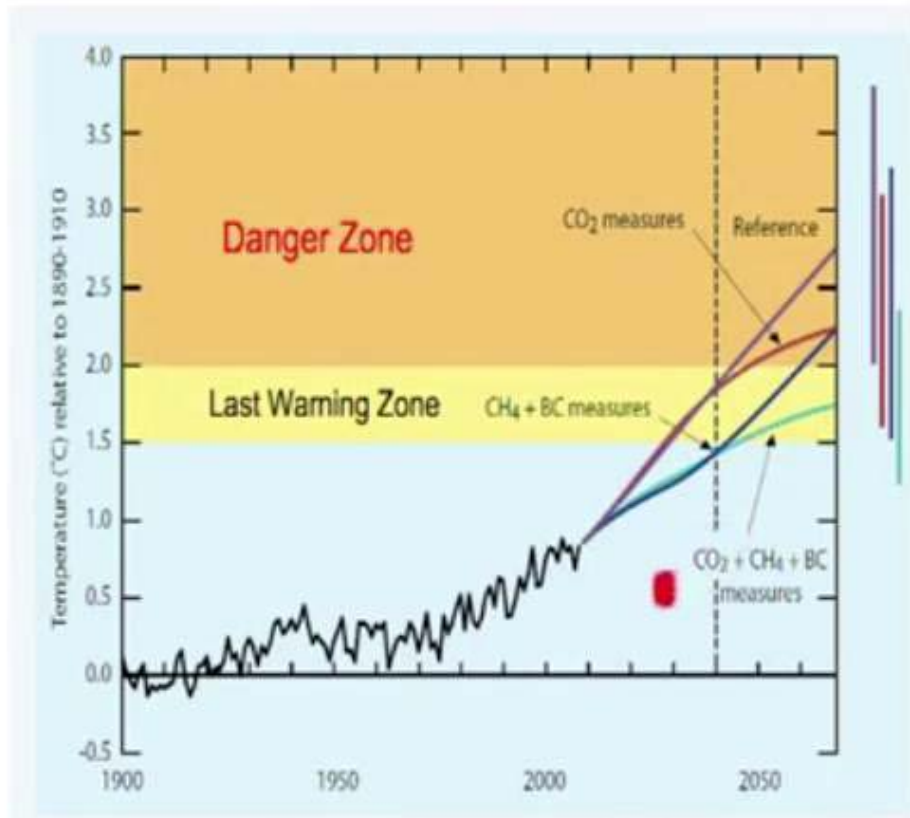
This resolution was passed by  
full consensus of the general  
assembly of those present.

Many Frack Free Resolutions and Frack Stop  
Measures have been passed in the Territory ...

# Optimism About Renewable Energy



## Why Is Controlling Methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) Emission So Important?



Shindell, et al. *Science* 335, 183 (2012)

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<http://youtu.be/0T6-sFnk-nY>

# Honouring the Promises

For example:

- UMBRELLA FINAL AGREEMENT
- MOTIONS:
  - *“conduct a full and rigorous scientific review of any proposed oil and gas project at each of the following stages of oil and gas development: exploration, production and reclamation”* (Minister Cathers, EMR, November 2012)
- CONSULTATIONS

# Peer Reviewed Papers, Reports, Resources

- Canadian Petroleum Association Fact Book:  
[http://issuu.com/capp/docs/natural\\_gas\\_fact\\_book/64?e=1293643/1197275](http://issuu.com/capp/docs/natural_gas_fact_book/64?e=1293643/1197275)
- Scoping Study of Unconventional Oil and Gas Potential, Yukon:  
[http://ygsftp.gov.yk.ca/publications/miscellaneous/Reports/YGS\\_MR-7.pdf](http://ygsftp.gov.yk.ca/publications/miscellaneous/Reports/YGS_MR-7.pdf)
- “New Solutions” Special Issue, Peer Reviewed Papers on Health Impacts:  
<http://www.prendergastlibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/New-Solutions-23-1-Binder.pdf>
- Texas R.R. Commission: Frack Road Damage exceeds Oil & Gas Revenue:  
<http://energypolicyforum.org/2013/06/02/will-the-eagle-ford-shale-bankrupt-local-communities/>
- W. Koop Report 2010, Cumulative Shale Gas Impacts in N.E. B.C.:  
<http://www.bctwa.org/FrkBC-EnCanasCabin-Nov9-2010.pdf>
- Methane Contamination Pathways. into Marcellus Waters Hydrol. Modeled.:  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1745-6584.2012.00933.x/abstract>
- U of Colo./NOAA Measure ~ 9 % Fugitive Gas Emissions in Utah Frack Field:  
<http://cires.colorado.edu/news/press/2013/methaneleaks.html>
- “Energy Autonomy”, Hermann Scheer, Renewable Planner, US, Ontario ...  
<http://www.amazon.ca/>

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