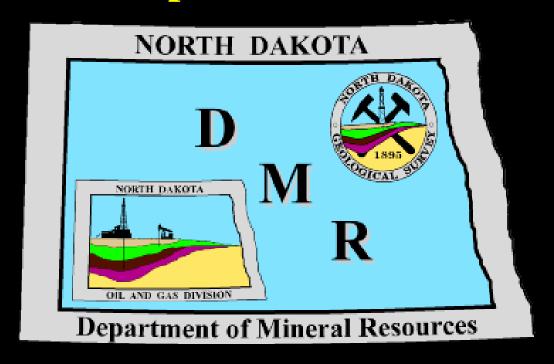
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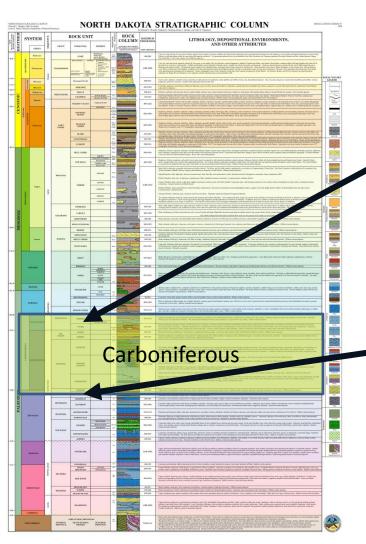
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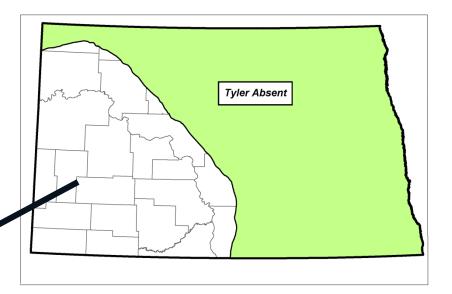
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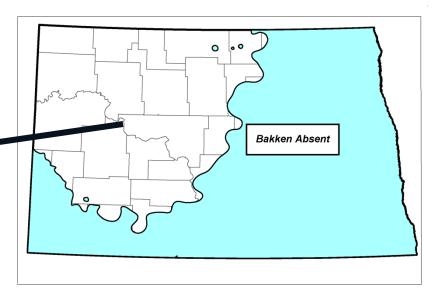
Resource Plays

- 1) Large area of organic-rich source rock.
- 2) **Heat, pressure, and time to mature** source rock.
- 3) **Expulsion** of hydrocarbons from source rocks into adjacent rocks.
- 4) Trapping of hydrocarbons in overlying and underlying reservoirs that are porous, but low permeability.
- 5) **Technology to extract** hydrocarbons using natural or artificial fractures to get economic amounts of petroleum production.

1) Regional Extent Tyler and Bakken







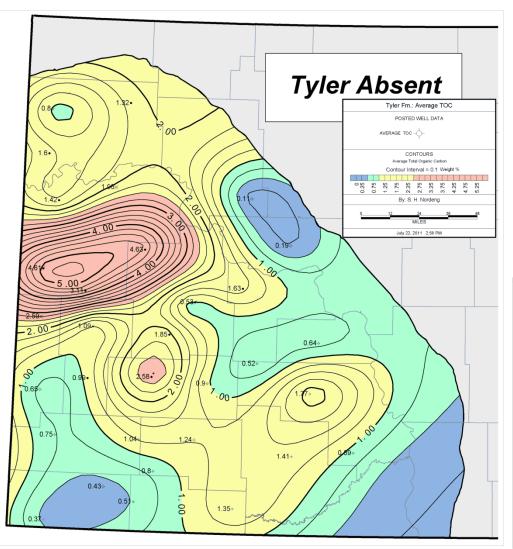
1) Organic Richness: Bakken

Average Total Organic Carbon:

11.5 weight %

30-40 % by volume

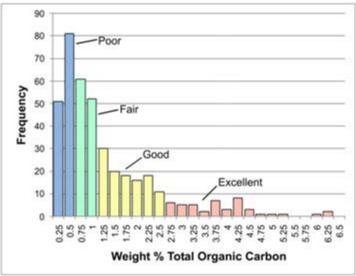
1) Tyler Formation: TOC content



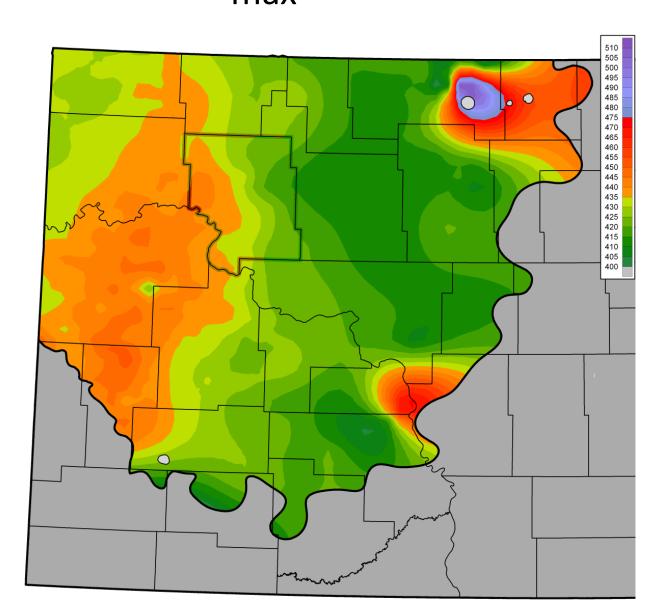
Average TOC = 1.39% by weight (1/8 Bakken)

Area containing:

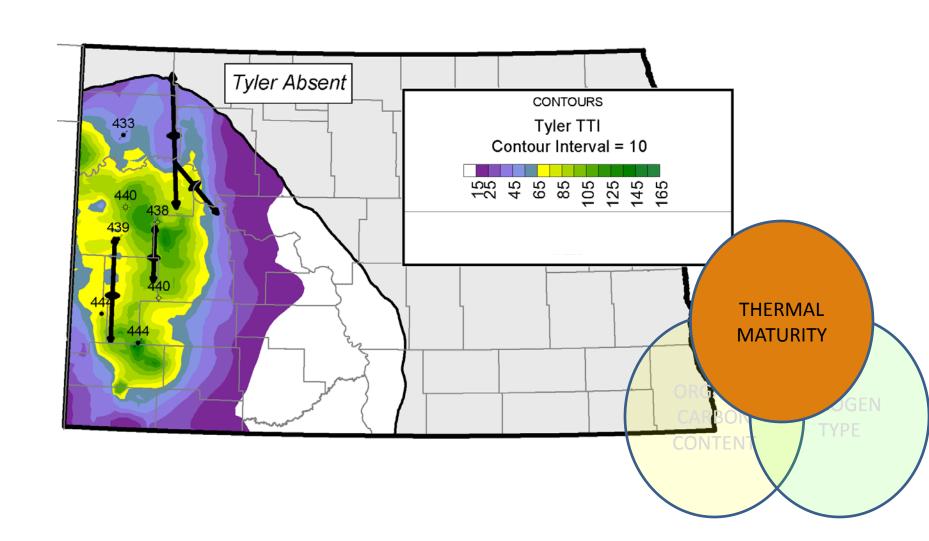
Excellent TOC = 2.02 million acres Good TOC = 8.87 million acres (1/80 Bakken)



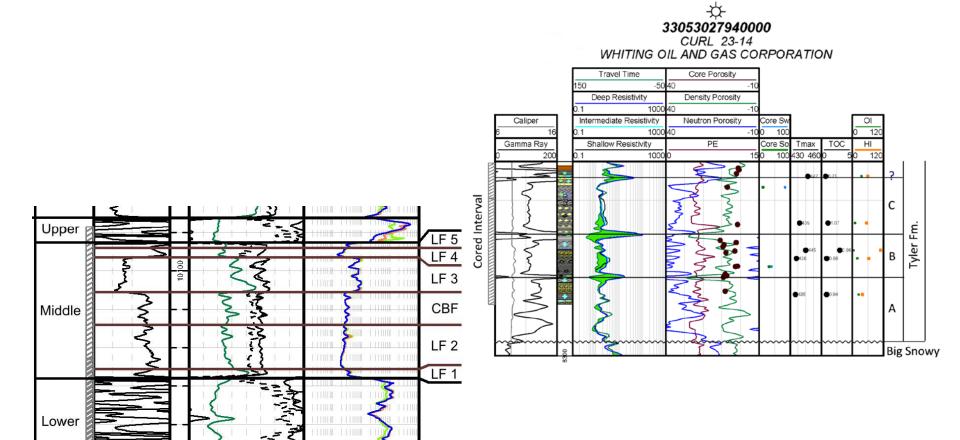
2) Bakken T_{max}: Maturation Index



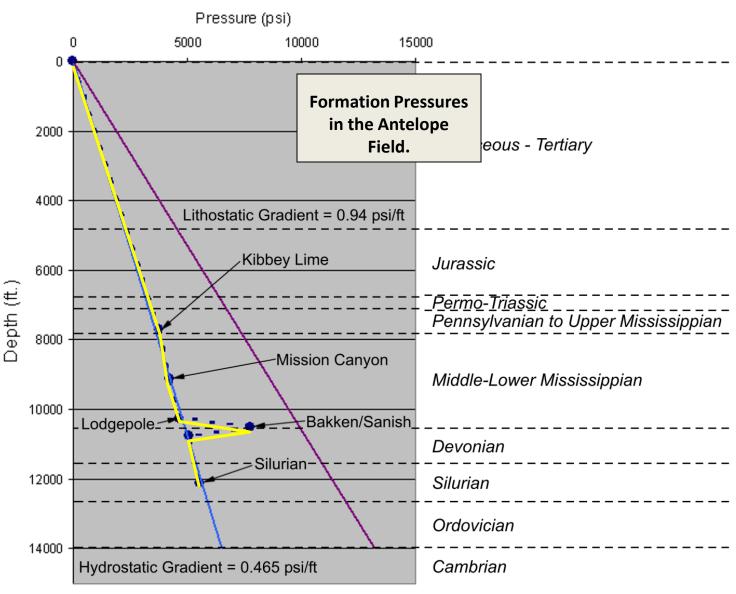
2) Tyler T_{max} Maturation Index



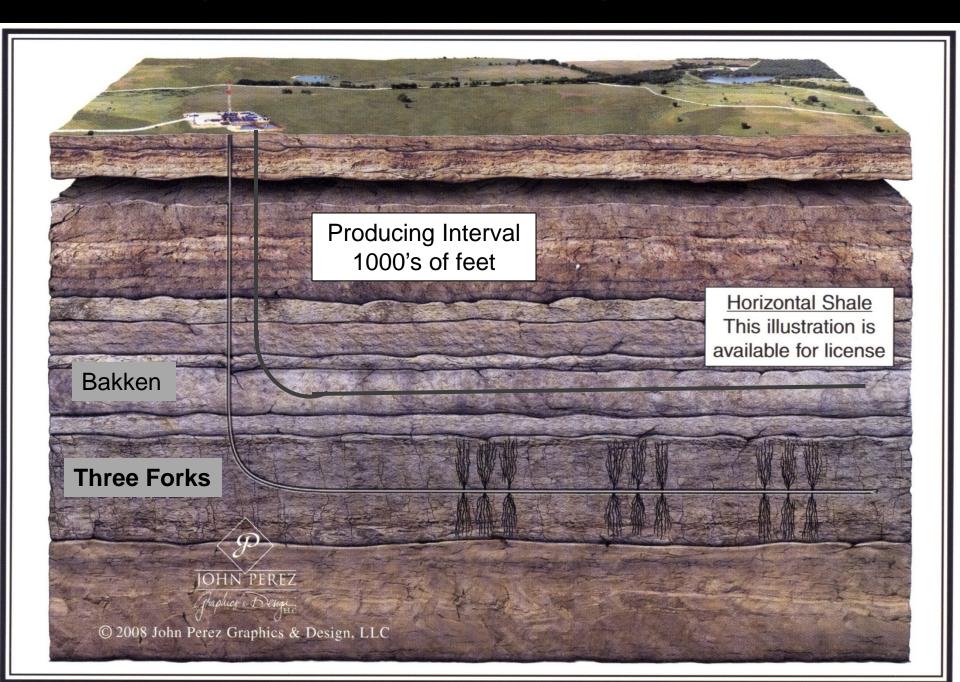
3) Expulsion of Petroleum from Source Beds into Low Perm Bounding Beds



4) Trapping -> abnormally High Formation Pressure



5) Technology = horizontal well / multi stage hydraulic fractured



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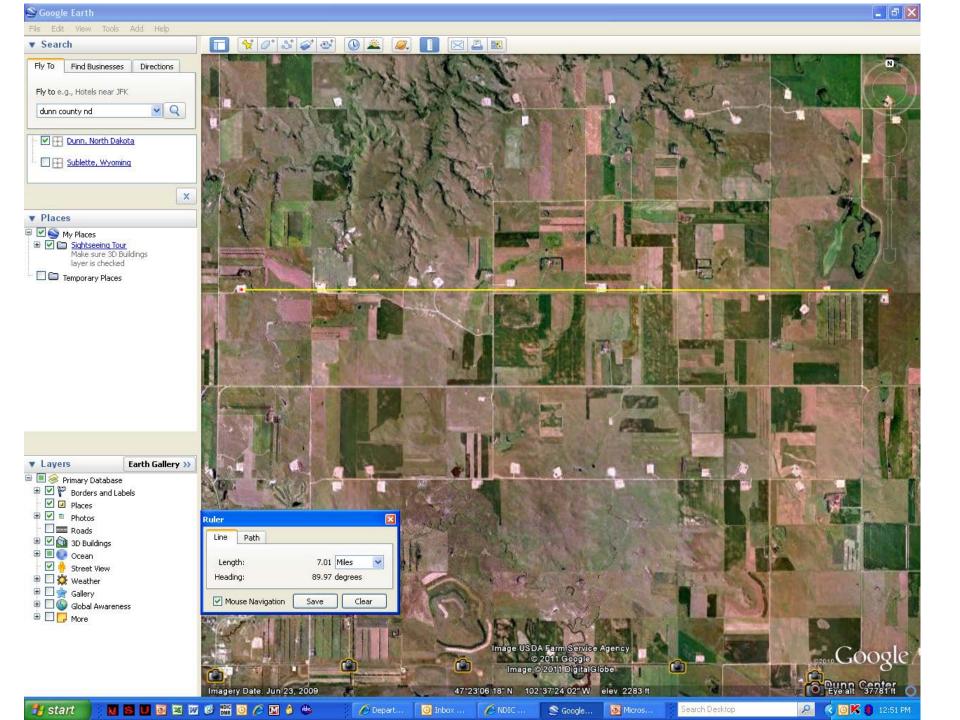


Development History & Intervention Points

- 2001 through 2003 MT Elm Coulee Activity
- 2004 through 2006 operators tried many spacing-drillingfracing combinations (vertical frac length and pool defined)
- 2006 through 2009 operators focused on 640 & 1,280 acre spaced wells with single stage fracturing
- Q4 of 2009 stage fracturing of +20 ceramic proppant 1,280 acre 10,000 foot lateral combination identified
- Q1 of 2010 Industrial Commission organized 15,000 square miles into North-South 1,280 acre spacing and drilling units



Vern Whitten Photography



Bakken Development Plan

- Original dual-zone development plan
 - 8 wells per 1,280 acres – 4 MB, 4TF
 - 603,000 Boe EUR per well (avg. 24.5 stages/completion)
 - ECO-Pad® design:
 2 wells south, 2
 wells north

 Three Forks
- Additional Three Forks potential

	2 Miles	_1
		10,000'
	1st ECO-Pad well pair	below surface
	Upper Bakken Shale	surrace
	Lower Bakken Shale	
	 	
s	33° K	
	Charlotte 2-22H: 1,140 Boepd IP	
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	Bakken		Three Forks		Total	
	OOIP per	EUR per County	OOIP per	EUR per	OOIP per	EUR per
County	County		County	County	County	County
Billings	3,141,271,156	115,858,434	1,717,909,400	154,611,846	4,859,180,556	270,470,280
Bottineau			1,642,257,140	147,803,143	1,642,257,140	147,803,143
Burke	14,891,719,317	187,975,278	2,084,609,970	187,614,897	16,976,329,287	375,590,175
Divide	16,836,857,774	123,315,660	855,513,980	76,996,258	17,692,371,754	200,311,919
Dunn	18,059,716,691	294,169,921	2,008,459,540	180,761,359	20,068,176,231	474,931,279
Golden Valley	66,147,411		25,519,700	2,296,773	91,667,111	2,296,773
Grant	62,508,094				62,508,094	
McHenry			539,104,280	48,519,385	539,104,280	48,519,385
McKenzie	32,438,937,580	382,654,320	3,941,684,770	354,751,629	36,380,622,350	737,405,950
McLean	3,253,719,118		351,841,190	31,665,707	3,605,560,308	31,665,707
Mercer			118,427,220	10,658,450	118,427,220	10,658,450
Morton			84,144,950	84,144,950	84,144,950	84,144,950
Mountrail	27,242,795,837	424,826,873	1,676,048,980	150,844,408	28,918,844,817	575,671,281
Oliver			9,002,880	810,259	9,002,880	810,259
Renville			183,377,880	16,504,009	183,377,880	16,504,009
Slope	10,586,089				10,586,089	
Stark	2,349,351,546	86,371,150	1,604,239,450	144,381,551	3,953,590,996	230,752,701
Ward	4,540,670,907		446,420,030	40,177,803	4,987,090,937	40,177,803
Williams	26,263,485,095	474,392,108	2,666,823,630	240,014,127	28,930,308,725	714,406,235
Total	149,157,766,614	2,089,563,745	19,955,384,990	1,872,556,554	169,113,151,604	3,962,120,299

Most Likely

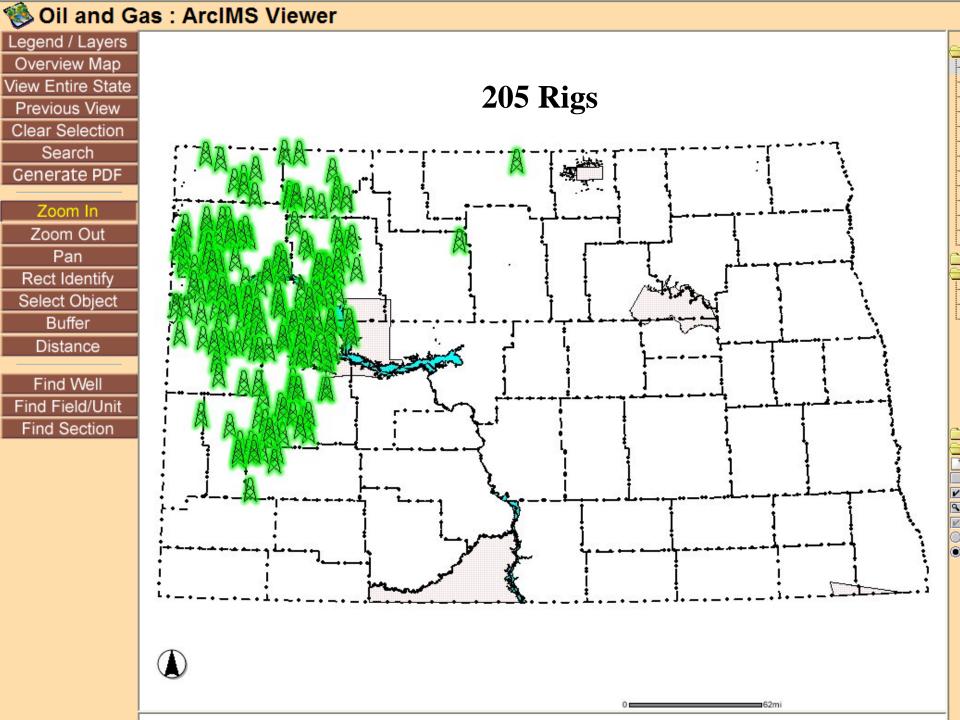
Six Wells on a Single Pad



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Western North Dakota

- 1,100 to 2,700 wells/year = 2,000 expected
 - -100-225 rigs = 12,000 27,000 jobs = 12,000 27,000 jobs
 - Another 10,000 jobs operating wells and building infrastructure
 - 225 rigs can drill the 4,500 wells needed to secure leases in 2 years
 - 225 rigs can drill the 27,500 wells needed to develop spacing units in 16 years
 - 32,000 new wells = 30,000-35,000 long term jobs

What Does Every New Bakken Well Mean to North Dakota

A typical 2012 North Dakota Bakken well will produce for 29 years

If economic, enhanced oil recovery efforts can extend the life of the well

In those 29 years the average Bakken well:

Produces approximately 580,000 barrels of oil

Generates over \$22 million net profit

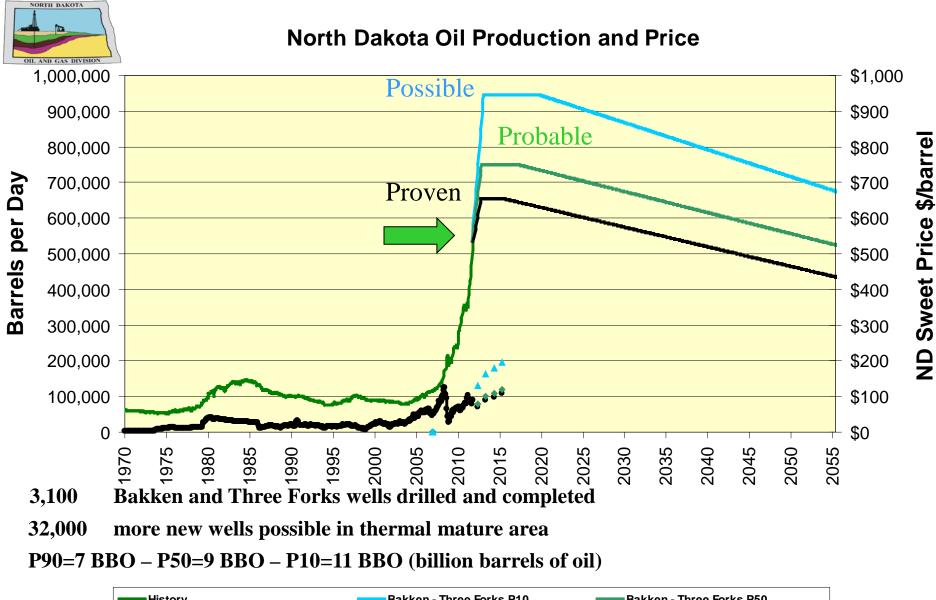
Pays approximately \$4,610,000 in taxes \$2,200,000 gross production taxes \$2,000,000 extraction tax \$410,000 sales tax

Pays royalties of \$7,925,000 to mineral owners

Pays salaries and wages of \$1,500,000

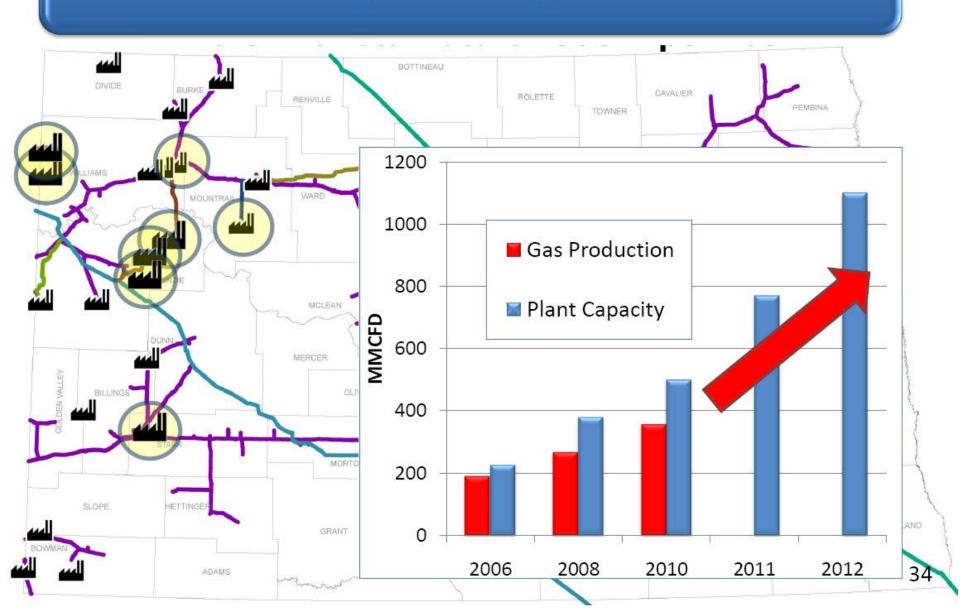
Pays operating expenses of \$2,300,000

Cost \$8,500,000 to drill and complete

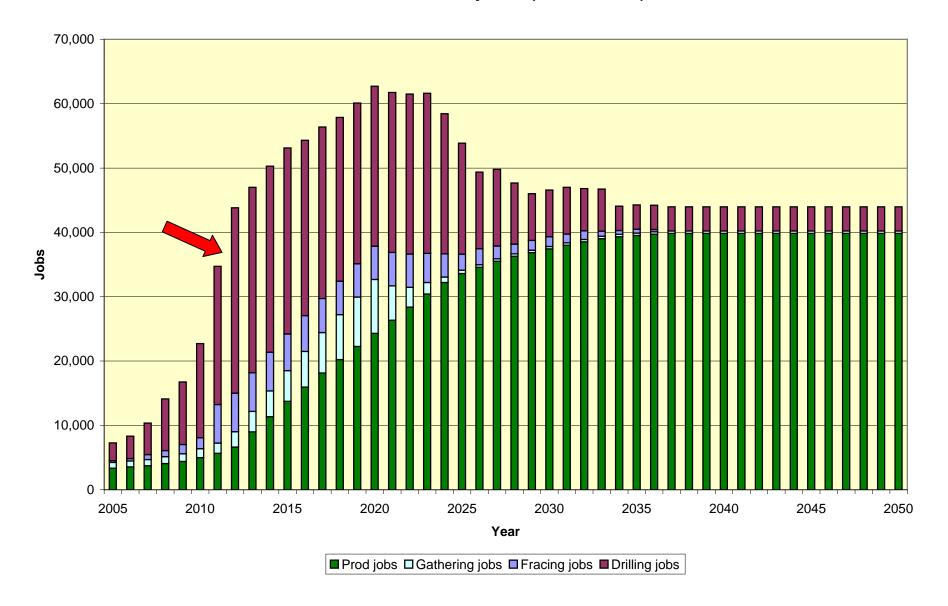




New or Expanding Gas Plants



North Dakota Oil Industry Jobs (Ph2=80% Ph1)



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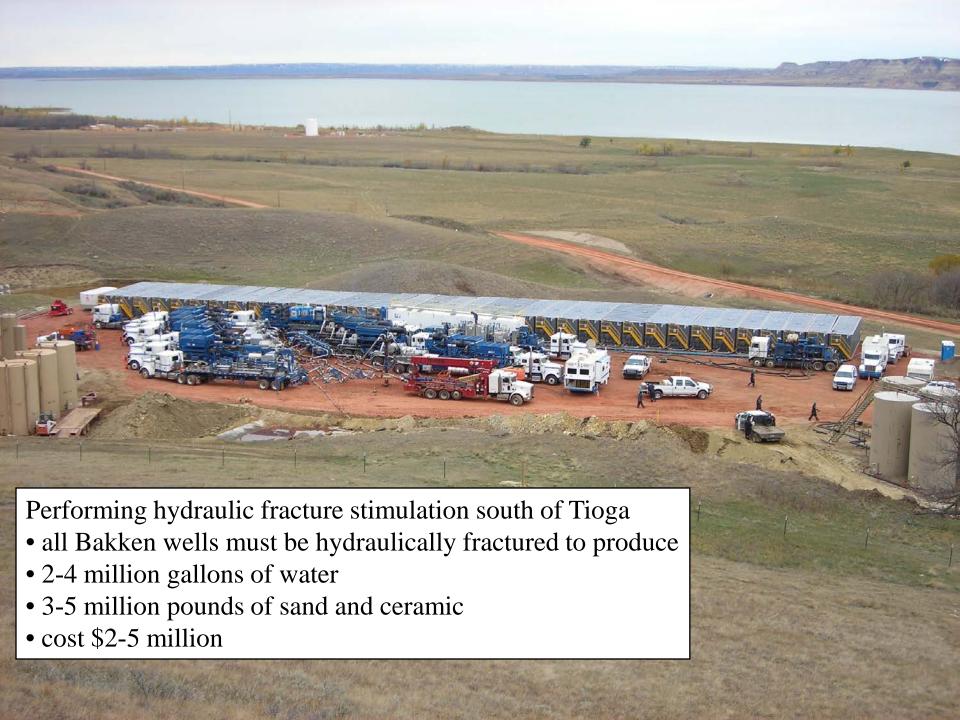
Hydraulic Fracturing

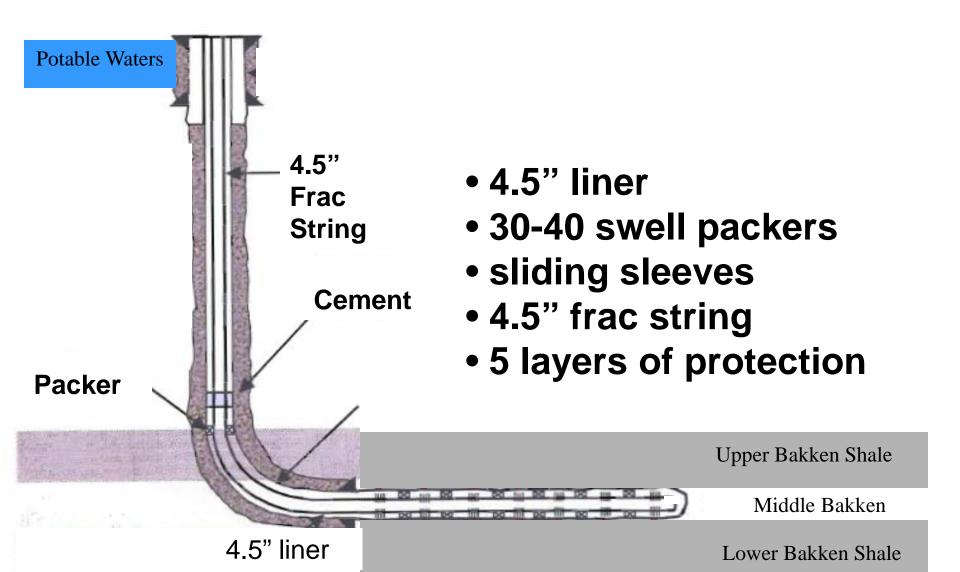
Lifeline to Domestic Energy

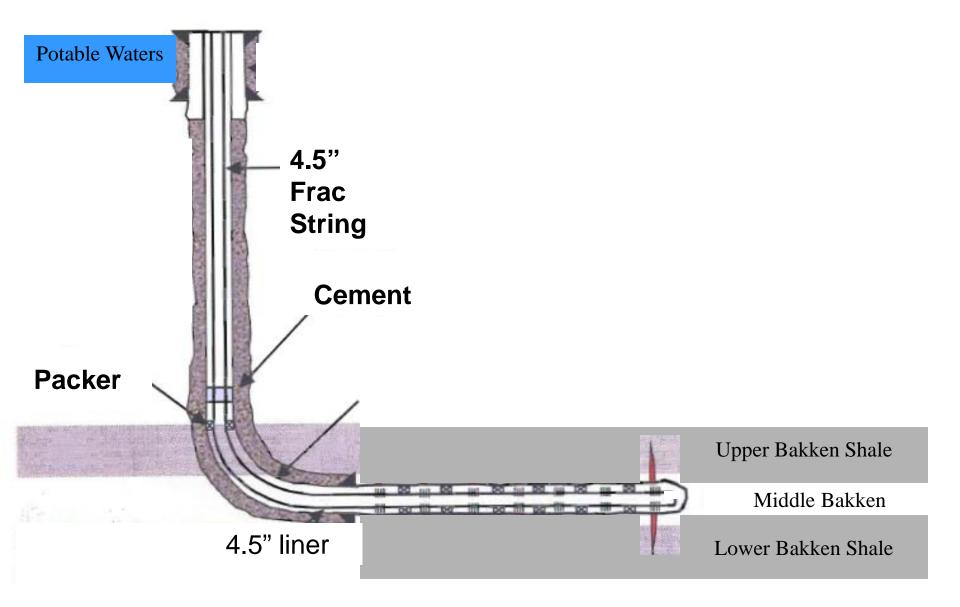
- Hydraulic Fracturing
 - Why
 - How
- State Regulation

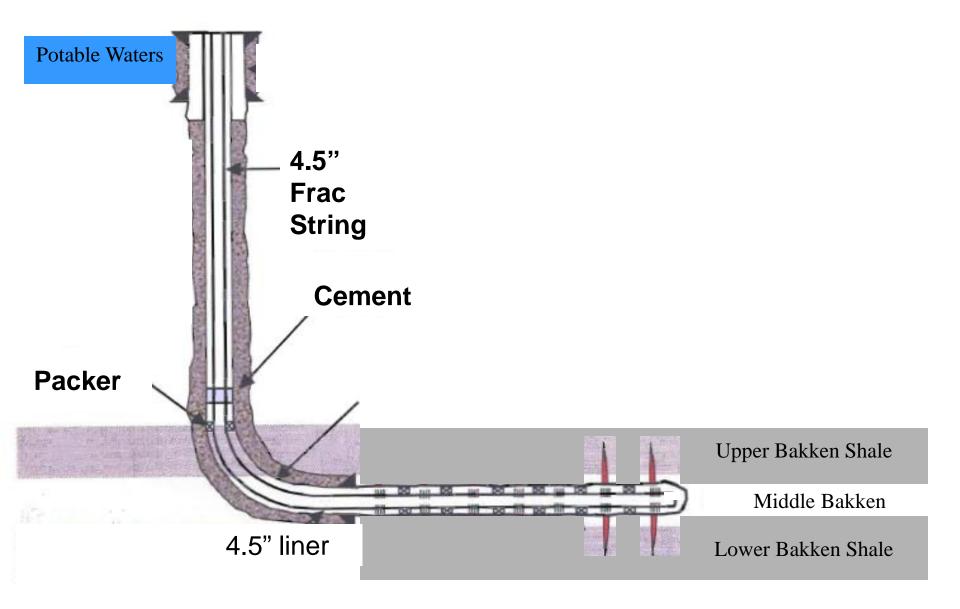
WHY FRACK THE ROCK?

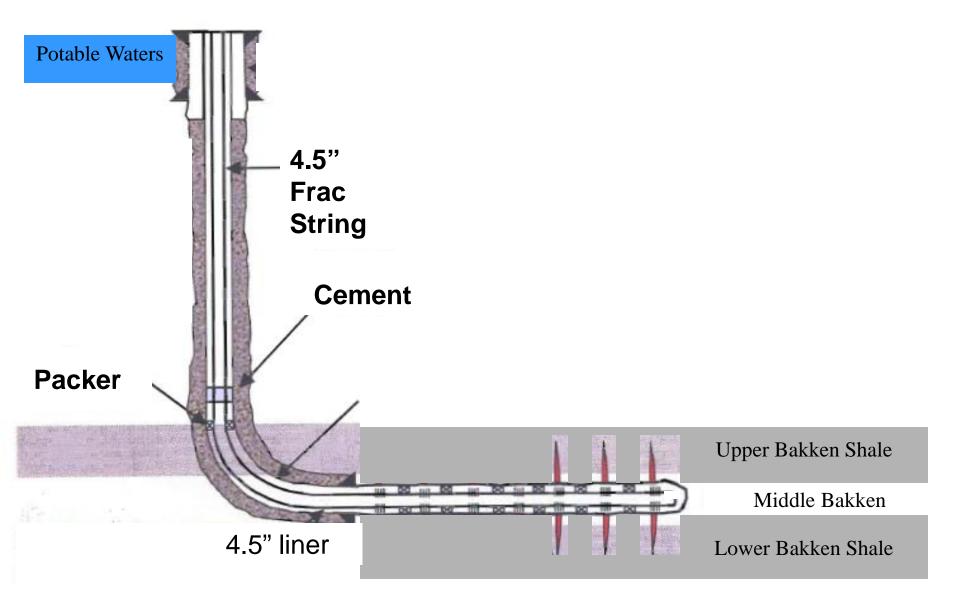
- Easy oil and gas are already developed
 - flow without fracing
- Unconventional Reserves
 - reservoirs are tight
 - look at sample
 - uneconomic to produce without fracing
 - must create a path for oil to flow

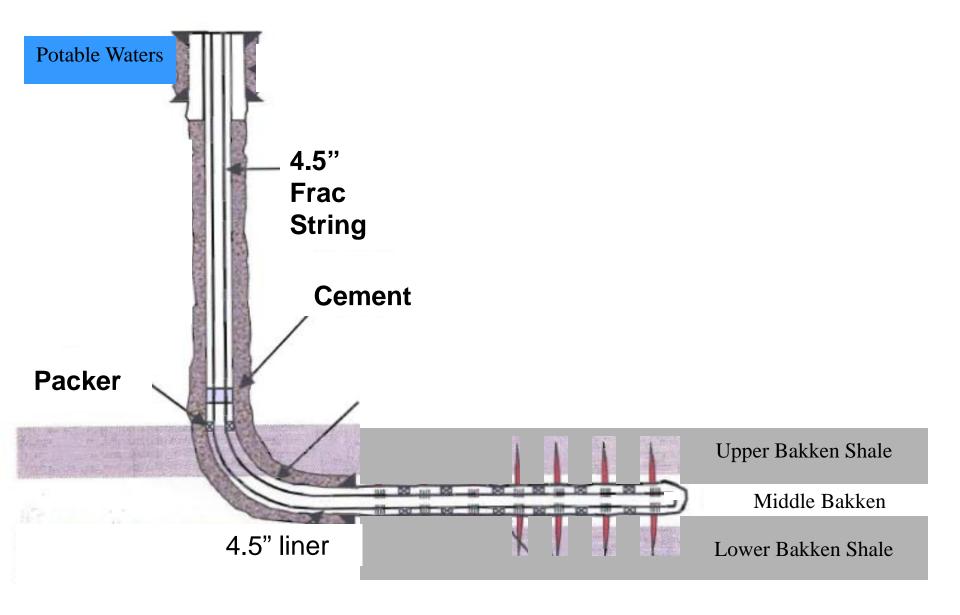


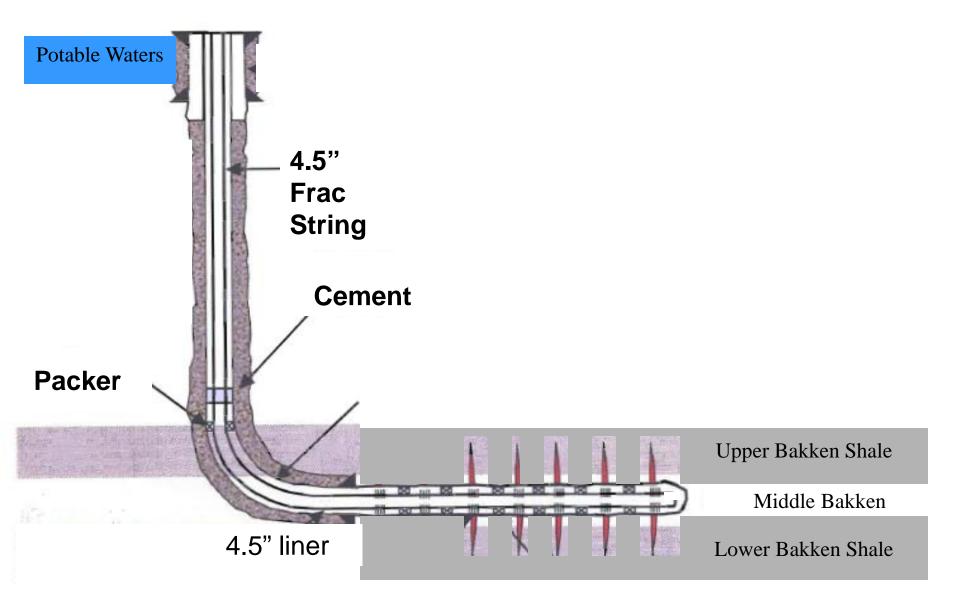


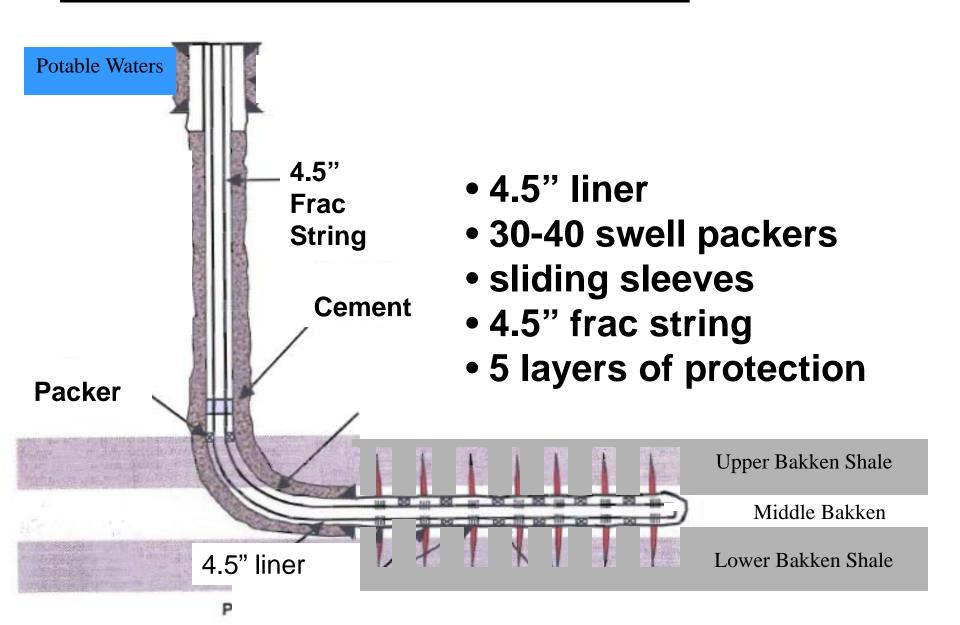


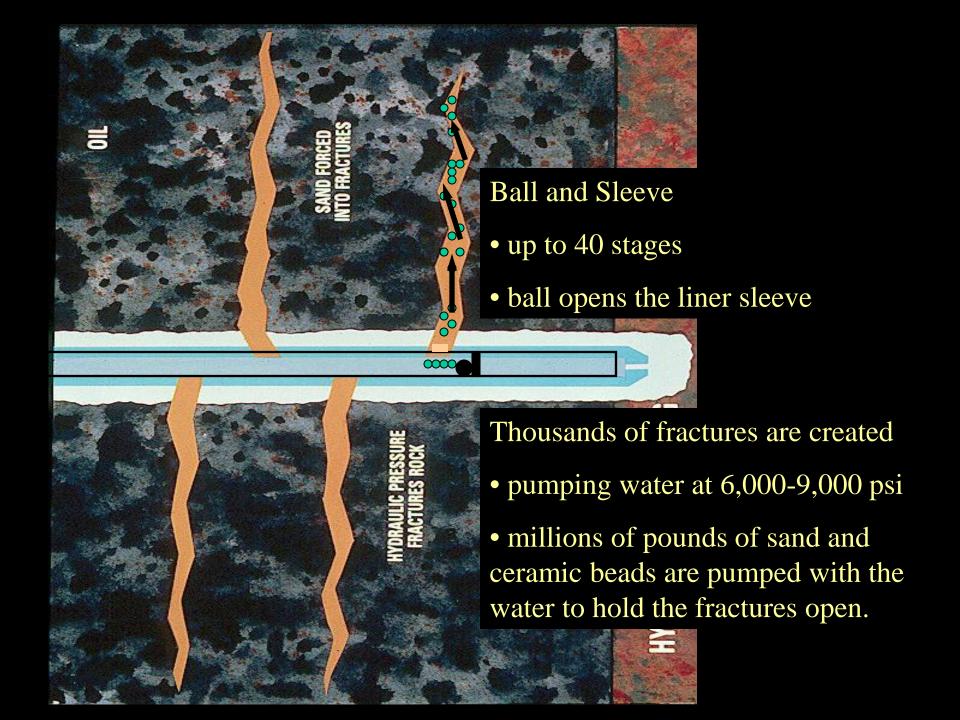


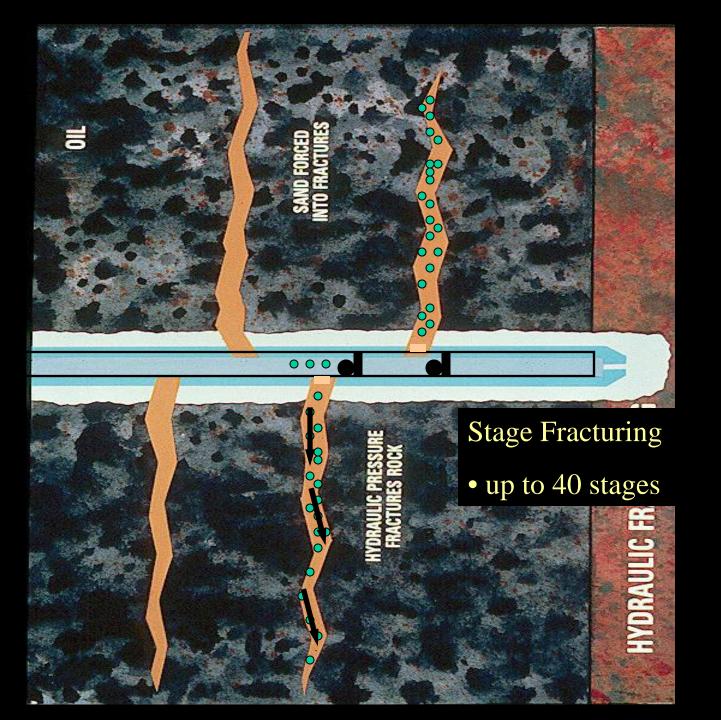






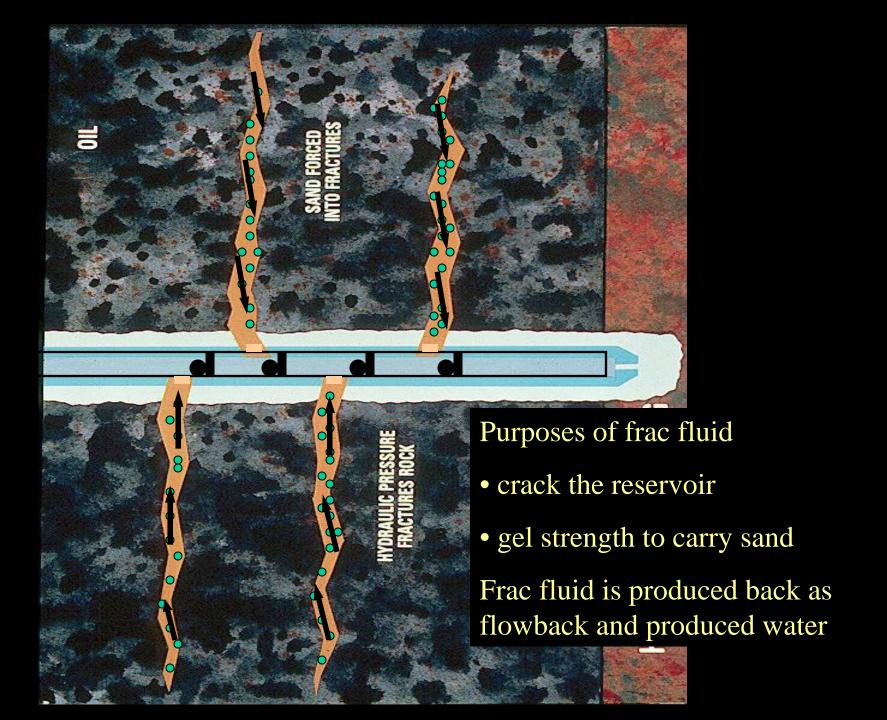




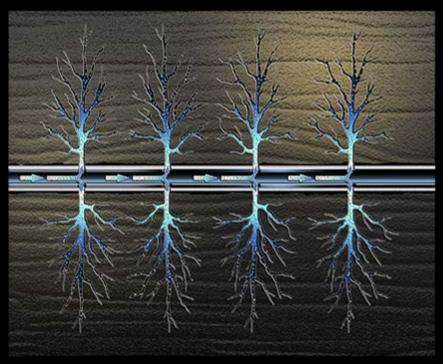








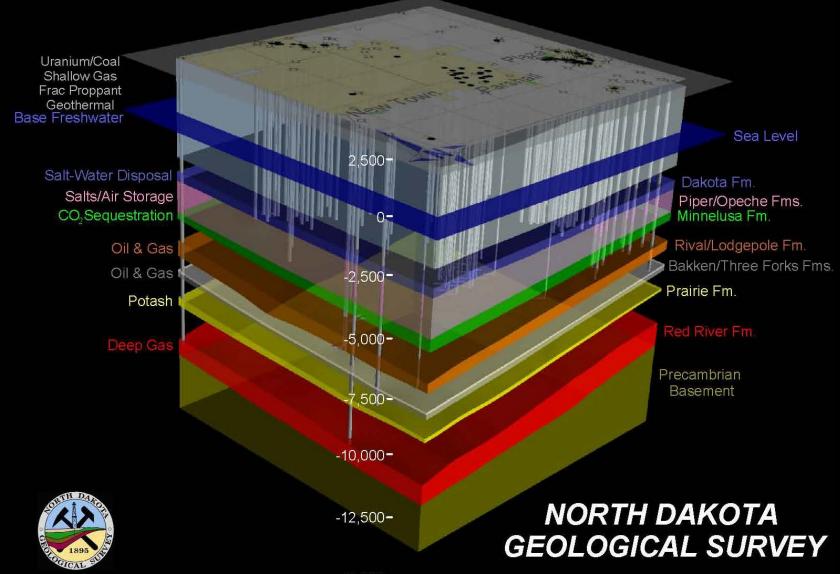
Each hydraulic fracturing stage creates hundreds of fractures extending several hundred feet from wellbore



States have been regulating the full life cycle of hydraulic fracturing for decades

- Geology of each sedimentary basin is different
- Water Appropriation Regulation
- Oil & Gas Regulation
- Health and Environmental Regulation

Three-Dimensional Geologic Model of the Parshall Area



North Dakota has been regulating the full life cycle of hydraulic fracturing for decades

- Water Commission
 - water supply
- Industrial Commission
 - •well construction
 - disposal of flow back water
- Health Department
 - •spill cleanup

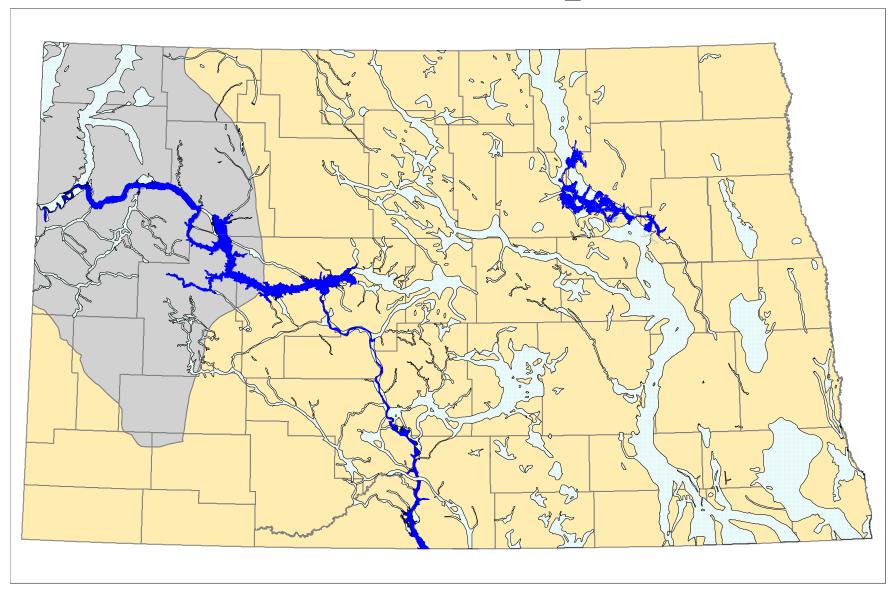
Water Commission Regulation

- Regulate water appropriations
- Guard against withdrawals exceeding recharge

Thirsty Horizontal Wells

- 2,000 3,000 wells / year
- 15 25 years duration
- 20 30 million gallons water / day

Glacial Drift Aquifers



FRAC WATER NEEDS

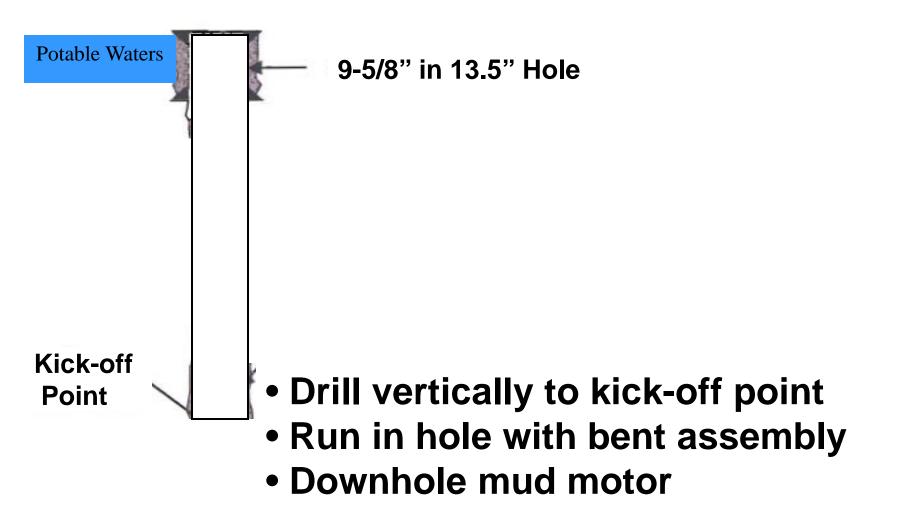
- Lake Sakakawea (Missouri River) is the best water resource
 - one inch contains 10 billion gal water
 - 5,000 wells @ 2 million gal/well
 - 30 million gallons per day

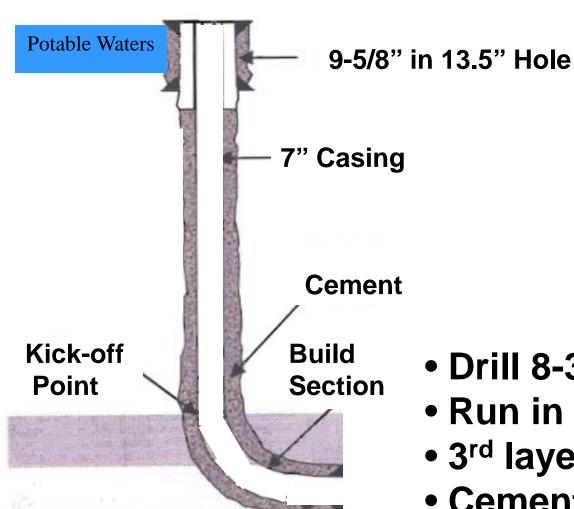
Industrial Commission Regulation

- Well construction for Hydraulic fracturing
 - Two casing strings required
 - Both strings must be cemented
 - Pressure tests required
 - Frac is > 1.5 mile below potable water

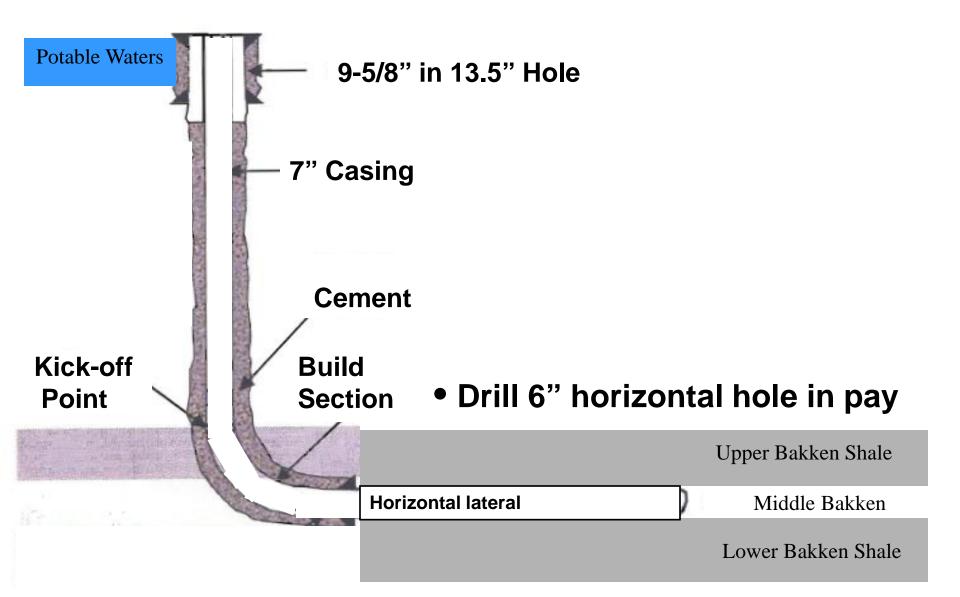


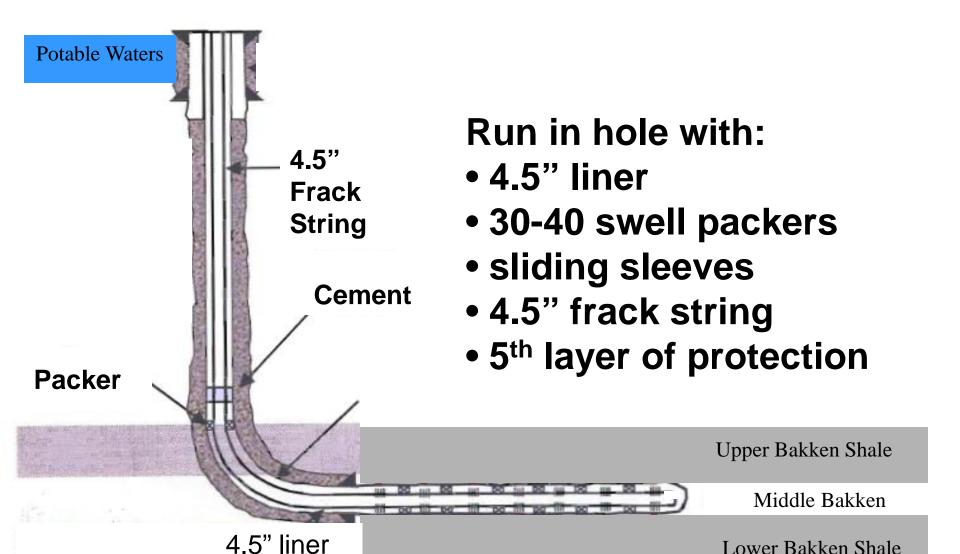
- Drill with fresh water
- Total depth below lowest potable water
- Run in hole with surface casing
- 1st layer of surface water protection
- Cement casing back to surface of ground
- 2nd layer of surface water protection



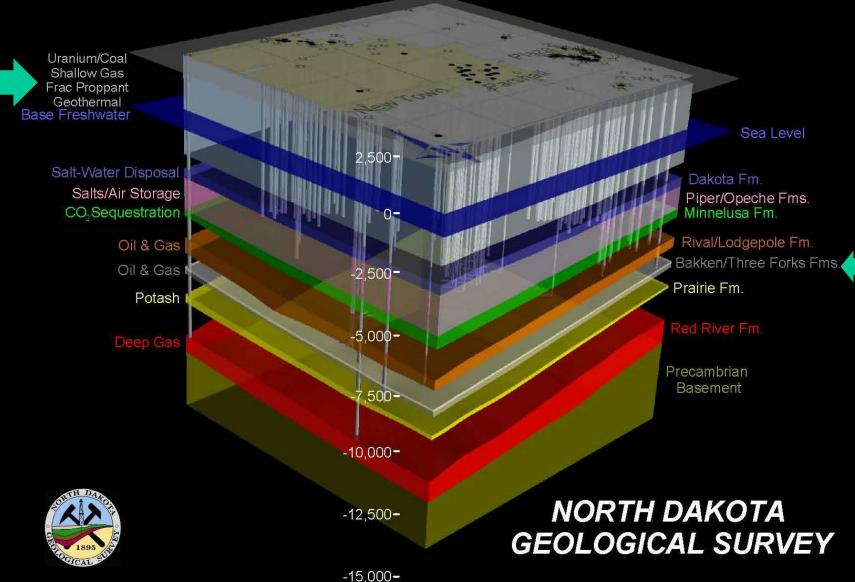


- Drill 8-3/4" hole to pay
- Run in hole with 7" casing
- 3rd layer of protection
- Cement 7" casing
- 4th layer of protection





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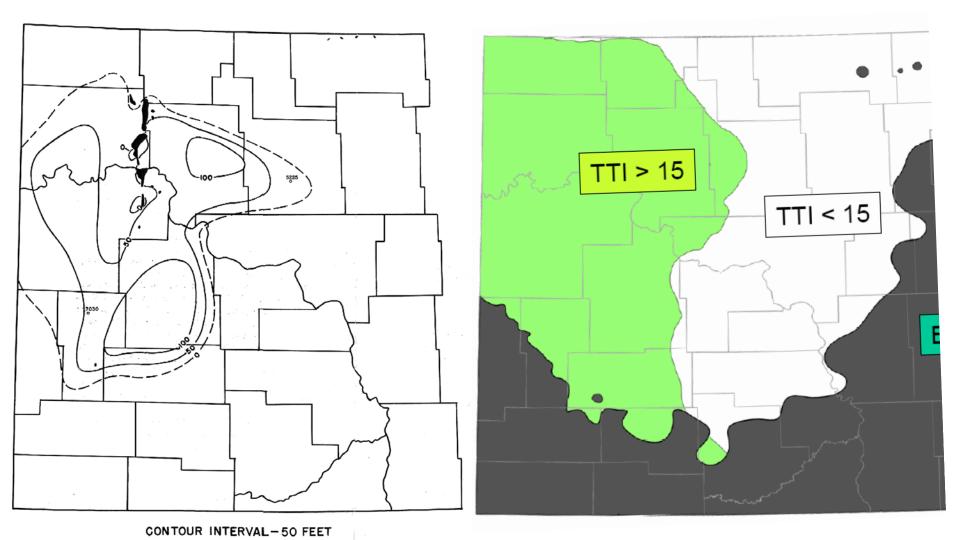


Figure I - TRIASSIC "A" SALT

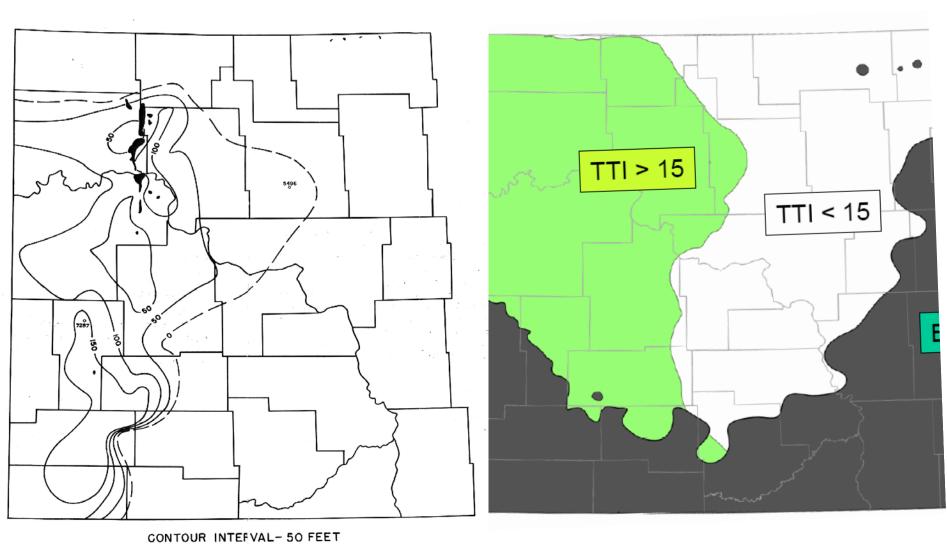


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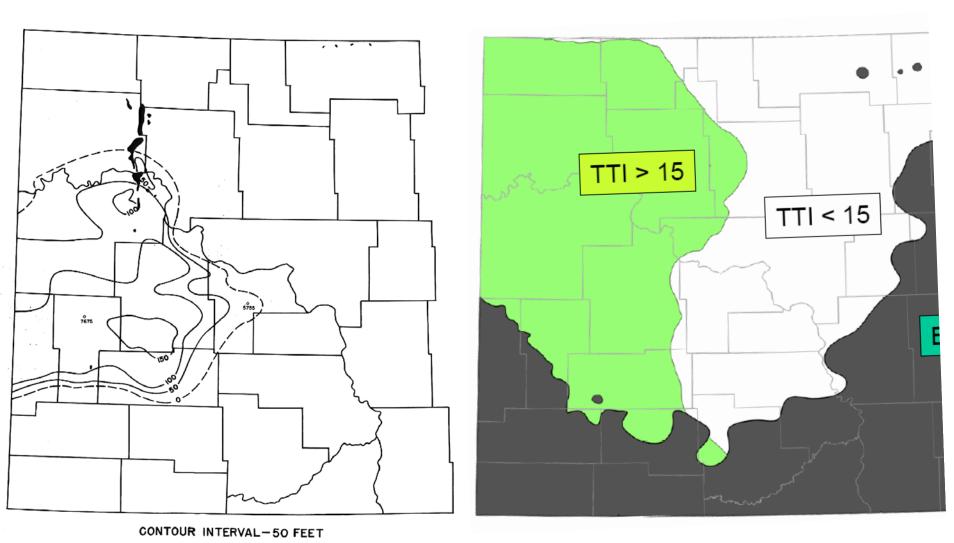


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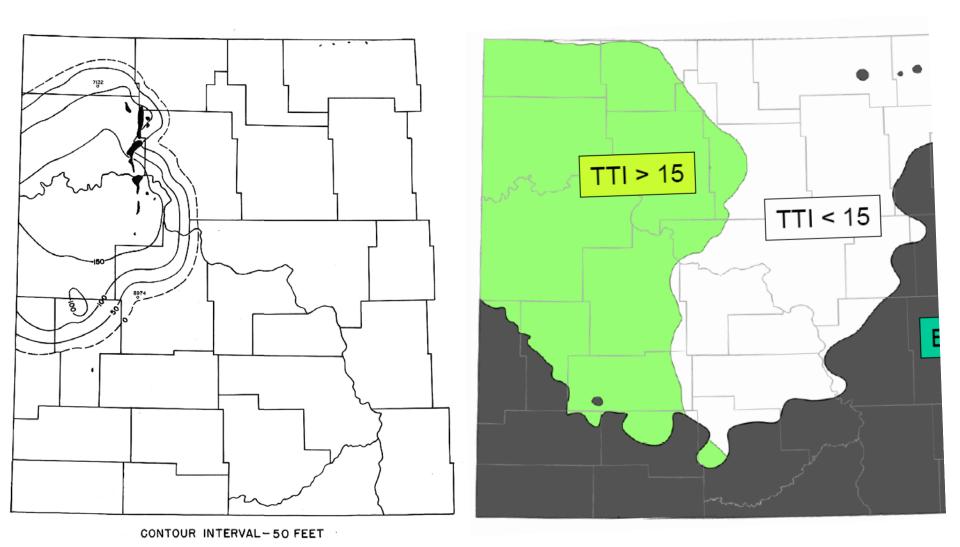


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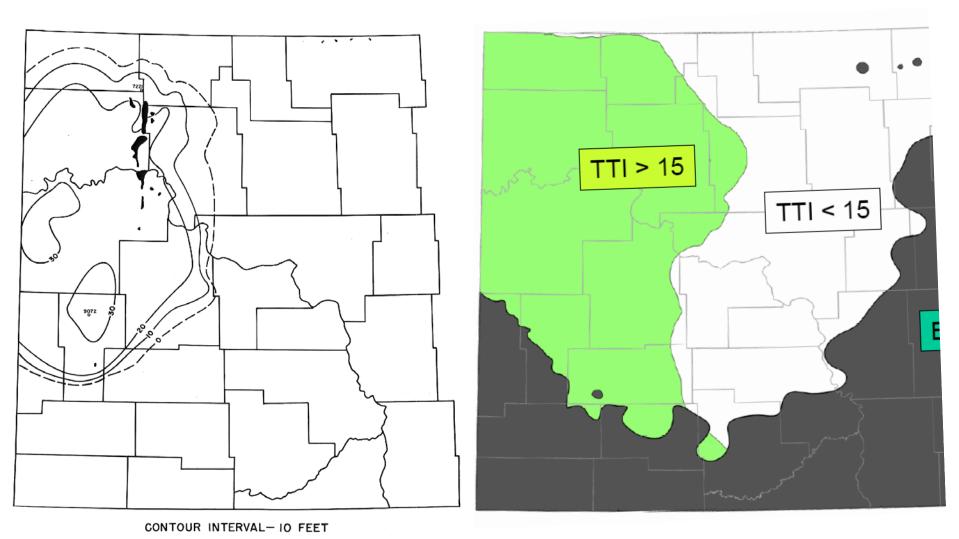


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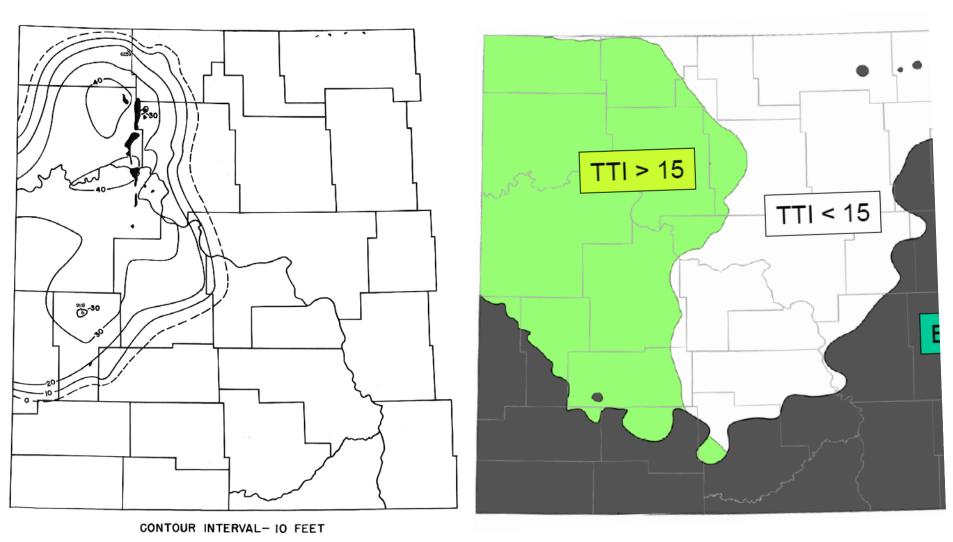


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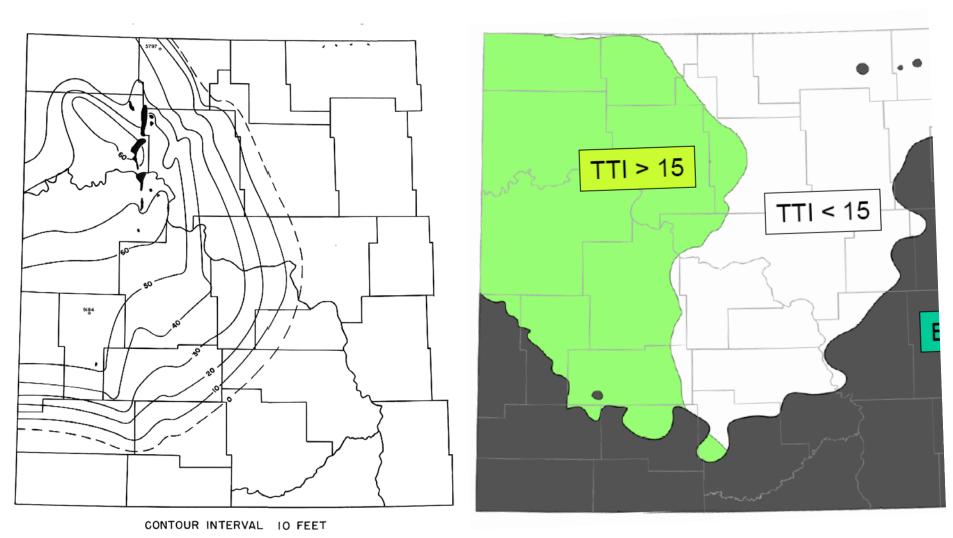


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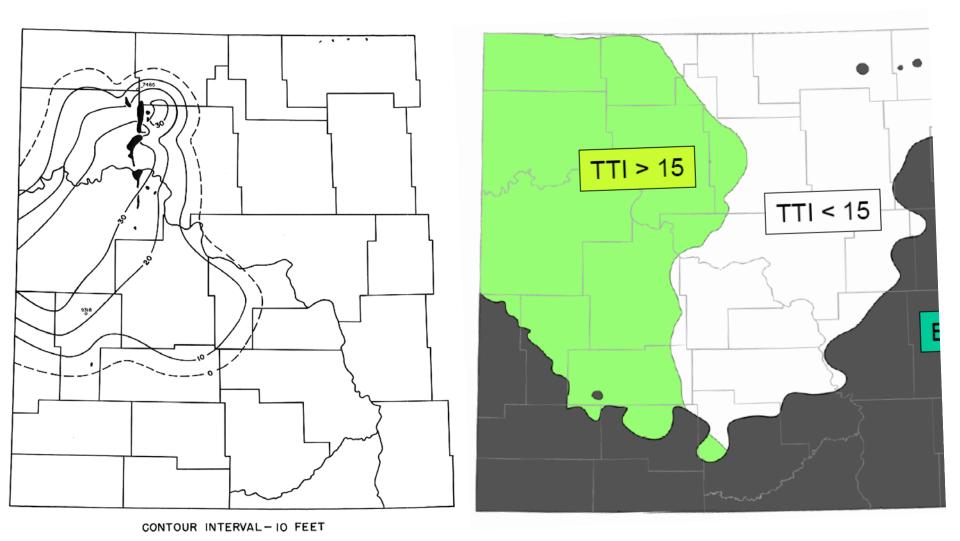


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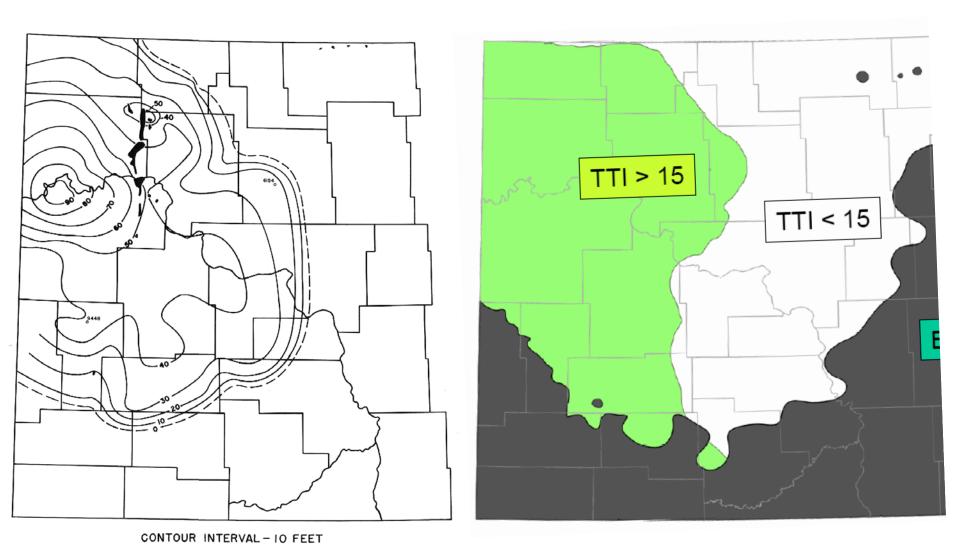
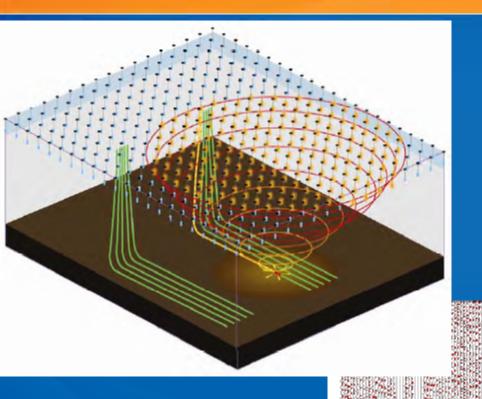


Figure 9- MISSISSIPPIAN "F" SALT

PSET Imaging

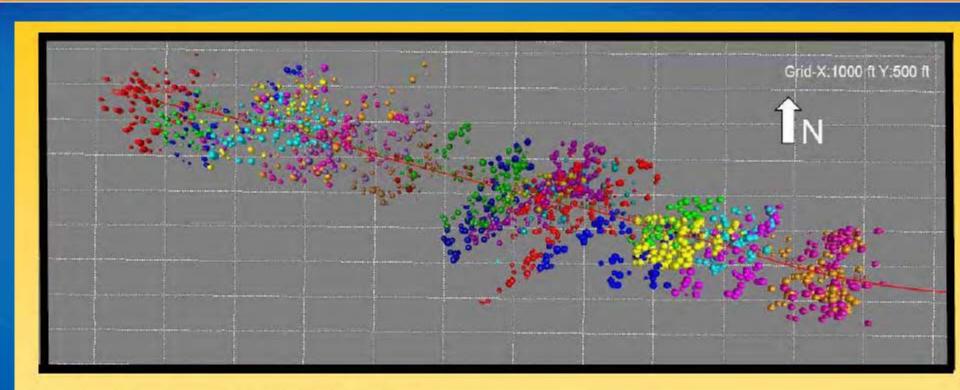


Microseismic events are imaged via PSET, a migration based imaging algorithm.

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"Excellent 'frac saturation'...."

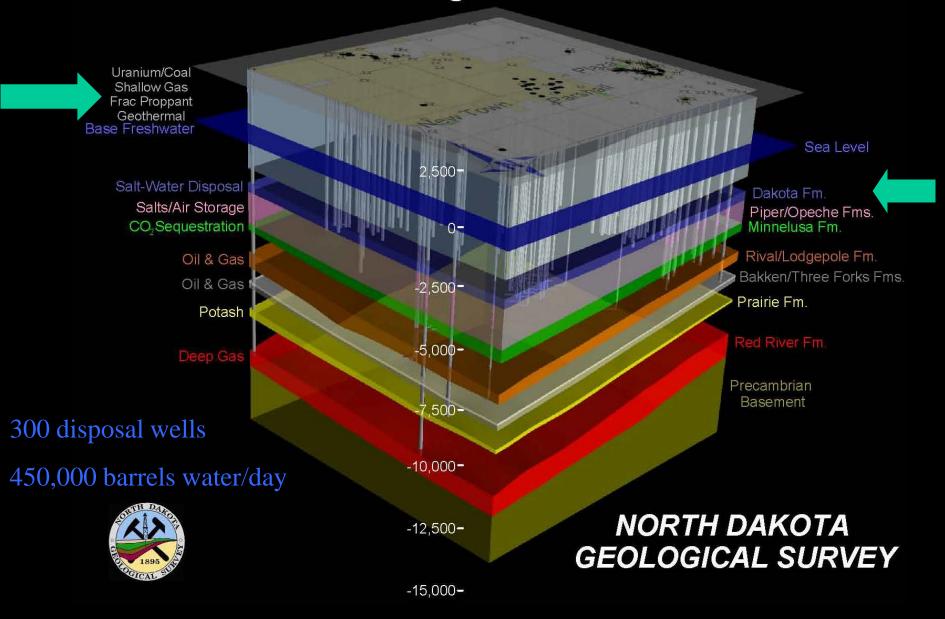


- 24-Stage Frac / IP: 2,558 BOE/D
- Excellent "frac saturation" evidenced by minimal gaps of unfraced rock along the wellbore with some stages impacting the same rock volume.
- Minimal gaps along NE trending natural fractures where the frac follows large regionally extensive fractures. These areas already have good naturally occurring fractures.
- Lateral frac wings that average 750' on either side of the wellbore. This is consistent
 with our other fracs and planned spacing pattern for full field development.

Industrial Commission Regulation

- Water flow back after frac
 - Storage in open pits prohibited
 - Disposal wells permitted through Underground Injection Program
 - Disposal zone is 2,500 feet below potable waters with impermeable shale between

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Health Department Regulation

- Cleanup of discharge to environment
- Coordinate with local Emergency Managers
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA)
- Congress passed for storing and handling of chemicals
- •Requires material safety data sheet (MSDS) for each chemical on location

- Compound
 - Purpose
 - Common application
- Fresh **Water** 80.5%
- Proppant 19.0%
 - Allows the fractures to remain open so the oil and gas can escape
 - Drinking water filtration, play ground sand
- Acids 0.12%
 - Help dissolve minerals and initiate fractures in rock (pre-fracture)
 - Swimming pool cleaner
- Petroleum distillates 0.088%
 - Dissolve polymers and minimize friction
 - Make-up remover, laxatives, and candy
- Isopropanol 0.081%
 - Increases the viscosity of the fracture fluid
 - Glass cleaner, antiperspirant, and hair color
- Potassium chloride 0.06%
 - Creates a brine carrier fluid
 - Low-sodium table salt substitute
- Guar gum 0.056%
 - Thickens the water to suspend the sand
 - Thickener used in cosmetics, baked goods, ice cream, toothpaste, sauces, and salad dressing
- Ethylene glycol 0.043%
 - Prevents scale deposits in the pipe
 - Automotive antifreeze, household cleansers, deicing, and caulk



- Sodium or potassium carbonate 0.011%
 - Improves the effectiveness of other components, such as cross-linkers
 - Washing soda, detergents, soap, water softeners, glass and ceramics
- Sodium Chloride 0.01%
 - Delays break down of the gel polymer chains
 - Table Salt
- Polyacrylamide 0.009%
 - Minimizes friction between fluid and pipe
 - Water treatment, soil conditioner
- Ammonium bisulfite 0.008%
 - Removes oxygen from the water to protect the pipe from corrosion
 - Cosmetics, food and beverage processing, water treatment
- Borate salts 0.007%
 - Maintain fluid viscosity as temperature increases
 - Used in laundry detergents, hand soaps and cosmetics
- Citric Acid 0.004%
 - Prevents precipitation of metal oxides
 - Food additive; food and beverages; lemon juice
- N, n-Dimethyl formamide 0.002%
 - Prevents the corrosion of the pipe
 - Used in **pharmaceuticals**, acrylic fibers and plastics
- Glutaraldehyde 0.001%
 - Eliminates bacteria in the water
 - **Disinfectant**; Sterilizer for medical and dental equipment

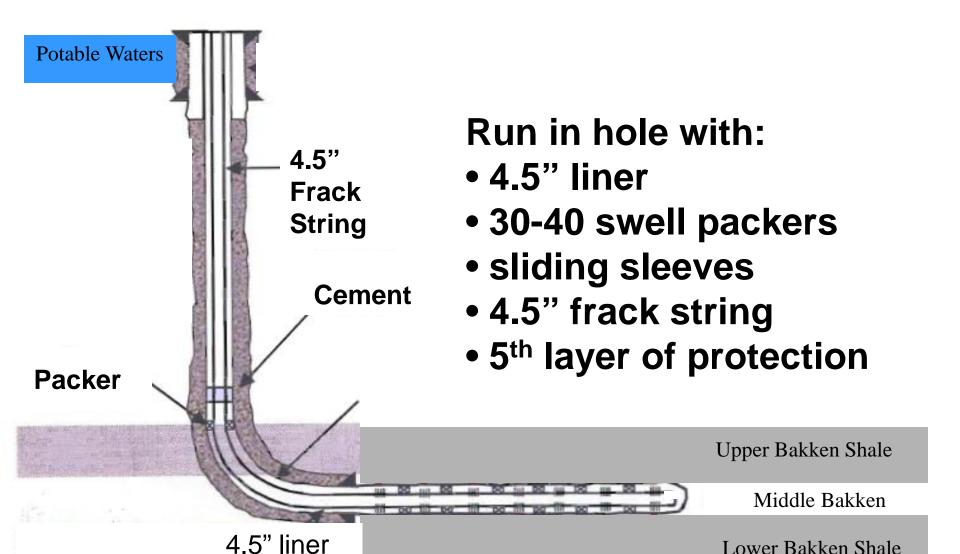


Hydraulic Fracturing Stimulation is Safe

- IOGCC survey—no contamination
- EPA survey no contamination
- GWPC study verifies State's regs
- GWPC National Registry f/chemicals
 FracFocus

42.02.02.27.4	Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation	Creates new section addressing hydraulic fracture stimulation
		Must use popoff valves, rupture disk, remote valve
43-02-03-27.1		Use frack string: no chem disclosure if > 350psi on annulus after frack
		Frack down csg: run csg evaluation f/thickness of csg and cmt w/chem disclosure

TYPICAL HORIZONTAL OIL WELL





HYDRAULIC FRACTURING HOW IT WORKS

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

CHEMICAL

REGULATIONS

FIND A WELL BY STATE

FREQU





Find a Well



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	API No.	Job Date	State	County	Operator	WellName	We ll Type	Latitude	Longitude	Datum
L	33-025-01132	4/13/2011	North Dakota	Dunn	XTO Energy/ExxonMobil	Alwin Federal 12X-19	Oil	47.627564	-102.967017	NAD83
1	33-105-01913	4/18/2011	North Dakota	Williams	XTO Energy/ExxonMobil	Lonnie 31X-3	Oil	48.196639	-102.880264	NAD83
L	33-105-01824	5/14/2011	North Dakota	Williams	XTO Energy/ExxonMobil	Allen 21X-17	Oil	48.254792	-103.058819	NAD83
1	33-105-01825	4/28/2011	North Dakota	Williams	XTO Energy/ExxonMobil	Woodrow 34X-32	Oil	48.198603	-103.053617	NAD83
1	33-053-03113	3/22/2011	North Dakota	Mc Kenzie	XTO Energy/ExxonMobil	101 Federal 21X-24	Oil	47.546178	-104.000694	NAD83
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L	33-105-01899	2/17/2011	North Dakota	Williams	XTO Energy/ExxonMobil	Michael State 31X-16	Oil	48.167464	-103.031950	NAD83
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1	33-025-01173	5/3/2011	North Dakota	Dunn	Marathon Oil	Wardner #24-35H	Oil	47.245872	-102.445641	NAD83

The Geological Survey tested 4,325 NDSWC monitoring wells for methane in 52 of the 53 counties in North Dakota from 2006-2010.

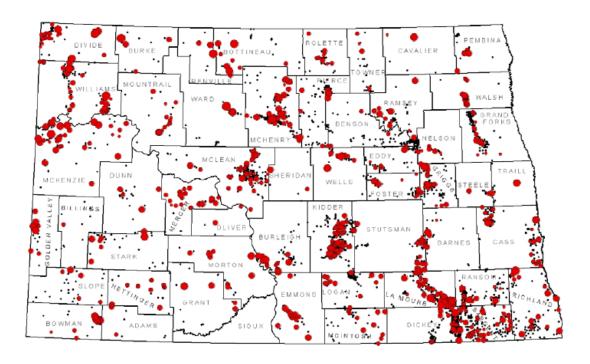


Methane bubbling to the surface in a twoinch NDSWC monitoring well.

SHALLOW GAS PROJECT

The Geological Survey recently completed phase I of a study of shallow natural gas in North Dakota. We investigated 9,400 ND State Water Commission monitoring well sites, tested 4,325 wells, and detected methane in 905 wells. Approximately 20% of the wells contained detectable gas.

During the second phase of the project, thirty groundwater samples, primarily from eastern North Dakota, will be analyzed for dissolved gas composition, isotopes, and general chemistry. This will enable us to determine the source of the gas and identify chemical groundwater signatures that might assist the oil and gas industry in natural gas exploration.



Monitoring wells that contained methane are indicated with red dots, black dots are wells that contained no detectable methane. The red dots are sized to reflect the concentration of methane -- the higher the concentration, the larger the dot.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2012 RULES

NDAC	RULES	PROPOSED CHANGE		
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43-02-03 GENI 43-02-03-05	ERAL RULES Enforcement of Laws and Rules	Mayo language to 42.02.02.29 (Cofety Degulation)		
45-02-03-03 Efficicement of Laws and Rules		Move language to 43-02-03-28 (Safety Regulation) Increase \$20,000 bond to \$50,000		
43-02-03-15	Bonds	Commercial SWD bond increased from \$20,000 bond to \$50,000		
43-02-03-15	Bolius	Eliminates \$50,000 10-well blanket bond		
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43-02-03-16	Permit to Drill	Consider csg imbrittlement due to H ₂ S when considering recompletions		
43-02-03-16.3	Recovery of a Risk Penalty	Clarify that "approximate" well loc is to be included in the invitation to participate		
		Requires the drilling or spacing unit be included in the invitation to participate		
43-02-03-18	Drilling Units	Allows temporary spacing order effective for up to 3 yrs, not 1-1/2 yrs		
40.00.00.40	0:1- 0	Amends rule to address only initial well site construction		
43-02-03-19	Site Construction	Soil stabilization additives and materials require approval from Director		
10.00.00.10.1		Must reduce size of well site after completion if not used f/well operations		
	Fencing, Screening, and Netting of Pits	Amended to also address "drilling" pits which were newly created		
43-02-03-19.2	Disposal of Waste Material	Requires all waste material from undesirable events to be immediately disposed		
43-02-03-19.3	Earthen Pits and Open Receptacles	Requires flare pits to be at least 150 feet from wells and tanks		
		Allows lined fresh wtr pit for frack water f/1yr in cut w/only drinking wtr chemicals		
		Creates new section addressing pits allowing cuttings, but no fluids		
43-02-03-19.4	Drilling Pits	Must reclaim pit w/in 30 days after drilling well; Director may grant exceptions		
		Allows small lined pit f/trench water and rig wash, but reclaim before MORT		
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43-02-03-19.5	Reserve Pits	Must reclaim pit w/in one yr after completing well		
		Must slope surface to promote surface drainage away from reclaimed area		
43-02-03-21	Casing, Tubing, and Cementing	Requires remedial work f/inadequate sur csg job to be approved by Director		
		Requires surface casing pressure test after cementing		
43-02-03-25	Deviation Tests and Directional Surveys	Requires directional surveys to be in reference to true north		
		Creates new section addressing hydraulic fracture stimulation		
43-02-03-27.1	Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation	Must use popoff valves, rupture disk, remote valve		
		Use frack string: no chem disclosure if > 350psi on annulus after frack		
		Frack down csg: run csg evaluation f/thickness of csg and cmt w/chem disclosure		
40,00,00,00	Cofety Demylation	Incorporated language removed from 43-02-03-05 on well shut in f/public safety		
43-02-03-28	Safety Regulation	Requires automatic shut-down equip if well is threat to public health or safety		
		Prohibits injection equipment from being installed < 500' from occupied dwelling		
43-02-03-30.1	Leak and Spill Cleanup	Creates new section and incorporates language from 43-02-03-49&53		
		Requires operators to respond w/appropriate resources to contain & clean up spills		
43-02-03-31	Well Log, Completion and Workover Reports	Run CBL prior to completion		
		File two digital copies of logs, instead of one digital and one paper		
43-02-03-34.1	Reclamation of Surface	Creates new section to address final restoration after well is plugged		
		No additional requirements: Language taken from 43-02-03-19 Amend rulemove spill reference to 43-02-03-30.1		
43-02-03-49	Oil Spills, Prod Equip, Dikes, and Seals			
12 02 02 54	Treating Plant	Must remove "unused" equip rather than "unusable"		
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43-02-03-54	Investigative Powers	Director can timely (instead of "immediately") reply to a complaint		
42 02 02 FF	Abandanment of Walla Cuppanaion of Deilling	Allows Director to decline to investigatecan appeal to IC		
43-02-03-55	Abandonment of Wells-Suspension of Drilling	Abandonment will now include water source wells and stratigraphic tests		
43-02-03-88.1	Special Procedures Administrative Hearings	Allows applications for additional wells on a spacing unit without live testimony		
42.02.02.02.0	Official Nation	Comments and objections to hearings must be rec'd prior business day by 5pm		
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	PHYSICAL EXPLORATION REQUIREMENTS	Discrete and a second s		
43-02-12-06	Notification of Work Performed	Director may require progress reports prior to completion of a project		

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