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Unconventional Gas – Environment / Water focus

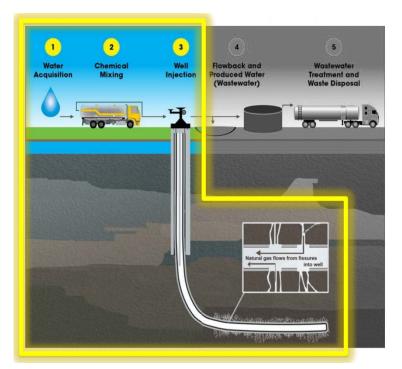
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## Unconventional Gas – Environment / Water focus

## Part 1

Hydraulic fracturing
Some environmental challenges



Source US EPA 2015



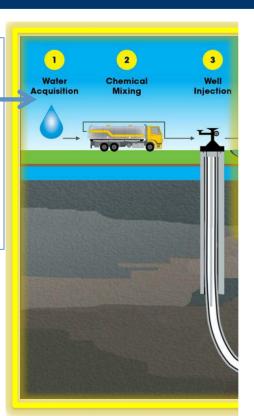
# Environmental challenges / Water stress

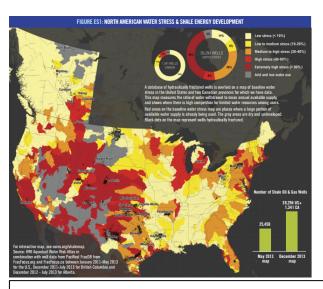
### Water availability

- Average 11,000 m3/ gas well in the U.S\*
- 30 seconds of the river Seine in Paris.
- Acceptable in some places, not in others Requirements
- → <u>Local</u> solutions
- → Alternative water resources
- → Less water intensive fracking processes
- → Flowback / produced water reuse

<sup>\*</sup> From Fracfocus statistics: Analysis of Hydraulic Fracturing Fluid Data from the FracFocus Chemical Disclosure Registry 1.0, March 2015







Nearly half of the wells hydraulically fractured since 2011 in regions with high or extremely high water stress, and over 55 percent were in areas experiencing drought.

(CERES report Feb. 2014)



# Environmental challenges / Aquifer protection

### **Protection of aquifers**

 Some reported cases of aquifer contamination in PA and NY (publications by PNAS\* in 2011 and 2015)

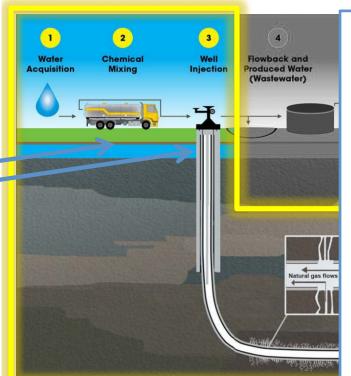
#### Possible causes

- Surface spillages during operations
- · Leakages at storage pits
- · Poor well completion

### Requirements

- → Adequate baseline / monitoring of the aquifer quality,
- → Suitable chemistry,
- → Adequate pad protection,
- → Proper well completion.

\*PNAS : Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA



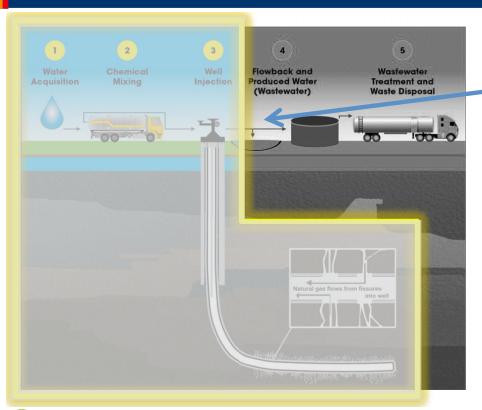






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# Environmental challenges / Effluents



### **Environment protection**

- Highly variable flowback / produced water quality.
  - Hydrocarbons, BTEX, HM, NORMs
  - Salinity up to 300 g/l
- Gas emissions: BTEX, ...

#### Treatment

- Deep well reinjection (initial method)
- Reuse (common and future practice)
- Advanced treatments for discharge to environment.

### <u>Requirements</u>

- → Knowledge of produced water management.
- → Limit gas emissions
- → Centralized dedicated plants (merchant plants...) or temporary (mobile) local treatment plants
- → Ultimate salts/residue disposal.



Source US EPA 2015

## <u>Unconventional Gas – Environment / Water focus</u>

Part 2

Some solutions and remaining challenges



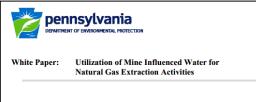
### Water stress: alternative water resources

### Limit water abstraction:

- New fracturing techniques requiring less water.
- Flowback / produced water reuse
- Alternative water resources
  - Municipal or industrial effluents reuse
  - Produced water from conventional fields
  - Saline aquifers
  - Mine influenced waters
- → "Select sources rationally and transparently (\*)"

(\*) P. Charlez - P. Baylocq, The shale oil and gas debate

... Early disclosure and dialogue should prevail.



Title: Establishment of a Process for Evaluating the Proposed Use of Mine Influenced Water
(MIW) for Natural Gas Extraction.<sup>1</sup>



El Secundo wastewater recycling facility - Suez environnement



## Produced water treatment





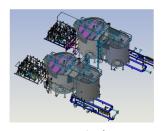
Desander - deoiler cyclones



Induced Gas or Dissolved Gas Flotation



Nutshell or sand Filtration



Densadeg for Solids / Hardness / NORMs / HM removal



Electrocoagulation for specific treatments



Membrane bioreactor for polishing of dissolved organics



Skid or trailer mounted membrane or resin based units



Ozone generator, UV for disinfection as alternative to biocides



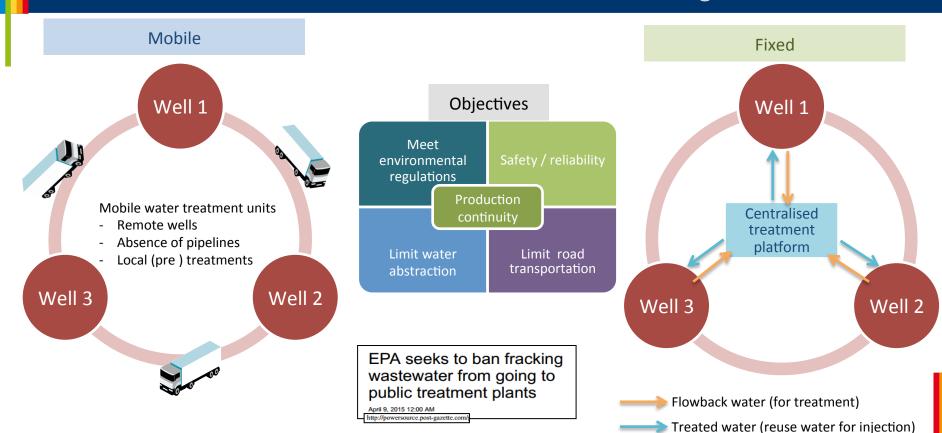
Evaporator / Crystallizer

From water/oil/solids separation ...

... to ultrapure water production and Zero Liquid Effluent Discharge



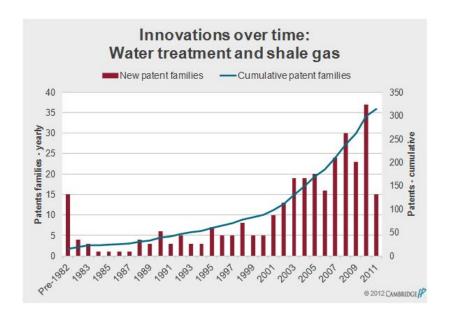
## Water treatment services to face water challenges



## Produced water treatment - innovation

- The oil&gas industry is a great target for innovative companies.
- Many investments and announcements during the past 5 years
- New produced water treatment technologies such as ultrafiltration (oil, solids), forward osmosis (salts, metals), liquid extraction (salts...).





Suez environnement produced water R&D center



# Technology ... and adequate management

- Anticipation
- Disclosure and transparency
- Dialogue with stakeholders
- Operational practices Monitoring Control
- Lessons learnt
- Take in consideration local specificities.



## THANK YOU

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