

Overview of U.S. Shale Gas Development

Presentation to Delegation from Poland

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Or "continuous" ...



Source: U.S. Geological Survey

Deregulation, Tax Incentives and Government R&D Facilitated Unconventional Gas

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Hydraulic Fracturing and Horizontal Drilling

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Source: National Energy Technology Laboratory



AMERICA'S NATURAL GAS Multi-stage hydraulic fracture stimulation (HF) unlocks gas in unconventional reservoirs

Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board Recommendations

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- Manage short-term and cumulative impacts on communities, land use, wildlife, and ecologies
- Protect water resources
- Disclosure of fracturing fluid composition
- Identify research and development needs
- Create a public, national portal improving public information.
- Organize for sharing best practices
- Improve communication among state and federal regulators
- Reduce use of diesel fuel in fracturing
- Improve air quality throughout the production process

Multi-Agency Research Collaboration

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Research Plan Areas





U.S. Regulatory Developments Related to Unconventional Oil and Gas

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Bureau of Land Management: Hydraulic fracturing regulations for federal lands

Environmental Protection Agency:

- Fracturing using diesel fuels
- New guidelines for wastewater
- New standards for air emissions



Department of Energy: Sponsorship of chemical disclosure registry FracFocus

Below Ground:

- Favorable Geology
- >Technology Including U.S. Government R&D
- >Infrastructure pipelines and domestic industry
- **Above Ground:**
- Stabile & Transparent
 Regulatory/Taxes/Fiscal Terms
- Developed Gas Markets
- Ease in Leasing



Additional Factors to those in U.S.:

Access to:

- •Resources,
- •Gas Treatment,
- •Pipelines, and
- Markets

Ability/Willingness to Import Expertise:

- Investment Climate: Huge Capital Required
- Equipment
- People (Visa support)

Great Potential, BUT:

In infancy – shale geology not yet proven You never know if it is economic until drilled!!





Thank you