

Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

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Hydrofracking in Central New York

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Where in New York
are the Marcellus and
Utica Shales??

How do they get to the gas
resource and how do they get
the gas out of the ground?

What are the concerns about
this entire process and what
can/should we do about it?

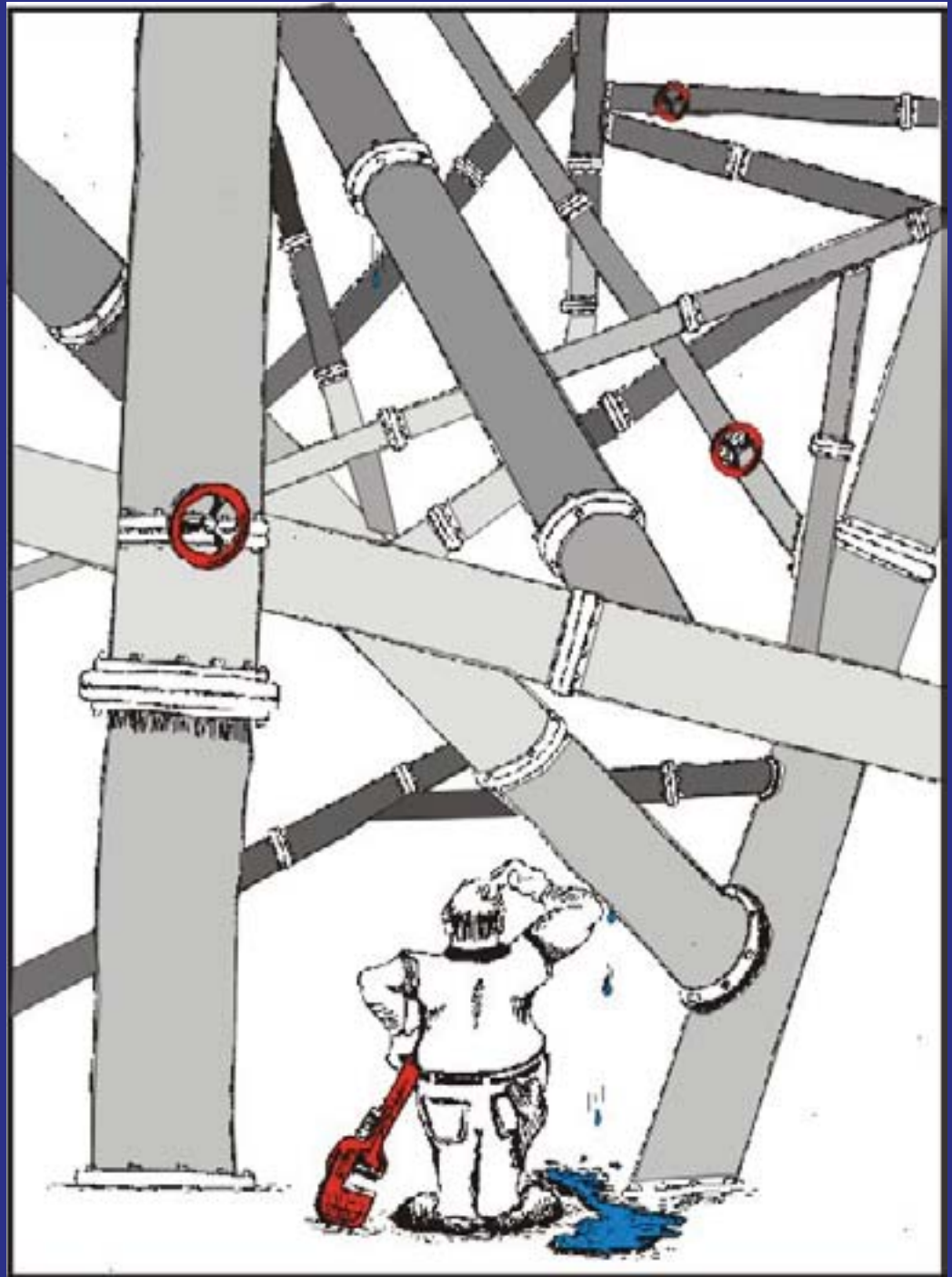
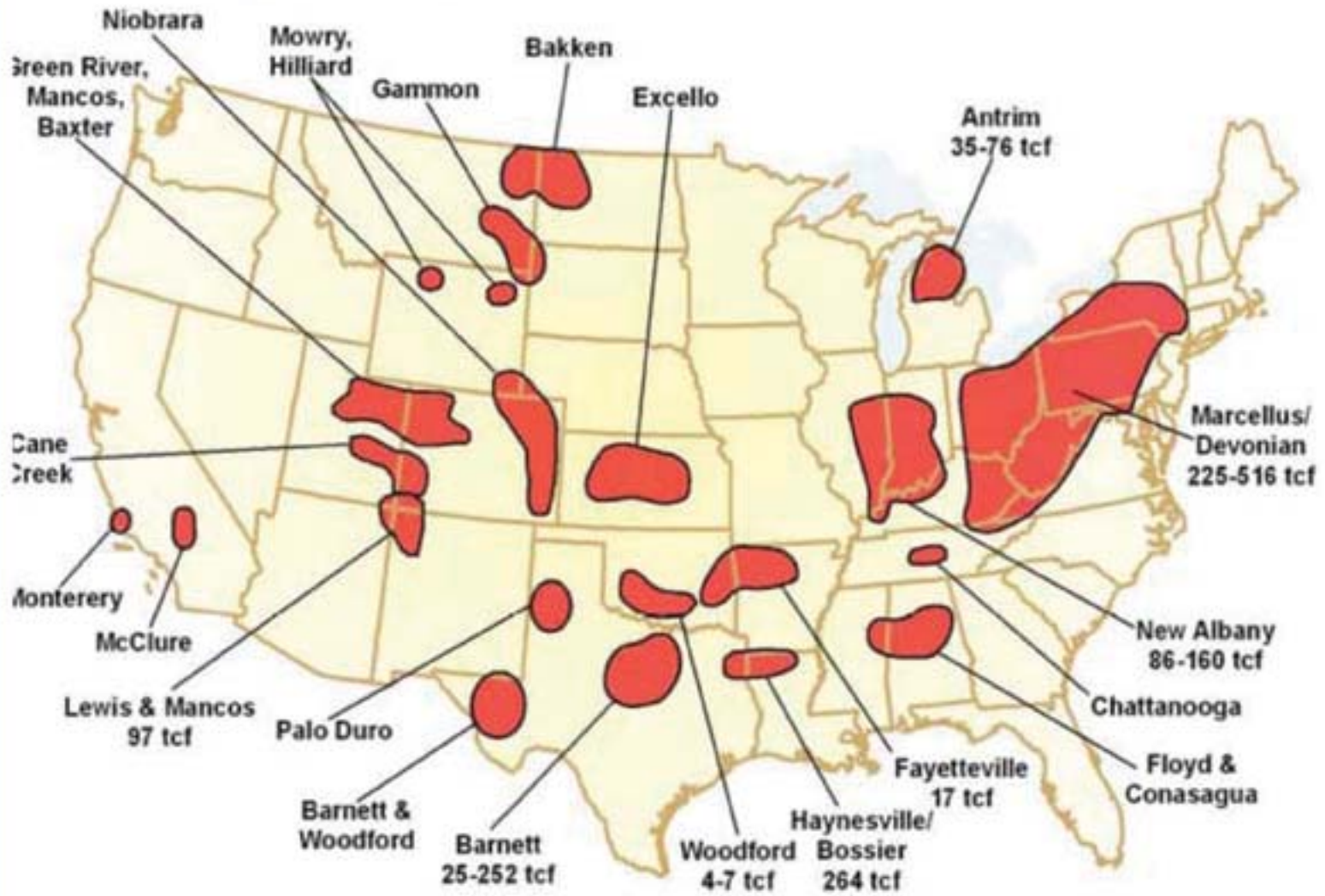
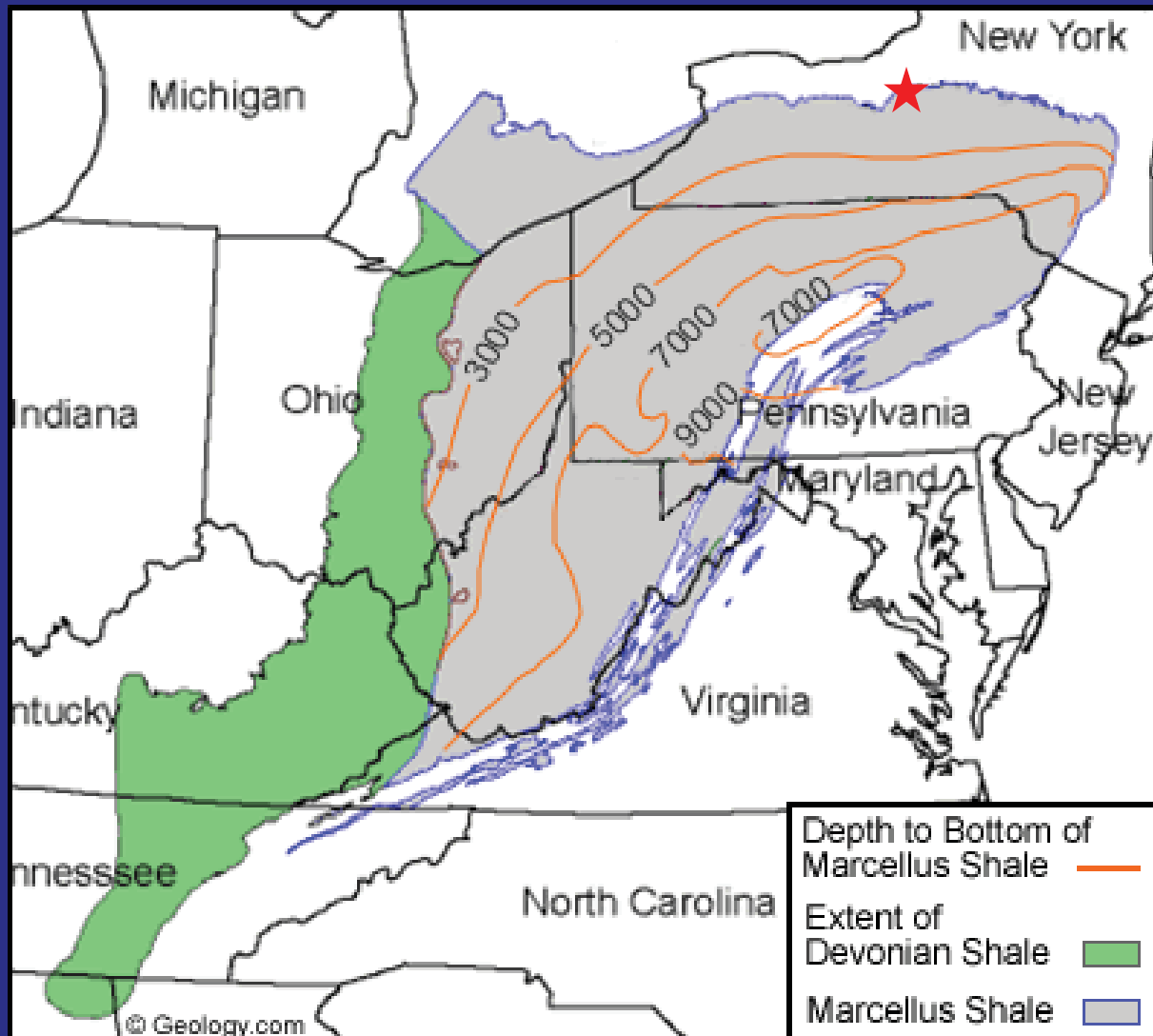


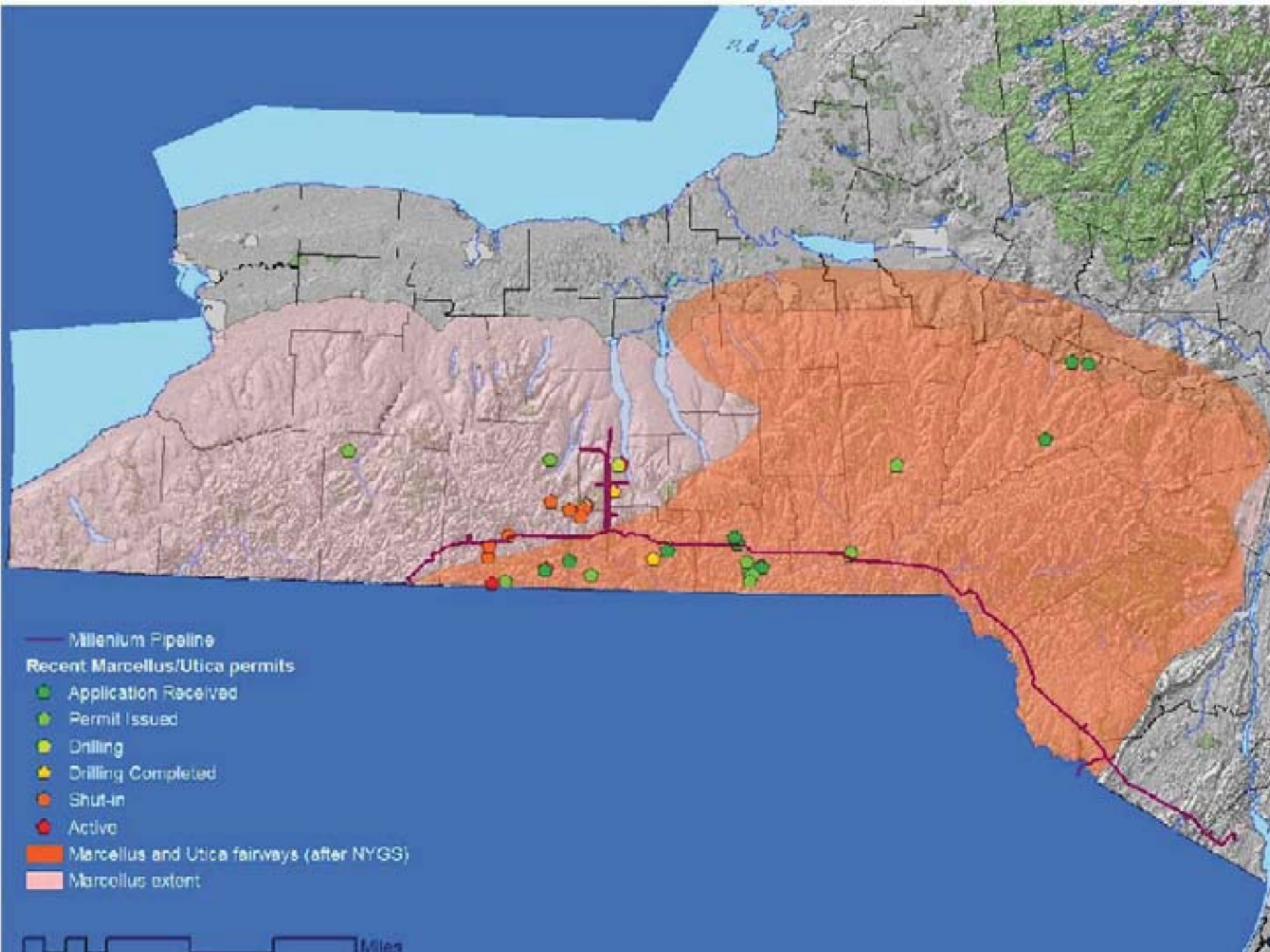
Figure 1: Gas Shale Basins of the United States



Depth and extent of the Marcellus Shale



★ Marcellus, NY type section



- Millenium Pipeline
- Recent Marcellus/Utica permits
 - Application Received
 - Permit Issued
 - Drilling
 - ▲ Drilling Completed
 - Shut-in
 - Active
- Marcellus and Utica fairways (after NYGS)
- Marcellus extent

0 20 40 60 80 100 Miles

Legend

- Thickness Organic-Rich Marcellus Shale (in feet)
- ▨ Marcellus Shale and Hamilton Group Outcrop
- Extent of the Marcellus Shale in New York

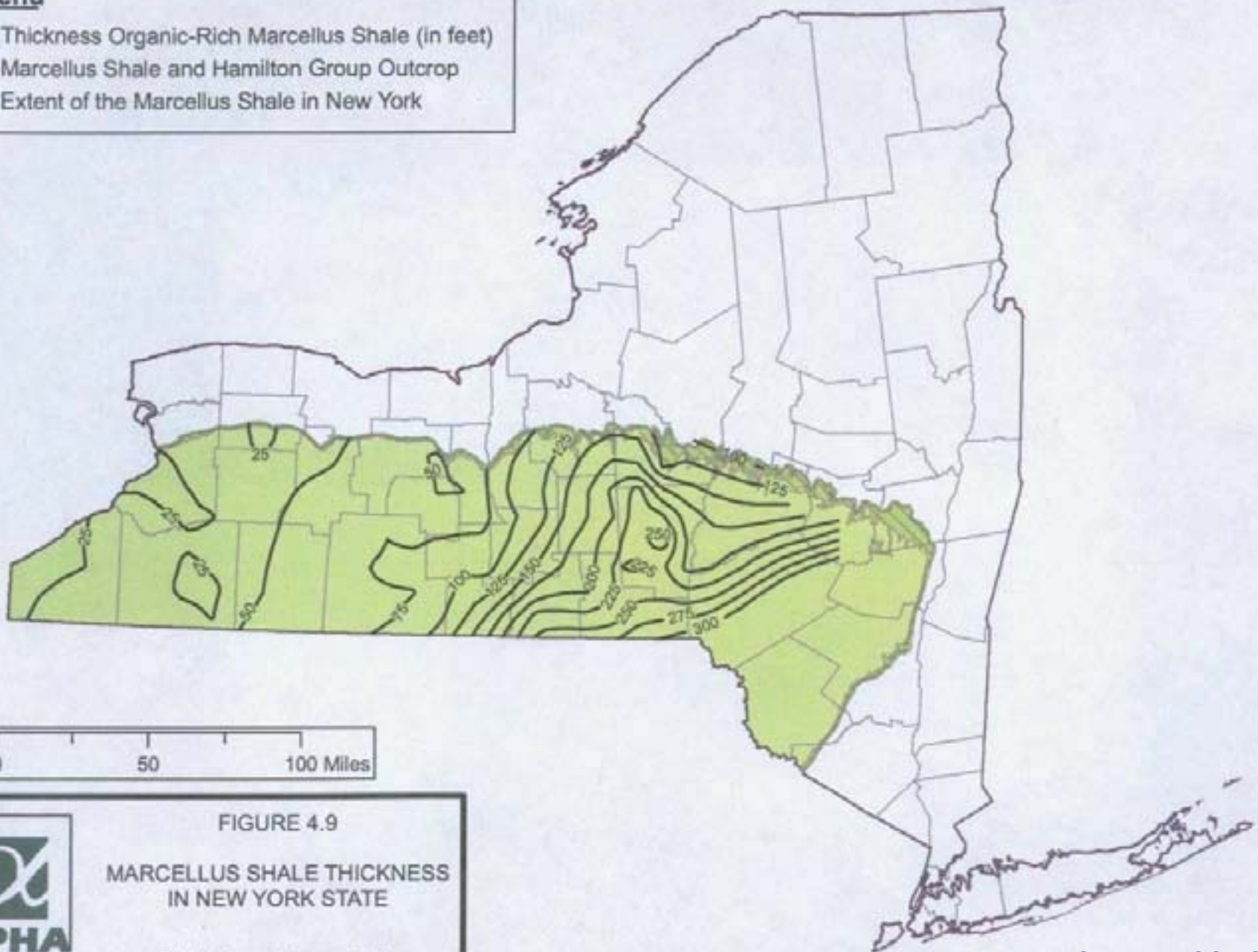


FIGURE 4.9

MARCELLUS SHALE THICKNESS IN NEW YORK STATE

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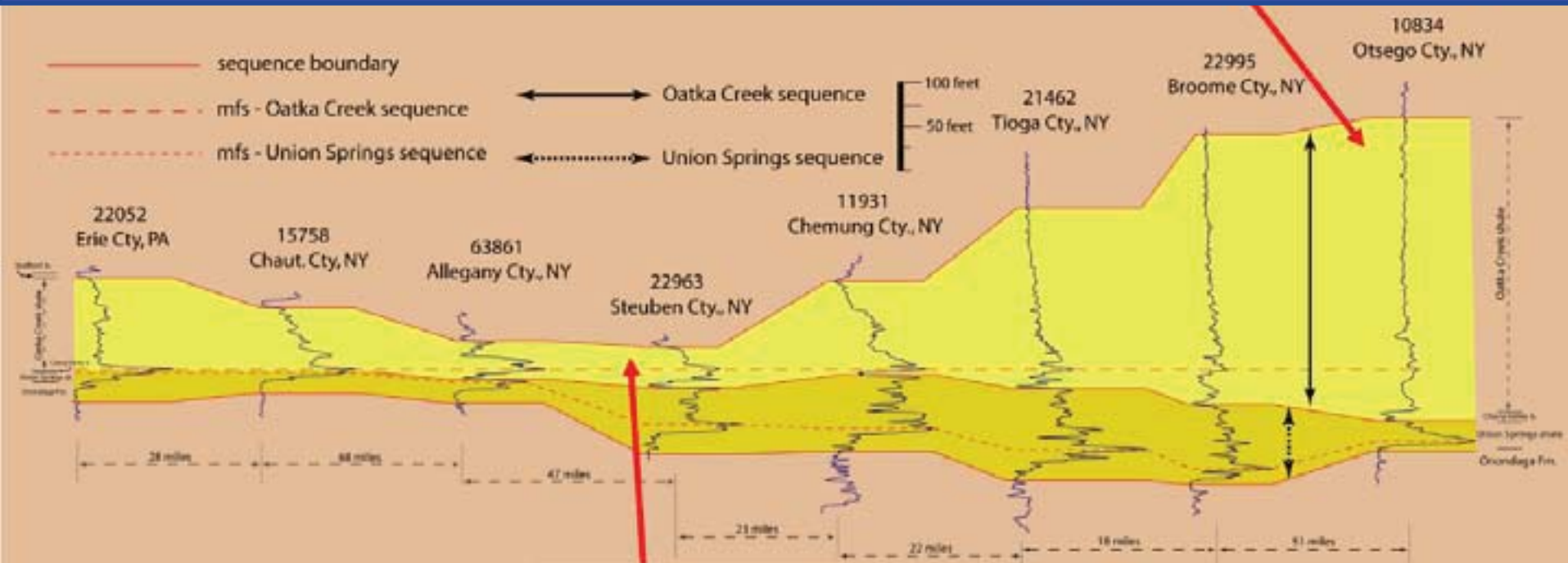
Notes:

- Source: New York State Museum - Reservoir Characterization Group (Leone, 2009)
- Organic-rich Marcellus includes Union Springs and Oatka Creek Members and lateral equivalents.

Source – dSGEIS, 2009

East-West Geologic Section of the Marcellus Shale Across Southern New York

Thickening of Oatka Creek



Thinning of Oatka Creek
and Union Springs members

Lash and Engelder, 2009

Legend

- Depth to the Top of the Marcellus Shale
- ▨ Marcellus Shale and Hamilton Group Outcrop
- Extent of the Marcellus Shale in New York

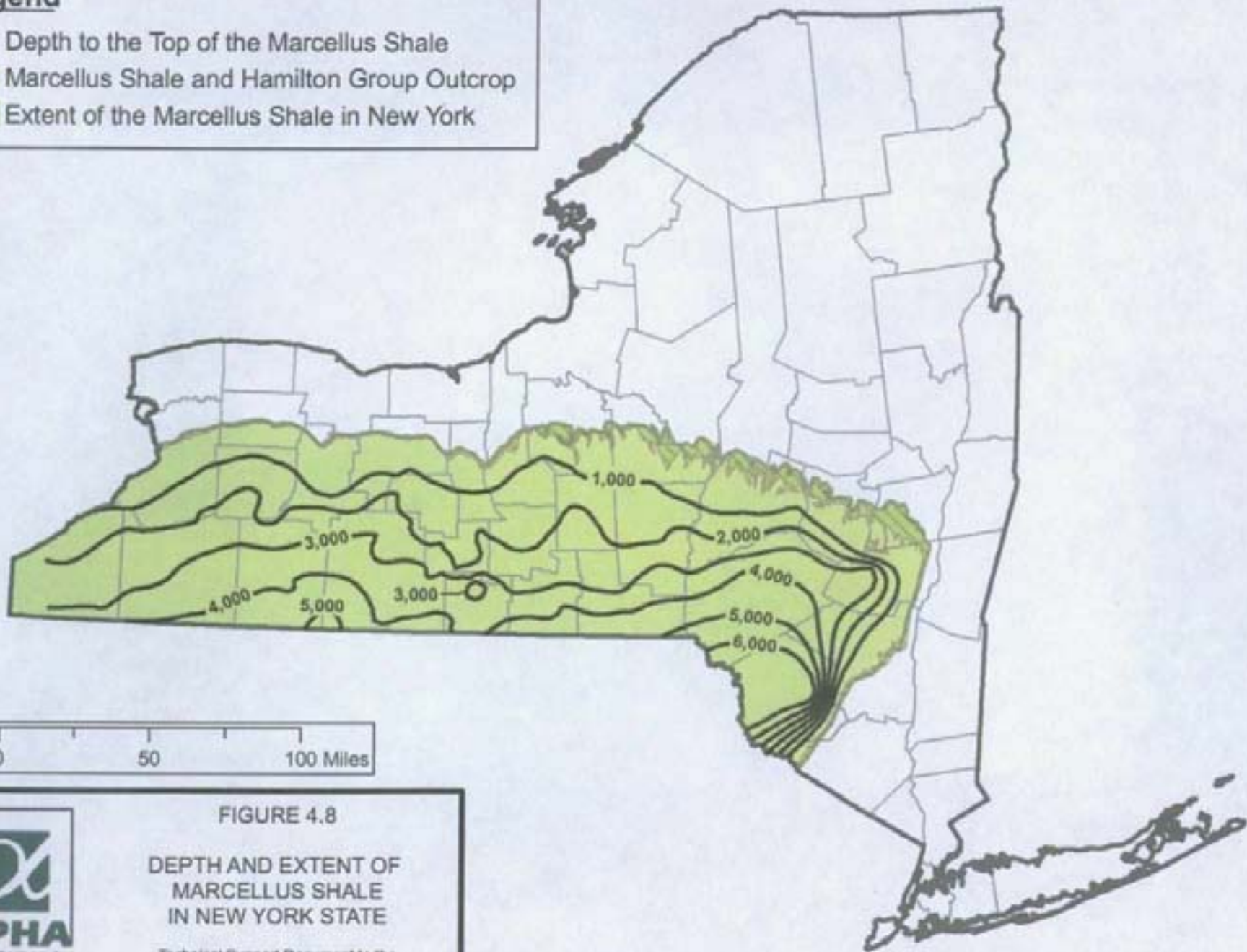


FIGURE 4.8

DEPTH AND EXTENT OF MARCELLUS SHALE IN NEW YORK STATE




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Sources:

- New York State Museum - Reservoir Characterization Group (June, 2009)

Source - dSGEIS, 2009

Legend

-  Marcellus Shale and Hamilton Group Outcrop
-  Marcellus Shale Fairway
-  Extent of the Marcellus Shale in New York

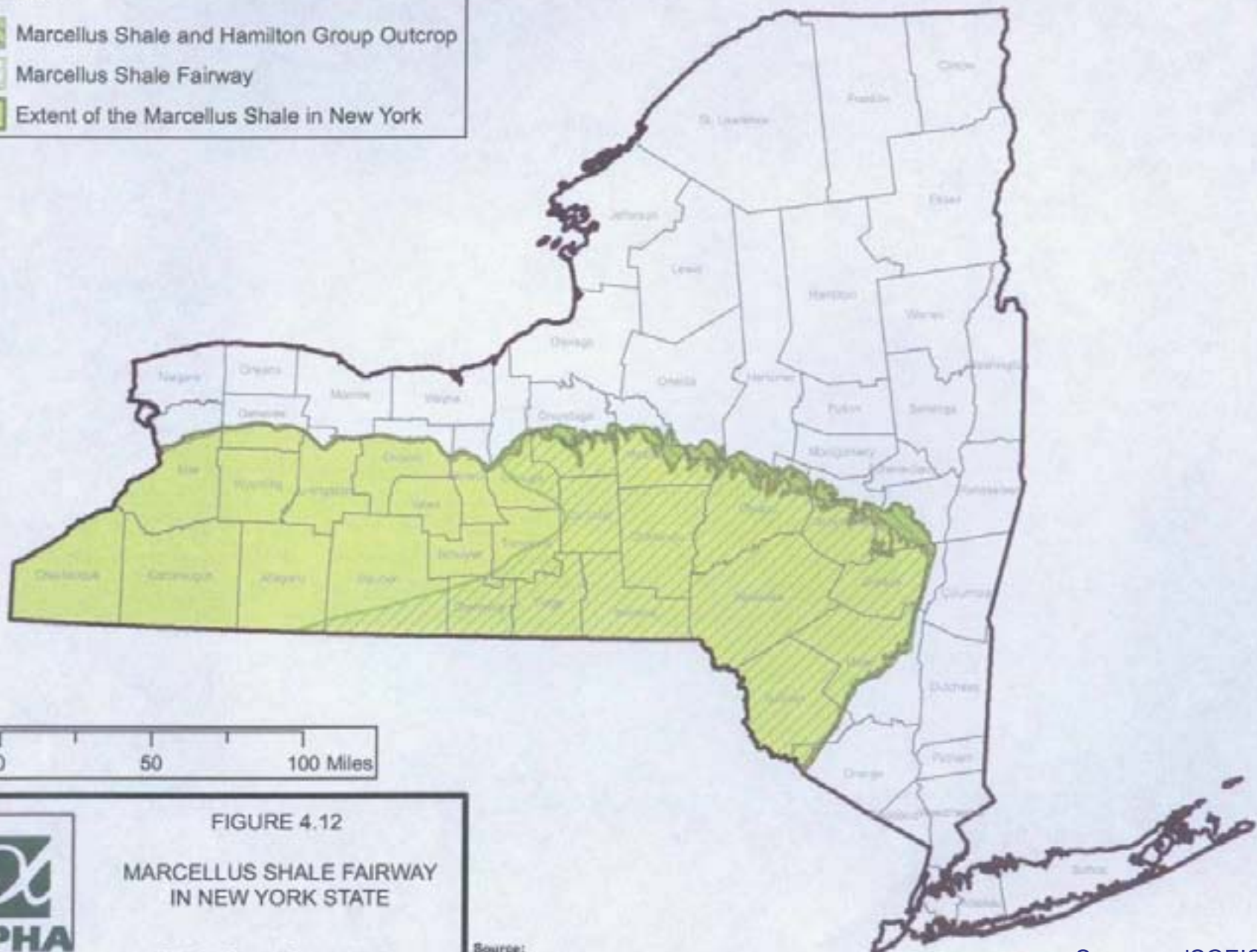


FIGURE 4.12

MARCELLUS SHALE FAIRWAY IN NEW YORK STATE

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Source:
- US Geological Survey, Central Energy Resources Team (2002)
- New York State Museum - Reservoir Characterization Group
- Nyahay et al. (2007)

Source – dSGEIS, 2009



Legend

- Utica Shale Outcrop
- Utica Shale Fairway
- Extent of the Utica Shale in New York

Source:
- modified from Nyshay et al. (2007)

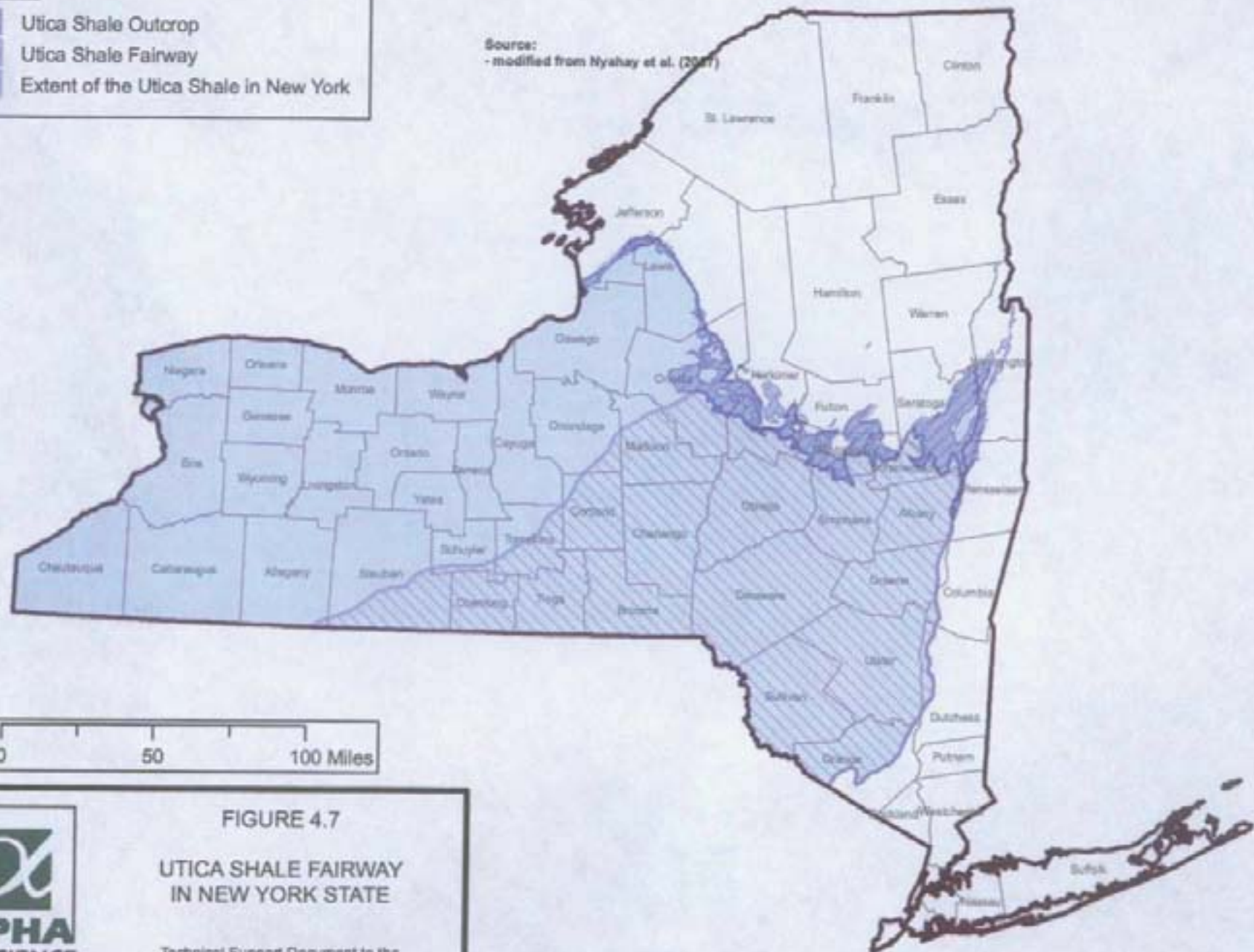


FIGURE 4.7

UTICA SHALE FAIRWAY IN NEW YORK STATE

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New York State Stratigraphy

PERIOD	GROUP	UNIT	LITH.	THICKNESS	PRODUCTION	
DEVONIAN	UPPER	Conewango	Riceville	Sh, ss, ogl	700'	
		Conneaut	Chadakoin	Sh, ss	700'	
		Canadaway	Undiff	Sh, ss	1100 - 1400	Oil, Gas
			Perrysburg - Dunkirk	Sh, ss		Oil, Gas
				sh		Gas
		West Falls	Java	Sh, ss	365 - 1260'	
			Nunda	Sh, ss		Oil, Gas
	Rhinestreet		Sh			
	Sonyea	Middlesex	Sh	0 - 400'	Gas	
	Genesee	Genesee	Sh	0 - 450'		
	?		Tully	Ls	0 - 50'	Gas
	MIDDLE	Hamilton	Moscow	Sh	200 - 600'	
Ludlowville			Sh			
Skaneateles			Sh			
Marcellus			Sh	Gas		
Onondaga	Ls	30 - 236'	Gas, Oil			
LOWER	Tristates	Oriskany	Ss	0 - 40'	Gas	
	Helderberg	Manlius	Ls	0 - 10'		
		Rondout	Dol			
SILURIAN	UPPER	Salina	Akron	Dol	0 - 15'	Gas
			Camillus	Sh, gyp	450 - 1850'	
			Syracuse	Dol, sh, silt		
		Vernon	Sh			
		Lockport	Lockport	Dol	150 - 250'	Gas
	LOWER	Clinton	Rochester	Sh	125'	Gas
			Irondequoit	Ls		
			Sodus	Sh	75'	Gas
		Reynales	Ls			
		Thorold	Ss			
Medina	Grimsby	Sh, ss	75 - 150'	Gas		
	Whirpool	Ss	0 - 25'	Gas		
UPPER		Queenston	Sh	1100 - 1500'	Gas	
		Oswego	Ss			
		Lorraine	Sh			
		Utica	Sh		600 - 1000'	
MIDDLE	Trenton-Black River	Trenton	Ls	425 - 625'	Gas	
		Black River	Ls	225 - 550'		
		Tribes Hill				

Primary Black/Gray Shales

← Dunkirk

← Rhinestreet

← Genesee

← Marcellus

← Rochester

← Sodus

← Medina Ss
Central/
Western NY

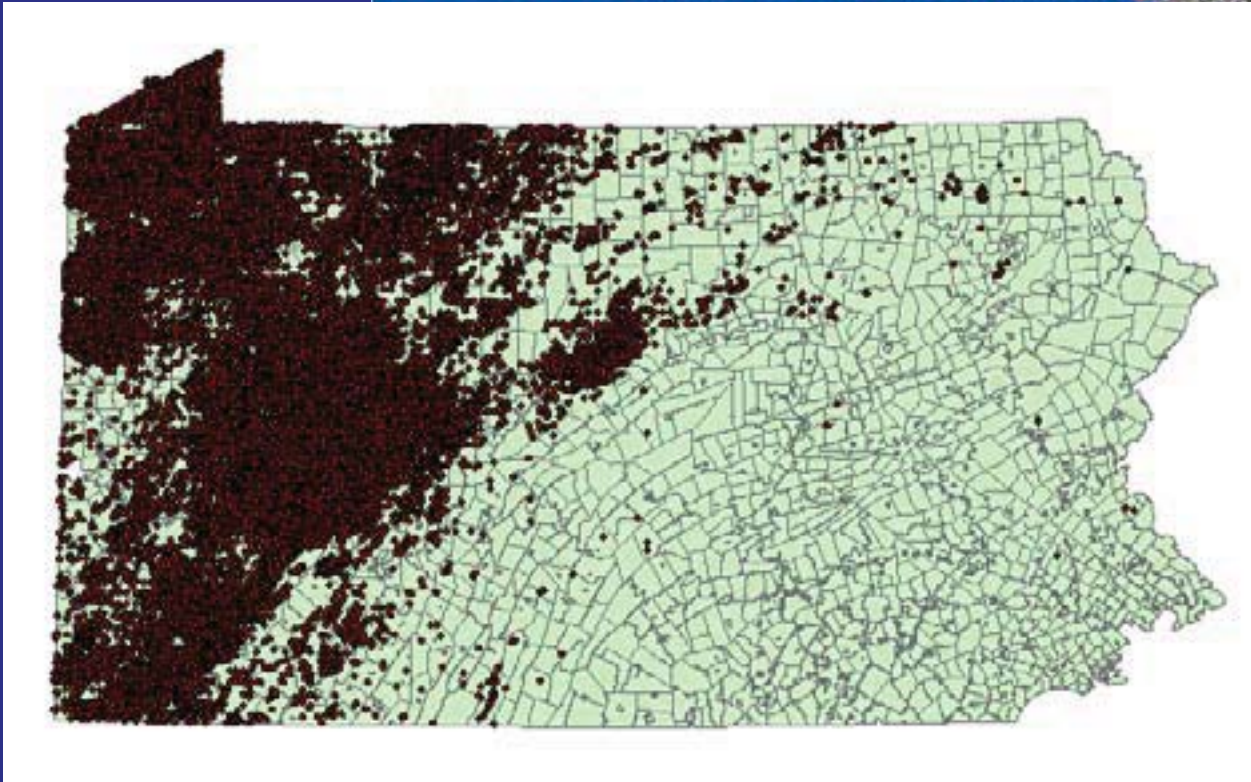
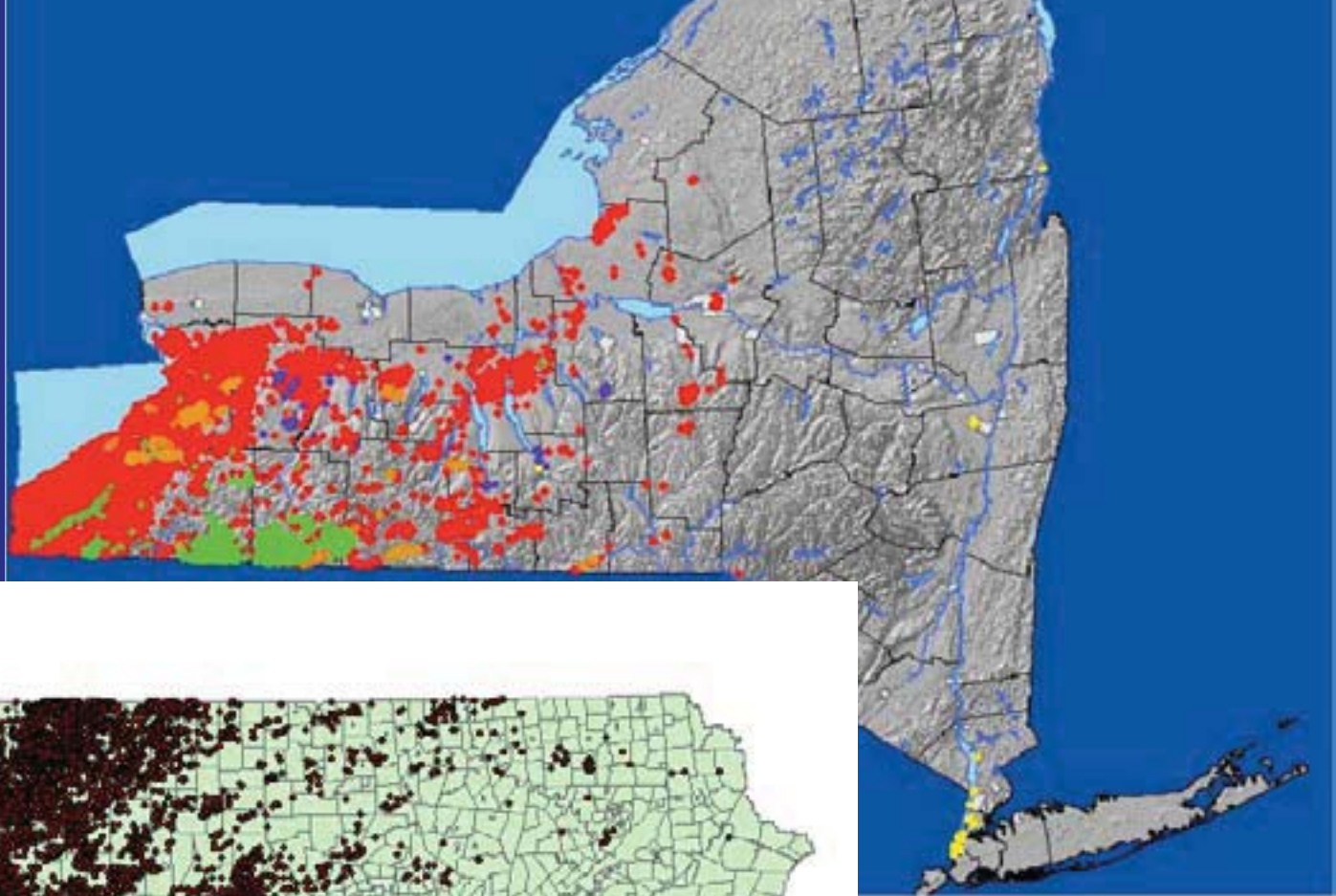
Lorraine

← Utica (estimated
4,500 ft. deep in
vicinity of Dayton)

Marcellus Stratigraphy



Oil and Gas wells are not new in Pennsylvania and New York.....



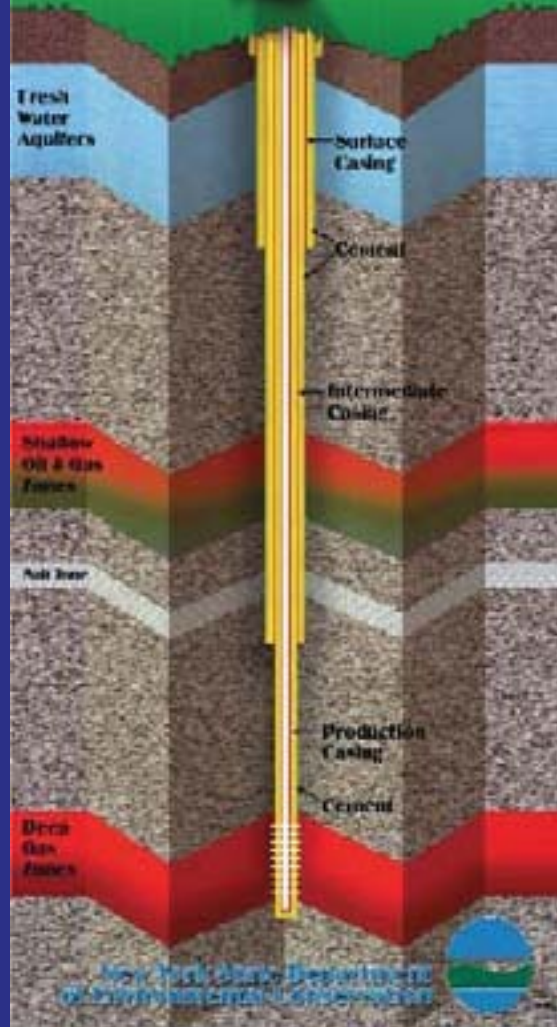
...and there are different regulations in **and within** each state.

Groundwater Protection

Well Casing and Cementing Program

The Division of Mineral Resources well casing and cementing regulations provide for the protection of the State's fresh water aquifers.

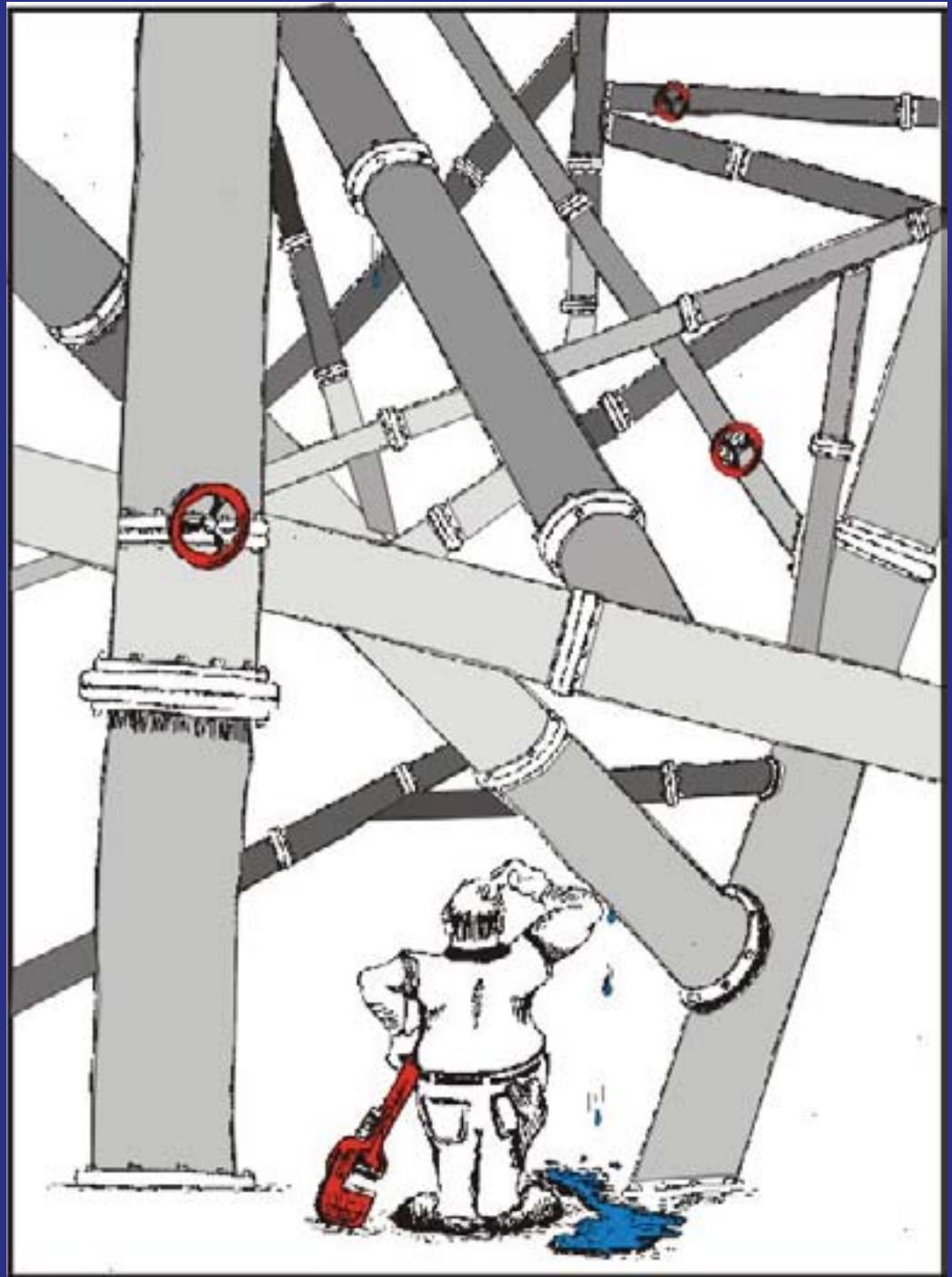
Regulations require that wells be constructed and operated to prevent the movement of oil, gas or water from one zone to another.

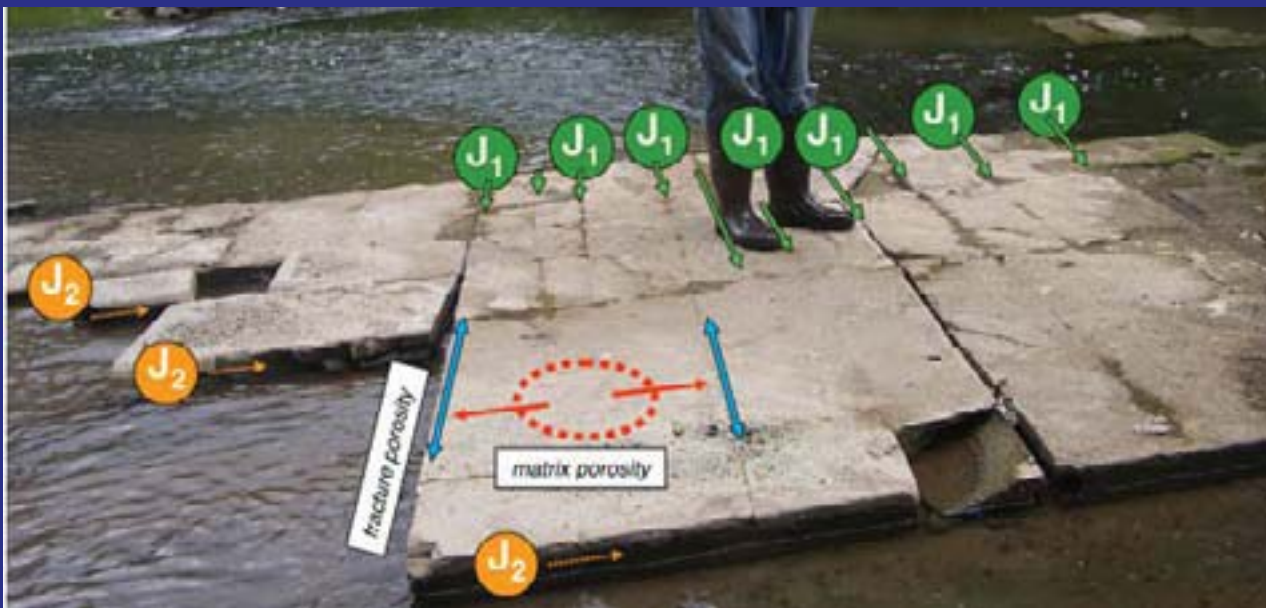


Multiple steel casings with high-strength cement to isolate well from surrounding aquifers and bedrock units.



What is different about Marcellus/Utica shale gas development?





East-northeast trending J_1 fractures more closely spaced and cross-cut by less well-developed, northwest-trending J_2 fractures

Dual porosity gas reservoir where fractures drain rapidly and matrix drain slowly

Free gas and adsorbed gas in matrix

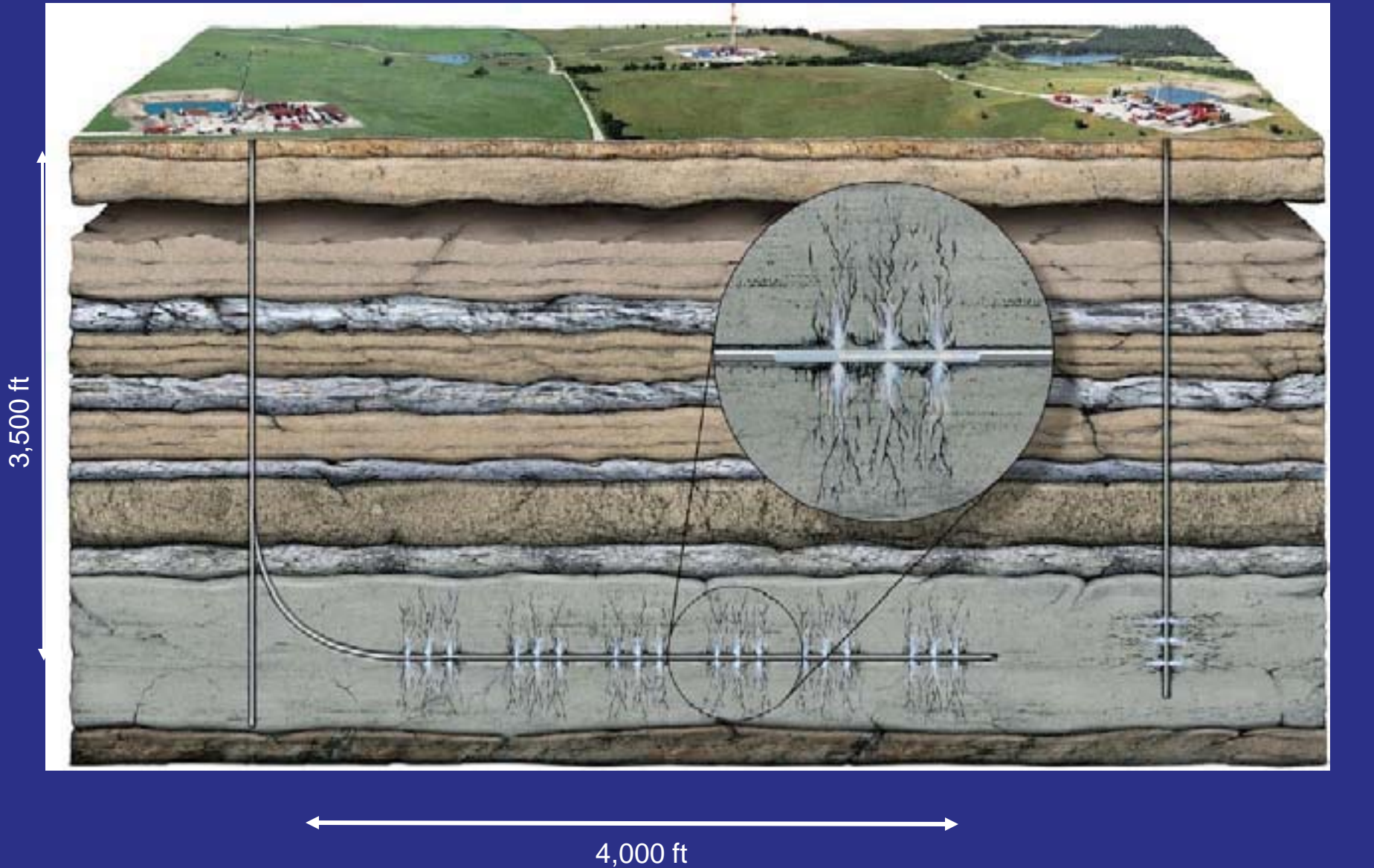
Connect matrix porosity to the wellbore by intersecting multiple J_1 fractures



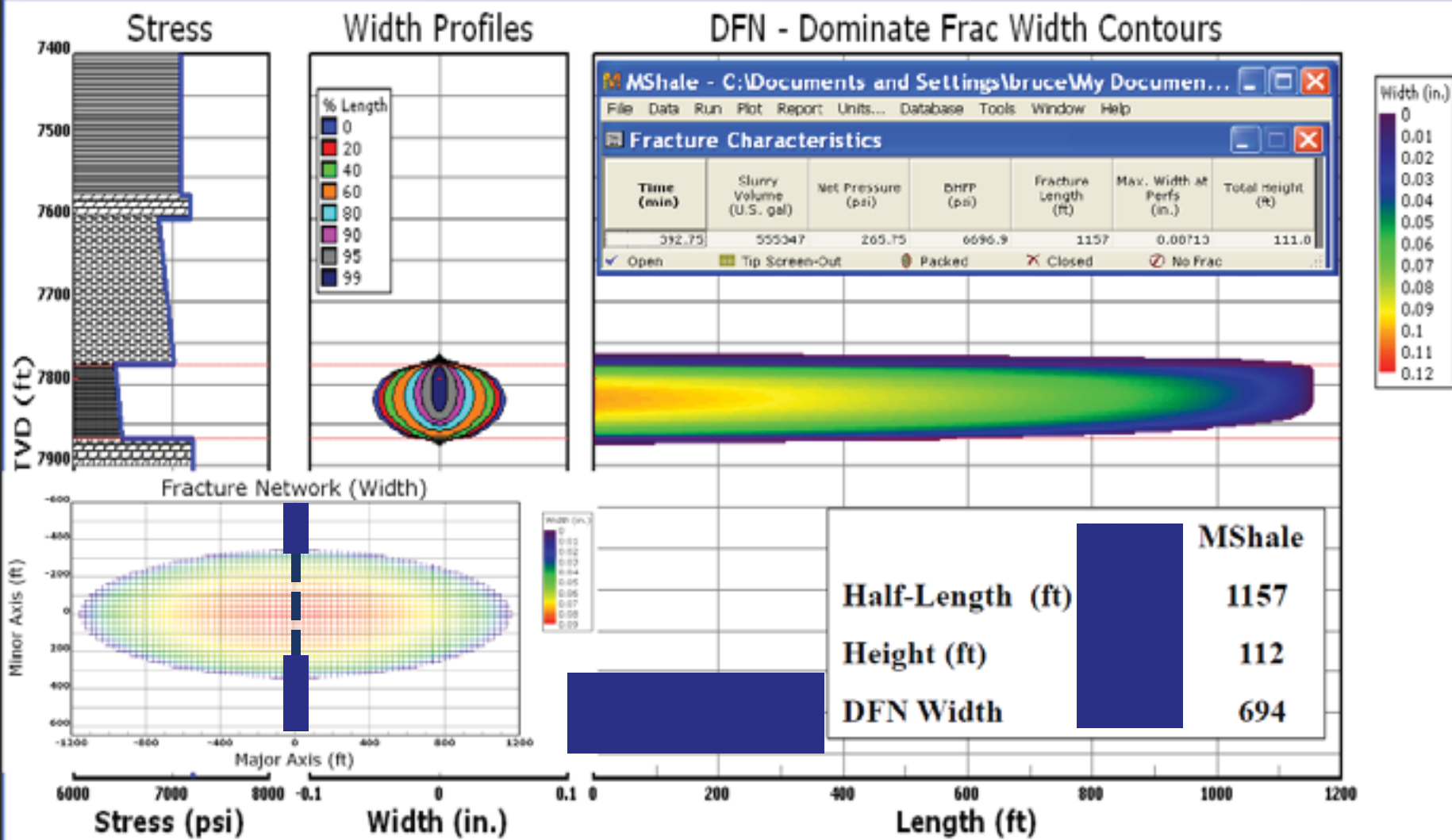
Drill horizontal wells to the north-northwest, or south-southeast that cross and drain densely developed J_1 fractures

Marcellus Shale Gas Development

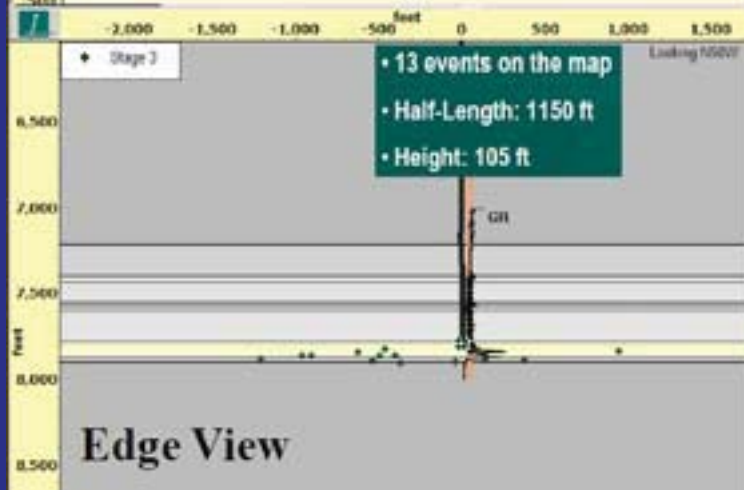
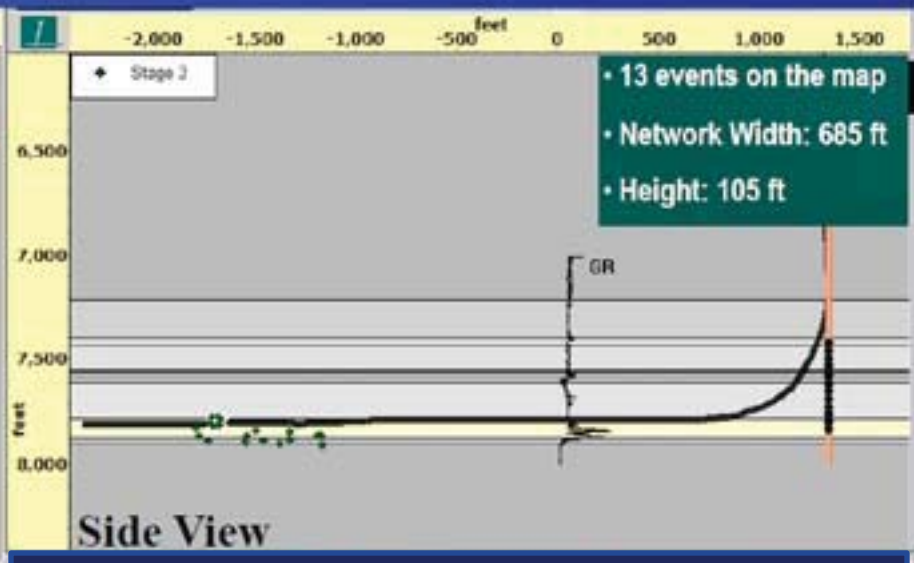
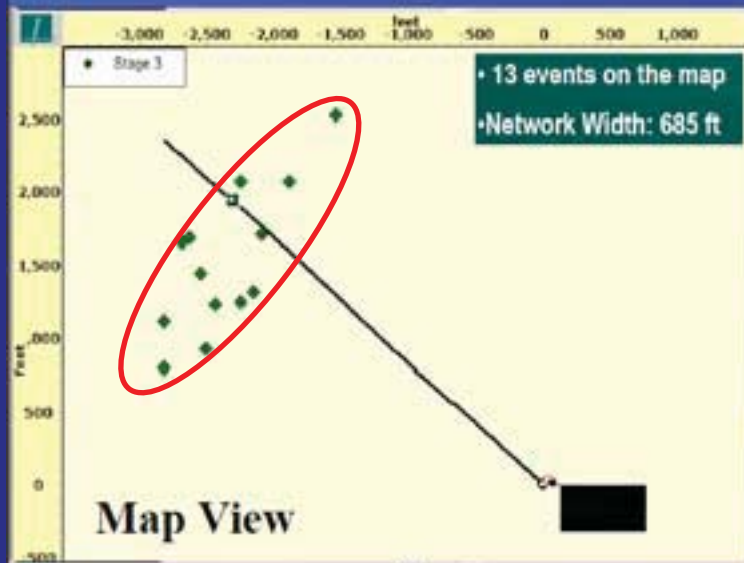
Horizontal Drilling in Black Shale with High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing



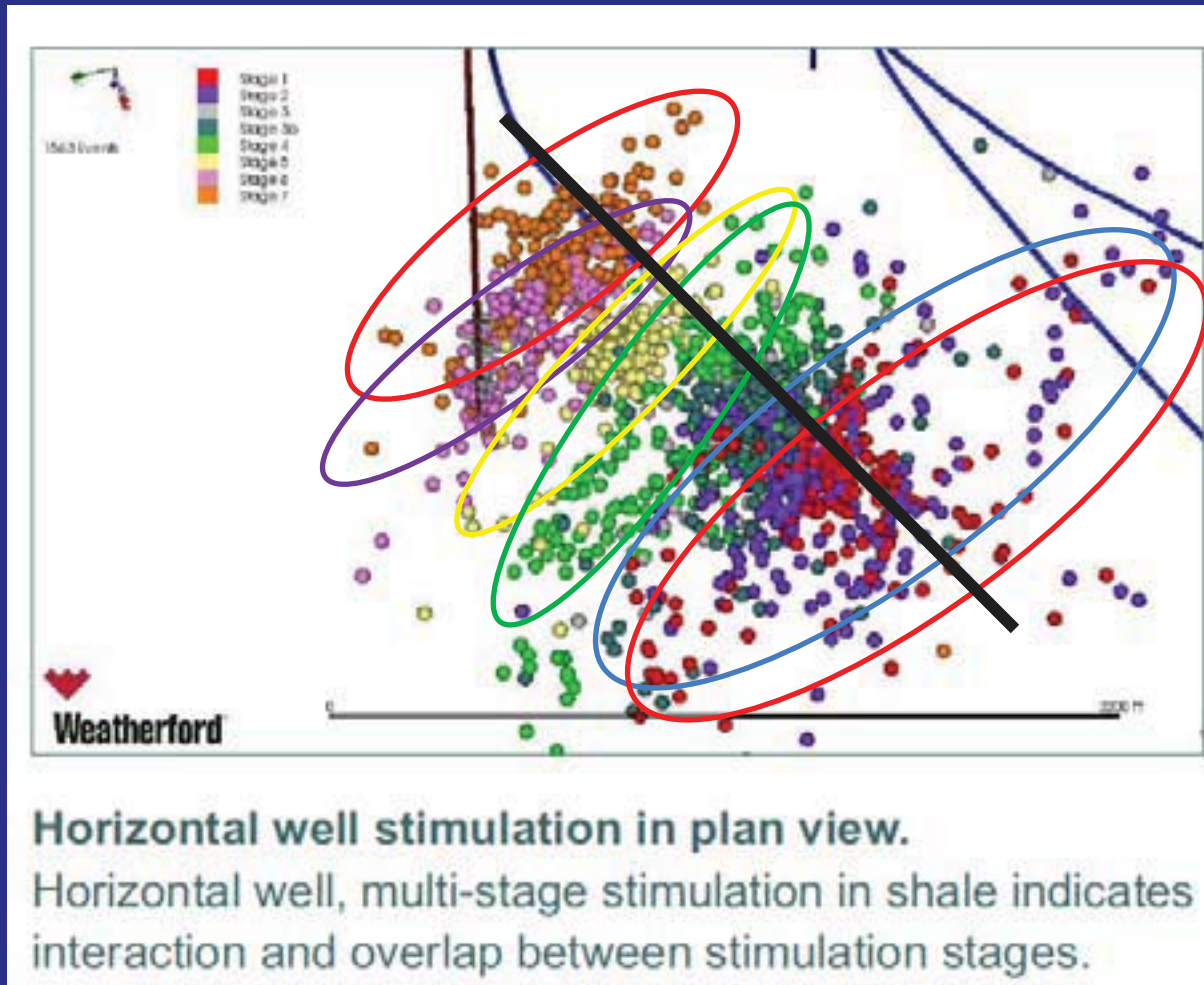
Marcellus Shale – Ex. 1 (Single Cluster)



Marcellus Shale (Ex. 1) – Microseismic



Microseismic Monitoring of Hydraulic Fracturing



“Typical” Drillpad Design



Water-source pond

Drill cuttings pond

Drilling Phase – drillrig, pumps, supplies, frack tanks

(a month or two)





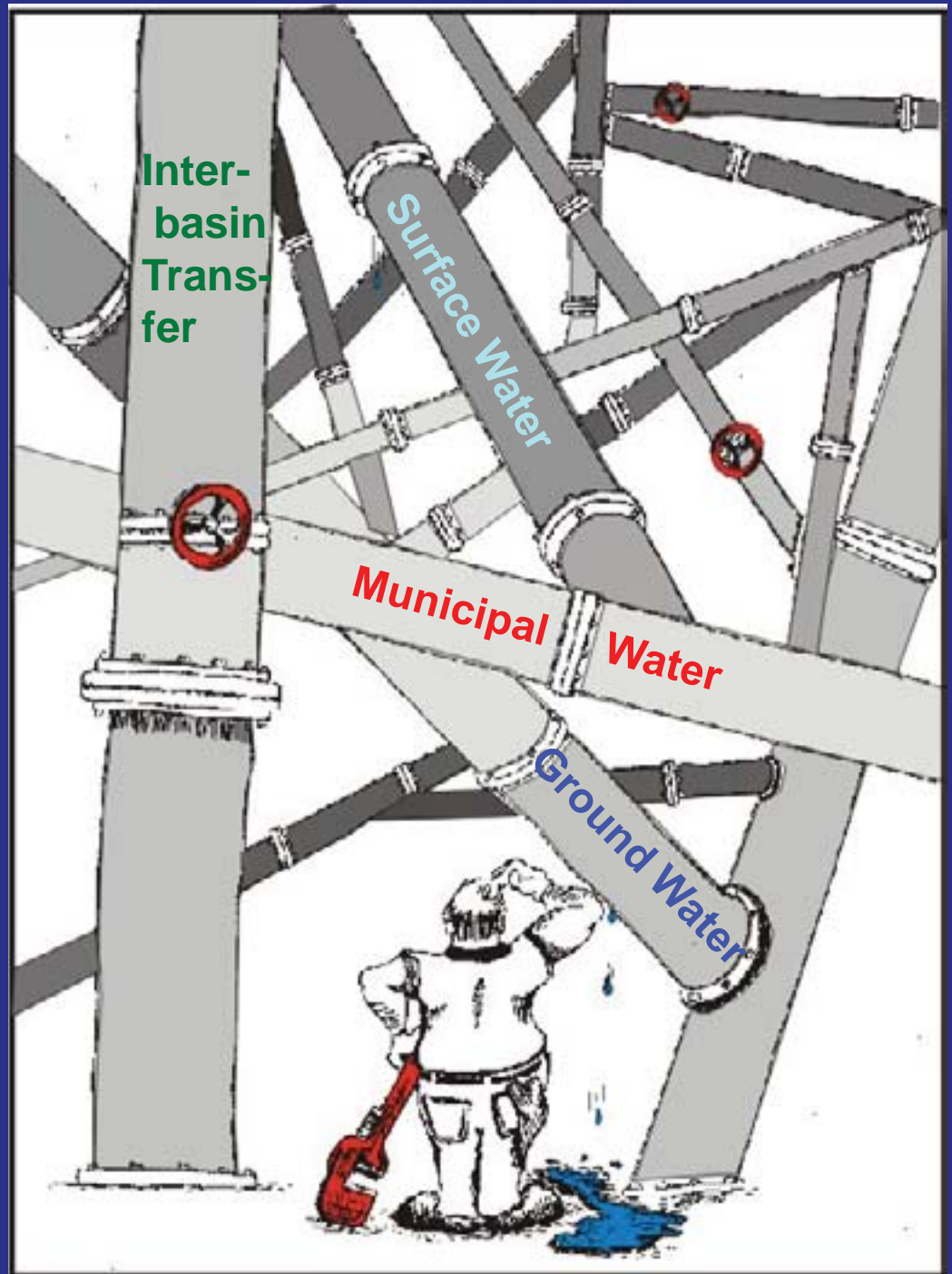
Hydro-fracking Phase – (a week or two)

Injection pumps, supplies,
and many frack tanks for
fresh and flowback waters

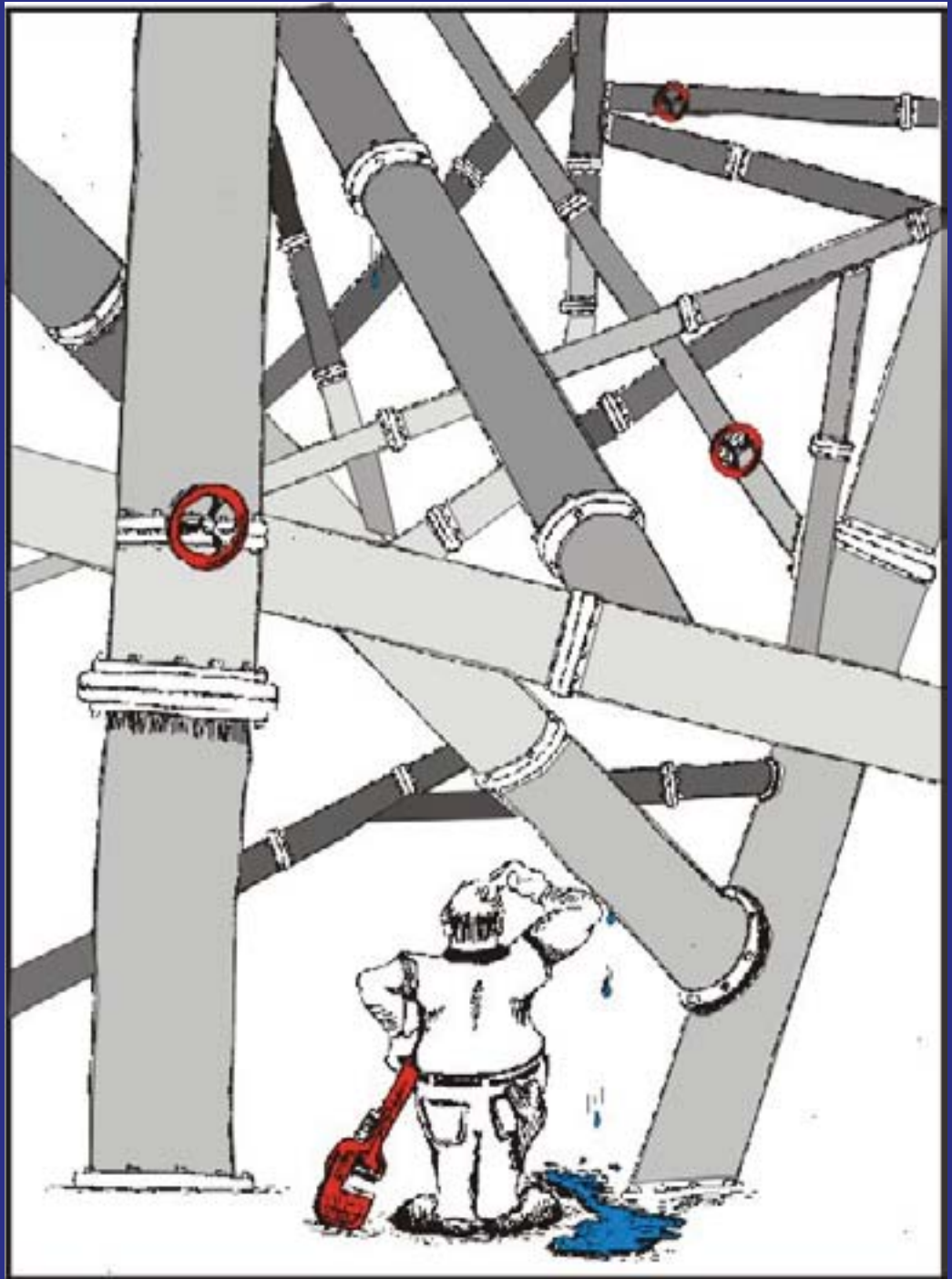


Where do you get the water for fracking?

Each source has its own set of concerns.....

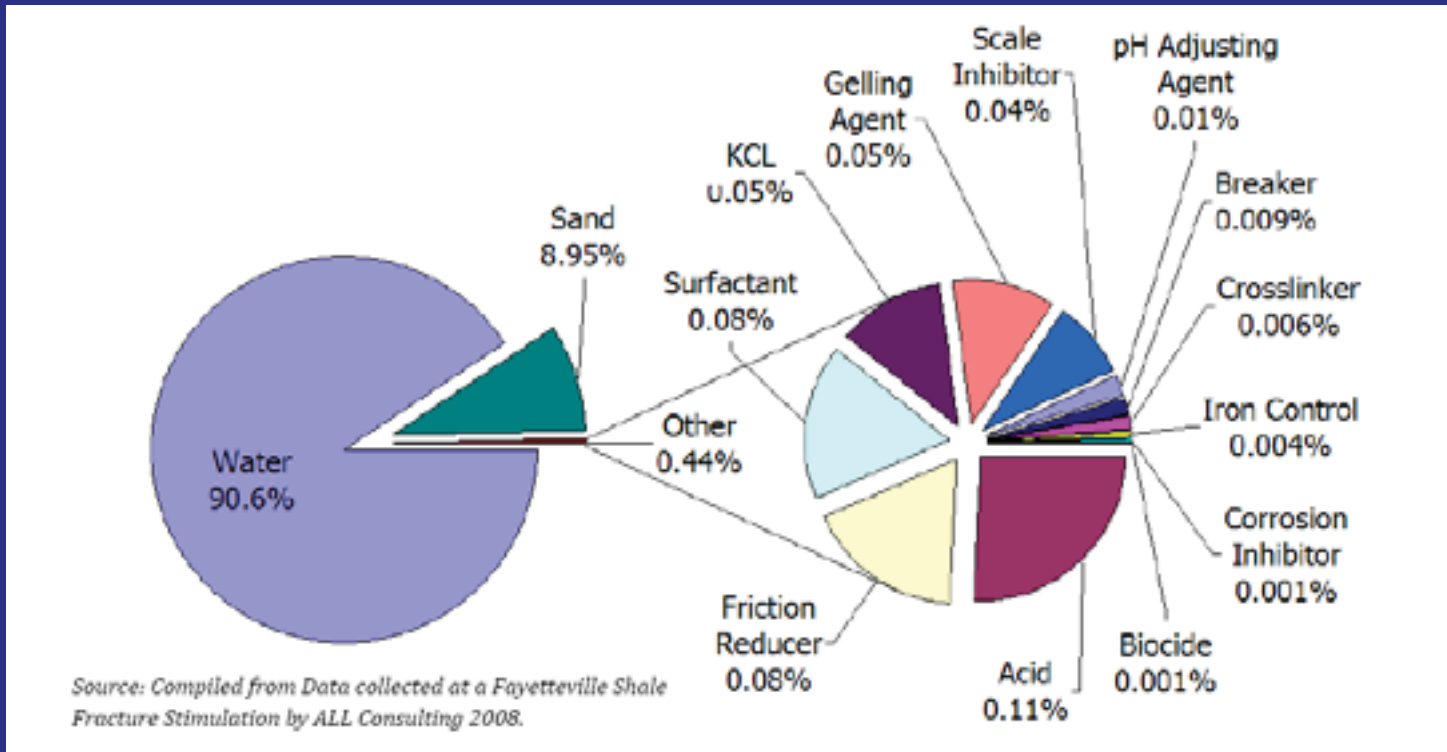


What is the quality of the frack and flowback water?



Typical Components of Frack Fluid

For a 1.5 million frack job, the 0.5 percent is equivalent to 7,500 gallons of “chemistry”.



(Arthur, Bohn, Layne, 2008, ALL Consulting)

<http://www.all-llc.com/shale/GWPCMarcellusFinal.pdf>

What do we do with the **flow-back water** after the hydrofrac process is complete, and the **formation water** as gas is produced from the well?



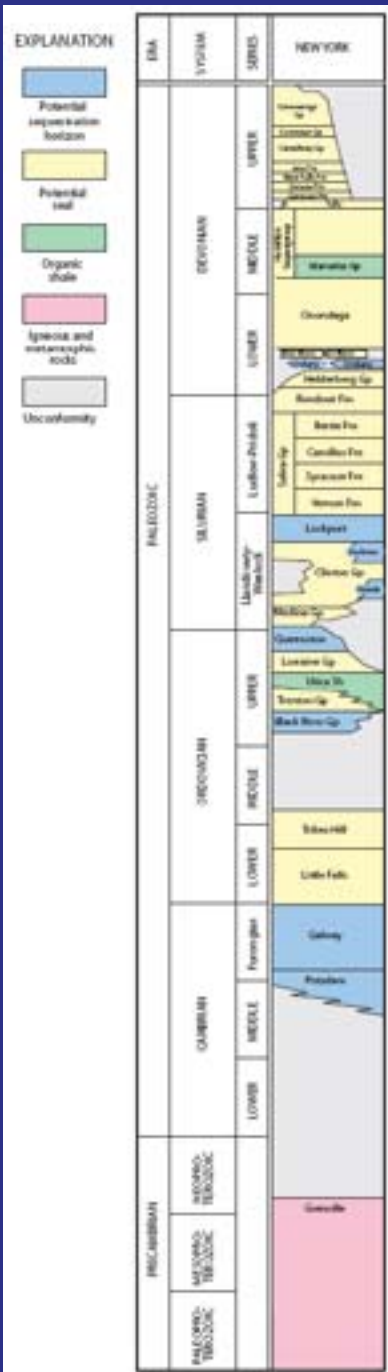
Frack Water Return – (Flowback Water)

Total volume injected (1.5 million gal), returned over a 2-week period of time.

(From a well in SW Pennsylvania.)

Constituent	1st Third	2nd Third	Final Third	Units
Bromide	124	479	753	MG/L
Chloride	18,600	80,500	109,000	MG/L
Sulfide	<0.50	29.5	<2.5	MG/L
T. Dissolved Solids	34,578	133,620	192,000	MG/L
Temperature	29.3	29.4	25.3	Degrees C
Barium	668	6,100	8,730	MG/L
Iron, Total	23	31.3	71.9	MG/L
Magnesium	69.3	572	890	MG/L
Gross Alpha	1,159	22.41	18,950	pCi/L
Gross Beta	6,500	9.68	7,445	pCi/L
Radium 226	33	2.58	4.67	pCi/L
Radium 228	4.66	1.15	18.41	pCi/L
Manganese, Total	0.73	1.8	2.79	MG/L
Mercury, Total	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	MG/L
Molybdenum, Total	0.16	0.72	1.08	MG/L
Nickel, Total	0.03	0.07	<0.01	MG/L
Selenium, Total	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	MG/L
Silver, Total	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	MG/L
Thallium, Total	<0.02	<0.02	0.1	MG/L
Titanium, Total	0.06	<0.01	<0.01	MG/L
Zinc, Total	0.036	0.028	0.035	MG/L

DISPOSAL OF FRACK WATER BY DEEP WELL INJECTION



Marcellus Shale

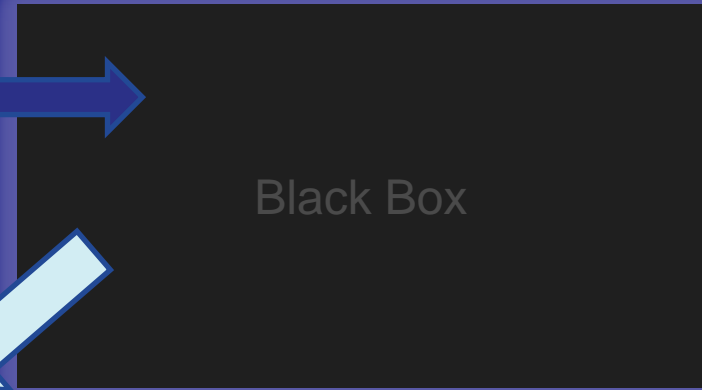
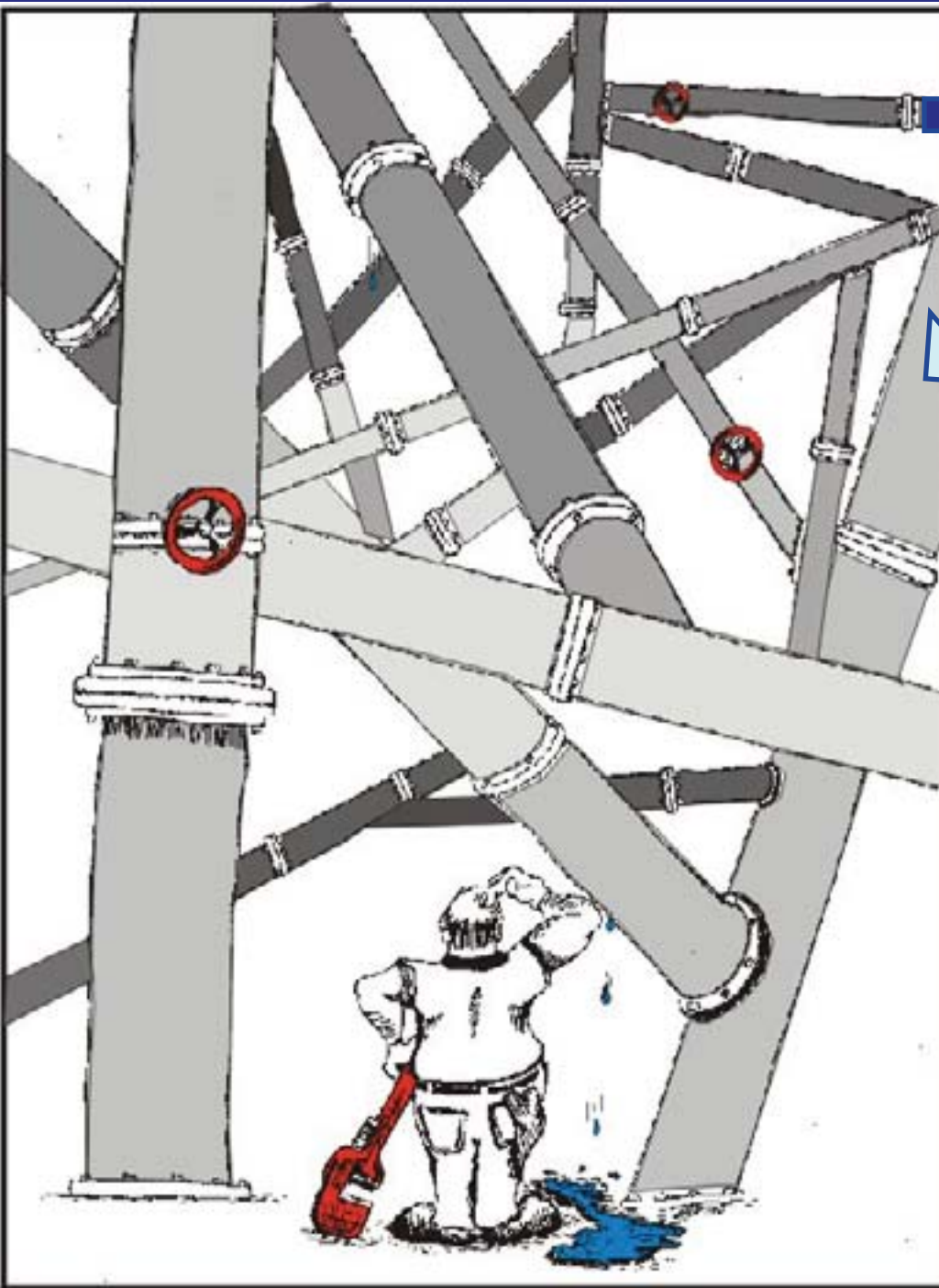
Utica Shale

Trenton-Black River carbonates

Potsdam sandstone

**DISPOSAL OF FRAC WATER -
BY MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS
AND DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER**





Proposed “Black box(es)” pretreatment systems to remove ‘constituents of concern’ prior to other treatment, reuse, or discharge

New Concepts to Reduce Flowback Volume

Reuse / Recycle the flowback

Reduce frack volumes

Use minimal frack volumes followed by a freshwater for application of frack pressures

Leave more frack fluid in the hole

Assumes down-hole gas will pass through the spent frack fluids

Use of liquefied propane instead of water

LP turns back to a gas and can be recovered for reuse.

Bottom Line – The gas industry wants to reduce the volume of water used.

Local Water-Resource Concerns

- Protection of surface water and groundwater during entire process
- Drill pad construction, storm runoff, chemical storage, and handling
- Drilling & hydro-fracturing process – cuttings and fluid handling
- Transportation of water & waste fluids to and away from site
- Flowback disposal -- Variable mineral and water-quality characteristics – Brines, oil & grease, heavy metals, radiochemicals, organics
- Site remediation when done

Bottom line – we need water-quality data prior to, during, and following drilling to determine the impact, or lack thereof, on the resources of NYS

Regional Water-Resource Concerns

- What are the regional characteristics of black shale bedrock formations throughout the Marcellus, Utica, and other potential gas-bearing units?
 - Geologic nature – thickness of units, fracture tendencies, faults, etc.?
 - Geochemical nature – how variable are the mineral and water-quality characteristics?
 - Radiochemical nature – what radioisotopes are present and are they mobile, or made-mobile during drilling and fracking?

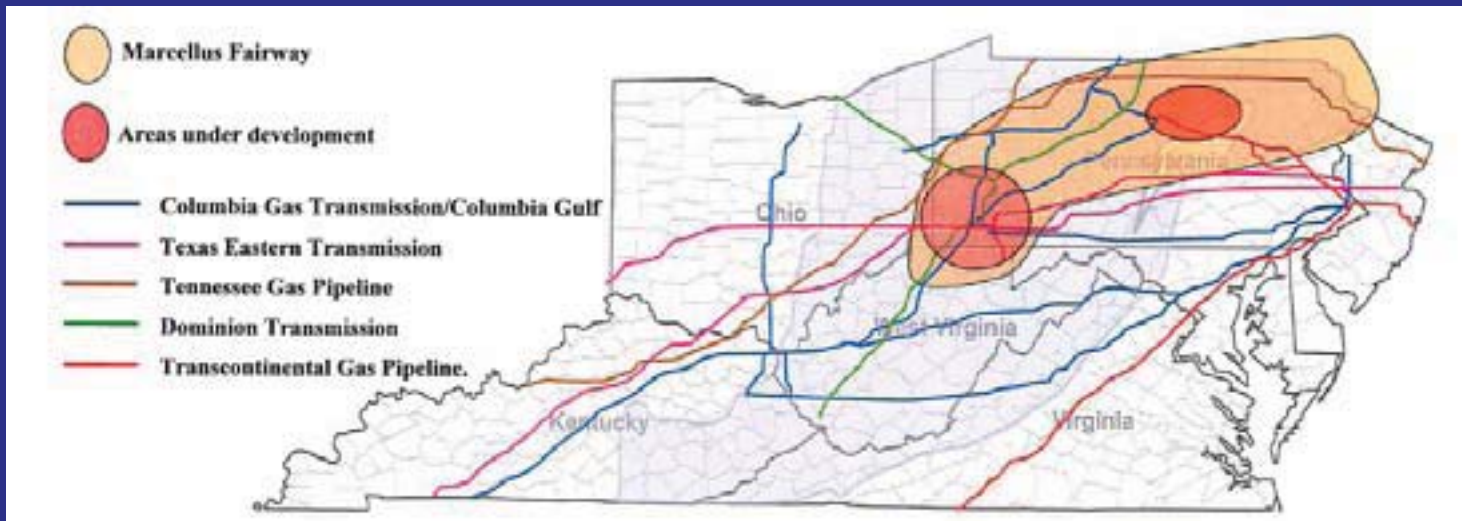
Proposed – A regional Marcellus Play database wherein data from across the play is entered into a USGS-maintained database and is available to be accessed by all.

Bottom line – We need to understand/document existing conditions prior and during the gas development/production process to assess and monitor our water, air, environmental resources.

Pipeline infrastructure and land disturbance

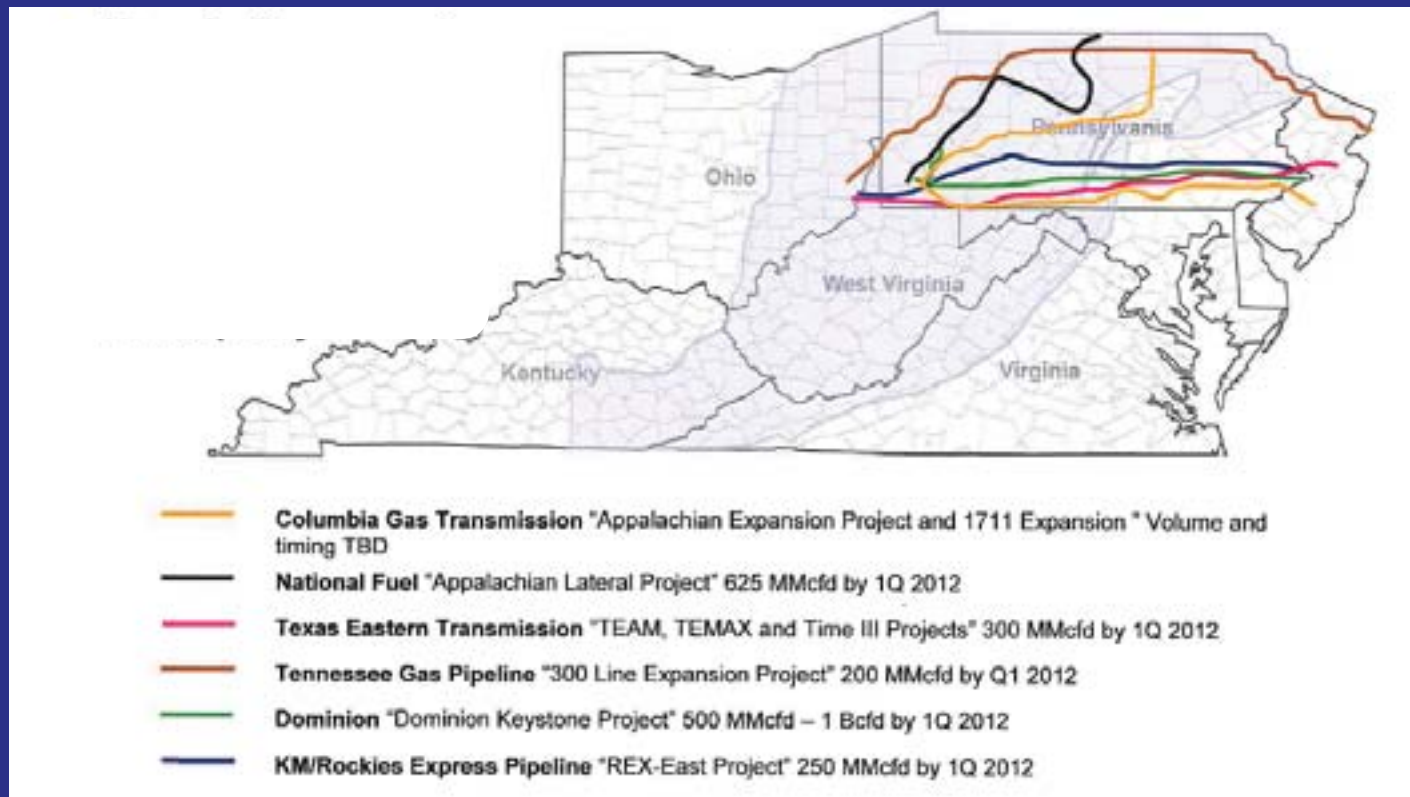


Existing Major Pipelines



Potential new pipelines in Pennsylvania

These are only the major transmission pipelines, not the gathering or intermediate pipelines



Considerations in relation to what a Village, Town, or County can and can't do in relation to shale-gas development within their jurisdiction.

Regulation of Oil, Gas, and Solution Mining Drilling and Production
Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), Article 23, Titles 1 to 13, Title 19
Regulation 6 NYCRR Part 550-559

New York's Oil, Gas and Solution Mining Law specifically supersedes all local laws or ordinances relating to the regulation of the oil, gas, solution mining, and brine disposal industries, but reserves to local governments jurisdiction over local roads and the rights of local governments under the Real Property Tax Law.

Under the Oil Gas and Solution Mining Law the jurisdiction can:

(this interpretation is by a hydrogeologist, not a lawyer – “Caveat emptor”)

Table 15.1 - Oil, Gas, Solution Mining and Brine disposal - Interagency Coordination

Regulate the use and bonding of local roads (with proper documentation)

Tax “value” of gas or oil from production wells – information provided by
NYS Office of Real Property Services

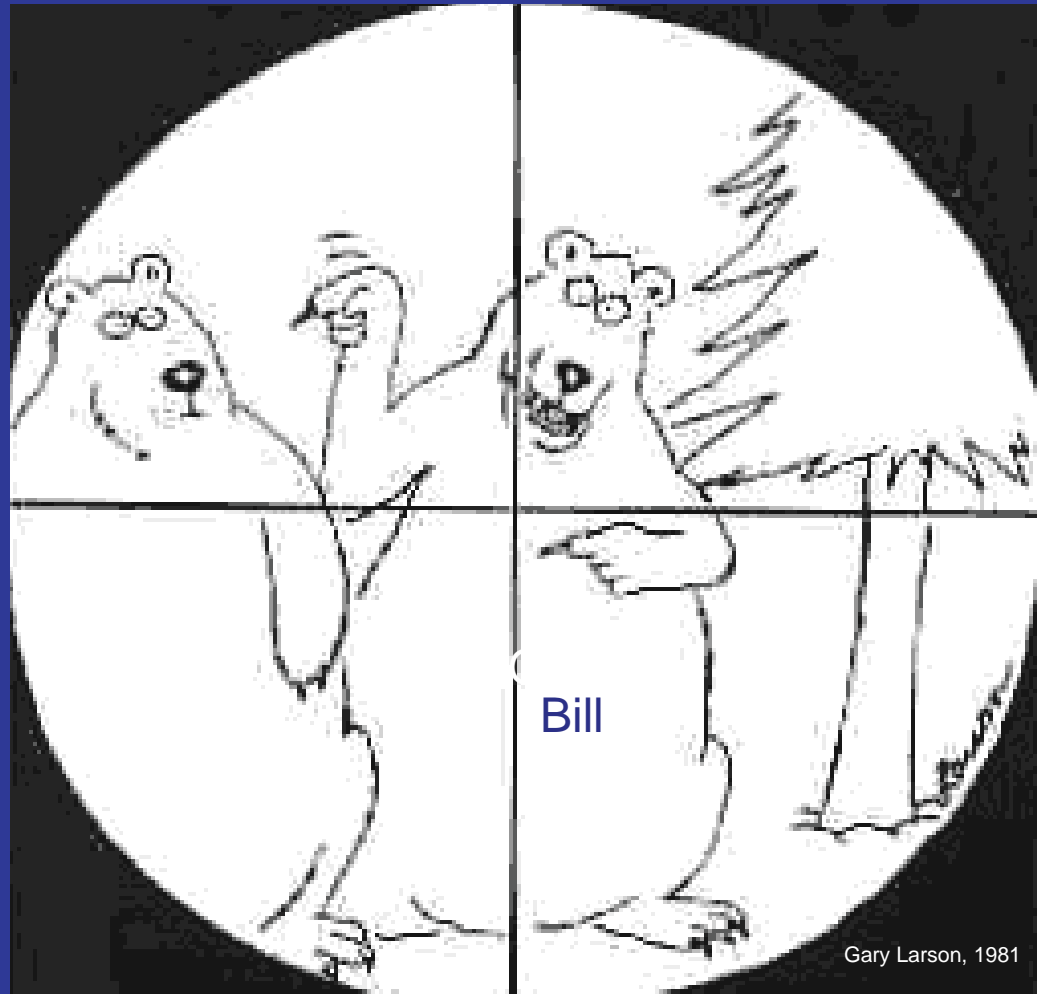
Regulate, to a degree, the location of new wells (DEC) and gas pipelines (PSC) near agricultural districts, wetlands, & water supplies through SEQRA reviews.

Regulate the use (sale) of municipal water (from that jurisdiction) for the drilling and hydrofracking processes.

Regulate the disposal (road spreading) of brine on roadways and use of the jurisdictions’ wastewater treatment plant(s) to treat flowback/formation waters.

Follow-up on Oil and Gas complaints but only after County Health Department does their assessment – local jurisdiction has a secondary role.

Questions?



Gary Larson, 1981