

Horn River Basin Shale Gas Producers Group Joint Projects Reduce Impact in the Horn River Basin

Eleven companies operating in the Horn River area are stepping outside traditional boundaries to work together to minimize their industry footprint and collaborate with key stakeholder groups, government and First Nations.

The Horn River Basin Shale Gas Producers Group includes Apache, Devon, EnCana, EOG, Nexen, Quicksilver, Stone Mountain/Ramshorn, Imperial Oil/ExxonMobil Canada, ConocoPhillips, Suncor and Pengrowth.

The Producers Group was formed in late 2007 and meets regularly to discuss drilling, construction, and other activity related to the development of shale gas resources.

“Our primary objective is to ensure rational development of the basin and not have pipelines and facilities everywhere,” explains Kevin Screen of Apache and co-chair of the Producers Group Operations Committee. “We are cooperating on

infrastructure and building joint pipelines, roads and facilities where possible.”

Bill Gourley of Nexen and chair of the Producers Group Communications Committee explains that they work with First Nations, government and communities to understand and address issues and to manage expectations around economic and social impacts of oil and gas development.

Involvement in the Producers Group has provided the opportunity for these companies to participate in community events, such as the Horn River Basin Economic Development Symposiums and the Fort Nelson Energy Expos, both held the past two years.

The Expo, organized by industry, offers local residents the chance to learn about career opportunities and training programs in the oil and gas industry.

“This is a unique situation in the industry,” Kevin says. “Eleven companies are sharing information and cooperating on an unprecedented level. This is the start of something good.”

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