Hydraulic Fracturing Guiding Principles

Shale gas can be developed in a manner that protects human health and the environment. However, industry recognizes the public has questions and concerns regarding water management that must be addressed.

On September 8, 2011, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) announced five guiding principles for hydraulic fracturing for shale gas and tight gas production.

"The principles will provide greater transparency and reinforce industry's commitment to responsible development in North East British Columbia. Water is a valuable resource and protecting this resource is a priority for industry," said Rob Spitzer, Chair of the Horn River Producers Group.

CAPP is currently developing recommended practices to support these guiding principles.

For more information visit: www.capp.ca

Horn River Operations Update

For 2011, members of the Horn River Producers Group planned to drill a total of 82 wells, including 68 horizontal and 14 vertical wells. This is reasonably consistent with the 2010 drilling program which totaled 80 vertical and horizontal wells in the Horn River shale.

As of August 1, the number of wells drilled totals 47 (33 horizontals and 14 vertical wells). Currently, companies are well positioned to follow through on plans to drill the balance of wells projected, however each company continues to assess development plans based on business objectives and other variables including the price of natural gas, budgets and global market condition which can influence activity levels.

The Horn River Basin Producers

The Producers Group was created as a joint initiative to coordinate their development of a shale gas play in British Columbia.

The group involves 10 companies that collaborate to facilitate open communication in the region to collectively understand stakeholder and First Nation concerns, minimize environmental impacts and maximize benefits to the region.

Through education and awareness, the group aims to help and support economic development and employment in the area. Consultation on proposed operations ensures development is done in a responsible manner.

By addressing regulatory, operational, environmental and communication matters the Producers Group works to develop the Horn River Basin responsibly and practically.

Contact

For the latest information from the HRBPG, please visit: www.northernrockies.ca
B.C. Oil & Gas Conference a Success

The red ribbon was cut at the new Northern Rockies Regional Recreational Complex and attendees at the B.C. Oil and Gas Conference were among the first to experience the new space.

All aspects of the September event exceeded expectations including interesting and relevant speakers, beautiful facilities, delicious food and integration of social media.

The Horn River Basin Producers Group (HRBPG) was one of the lead sponsors at the event. "The conference was well attended and relevant information about responsible shale gas development was shared among stakeholders. The HRBPG is proud to be associated with such a high calibre event," commented Bill Gourley from the HRBPG.

A packed house welcomed B.C. Premier Christy Clark who reinforced her Government’s support of natural gas development and of opening up new markets to Asia.

On behalf of Energy and Mines Minister Rich Coleman, who was also in attendance, the Premier announced the launch of a public online registry in January 2012 that will contain information on the locations of hydraulic fracturing activities and the practices and additives used during these activities.

Events

FNFN Annual Celebration Aug ’11
First Nation community members, industry and government representatives gathered to celebrate First Nation culture and to participate in hand games, live music, competitions and drum dancing.

Fort Nelson Energy in Action May ’11
Energy in Action is an energy literacy program that brings industry and communities together to demonstrate their commitment to environmental stewardship. The HRBPG sponsored the Fort Nelson program. (www.capp.ca/EIA)

Upcoming events
Nov TBA: Energy Harvest Dinner