

**States are rising to
resource
development
challenges as
laboratories for
creative solutions
and regulatory
innovation**



Partnership between IOGCC and GWPC

States First Initiative

**Shaping the STATE of our energy
future together.**

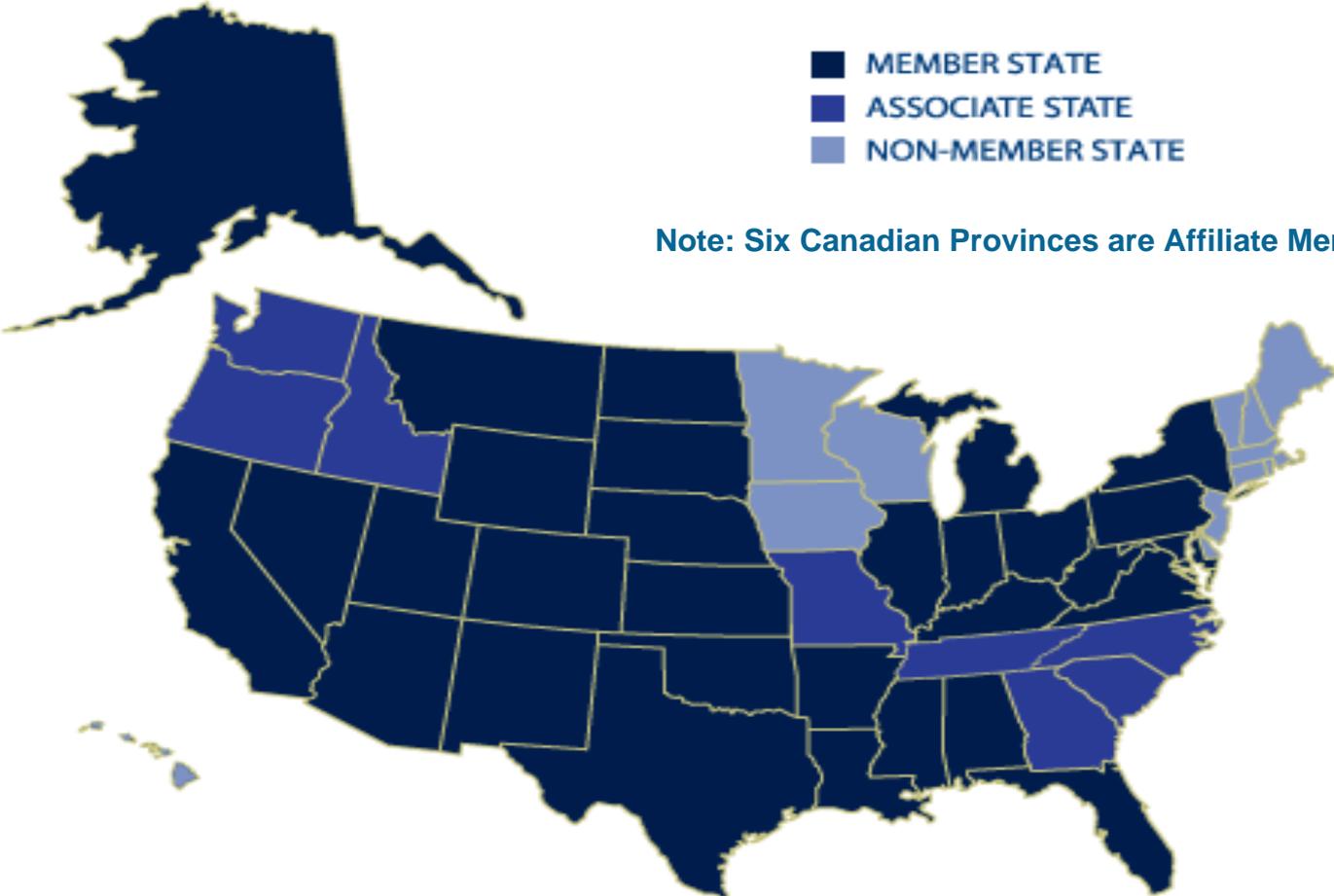
*Collaboration, Solutions,
Regulatory Leadership*

Interstate Oil and Gas Compact

- *Established by Congress in 1935*
- *Governors of oil and gas producing states*
- *Collectively representing the States*
- *State led, Chaired by governors*
 - *Governor Gary Herbert (Utah) 2015*
- *Promote conservation and efficient recovery of oil & gas while protecting health, safety and the environment*



IOGCC 38 Member States

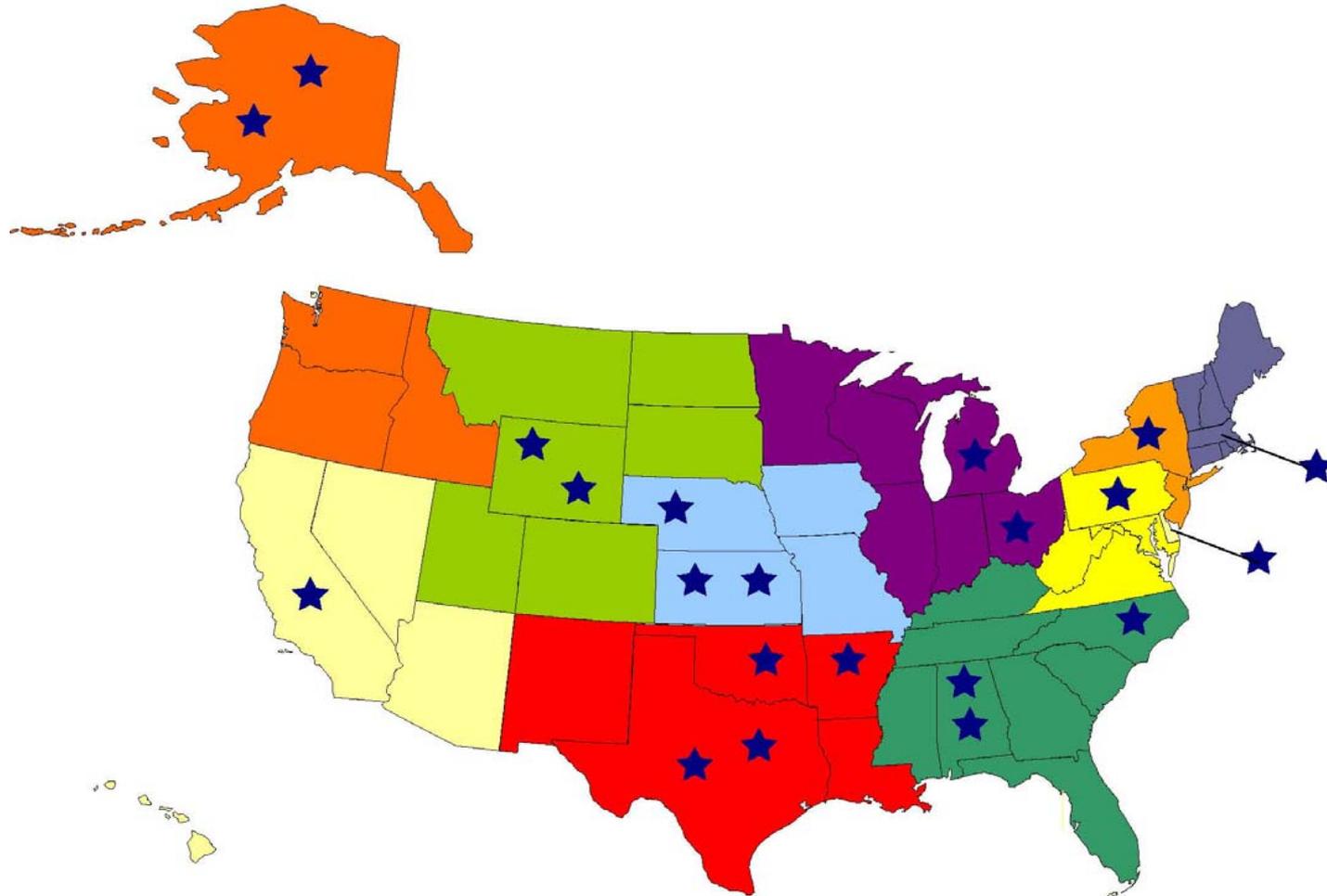


- MEMBER STATE
- ASSOCIATE STATE
- NON-MEMBER STATE

Note: Six Canadian Provinces are Affiliate Members



*The national association of
state groundwater protection
programs*





What is States First?

- ***Partnership between IOGCC and GWPC***
- ***Platform demonstrating states continuing regulatory improvements***
- ***Initiated by 14 IOGCC member Governors***
- ***Announced by 2013 IOGCC Chairman
Alabama Governor Bentley***
- ***Approved by IOGCC and GWPC governing bodies***



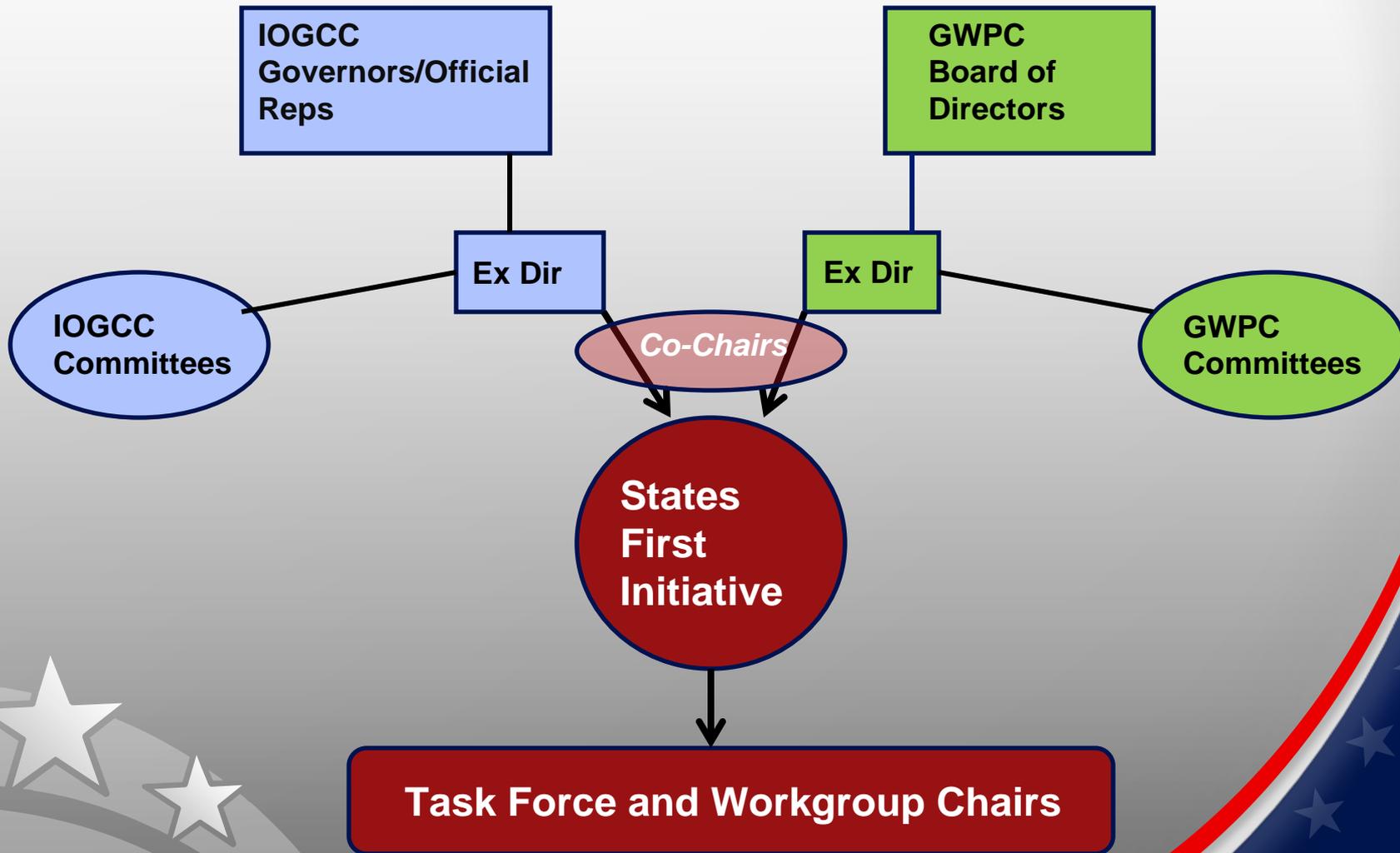
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PURPOSES OF THE INITIATIVE

- 1. Recognition of the state's continuing regulatory improvements.***
- 2. Provide a platform for open communication and sharing between state's.***
- 3. Develop best practices.***
- 4. Assist states efficiently develop and implement regulatory solutions.***
- 5. Contribute to Nation's economic growth, national security and energy independence.***



STATES FIRST INITIATIVE GOVERNANCE





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Promoting and Documenting Continuous Regulatory Improvement

**Underground
Injection
Control**

**Hydraulic
Fracturing**

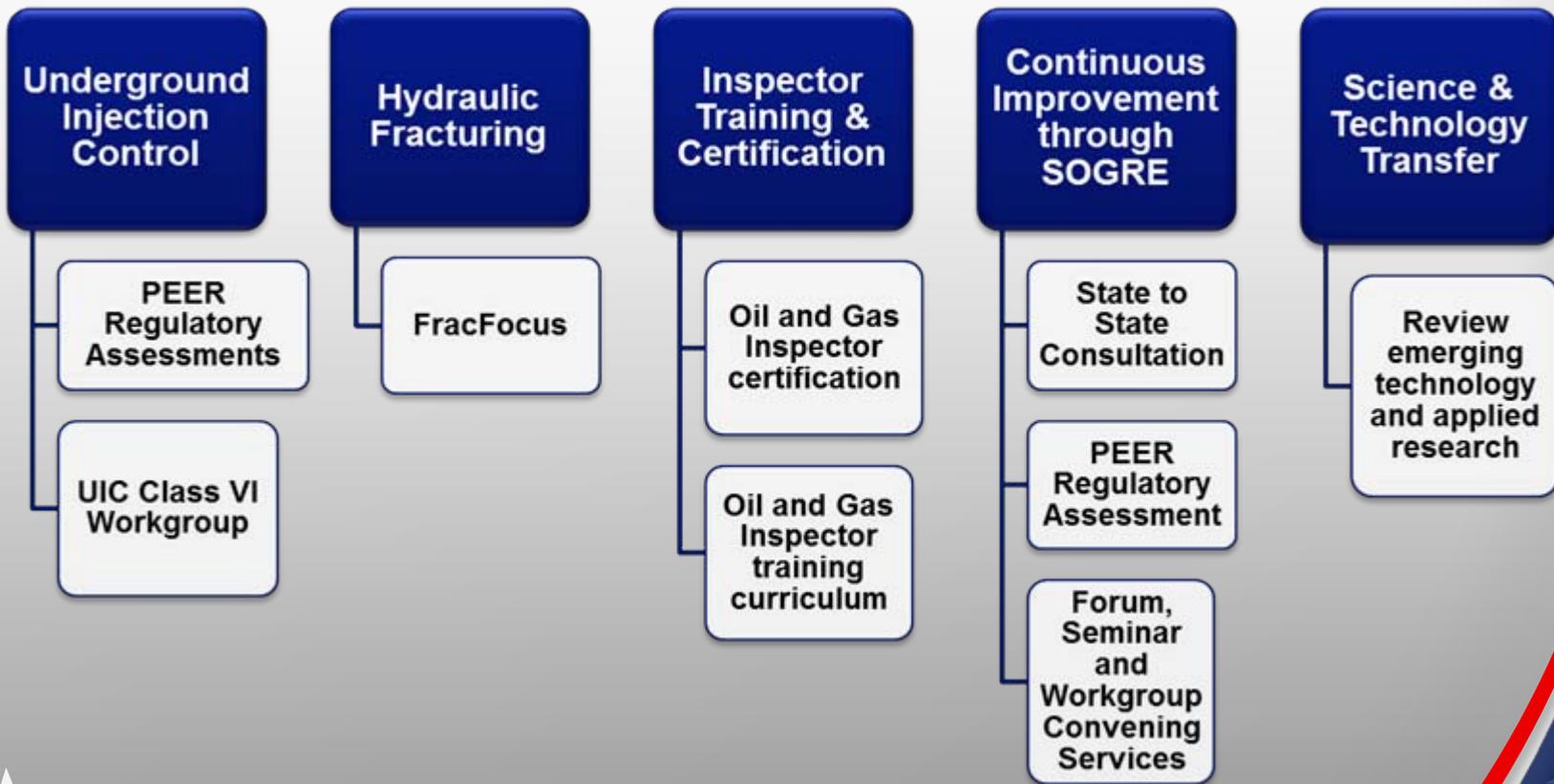
**Inspector
Training &
Certification**

**Continuous
Improvement
through
SOGRE**

**Science,
Technology
and
Information
Transfer**



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HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

- *Frac Focus*





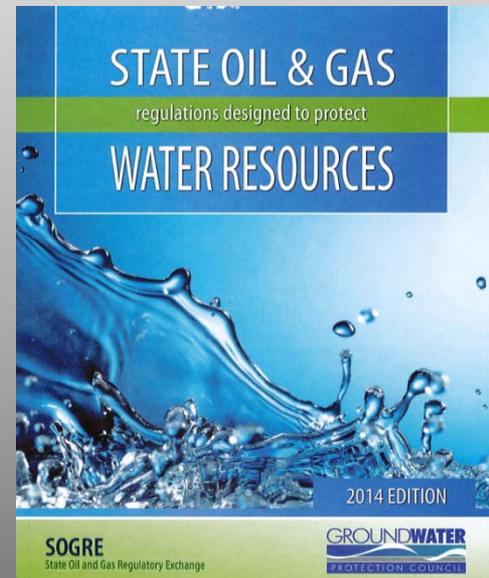
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INSPECTOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

- *State Oil and Gas Inspector Training Program (Affiliated With Universities)*
- *State Oil and Gas Inspector Certification Program*

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE TRANSFER

- *Seismicity Task Force*
- *New report on state regulation improvement to protect groundwater.*





STATES FIRST INITIATIVE

UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL

- *Peer Assessments of State Class II Regulatory Programs*
- *Class VI Workgroup*

EFFECTIVE REGULATION THROUGH SOGRE

- *Peer Regulatory Consultations and Regulatory Program Assessments*
Illinois Request for Seismic Rule Review
- *State to State Issue Focused Workshops and Forums*
Utah Horizontal Well Spacing Workshop



GOALS

***Where Water and Oil and Gas Issues
Converge – SFI is a Vehicle to:***

- Highlight States Continuous Regulatory Improvement
- Build Public Confidence
- Open Communications Between States and Federal Agencies
- Empower states
- Educate Congress
- Inform Industry



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