Partnership between IOGCC and GWPC

States First Initiative

Shaping the STATE of our energy future together.

Collaboration, Solutions, Regulatory Leadership

States are rising to resource development challenges as laboratories for creative solutions and regulatory innovation .....
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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 Robert Bentley (Alabama) 2013*
  - *Governor Phil Bryant (Mississippi) 2014*
  - *Governor Gary Herbert (Utah) 2015*
- *Promote conservation and efficient recovery of oil & gas while protecting health, safety and the environment*

INTERSTATE Oil & Gas COMPACT COMMISSION

IOGCC 38 Member States

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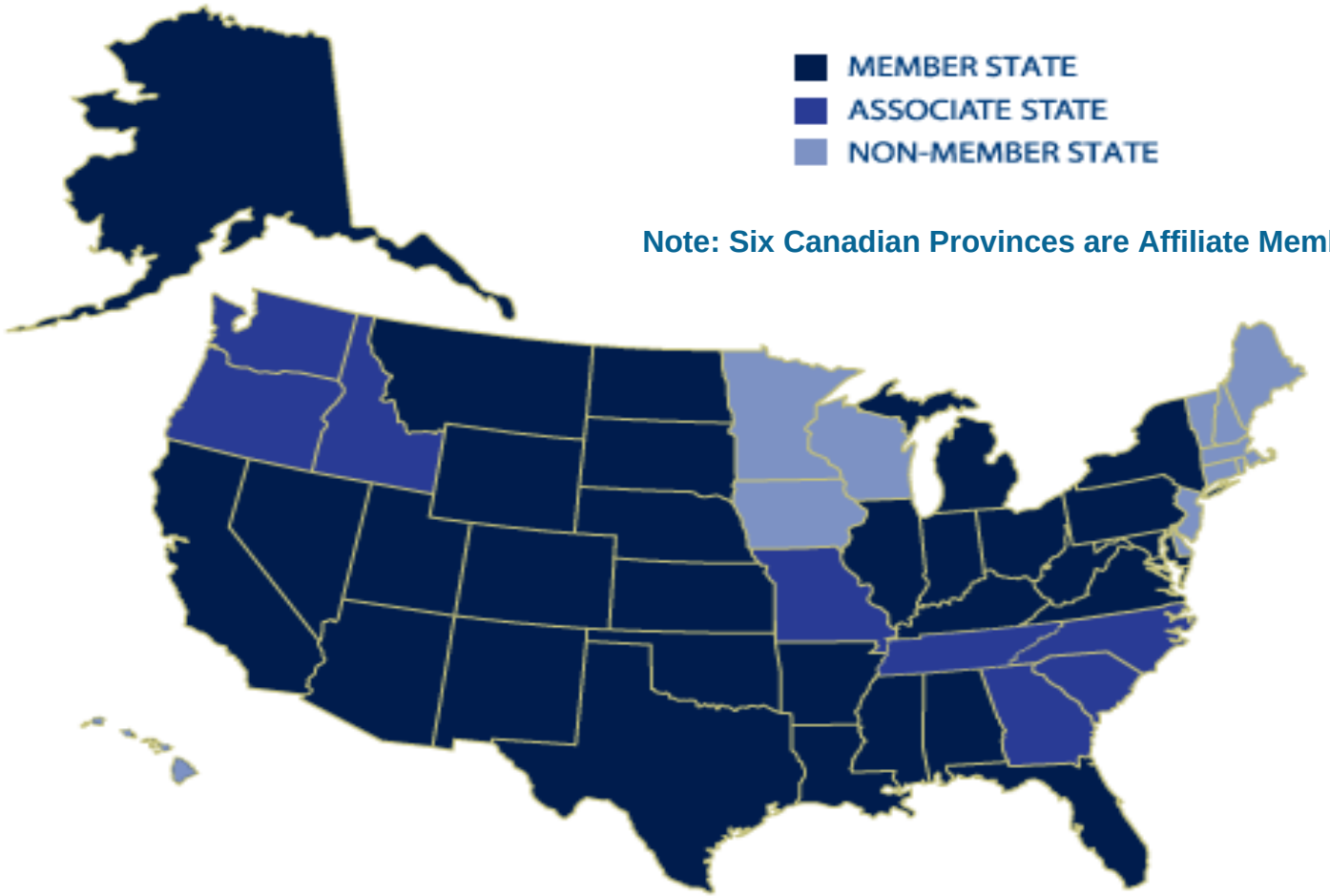
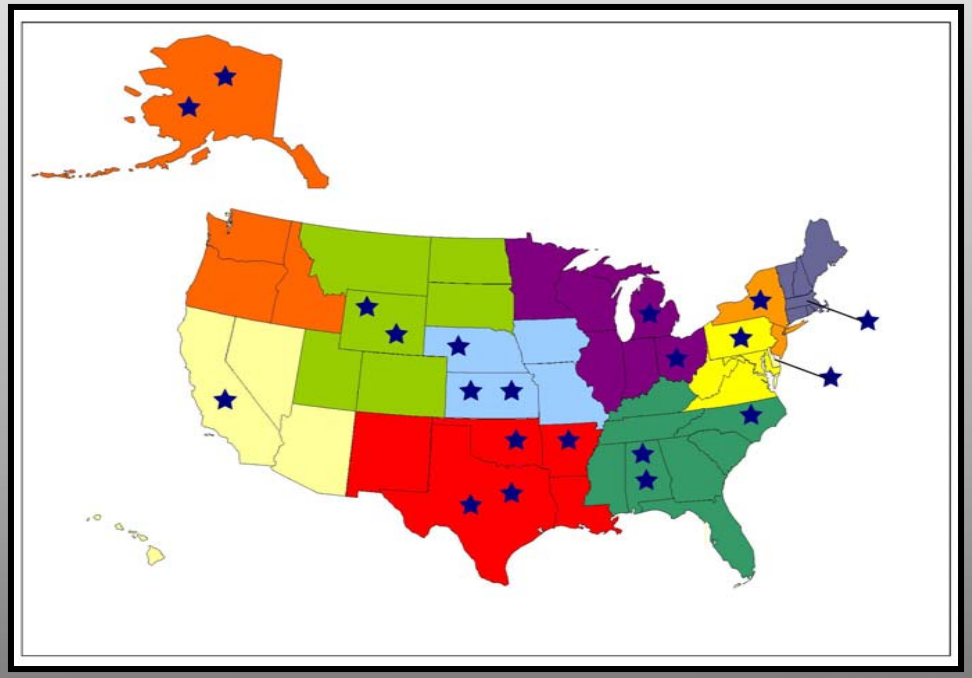


Note: Six Canadian Provinces are Affiliate Members

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COUNCIL

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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Governors' letter of support

Robert Bentley
Governor of Alabama
2013 IOGCC Chairman

Gary R. Herbert
Governor of Utah

Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska

Mary Fallin
Governor of Oklahoma

Tom Corbett
Governor of Pennsylvania

Phil Bryant
Governor of Mississippi

John Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado

Steve Bullock
Governor of Montana

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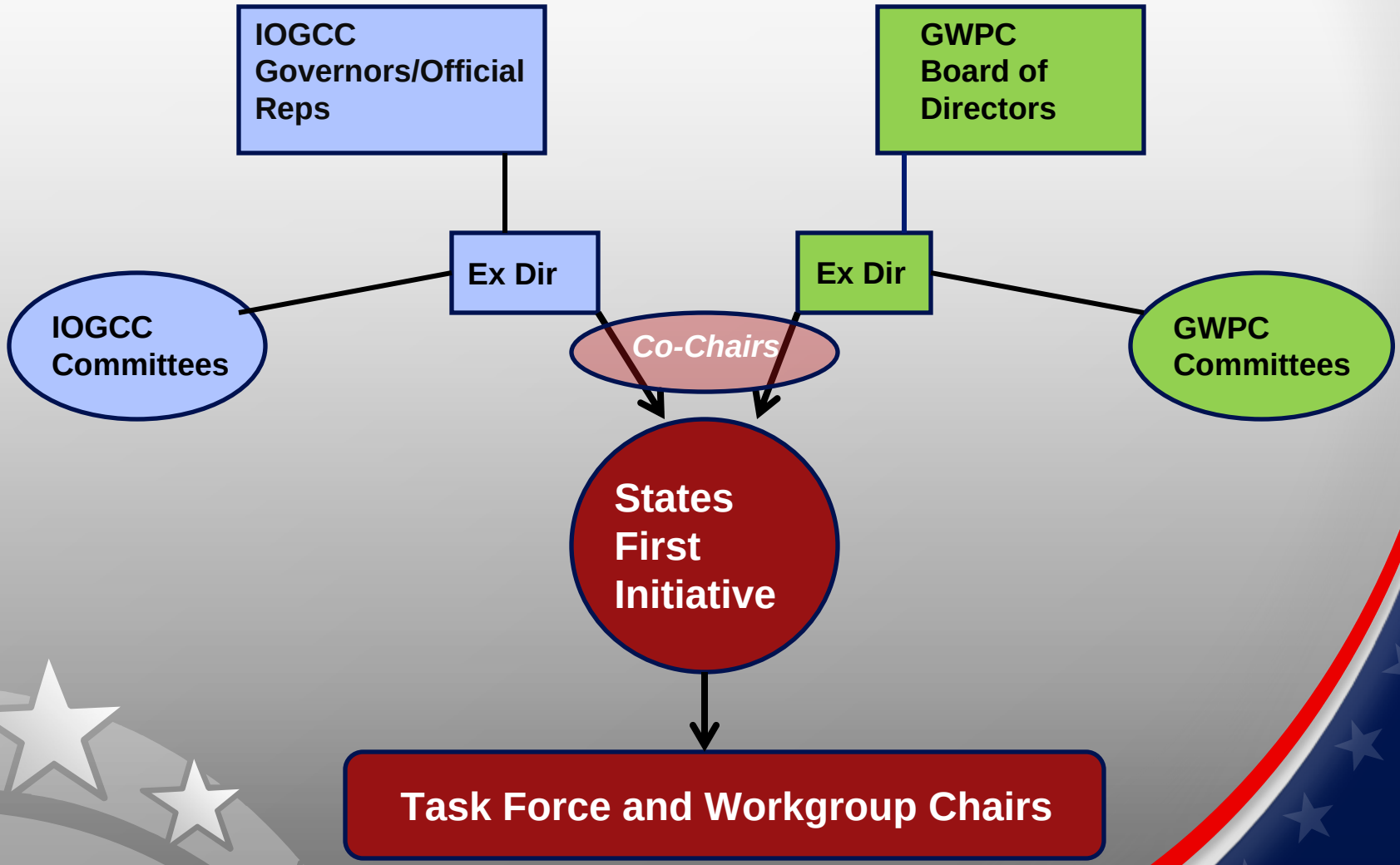
PURPOSES OF THE INITIATIVE

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
- Effective Regulation through SOGRE
- Science, Technology and Information Transfer

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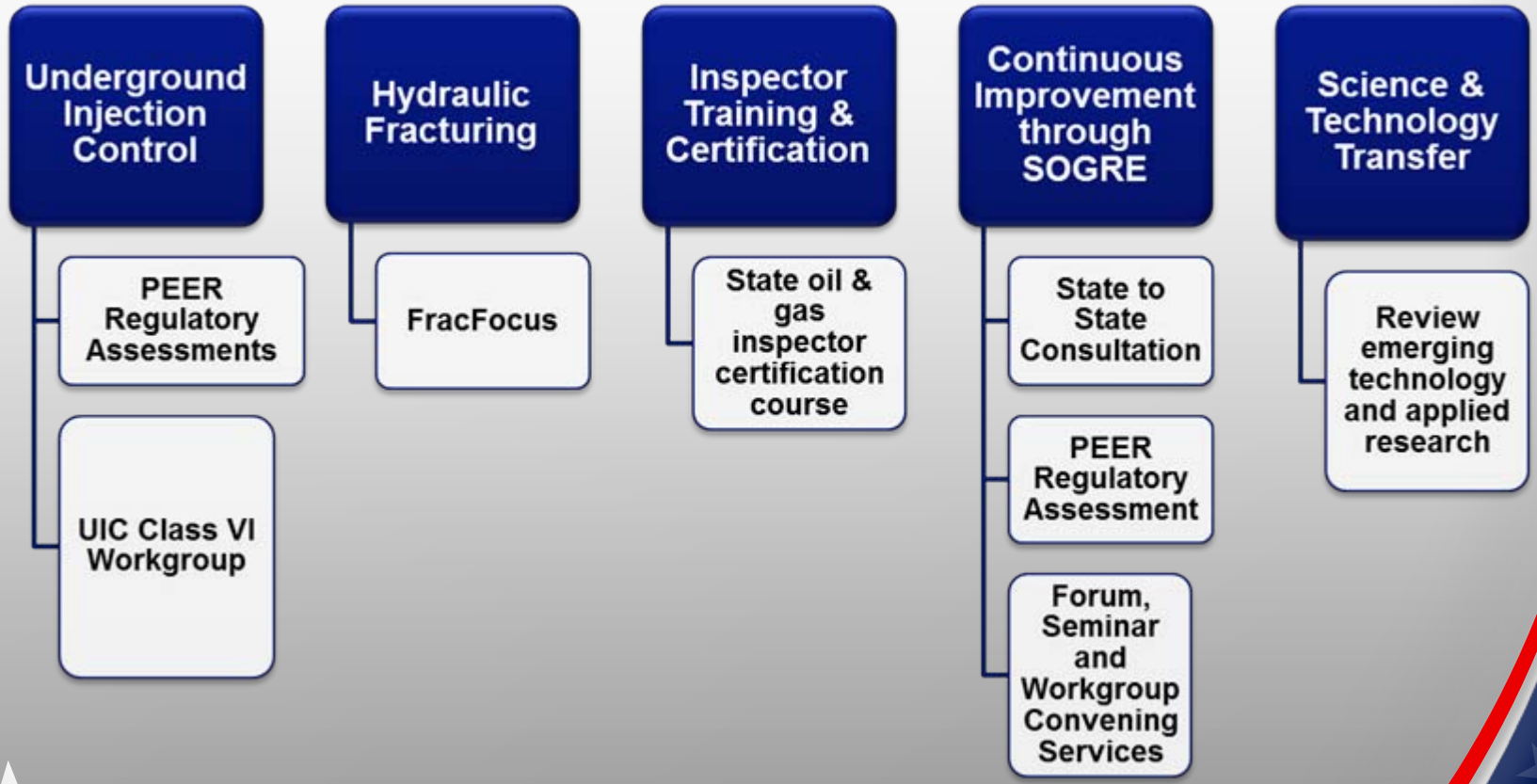

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UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL

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

EFFECTIVE REGULATION THROUGH SOGRE

- ***Peer Regulatory Consultations and Regulatory Program Assessments***
- ***State to State Issue Focused Workshops and Forums – Utah Horizontal Well Spacing Workshop***

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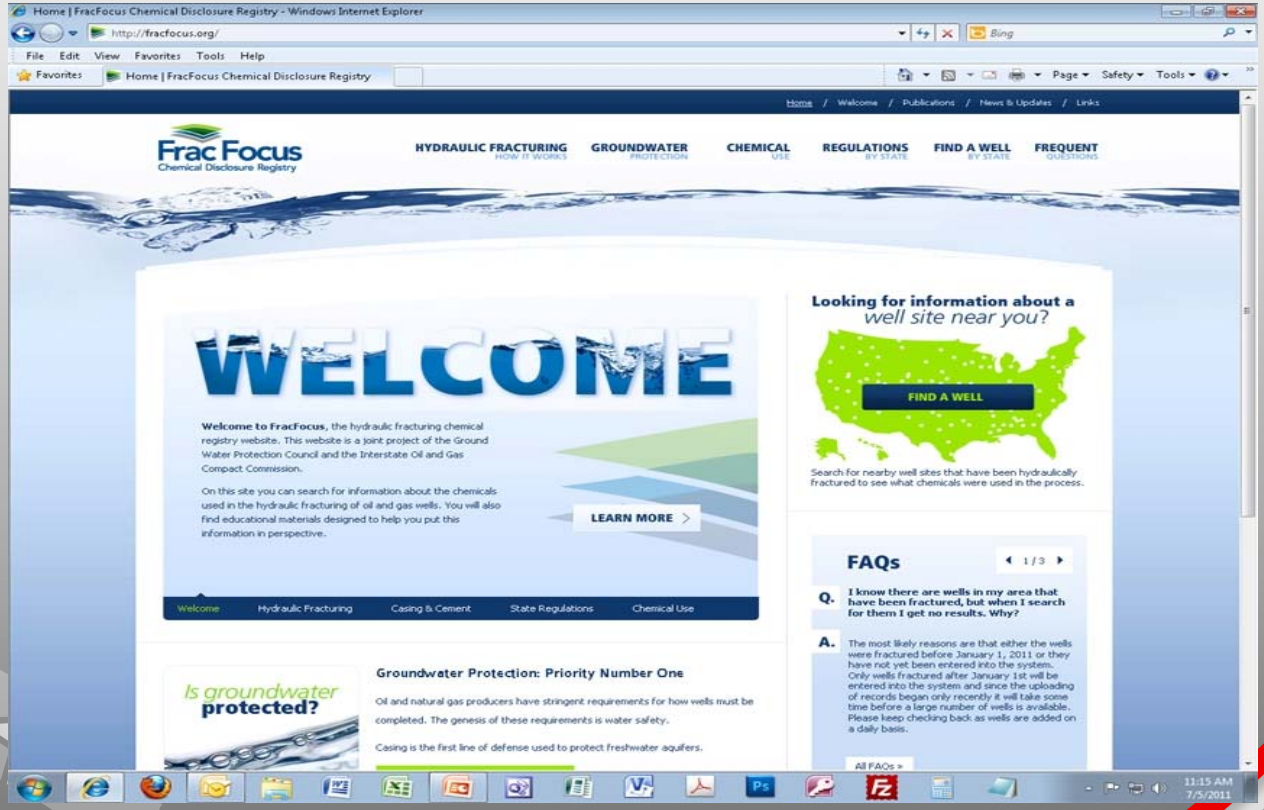
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

- ***Frac Focus***



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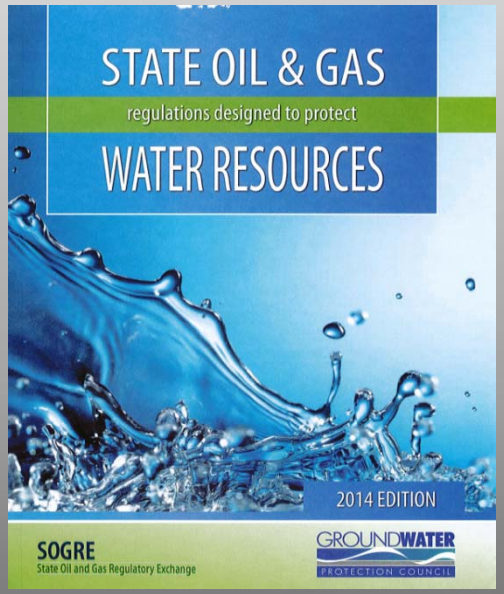
INSPECTOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

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

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE TRANSFER

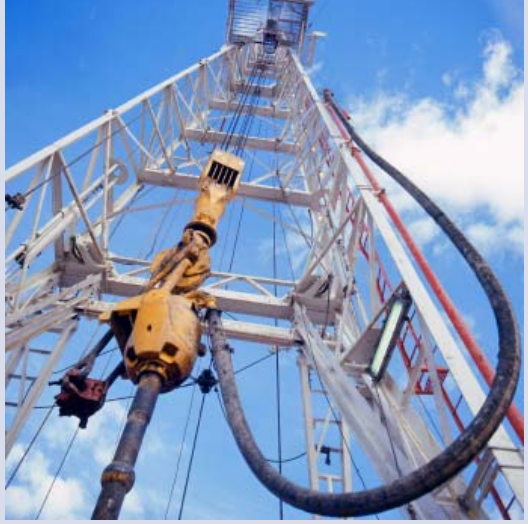
- ***Recently created <u>Seismicity Task Force</u>***
- ***New report on state regulations to protect groundwater.***



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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Questions ?

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