States are rising to resource development challenges as laboratories for creative solutions and regulatory innovation .....
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States First Initiative

Shaping the STATE of our energy future together.

Collaboration, Solutions, Regulatory Leadership

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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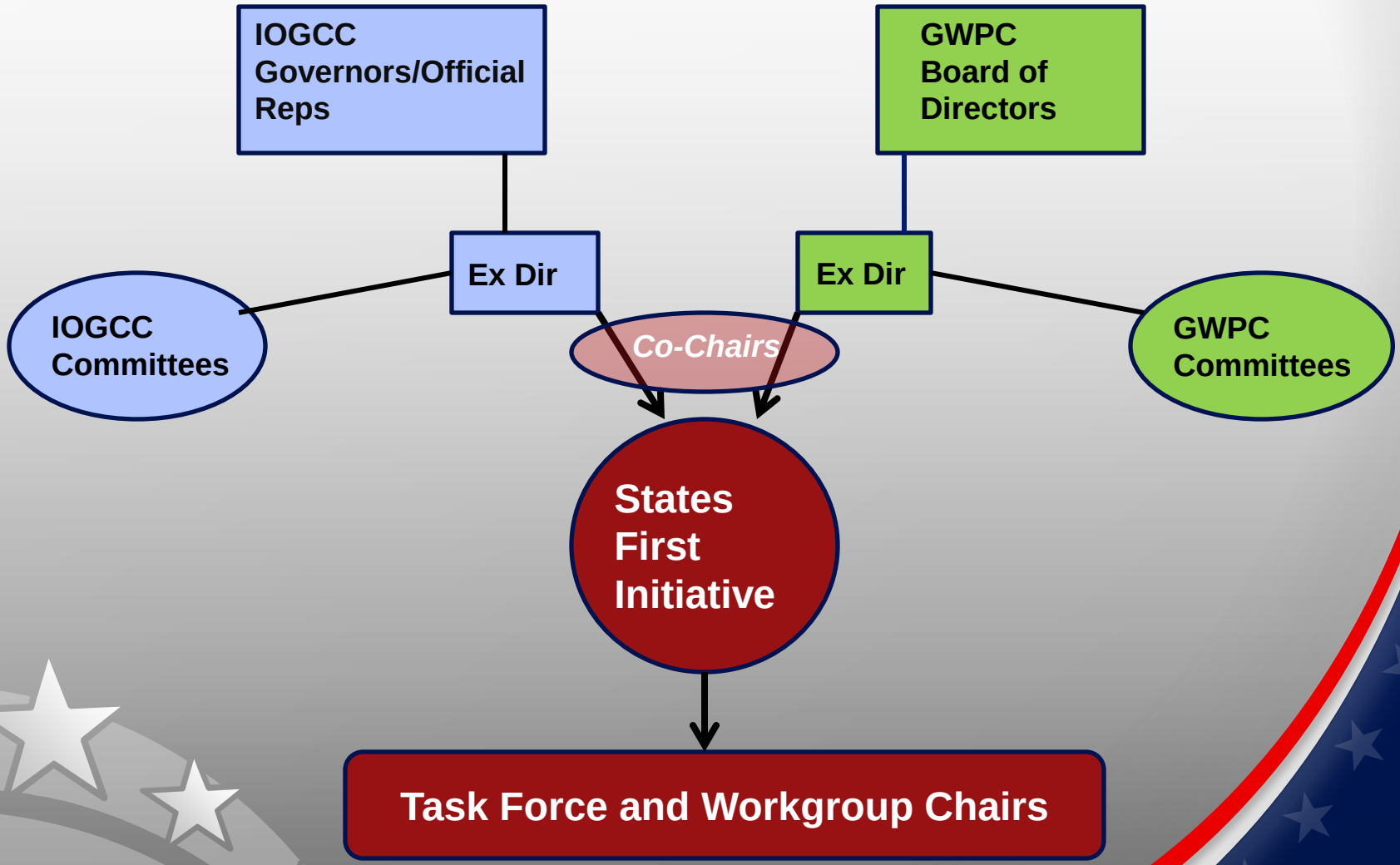
PURPOSES OF THE INITIATIVE

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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- **Underground Injection Control**
  - PEER Regulatory Assessments
  - UIC Class VI Workgroup
- **Hydraulic Fracturing**
  - FracFocus
- **Inspector Training & Certification**
  - Oil and Gas Inspector certification
  - Oil and Gas Inspector training curriculum
- **Continuous Improvement through SOGRE**
  - State to State Consultation
  - PEER Regulatory Assessment
  - Forum, Seminar and Workgroup Convening Services
- **Science & Technology Transfer**
  - Review emerging technology and applied research

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HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

- ***Frac Focus***

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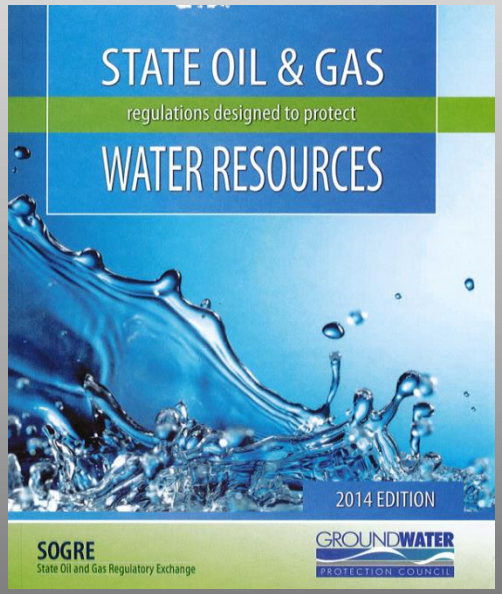
INSPECTOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

- ***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.***



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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***
  - ***Idaho request for Overall Program Assessment***
  - ***Virginia request for UIC Program Consultation***
- ***State to State Issue Focused Workshops and Forums***
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  - ***Utah Horizontal Well Spacing Workshop***
  - ***Convened Produced Water Forums***

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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