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## **[STATE ] Supports Latest FracFocus Technology Upgrades**

FracFocus.org, the national hydraulic fracturing chemical disclosure registry, will fully implement major upgrades beginning June 1, 2013, that will dramatically improve the site's functionality for state, company and public users.

The State of \_\_\_\_\_ has teamed with FracFocus 2.0 as part of its continued effort to increase transparency of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing, a technology employed by oil and gas producers to increase production.

Chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing vary by well and company. FracFocus 2.0 users will now be able to more efficiently search for well site chemical information due to the site's conversion to a XML database platform. In addition to using GIS mapping technology to identify chemicals used in individual wells, users will also have the option to search and pull reports by date, chemical or Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) names.

States, which regulate hydraulic fracturing, benefit from the upgrades to FracFocus. Eleven state regulatory agencies now require company chemical disclosure through FracFocus 2.0. The site allows for a centralized reporting database with the flexibility to tailor compliance needs by individual state, saving valuable tax dollars. [\(Tailor this section to your specific state regulations\)](#)

"Since its inception in 2011, FracFocus has been a living project, growing and evolving on a daily basis," said Gerry Baker, FracFocus spokesman. "Our latest technical improvements have further enabled us to offer transparency, and we are proud to say that FracFocus is the only place that offers chemical data, reliable educational information, and state by state regulations for hydraulic fracturing.

"Quote(s) from Governor, Lawmaker or State Oil and Gas Director"

FracFocus.org launched in April 2011 with 37 reporting companies. As of June 2013, it has grown to 545 participating companies disclosing chemicals for nearly 43,000 wells across the country.

For more information on FracFocus 2.0, visit [www.FracFocus.org](http://www.FracFocus.org), or follow them on Twitter, @FracFocus.

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