



# MARCELLUS SHALE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY UPDATE: WATER AND WASTE

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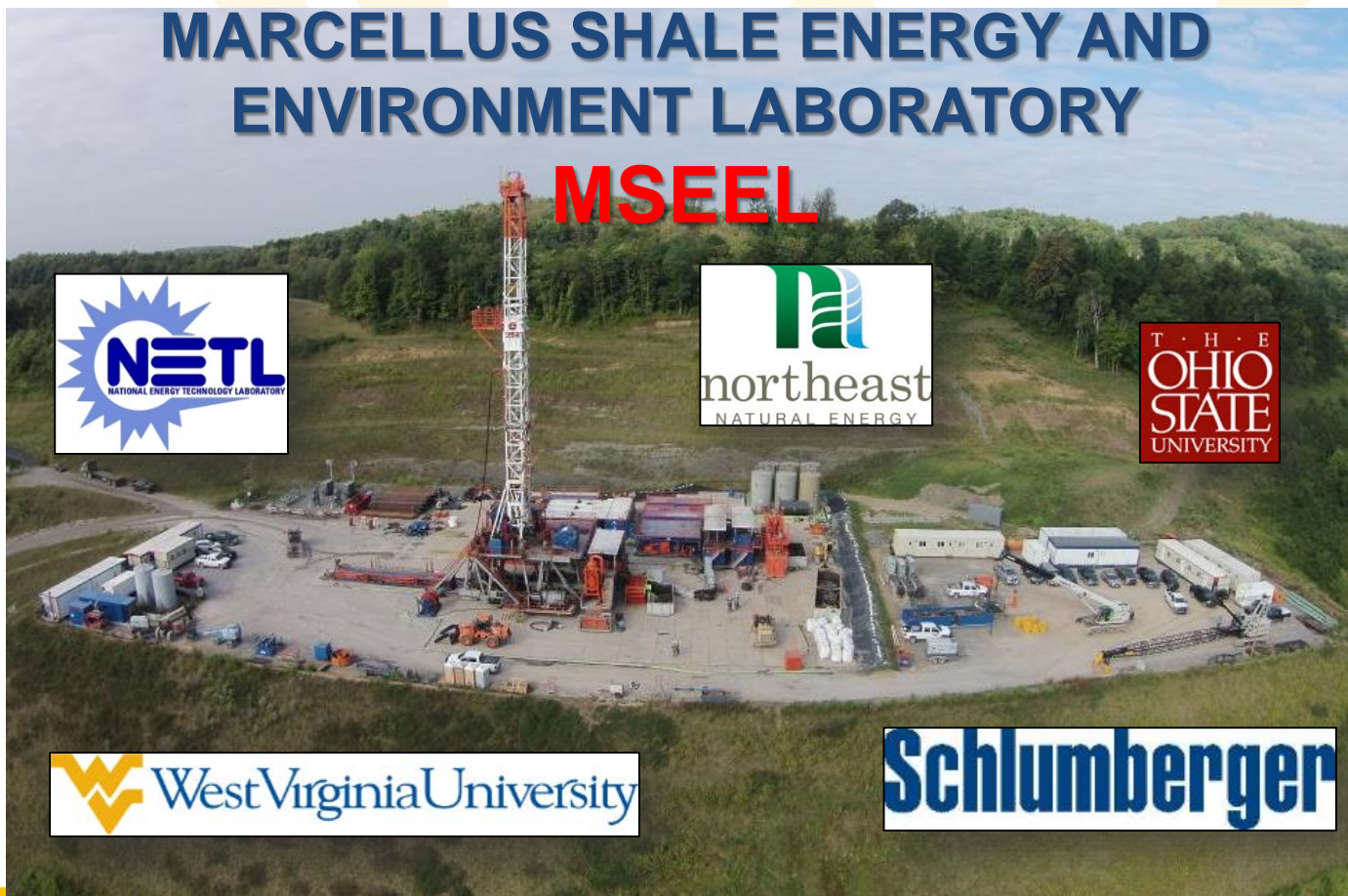
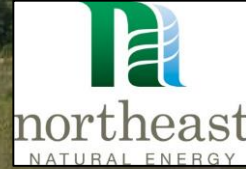
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## MSEEL

The objective of the Marcellus Shale Energy and Environment Laboratory (MSEEL) is to provide a **long-term collaborative field site** to develop and validate new knowledge and technology to improve recovery efficiency and minimize environmental implications of unconventional resource development



# MSEEL

Marcellus Shale  
Energy & Environment  
Laboratory

Northeast Natural Energy



West Virginia University



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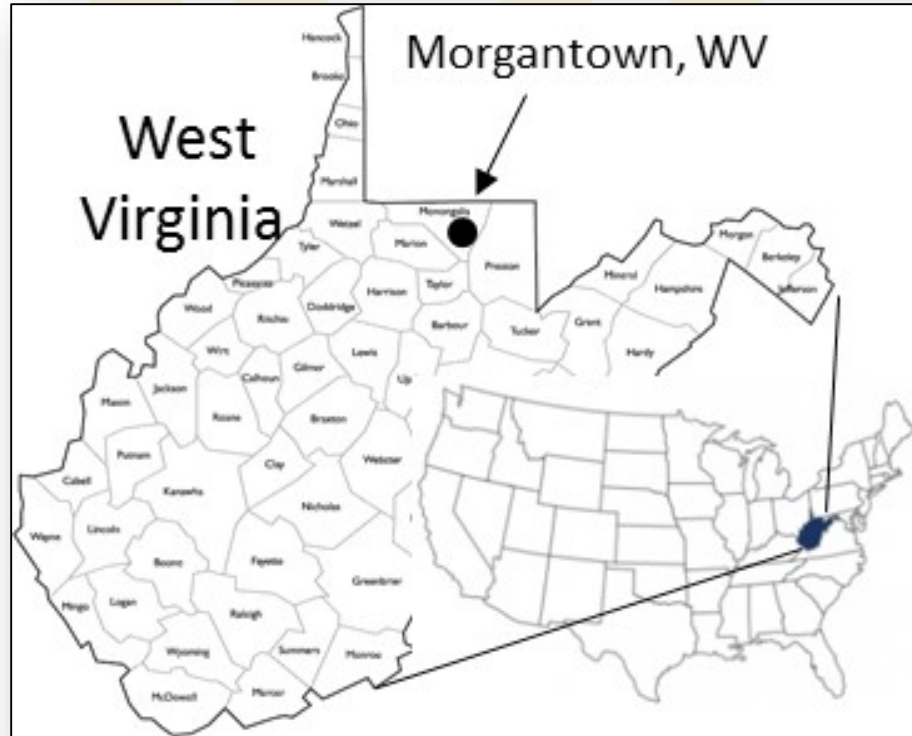
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# MSEEL VISION

- ◆ Demonstrate the **Best Practices** to Drill, Complete and Produce a New Horizontal Well That Minimizes Any Environmental/Societal Costs While Maximizing Economic Productivity
- ◆ Monitor and **Document Impacts** in a Controlled **Environment**
  - ◆ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - ◆ Local Air Pollution
  - ◆ Water Supply and Quality
  - ◆ Noise and Activity
  - ◆ Societal Impacts
- ◆ Develop New Technologies to **Maximize Production**
  - ◆ Microseismic Monitoring
  - ◆ Production Monitoring
  - ◆ Advanced Logging
  - ◆ Simulation
- ◆ Develop **New Scientific and Engineering Approaches** to Apply to Multi-disciplinary and Multi-institutional Natural Resource Studies



# MSEEL Site



# MSEEL

## Drilling MIP 3H and 5H



# MSEEL

## Completion MIP 3H and 5H



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# WATER AND SOLID WASTE STUDIES: CHARACTERIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

## Water

- Hydrofrac fluids
- Makeup water
- Flowback
- Produced water

## Solid wastes

- Drill cuttings
- Mud



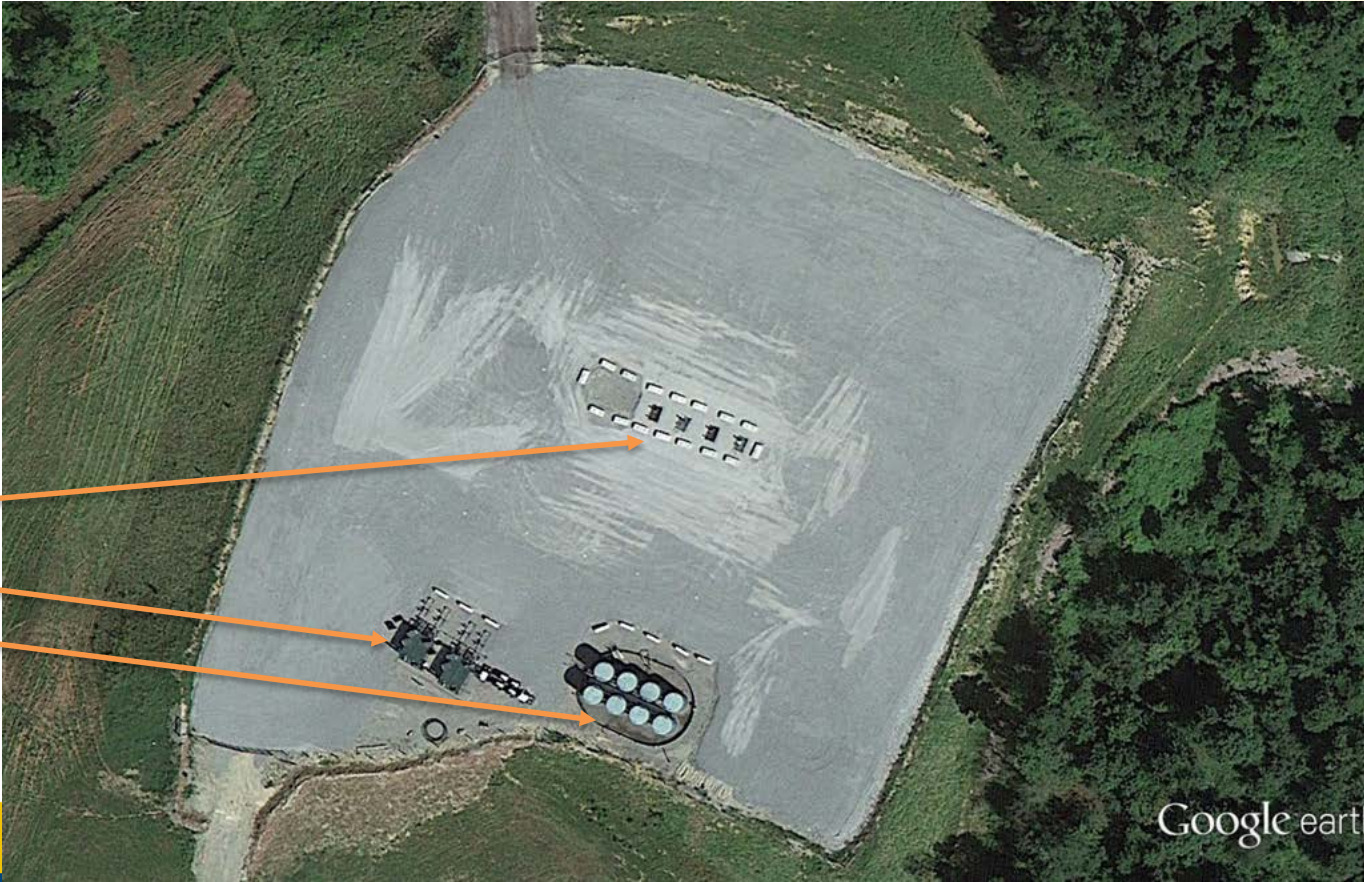
# PRODUCING MARCELLUS WELL PAD: 4 WELLS

2 hectares total

- access/service road
- out slopes

1.2 hectares pad

- well heads
- separators
- condensate tanks



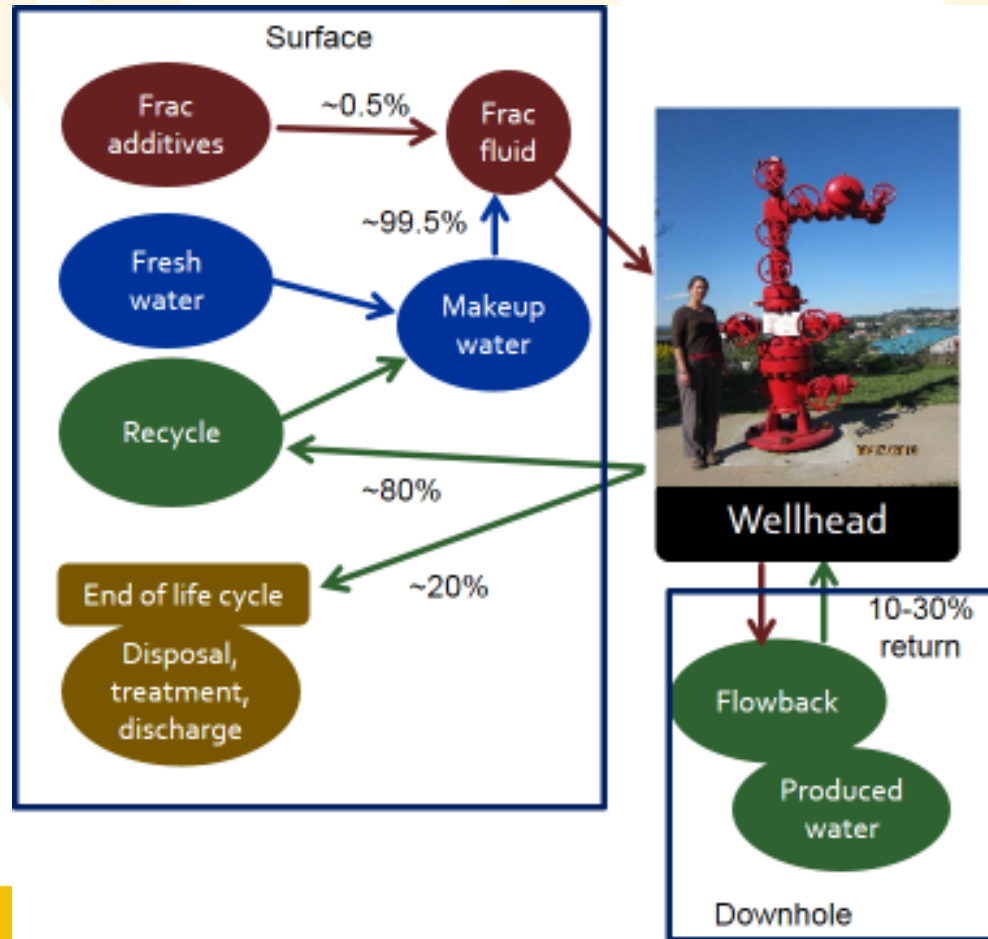
# PRODUCING WELL SITE WITH IMPOUNDMENT

6 hectares:

- access/service road
- well heads
- separators
- condensate tanks



# FLUIDS AT THE WELL SITE

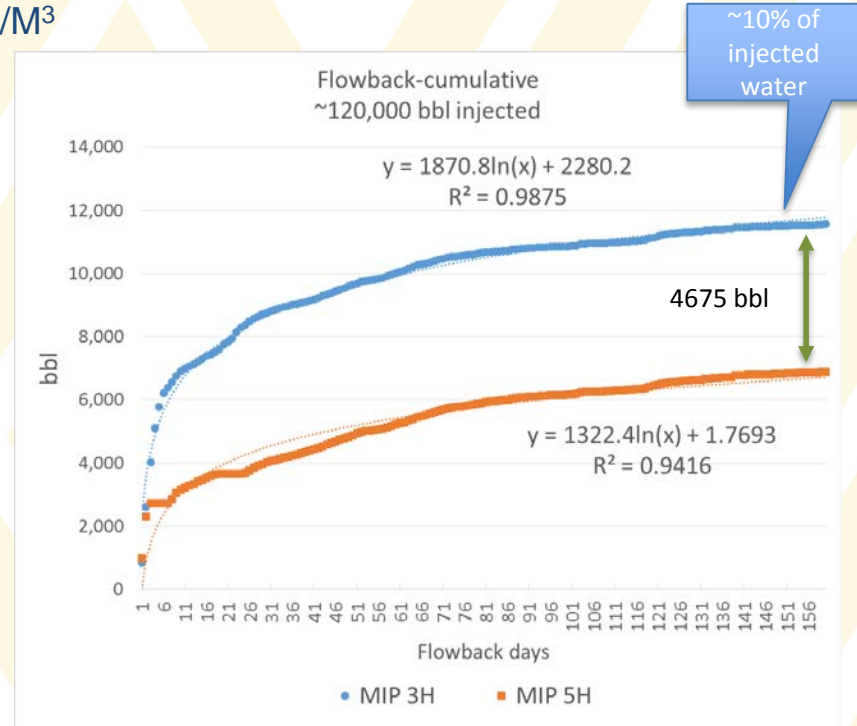
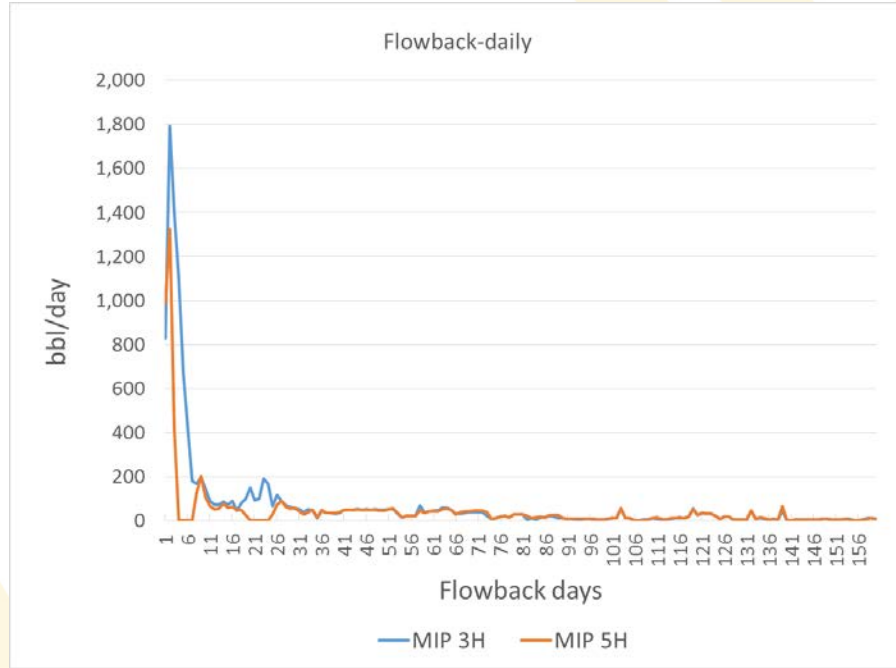


# PRODUCED WATER VOLUMES: MIP 3,5H AFTER 160 DAYS

3H PRODUCED 92% MORE WATER, 30% MORE GAS

1 BBL=0.16 M<sup>3</sup>

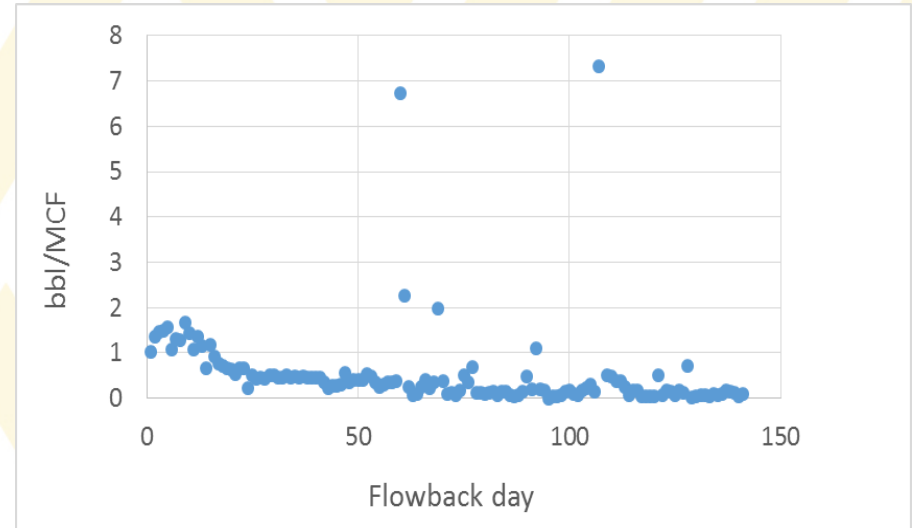
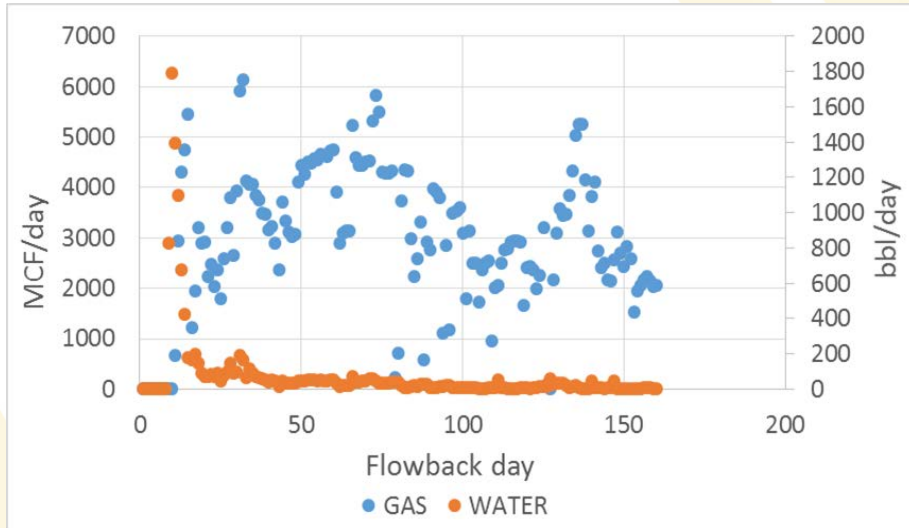
6.25 BBL/M<sup>3</sup>



# Gas/water trends

## Gas vs. water production

Water/gas ratio  
average ~ 0.5 bbl/MCF



# Chemical Characterization

- Flowback/produced water
  - Sampled at upstream end of separators
- Hydraulic fracturing fluid
- Drilling mud



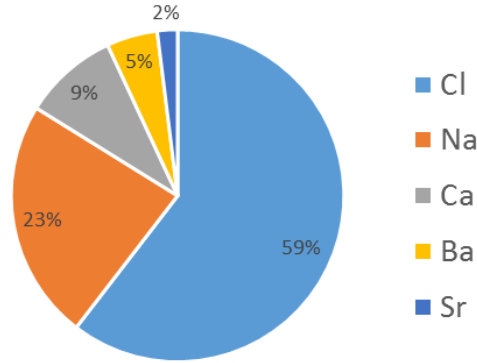
Flowback day  
863 (% TDS)

Major (98%)

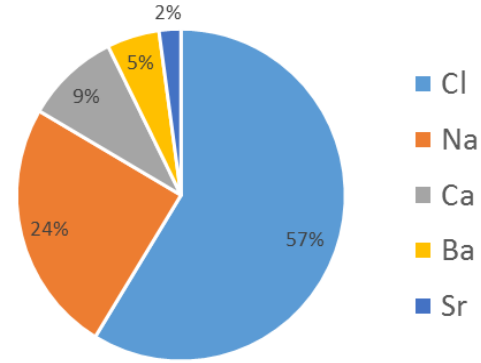
and

Minor ions

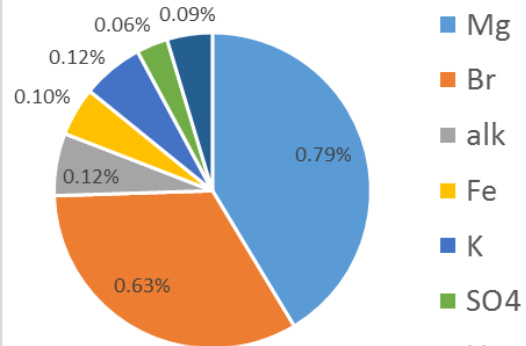
MIP 4-H Produced



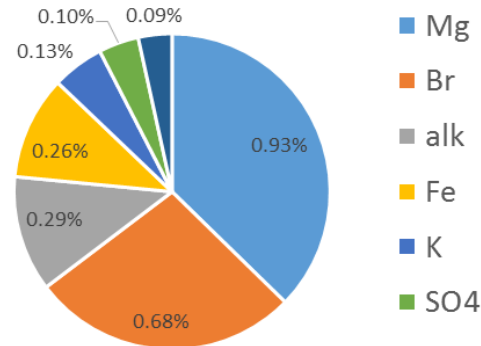
MIP 6-H Produced



MIP 4-H Produced



MIP 6-H Produced





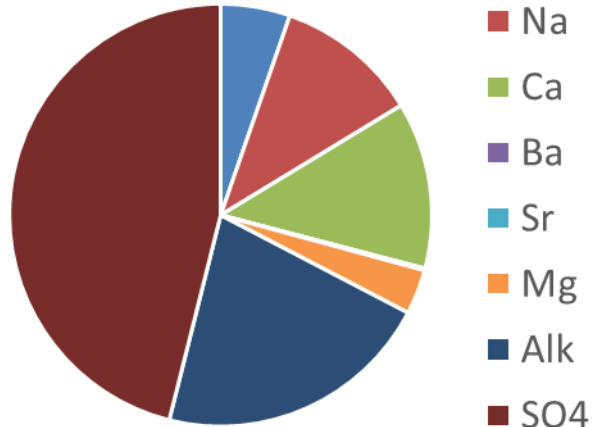
# Produced water evolution: MIP 3H

Makeup-Mon River  
TDS: 285 mg/L

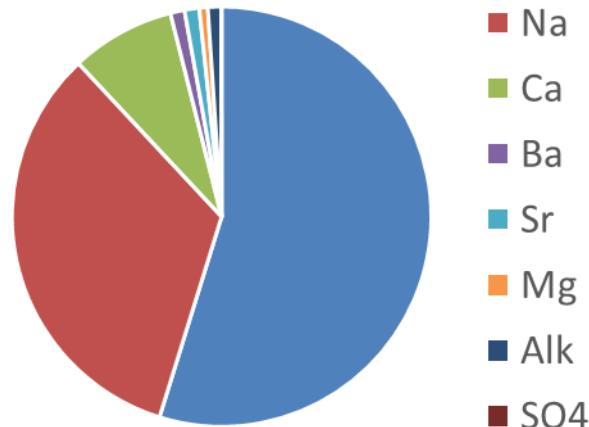
Flowback day 0  
TDS: 27,812 mg/L

Flowback day 160  
TDS: 121,536 mg/L

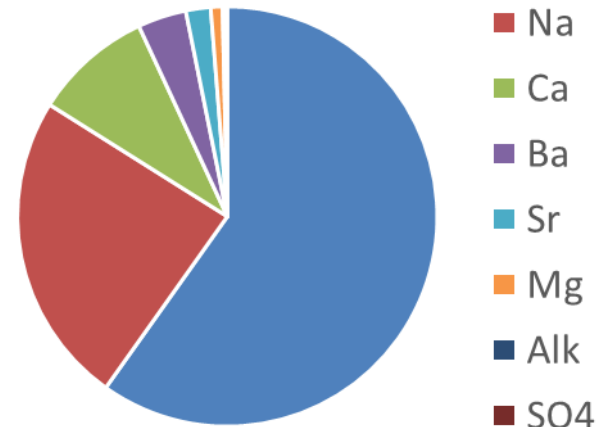
MW 3H -30



MIP 3H 0



MIP 3H 160



30 days post completion



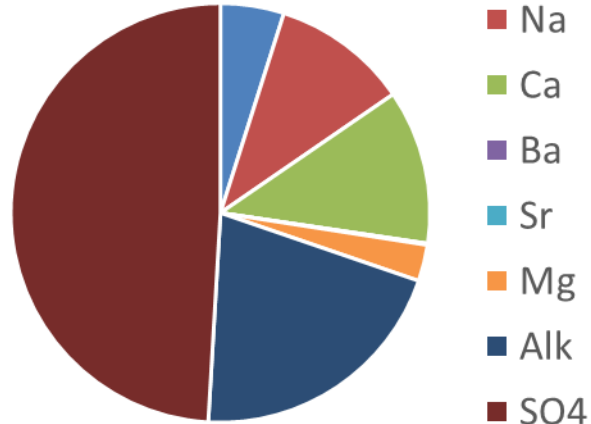
# Produced water evolution: MIP 5H

Makeup-Mon River  
TDS: 289 mg/L

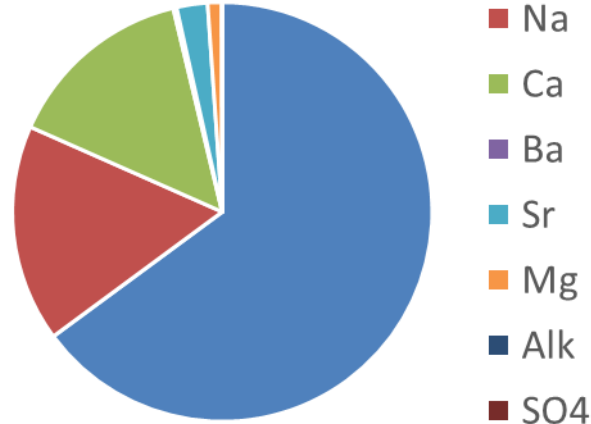
Flowback day 0  
TDS: 188,113 mg/L

Flowback day 160  
TDS: 110,620 mg/L

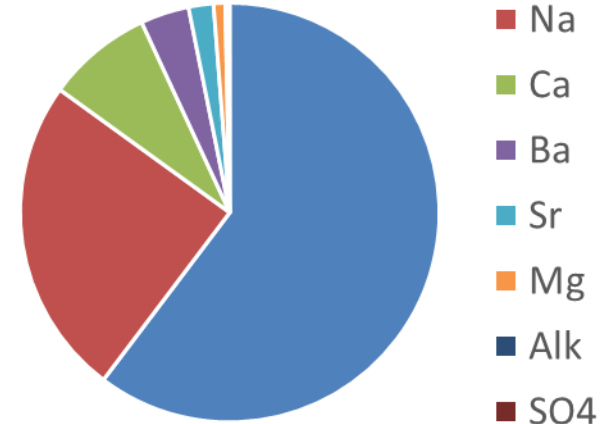
MW 5H -34



MIP 5H 0



MIP 5H 160



34 days post completion



NEARLY ALL  
PARAMETERS  
WERE HIGHER IN  
FLOWBACK THAN  
FRAC FLUID

PINK: EXCEEDS  
DRINKING WATER  
MCL

analyte	Date well FB days	10-Nov-15	10-Nov-15	18-May-16
		MW 3H -30	HF 3H -30	MIP 3H 160
Na	mg/L	31.0	62.0	29,000
Ca	mg/L	36.0	35.0	11,000
Ba	mg/L	0.1	0.0	4,500
Sr	mg/L	0.4	0.3	2,300
Mg	mg/L	9.7	9.7	1,100
Fe	mg/L	0.1	3.9	320
K	mg/L	2.5	4.3	180
Mn	mg/L	0.0	0.2	13.0
Zn	mg/L	0.0	0.1	0.6
Ni	mg/L	0.0	0.0	0.2
As	mg/L	0.0	0.0	0.1
Cr	mg/L	0.0	0.0	0.1
Pb	mg/L	0.0	0.0	0.0
Al	mg/L	0.0	0.8	BDL <span style="color:red">▲</span>
Se	mg/L	0.0	0.0	BDL <span style="color:red">▲</span>
Ag	mg/L	0.0	0.0	BDL <span style="color:red">▲</span>
Cl	mg/L	15	48	72,000
Br	mg/L	0	BDL <span style="color:red">▲</span>	693
Alk	mg/L	60	80	330
SO4	mg/L	130	120	BDL
TDS	mg/L	260	420	120,000



# IN PRODUCED WATER CHLORIDE IS THE DOMINANT ANION: SOLUBILITY VS. SULFATE AND CARBONATE MINERALS

chlorides		sulfates		carbonates	
mineral	solubility (mg/L)	mineral	solubility (mg/L)	mineral	solubility (mg/L)
a) NaCl	360,000	a) Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	281,000	a) Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	307,000
a) MgCl <sub>2</sub>	560,000	a) MgSO <sub>4</sub>	357,000	a) MgCO <sub>3</sub>	390
a) CaCl <sub>2</sub>	813,000	a) CaSO <sub>4</sub>	2,505	b) CaCO <sub>3</sub>	5.8
a) SrCl <sub>2</sub>	547,000	b) SrSO <sub>4</sub>	108	b) SrCO <sub>3</sub>	3.5
a) BaCl <sub>2</sub>	370,000	b) BaSO <sub>4</sub>	2.4	b) BaCO <sub>3</sub>	10
a) RaCl <sub>2</sub>	245,000	b) RaSO <sub>4</sub>	2.1	c) RaCO <sub>3</sub>	insoluble

a) from solubility table

b) derived from  $K_{sp}$

c) reported insoluble, no  $K_{sp}$  available



**MW:** Makeup water, **HF:** Hydraulic fracturing fluid, **MIP:** produced water

	Date	10-Nov-15	10-Nov-15	18-May-16
	well	MW 3H	HF 3H	MIP 3H
analyte	FB days	-30	-30	160
pH		6.8	6.7	6.2
Benzene	µg/L	0.1	0.1	5.1
Ethylbenzene	µg/L	0.1	0.1	0.3
m,p-Xylene	µg/L	0.2	0.2	1.0
o-Xylene	µg/L	0.1	0.1	0.7
Toluene	µg/L	0.0	0.8	7.4
Xylene t	µg/L	0.3	0.3	1.7
α act	pCi/L	2	3	41,290
β act	pCi/L	2	5	11,170
<sup>226+228</sup> Ra act	pCi/L	1	3	17,521



# TERMINOLOGY: SOLID WASTES

- **Drilling mud**
  - Returns to the surface with cuttings during drilling
  - Recycled after cuttings removed
  - To disposal after well completed
- **Drill cuttings**
  - Rock fragments-clay to fine gravel
  - ~500-800 tons/well or 25 to 50 truckloads
  - To disposal after separation from drilling mud
- **Flowback Solids**-filter cake, precipitates, suspended solids



# DRILLING WASTES

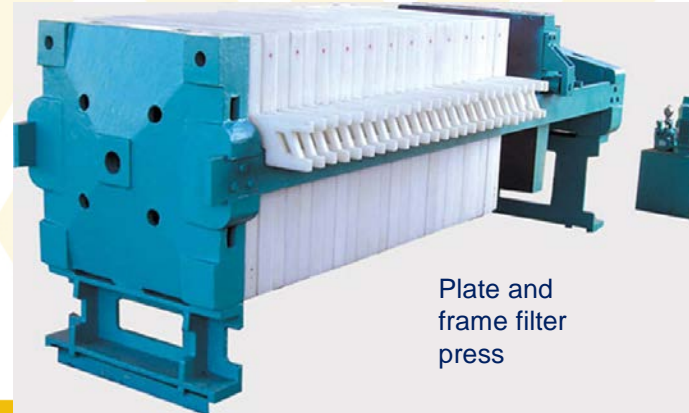
## Mud



## Cuttings



# SOLIDS SEPARATION





## CONVENTIONAL DRILLING MUD

DRILL CUTTINGS  
% SAMPLES (LIQUID  
FRACTION)  
> TCLP LIMIT

### Drill Cuttings: Vertical Section

Drill	%>				
Cuttings	TCLP	min	max		
Cr	100%	6.7	32.8		mg/L
As	90%	2.4	30.6		mg/L
Pb	80%	3.5	84.9		mg/L
Ba	70%	23.9	7,870.0		mg/L
Benzene	70%	0.0	300.0		µg/L
Se	40%	0.0	3.3		mg/L
Hg	10%	0.0	0.3		mg/L



# Using 'Green' Drilling Mud no parameters exceeded TCLP

- In the Vertical and Horizontal (Marcellus) sections:
  - TCLP organics-no exceedances
  - TCLP inorganics-no exceedances



# Drilling mud: Bio-Base™ 365

<u>Property</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Test Method</u>
Physical state		Liquid	Visual
Biodegradation, 28 days		%m 55-60	OECD 301
Potential carcinogenic label		- No	-
BTEX**	mg/kg	< 1 *	ASTM 5790 mod.
PAH	mg/kg	< 0.1 *	EPA 8100

*\*Below the detection level of the method.*

*\*\*BTEX (Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Toluene, Xylene).*



# Radiochemistry: drill cuttings

USDOT low level radioactive waste: 2,000 pCi/g

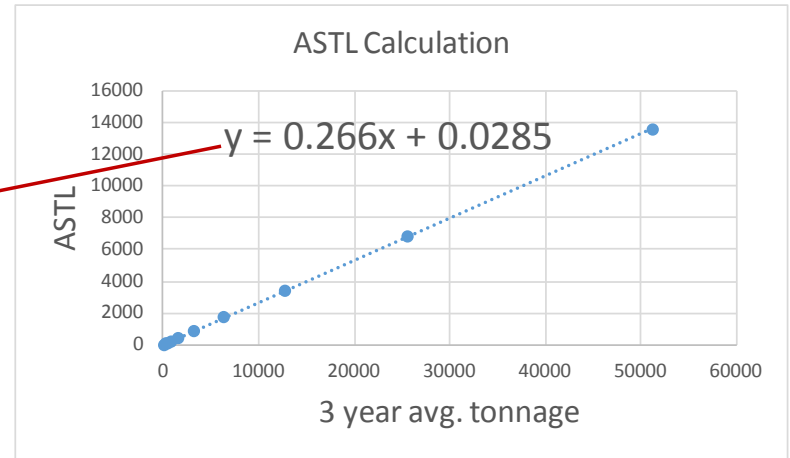
EPA 901.1	$\alpha$ pCi/g	$\beta$ pCi/g	$^{226+228}\text{Ra}$ pCi/g	$^{40}\text{K}$ pCi/g
MIP 4400	28.32	1.22	16.82	24.50
MIP 5026	24.28	1.35	12.40	19.40
MIP 6798 5H	27.36	1.76	18.54	27.80
MIP 8555 5H	25.90	4.71	28.34	36.90
MIP 8555 5H DUP	24.63	4.56	39.22	29.80
MIP 9998 5H	16.70	9.15	47.28	42.90
MIP 11918 5H	21.80	4.01	25.12	23.00
MIP 11918 5H	19.69	4.17	24.56	28.70
MIP 13480 3H	17.66	9.22	56.51	35.40
MIP 13480 3H DUP	18.49	9.72	60.33	35.00
MIP 13480 3H Mud	12.89	5.56	60.49	42.50
MIP 14454 5H	20.07	5.77	30.13	37.50



# PADEP LANDFILL GUIDANCE FOR TENORM OIL AND GAS = RWC 804

## Acceptance Criteria

2013 collected tonnage	5000
2014 collected tonnage	6000
2015 collected tonnage	1500
3 yr collected tons avg.	4167
allowed source term loading (ASTL)	1108
monthly source term allocation (MSTA)	92



well name	municipality	county	actual reading from handheld device		isotope	TENORM tons	multiplier	load source term (μR/hr)*tons	MSTA remaining (μR/hr)*tons	additional comments
			right side centerline mid point dose rate (μR/hr)	left side centerline mid point dose rate (μR/hr)						
Bobo 1	Harborview	Greene	2	2		15	1.5	45	92	
Bobo 1	Harborview	Greene	25	15		1	1.5	30	92	
Bobo 1	Harborview	Greene	3	3		15	1.5	68	-50	REJECT



# West Virginia's Solid Waste Management Rule: Drill cuttings and associated drilling wastes

- Prior to permitting:
  - Composite vertical and horizontal samples
  - Testing: TCLP-metals, VOC, SVOC, TPH
- Disposal in lined cells
- Leachate collection/testing



# West Virginia's Solid Waste Management Rule: Drill cuttings and associated drilling wastes At the landfill

- If incoming load exceeds  $10 \mu\text{R/hr}$  above local background ( $\sim 24+10=37 \mu\text{R/hr}$ )
- $R = \text{Roentgen} = \gamma, x \text{ radiation only}$
- Determine  $^{226}\text{Ra} + ^{228}\text{Ra}$
- $^{226}\text{Ra}$  by USEPA method 903 takes 28 days
- Must be less than  $5 \text{ pCi/g}$  above local background
- If greater, reject load



# CONCLUSIONS

- Produced water is highly contaminated
  - Saline
  - Organics (much less in dry gas wells)
  - Radiochemicals
  - All increase through production cycle
  - Managed through recycle as makeup water
- Drill cuttings toxicity controlled by drilling fluids
- Drill cuttings radioactivity is low





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