

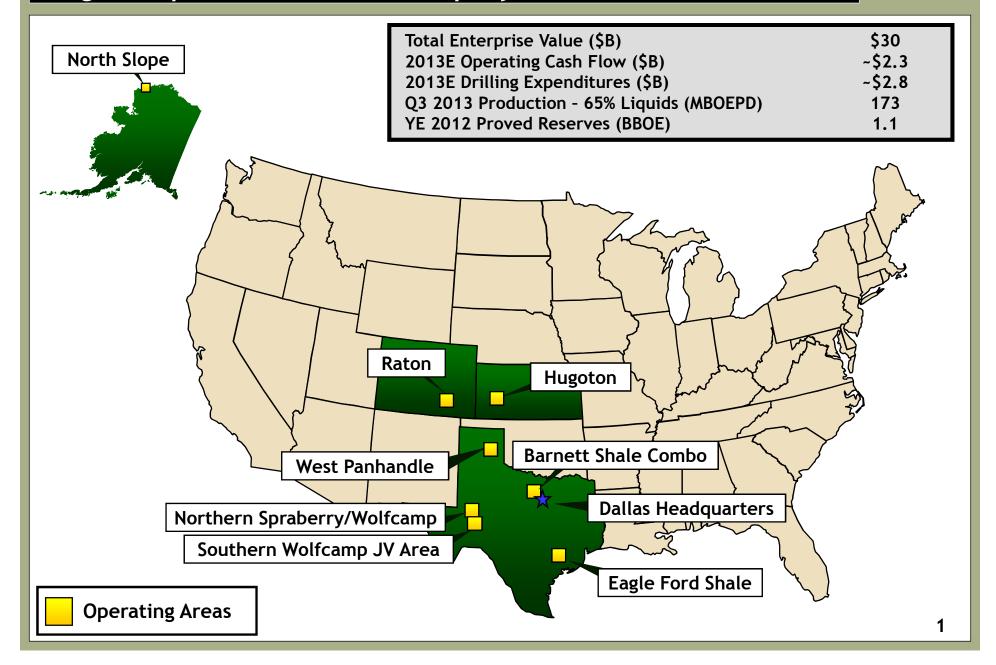
# Hydraulic Fracturing Sustainable Development Initiatives

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#### Pioneer Overview-Large Independent U.S. E&P Company

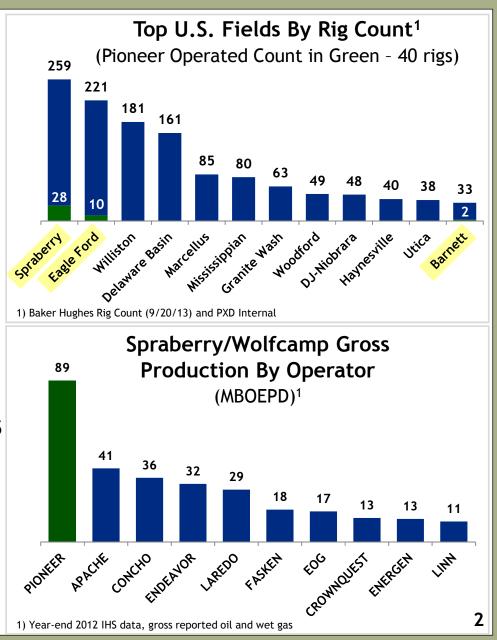




#### Pioneer At A Glance: Midland Basin Focus

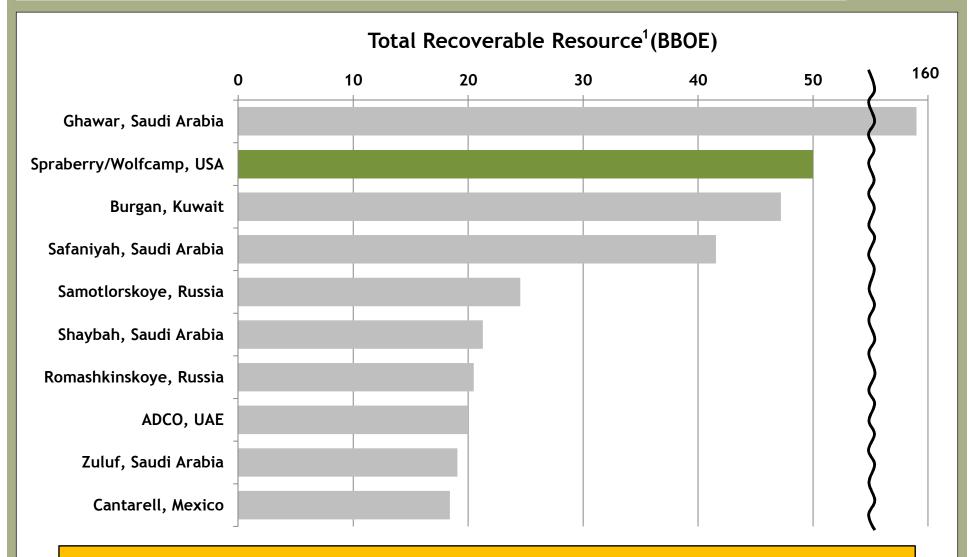


- Second largest oil producer in Texas
- Resource-focused strategy, with activity concentrated in 3 of the most active U.S. fields
- Best performing energy stock in S&P 500 since 2009
- Operating in core Spraberry/Wolfcamp asset since early 1980s
- PXD holds ~900,000 acres in Spraberry/Wolfcamp
- Largest producer in Spraberry/Wolfcamp with 28 rigs operating (13 horizontal and 15 vertical) and 7,000+ producing wells
- Preeminent, low-cost operator benefitting from vertical integration strategy



# Largest Oil Fields Worldwide





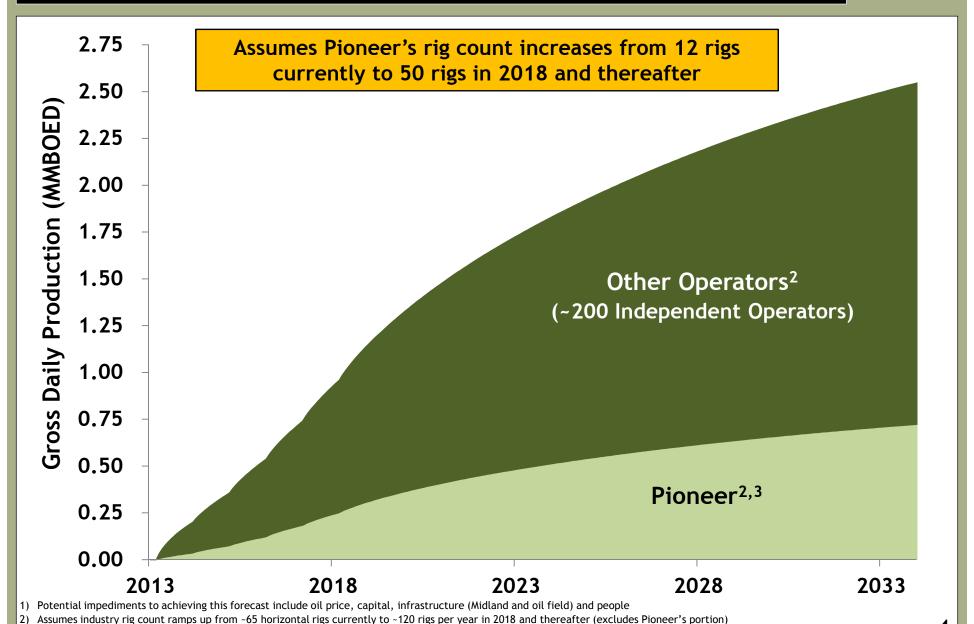
Spraberry/Wolfcamp is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest oil field in the world

<sup>1)</sup> Total recoverable reserves includes oil and gas for all fields Source: Wood Mackenzie for international fields; Spraberry/Wolfcamp from Pioneer

#### Spraberry/Wolfcamp Horizontal Drilling Production Growth Profile<sup>1</sup>

3) Includes royalties and joint interest partner's share of production in southern Wolfcamp



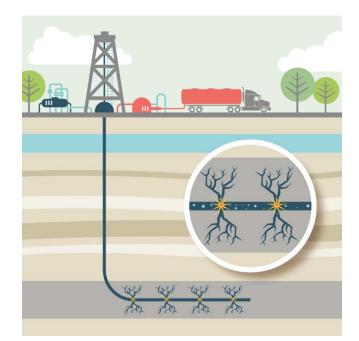


# **Public Questions**



Wellbore Integrity

Seismicity



Air Quality

Endangered Species

Water Use

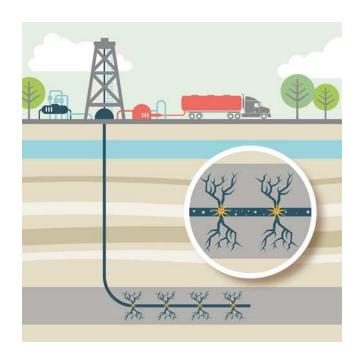
# **The Players**



# Communities

Oil & Gas Producers

Universities



Regulators

Lawmakers

**NGOs** 

Service Companies

# **Wellbore Integrity**



### Objectives

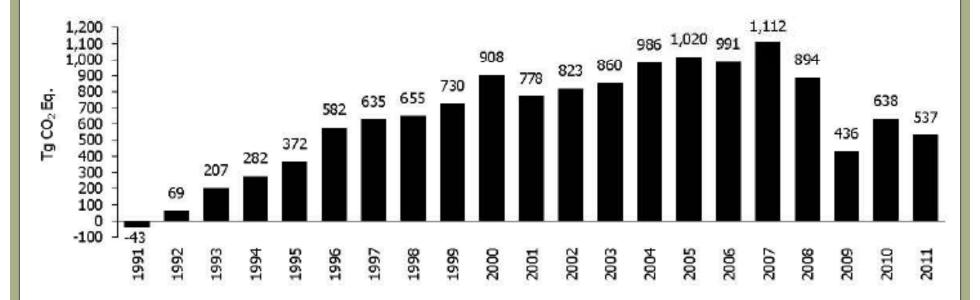
- Control wellbore pressure
- Prevent pollution or groundwater contamination
- Safely drill to total depth and produce oil/gas
- Texas Rule 3.13 revisions
  - Upgrade regulations for drilling and completions
- FracFocus reporting
- Fracture additive product assessment

# Air Initiatives—Reducing GHG



 US GHG emissions are lower due in a large part to natural gas substitution for coal.

ES-3: Cumulative Change in Annual U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Relative to 1990



Source: Draft EPA U.S. Green house gas emissions and sinks: 1990-2011

#### Air Initiatives—Methane Measurement Project



#### Part 1 Results

- Most hydraulically fractured well completions sampled had equipment in place that reduces methane emissions by nearly 99%. Methane emissions from well completions are 97% lower than calendar year 2011 national emission estimates, released by EPA in April 2013.
- Emissions from pneumatic devices are approximately 70% higher than current EPA net emissions estimates, and equipment leaks are ~50% higher than current EPA net emission estimates; collectively these emissions account for more than 40% of methane net emissions from natural gas production.
- Methane emissions from gas production, from all sources measured in the study, were comparable to the most recent EPA estimates
- Emissions for completion flowbacks, pneumatics and equipment leaks, coupled with EPA national inventory estimates for other categories, leads to estimated 0.42% methane emissions from natural gas gross production.

#### Part 2 Plan

- Additional emission measurements from liquid unloadings (100 events) and pneumatic controllers (500 controllers) to supplement and enhance the data collected in Part 1 of the study.
- Conduct sampling September 2013 through early 2014 and submit final report for publication in March 2014.

### **Air Initiatives—Internal Plans**



#### Internal Plans

- Estimate comprehensive emissions inventory
- Evaluation of upwind/downwind measurement methods
- Direct emissions measurement (ex. pneumatic devices)
- Voluntary emissions reduction measures (instrument air pneumatic controllers, green completions, infrared surveys on production equipment, natural gas-fueled fleet and drilling rigs)

#### Compliance with new rules

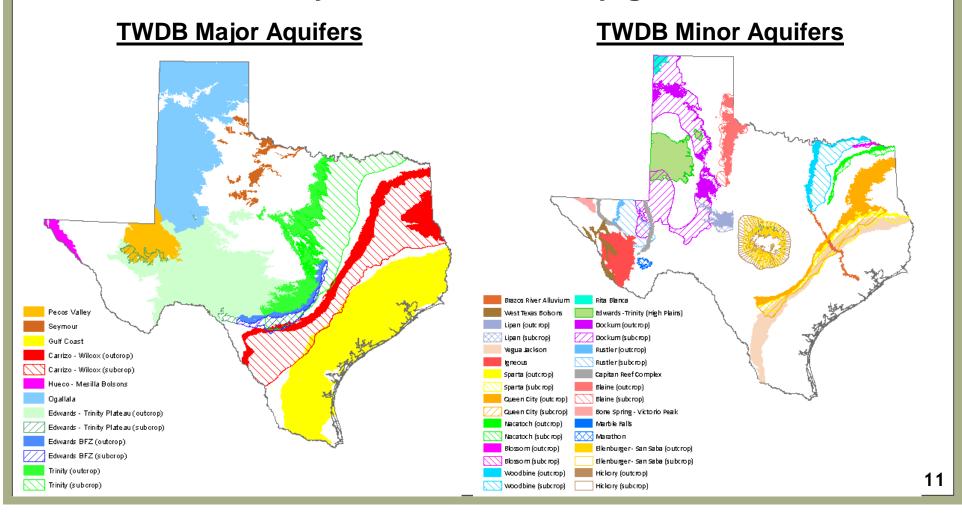
New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) – EPA



# Source Water Background

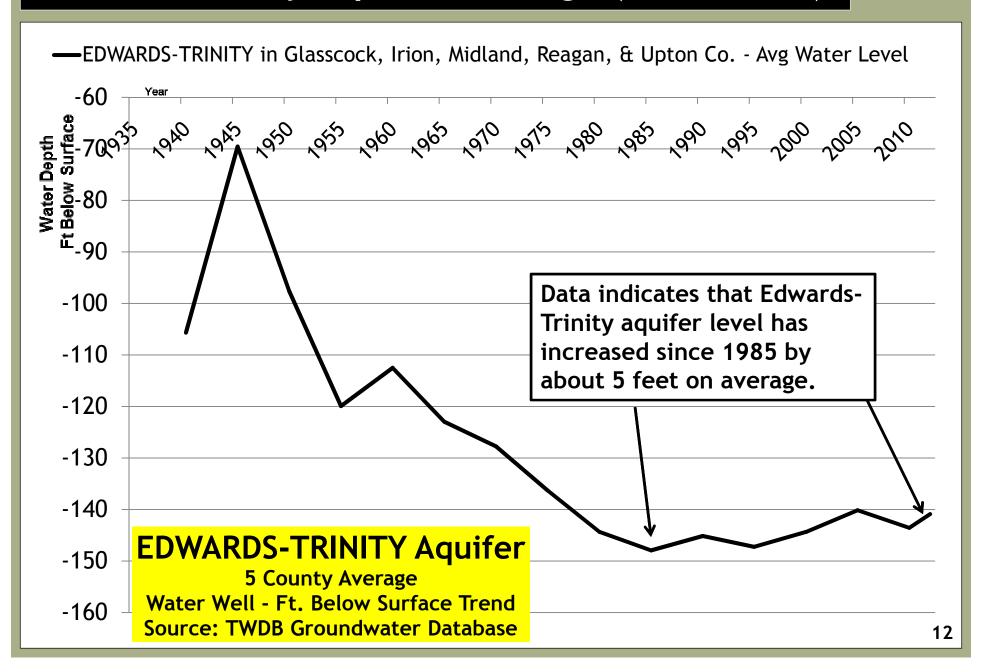


- TWDB data indicates that West Texas aquifers have been stable or slightly rebounding since the 1980's
- Most O&G activity used fresh nearby groundwater



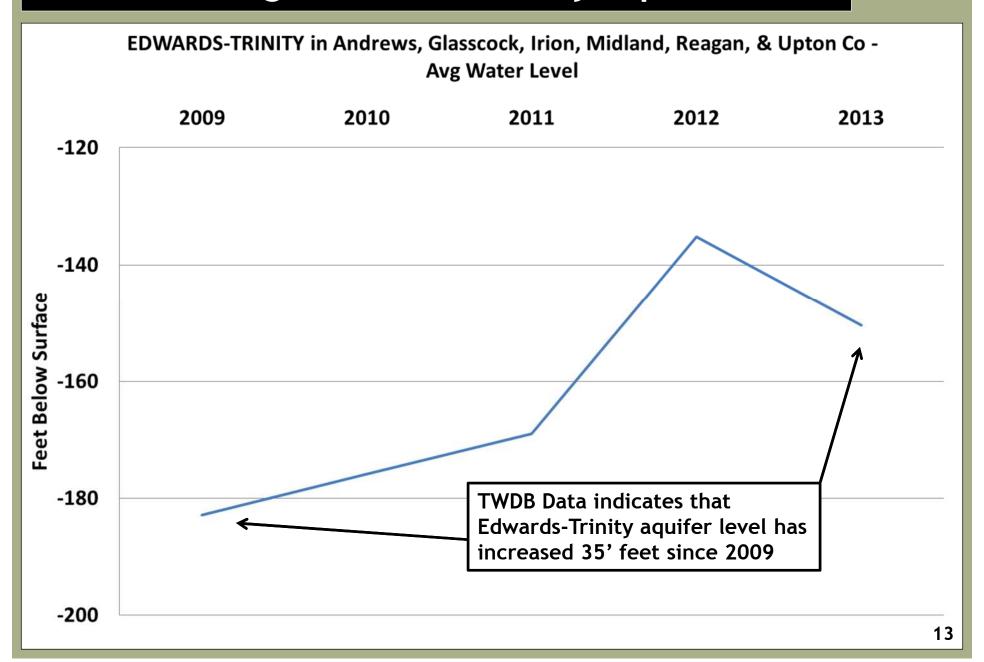
# Edwards-Trinity Aquifer Average (TWDB data)





# Recent Average Edwards-Trinity Aquifer Level PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES





# Permian Water Sources



#### **Summary of Challenges** <u>Source</u>

#### **Volume**

Fresh (less than 1,000 ppm TDS)

5.4 B ac-ft\*

Local Concern that volumes are limited.

Distant Texas still has limited fresh water & cost to transport

#### **Brackish** (1,000 – 10,000 ppm TDS)

2.7 B ac-ft\*

Local Drilled 40 wells for brackish water with mixed results

Distant Cost to transport is significant

#### Recycling

Clean Brine ~Low cost; Storage, transport & frac chemistry challenges

Desalination Highest cost; Solids or brine concentrate disposal

All options have challenges... \*Volumes statewide per TWDB

# Pioneer's Permian Water Plans:



- Brackish sourced water
- Blending and Treating water to keep TDS below 3,000

#### Positives:

- Reduces fresh water demand
- Provides long-term water source for Pioneer
- TDS below 3,000 reduces risks in transport and storage

#### Challenges:

- Requires long term commitment
- Transportation required



# Network to Distribute Useable Water

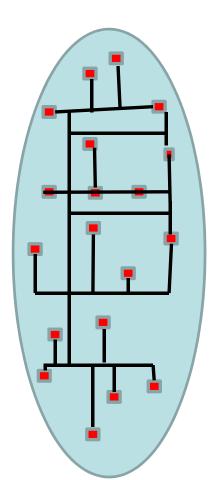


#### Plan:

- Build a network to move useable water close to frac sites
- Build storage ponds spread around acreage (red dots)

#### Why?

- Reduced need for trucking water
- Transport water more effective for long term
- Allows flexible use of water sources and storage capacity



# Other Parts of the Plan



#### **Continue to evaluate other sources**

- In-field brackish wells
- Municipal waste water sources
- Pipelines from outside of basin



#### **Recycling projects**

- 4 recycling projects by Q1 2014 20,000 BWPD
  - 3 desalination projects
  - 1 clean brine project

#### **Evaporation Control Covers (ECCs)**

- Can save 6 feet of evaporation per year in W. Texas
- Economically viable if pond needed for several years
- Approximately 6 ECCs installed by year-end 2013
- More installations planned



# **Endangered Species**



- Endangered Species Act Reform
  - Industry groups lobbying Congress for targeted reforms to ESA that are pragmatic and based on sound science, not politics
  - ESA should not be utilized as a land and water management tool but for its intended purpose of wildlife protection
- An "endangered" or "threatened" listing places communities and future development at risk
- 250+ candidate species must be reviewed by 2016

Voluntary Conservation Agreements help protect species and

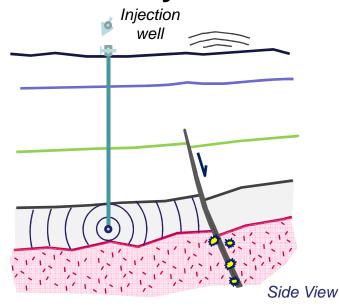
may prevent listings



# **Induced Seismicity from Fluid Disposal**



- Long history of water injection by O&G
  - Very few cases of seismicity, minimal surface impact
- Studies are ongoing
  - Induced seismicity is hard to differentiate from natural seismicity
  - Nature is often hard to predict
- Potential impact may be evaluated case-by-case
  - Risks can be managed
  - Industry and States addressing



# Conclusions



- Hydraulic Fracturing of shale is game changing and very positive for the USA
- O&G has taken steps on the major areas
- Many studies and programs are ongoing

O&G cares about community support &

sustainability

