



Presentation on Hydraulic Fracturing by California Department of Conservation

Background

Hydraulic fracturing or “fracking” is the process of injecting a pressurized liquid into underground geologic formations to extract or stimulate the flow of oil and natural gas. This process has been used for several decades but has become more widespread in recent years and concerns have been raised about impacts on the environment, including water supply and water quality.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is the lead state agency on fracking in California. Tim Kustic, State Oil and Gas Supervisor for DOC’s Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources will brief the Commission on fracking activities in California and regulations that DOC is developing to address public safety and environmental impacts.

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