

# Natural Gas Outlook

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# Fertilizer Industry vs. Natural Gas Industry



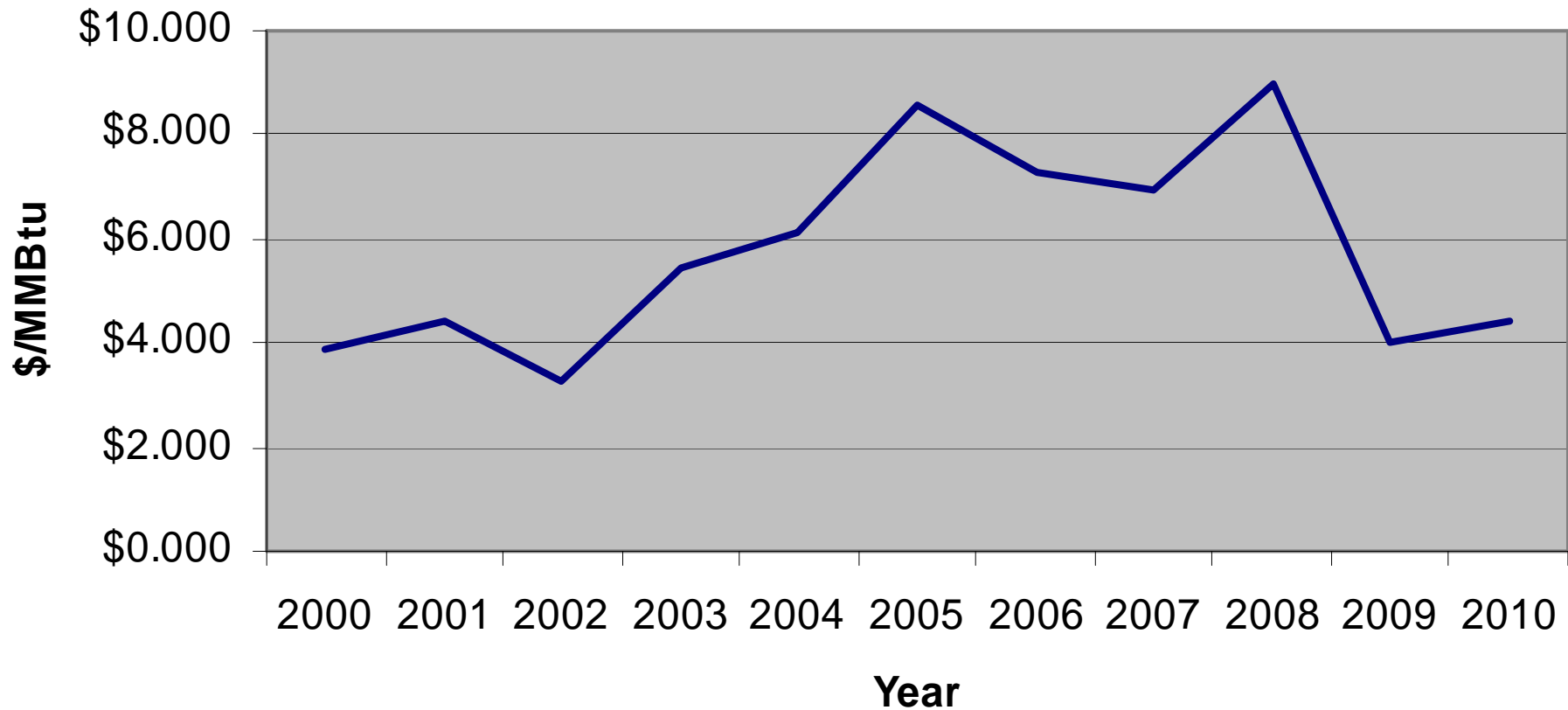
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# What will impact natural gas prices during the next 5 years?

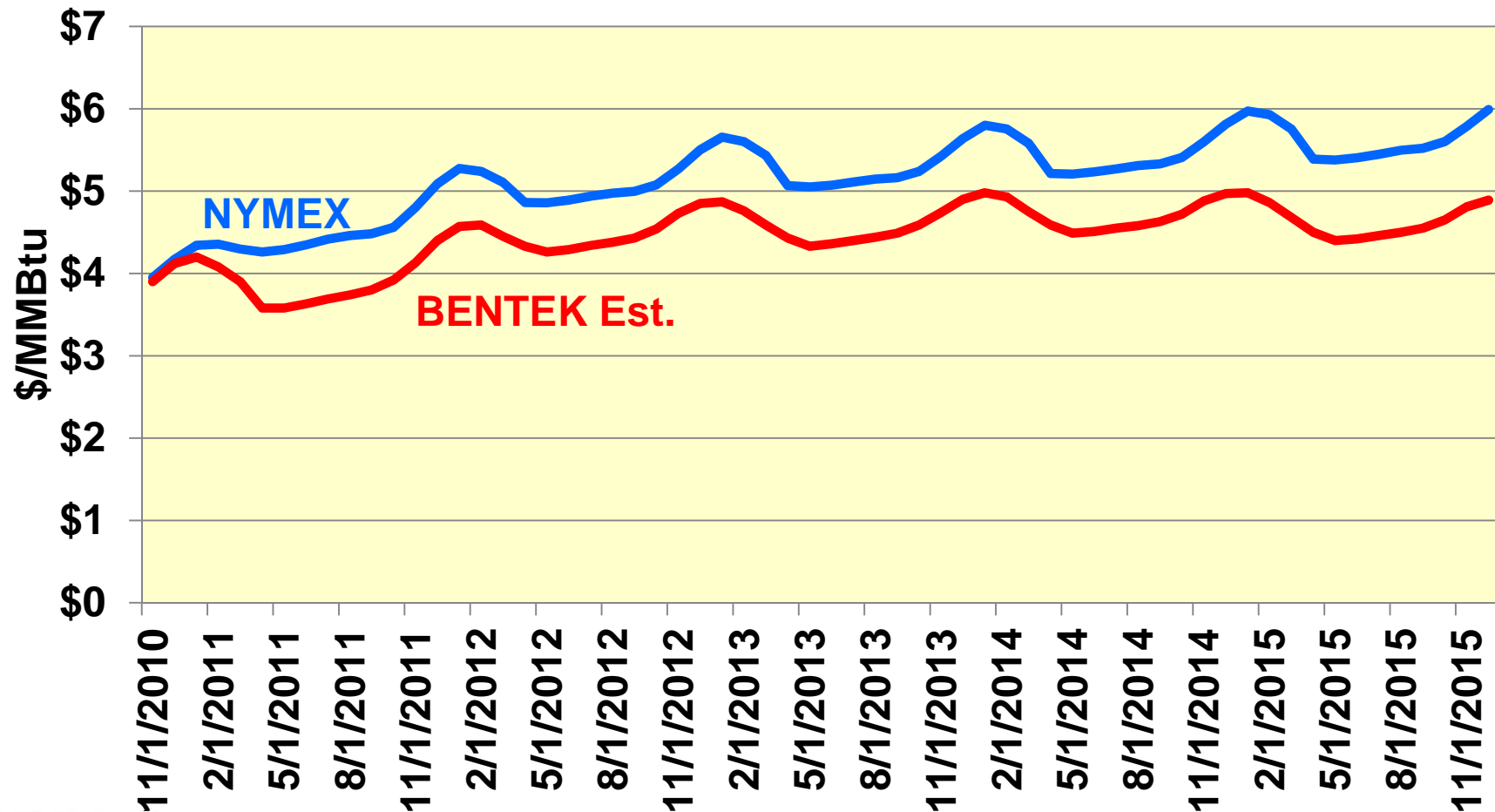
- Shale gas/productivity gains (We aren't exploring, we are manufacturing gas.)
- Lower EPA Air Standards (demand increase)
- Renewable Portfolio Standards (in an inexpensive gas environment?)
- Coal to gas conversion (demand increase)
- Demand in Mexico (potential demand increase)
- LNG exports from North America (China is waiting)

# Historical NYMEX Prices

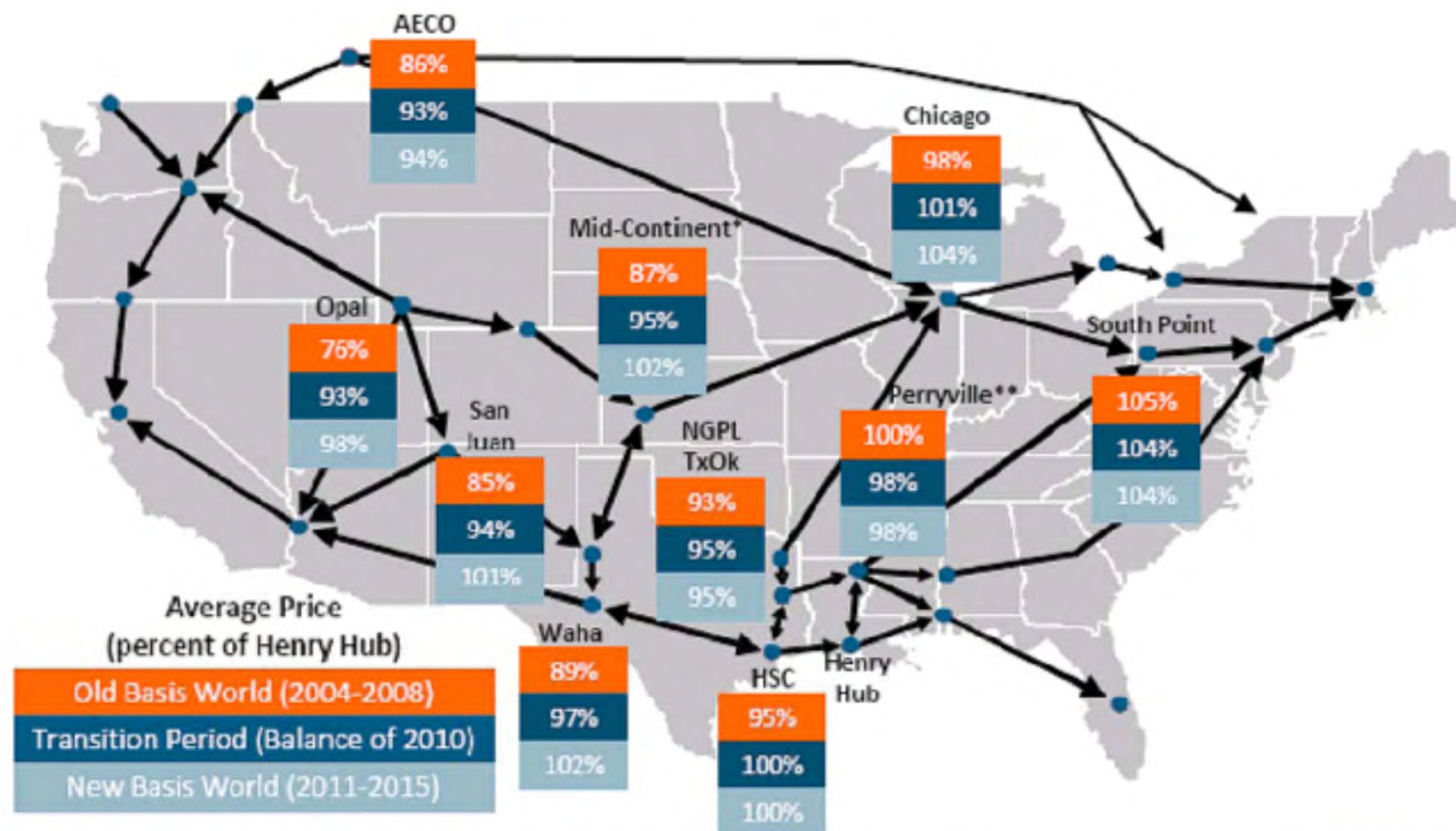


NYMEX - Average last 3 days of close as reported in Platts Gas Daily Report, A McGraw Hill Publication

# BENTEK Expects The Forward Curve To Fall Further



## Basis has Flattened Due to Pipeline Increases and New Gas Production



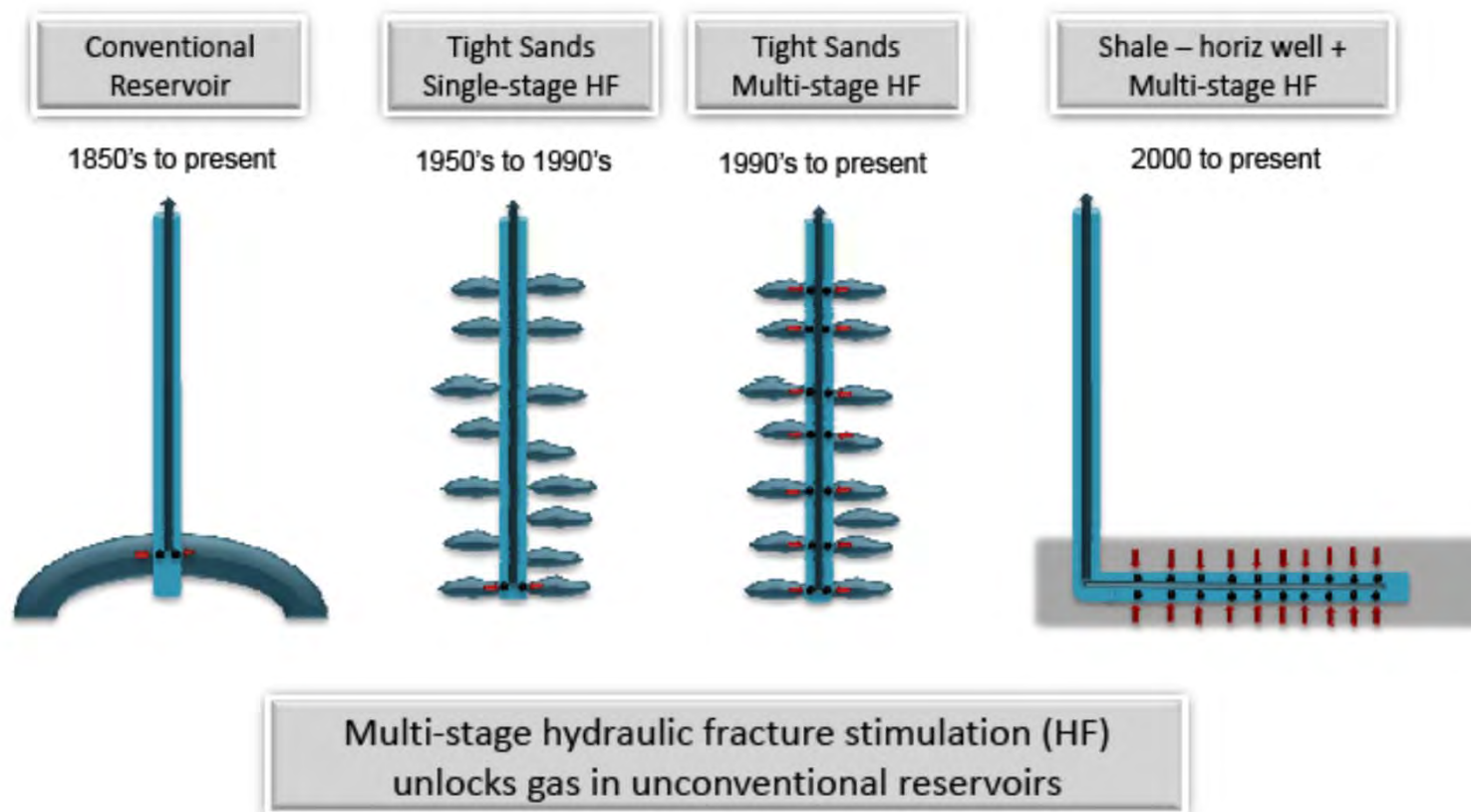
Source: Encana (outlook), Platts Gas Daily (historical), Platts POWERmap  
\*Panhandle \*\*Columbia Gulf Mainline

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# Part 1: Shale Gas



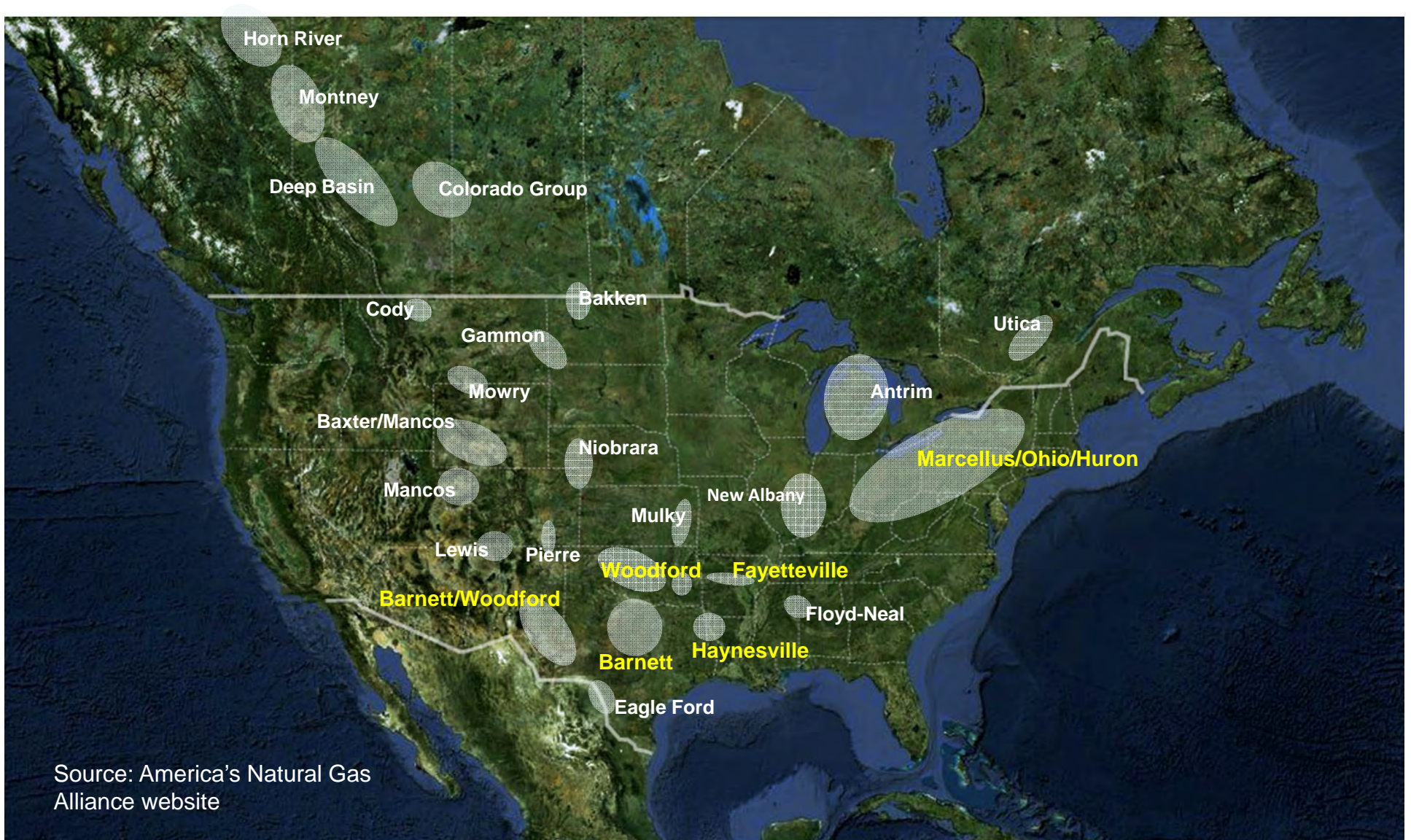
## EVOLUTION IN GAS WELL COMPLETION TECHNOLOGY - THE KEY TO TODAY'S NATURAL GAS REVOLUTION





# NEW SHALE PLAYS IN NORTH AMERICA

## - “A Game Changer”



# Eastern U.S. Gas Shale Basins

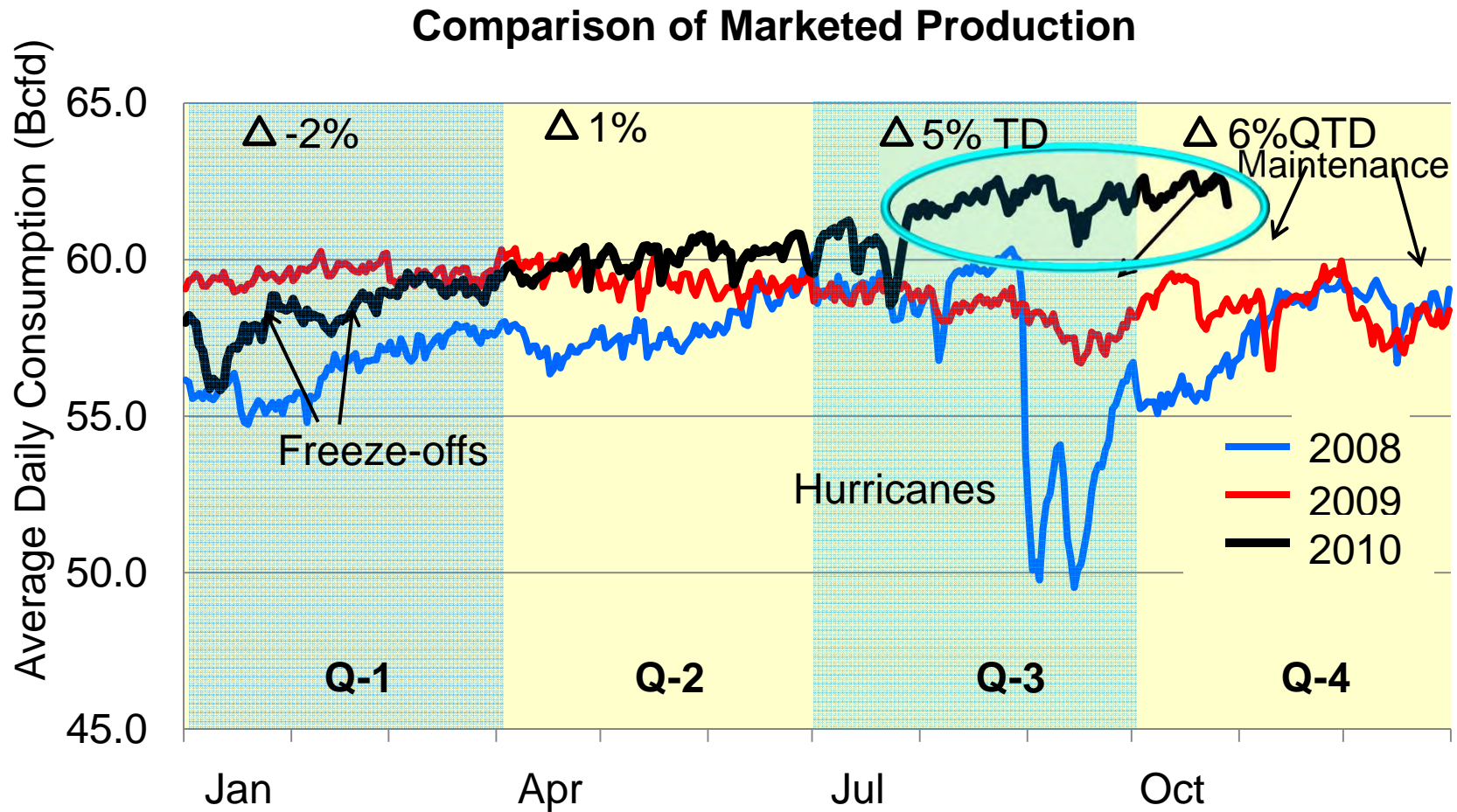
	Resource Endowment (Tcf)	Produced/Proved Reserves (Tcf)*	Undeveloped Recoverable Resource (Tcf)*
Barnett	250	19	40
Fayetteville	320	3	50
Woodford	300	2	30
Haynesville	790	1	130
Marcellus	1,760	-	220
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>470</b>

\*As of end of 2008

**U.S. Proved Natural Gas Reserves as of 2005: 192.5 Tcf**



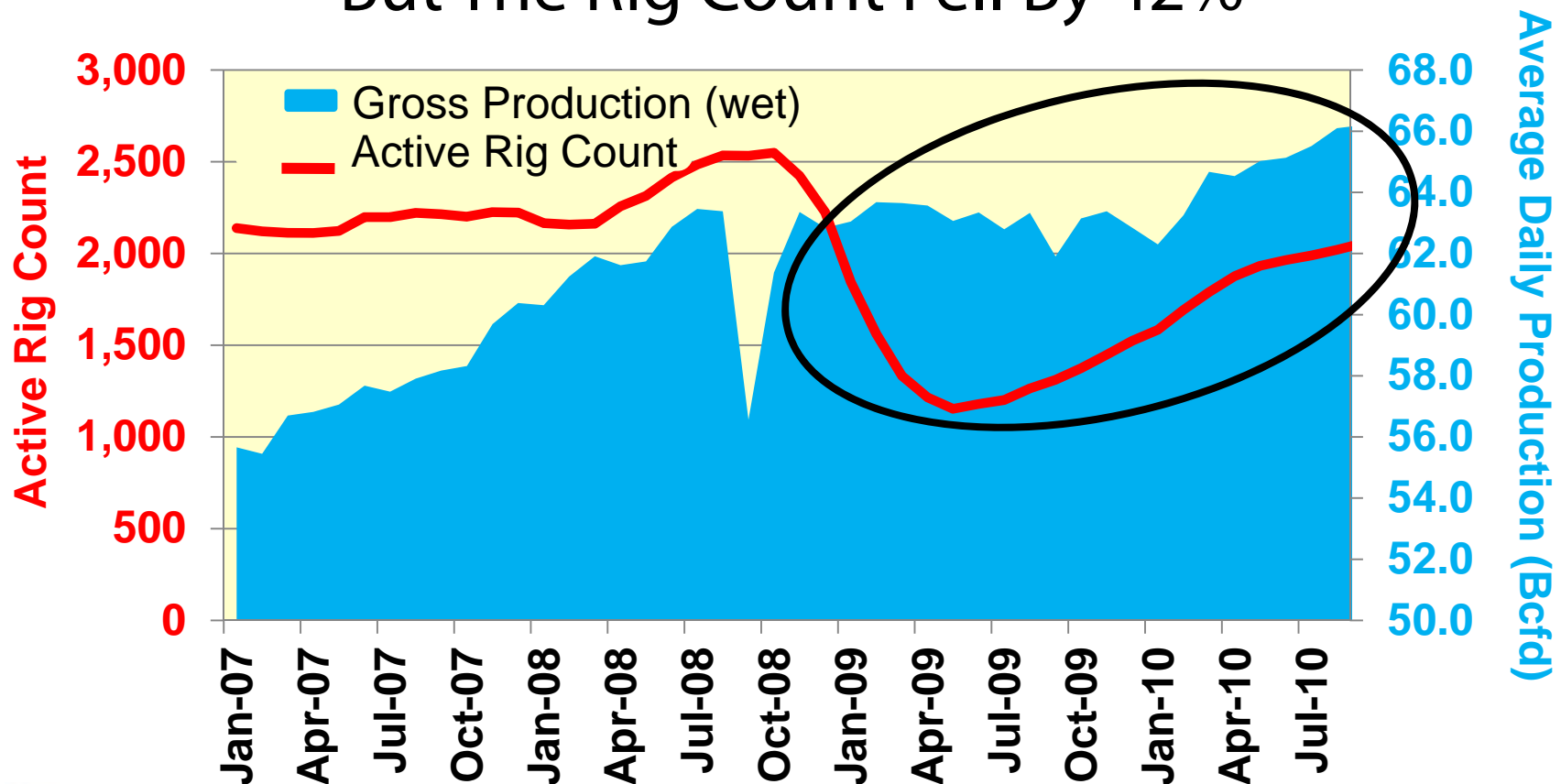
# Production Continues To Climb



Data through October 28, 2010

# Historic Relationship Between Rig Count & Production No Longer Holds

09 Production Grew By Nearly 3%,  
But The Rig Count Fell By 42%



# Ultra Petroleum Productivity Gains

## Pinedale Field, Wyoming

■ 2006

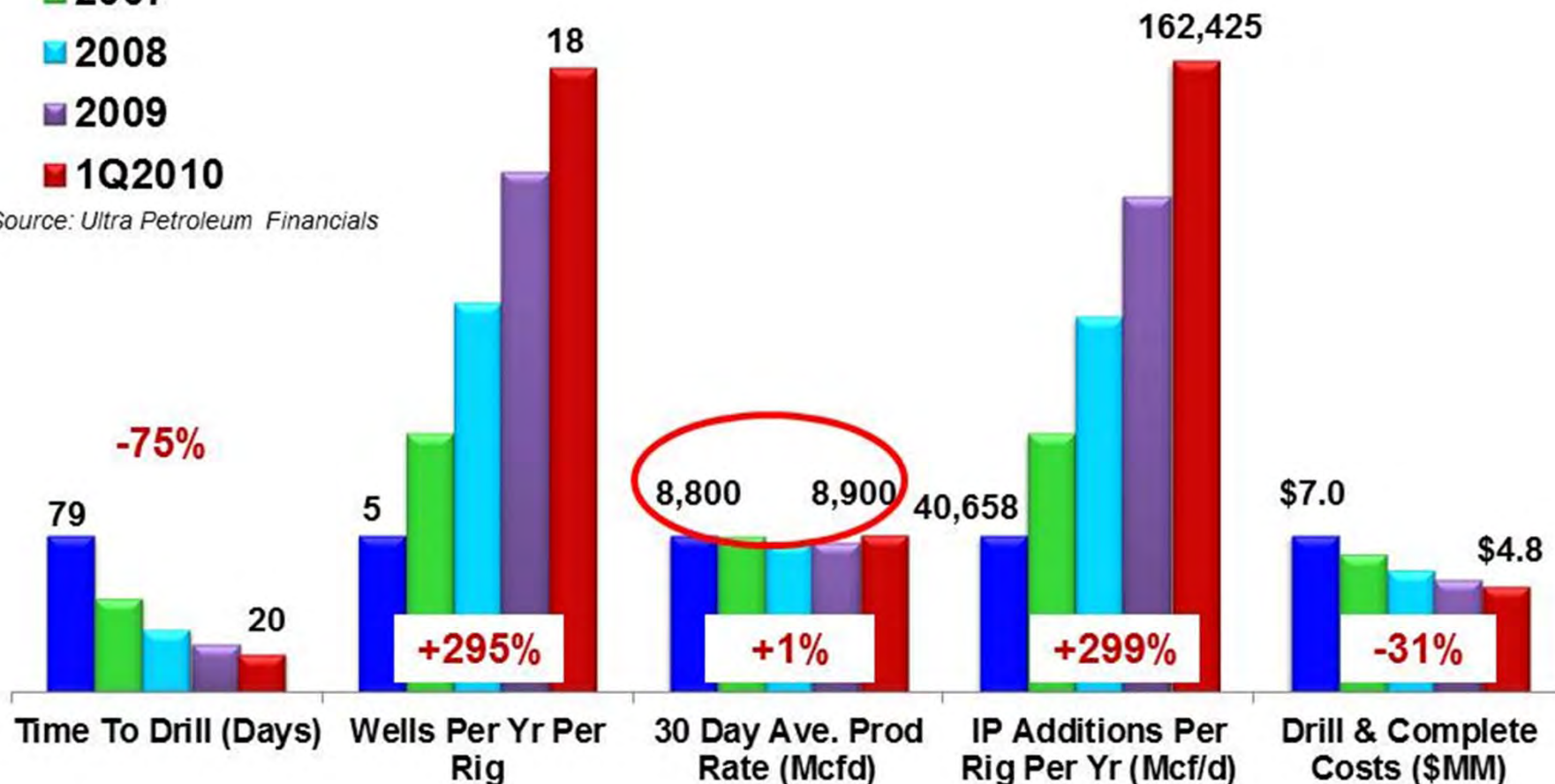
■ 2007

■ 2008

■ 2009

■ 1Q2010

Source: Ultra Petroleum Financials

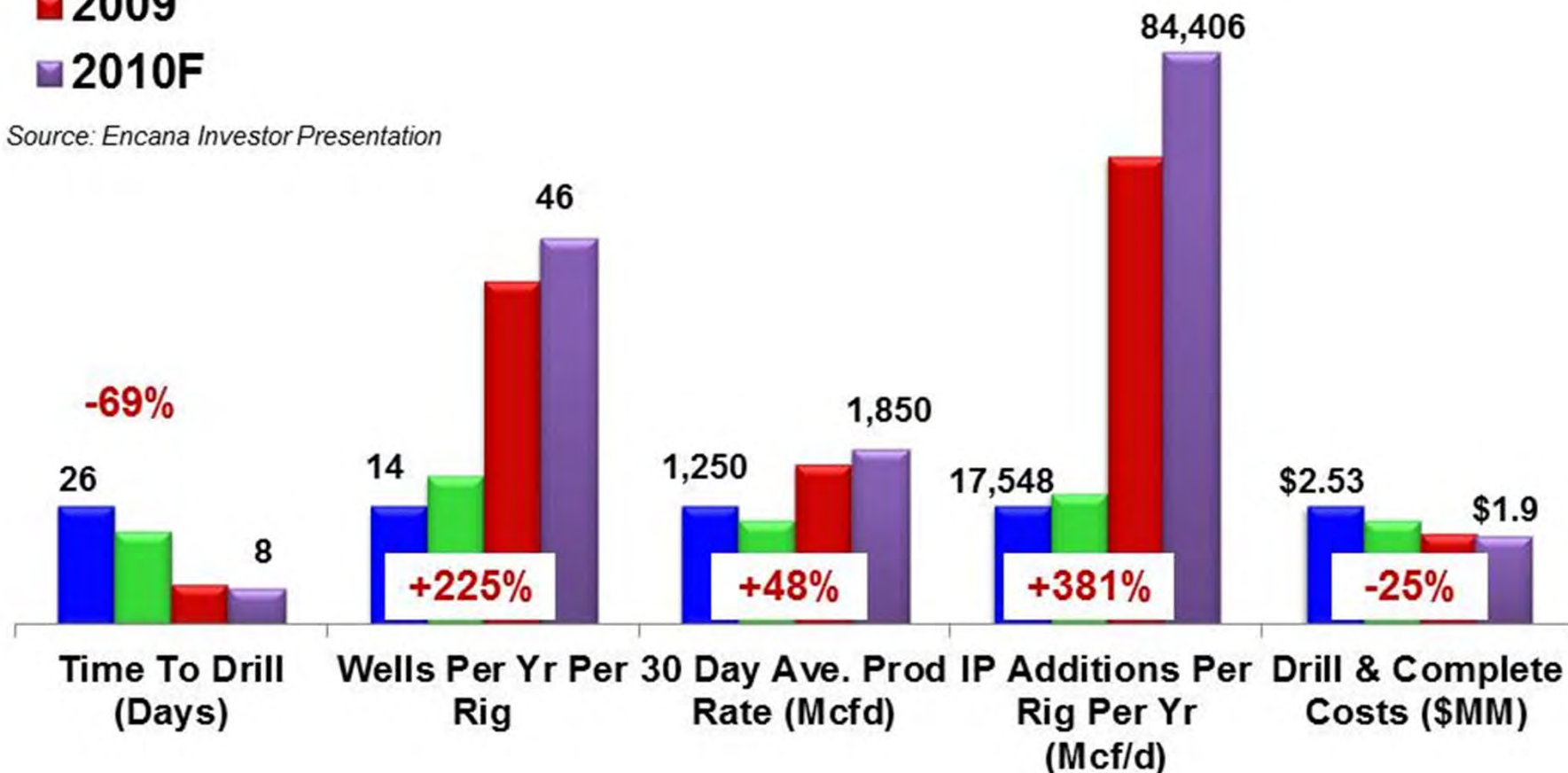


# Encana's "Gas Factory" Yields Similar Gains

■ 2005  
 ■ 2007  
 ■ 2009  
 ■ 2010F

N. Parachute Ranch Field  
 Piceance Basin, CO

Source: Encana Investor Presentation



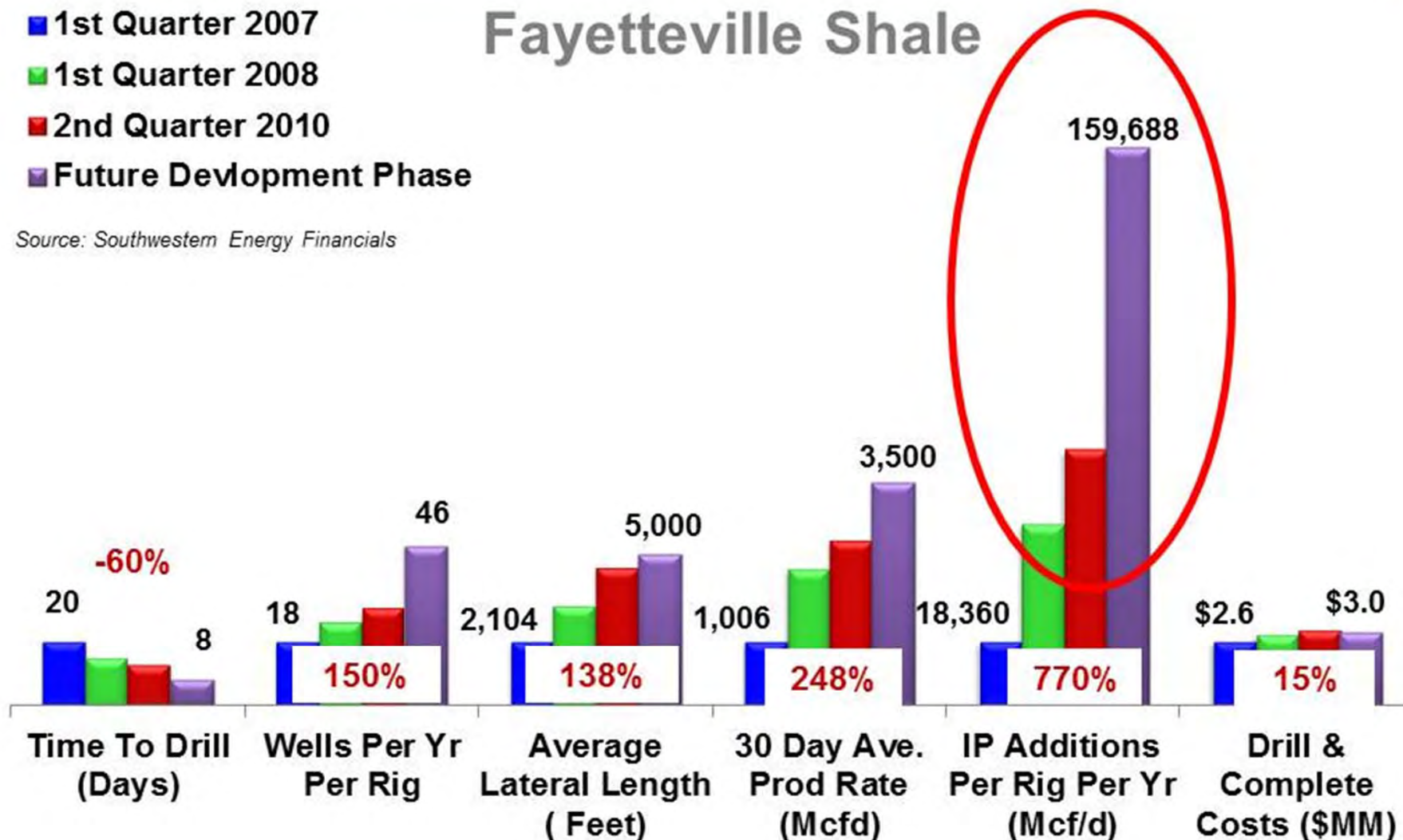


# Southwestern Energy's Anticipates Future Gains As Well

- 1st Quarter 2007
- 1st Quarter 2008
- 2nd Quarter 2010
- Future Development Phase

## Fayetteville Shale

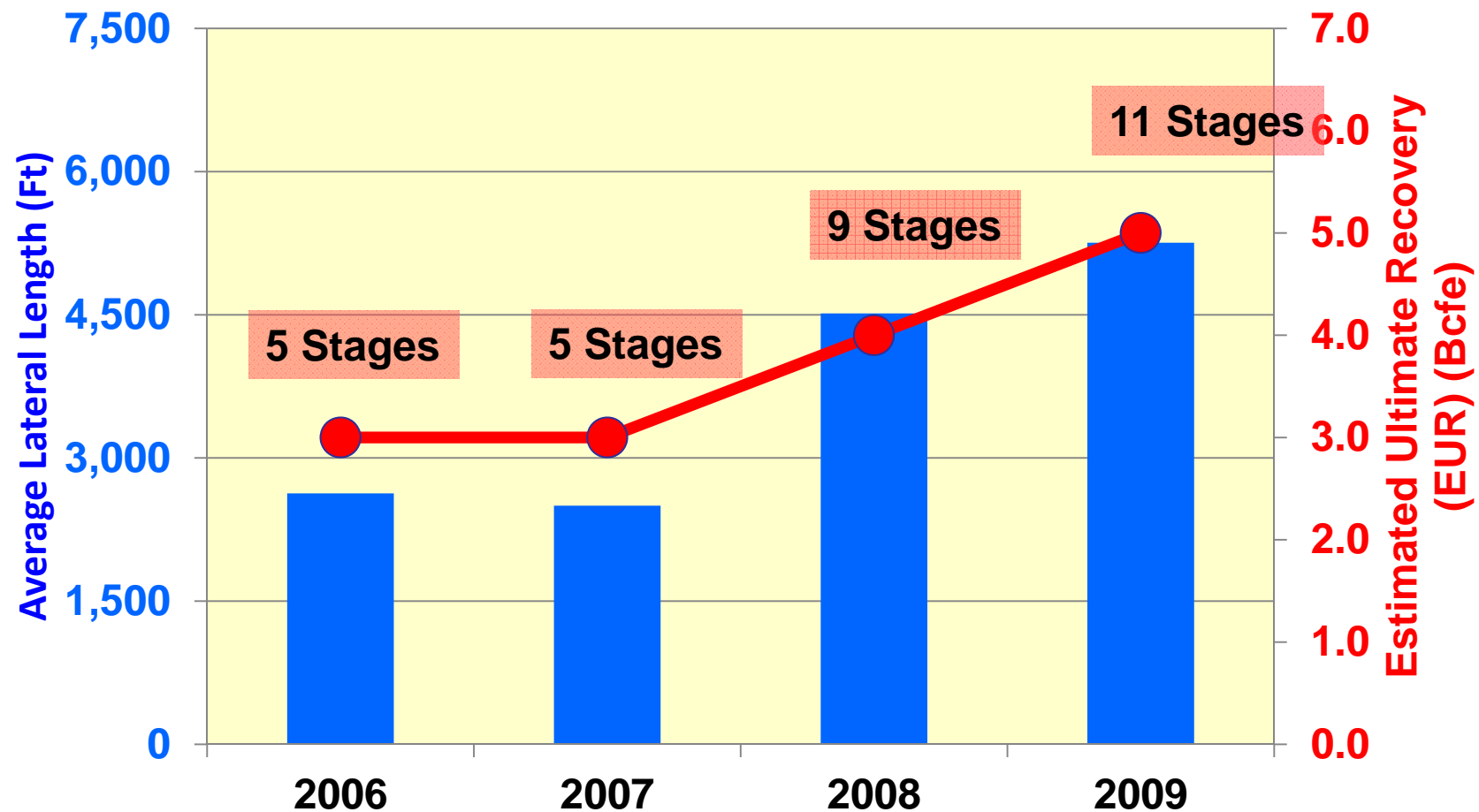
Source: Southwestern Energy Financials



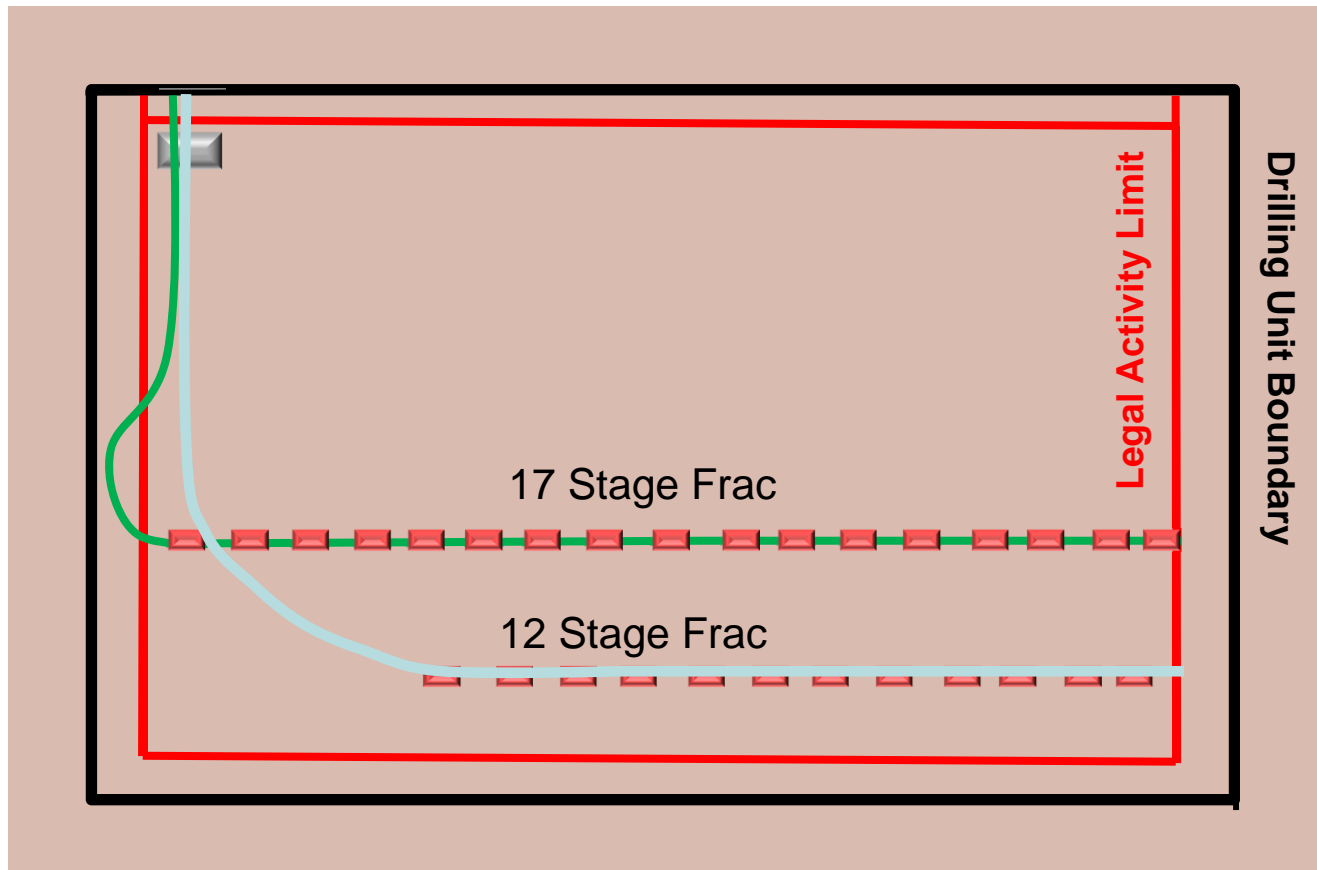


# Longer Laterals & Increased Fracing Drive Production Gains

Experience of Newfield Exploration Co in Woodford



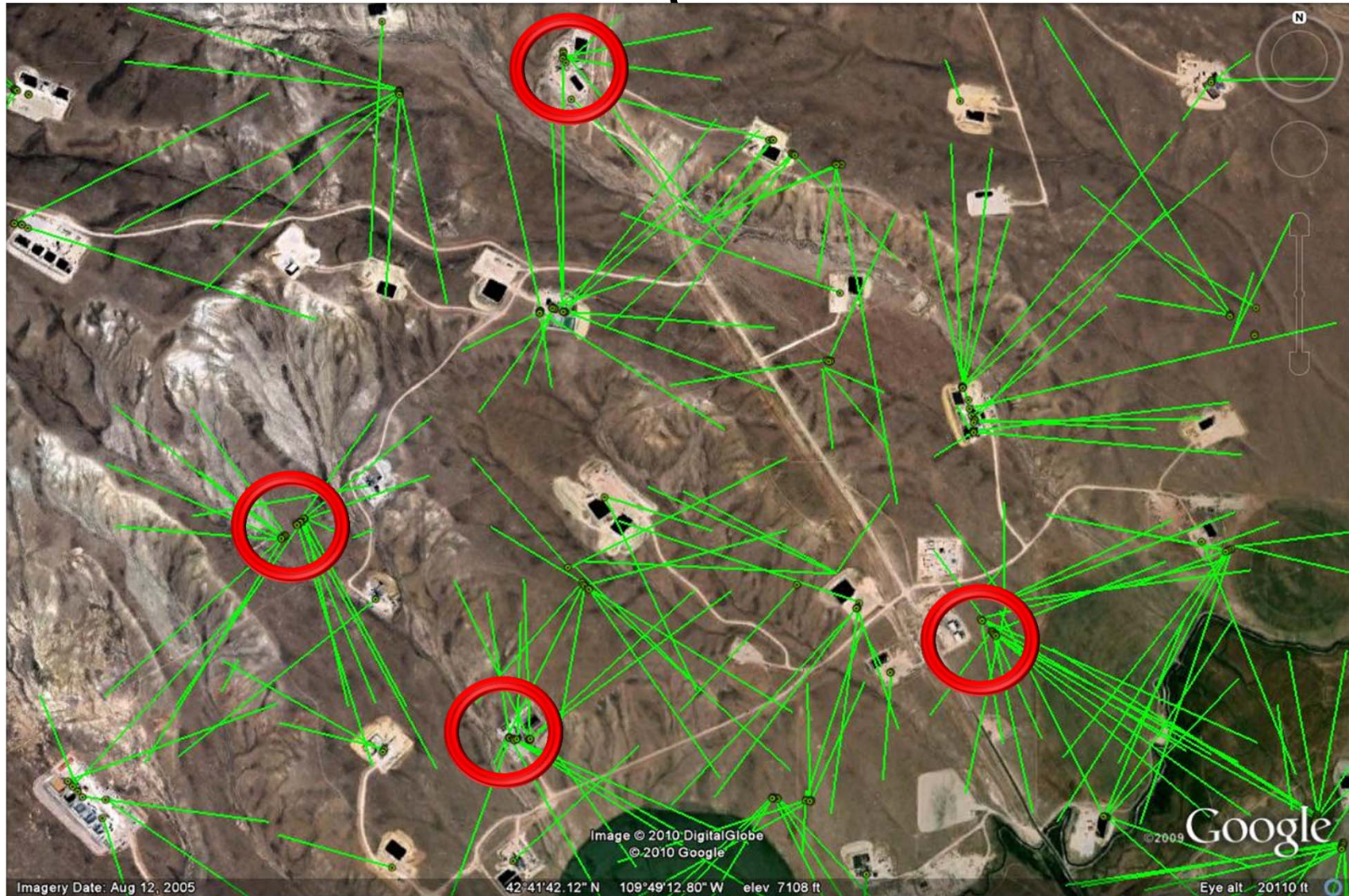
# Technological Advances Enable Multi-Well Pads & Increase Recovery Rates



**5 Additional Frac Stages = 1.250 MMcf EUR / Well**

**@ \$4.50 per Mcf = \$5,625,000**

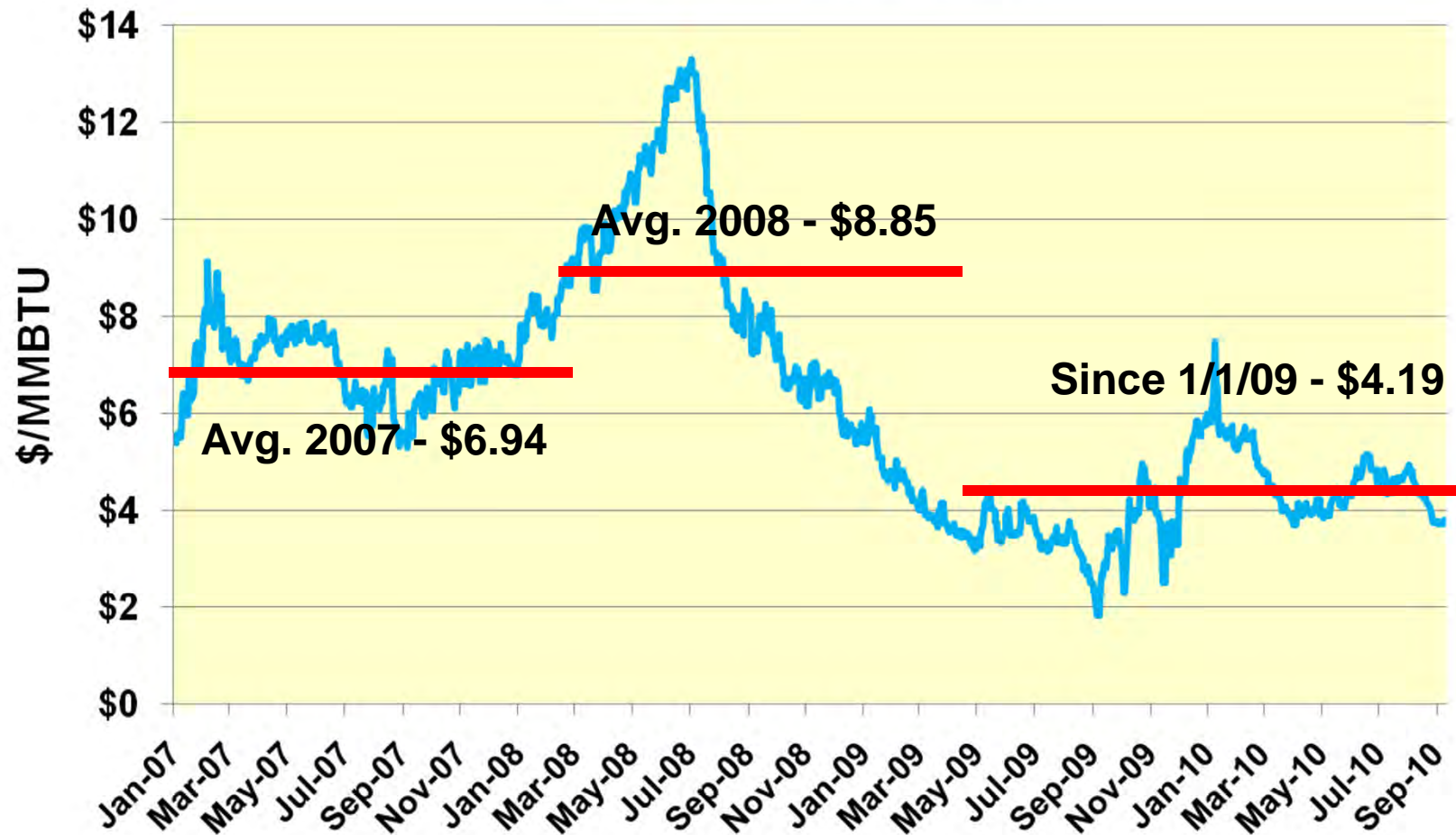
# Multi-Well Pad Drilling Reduces Land Disruption



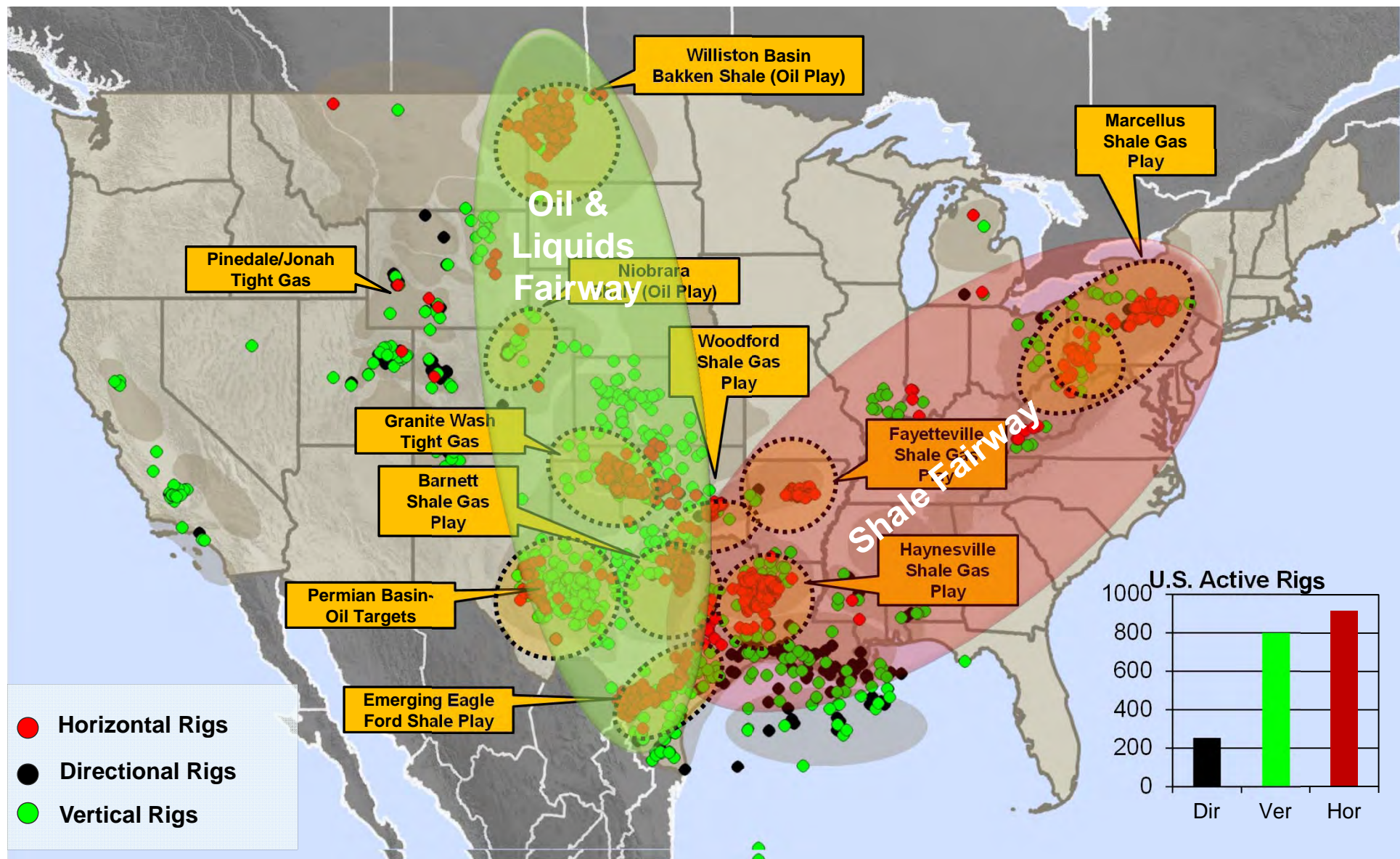
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# Why Is Production Growing With Low Prices?

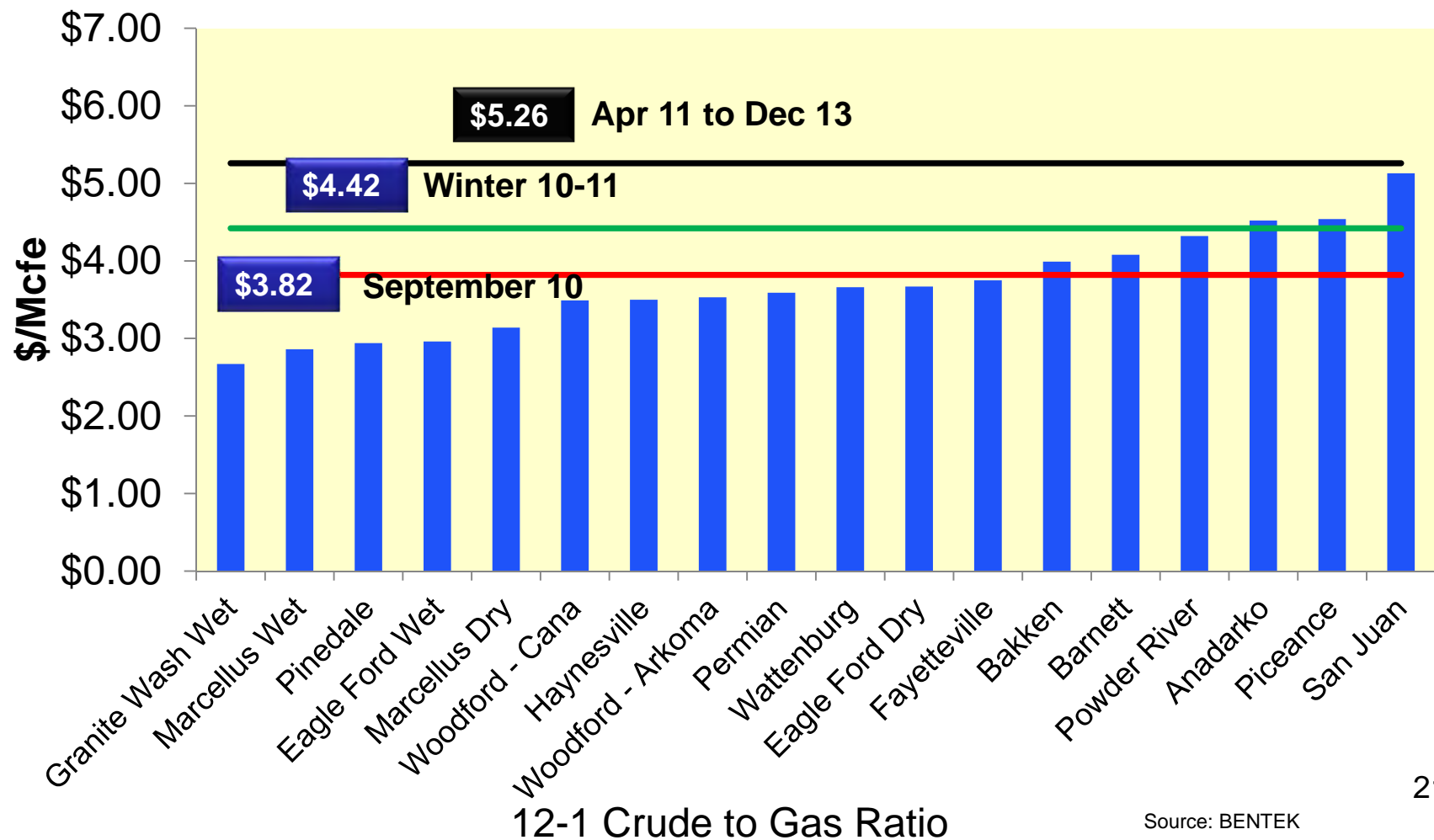


# U.S. Active Rig Is Scattered & Focused On Both Oil and Gas



RigData: Lower 48 States, Aug 2010

# *The Forward Curves Encourage Drilling*





## Part 2: EPA

EPA has promulgated National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six pollutants:

- Ozone (1Hr & 8HR O<sub>3</sub>)
- Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>)
- Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)
- Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
- Carbon Monoxide
- Lead (Pb)

Source: The SIP Planning Process: An Overview of The Clean Air Act's (CAA) Requirements for State Implementation Plan (SIP) Development & Approval, January 8, 2010



# EPA's Effort to Tighten Air Standards

- Lisa Jackson at EPA is moving to change the 75 ppb standard for ozone to a new standard within the range of a 60-70 ppb.
- On January 6, 2010, EPA proposed to strengthen the NAAQS for ground-level ozone, the main component of smog.
- EPA will issue final standards by December 1, 2010.



# EPA Effort (cont'd)

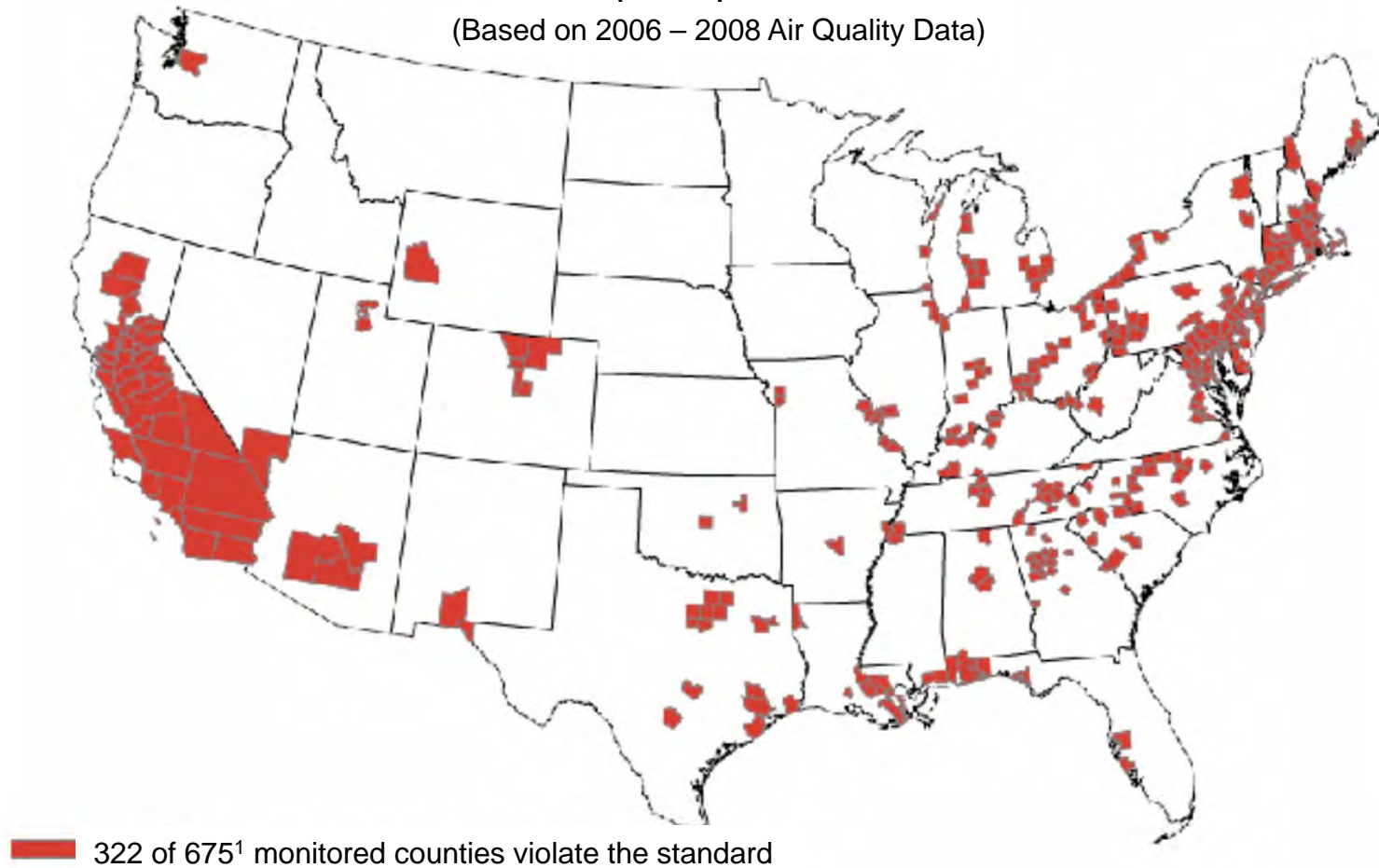
## Estimated Timeline for Implementing the Proposed Ozone Standards

- **January 2011:** States must recommend areas to be designated attainment, nonattainment or unclassifiable.
- **July 2011:** EPA makes final area designations.
- **August 2011:** Designations become effective.
- **December 2013:** State Implementation Plans (SIP), outlining how states will reduce pollution to meet the standards, are due to EPA.

## Counties With Monitors Violating the March 2008 Ground-Level Ozone Standards

0.075 parts per million

(Based on 2006 – 2008 Air Quality Data)

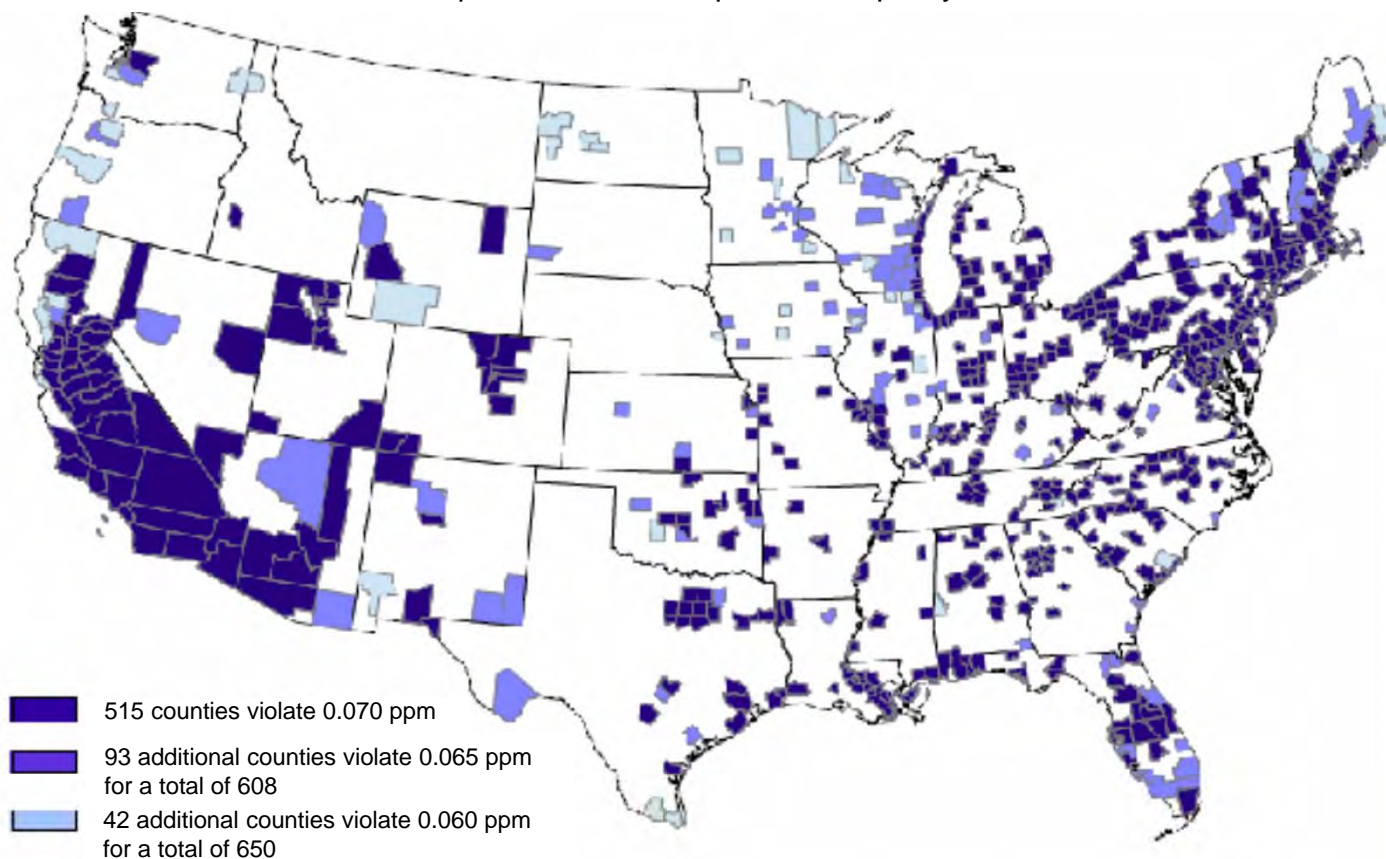


### Notes:

1. Counties with at least one monitor with complete data for 2006 – 2008
2. To determine compliance with the March 2008 ozone standards, the 3-year average is truncated to three decimal places.

## Counties With Monitors Violating Proposed Primary 8-hour Ground-level Ozone Standards 0.060 – 0.070 parts per million

EPA will not designate areas as nonattainment on these data, but likely on 2008 – 2010 data which are expected to show improved air quality.



### Notes:

1. No monitored counties outside the continental U.S. violate.
2. EPA is proposing to determine compliance with a revised primary ozone standard by rounding the 3-year average to three decimal places.

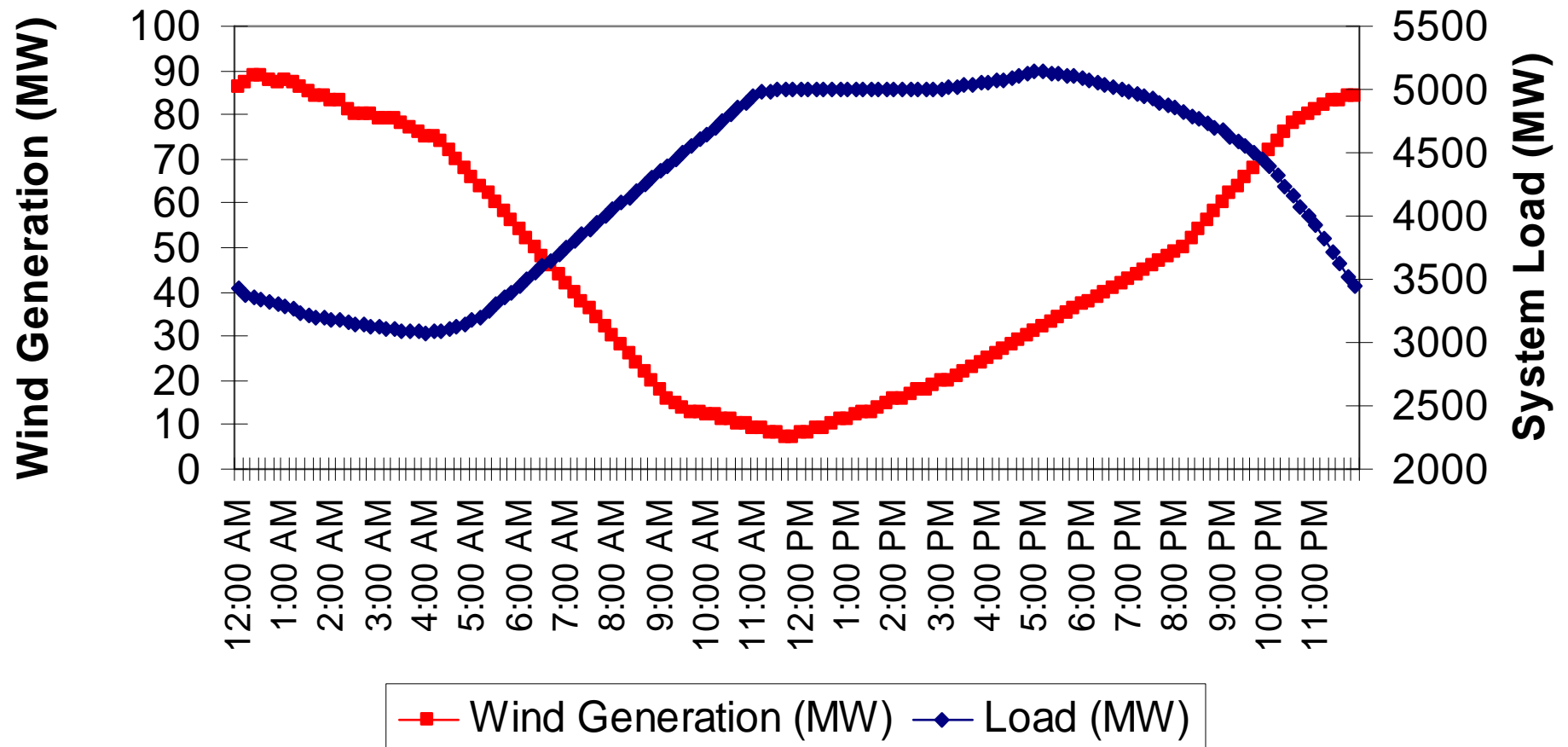
# Part 3: Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)

## The IPAMS/Bentek Study

- Wind is intermittent, not dispatchable
- Coal plants “cycle down” to accept wind into the grid
- “Cycling coal plants” are inefficient and produce more pollution than wind generation saves

# Output is Not Correlated with Load

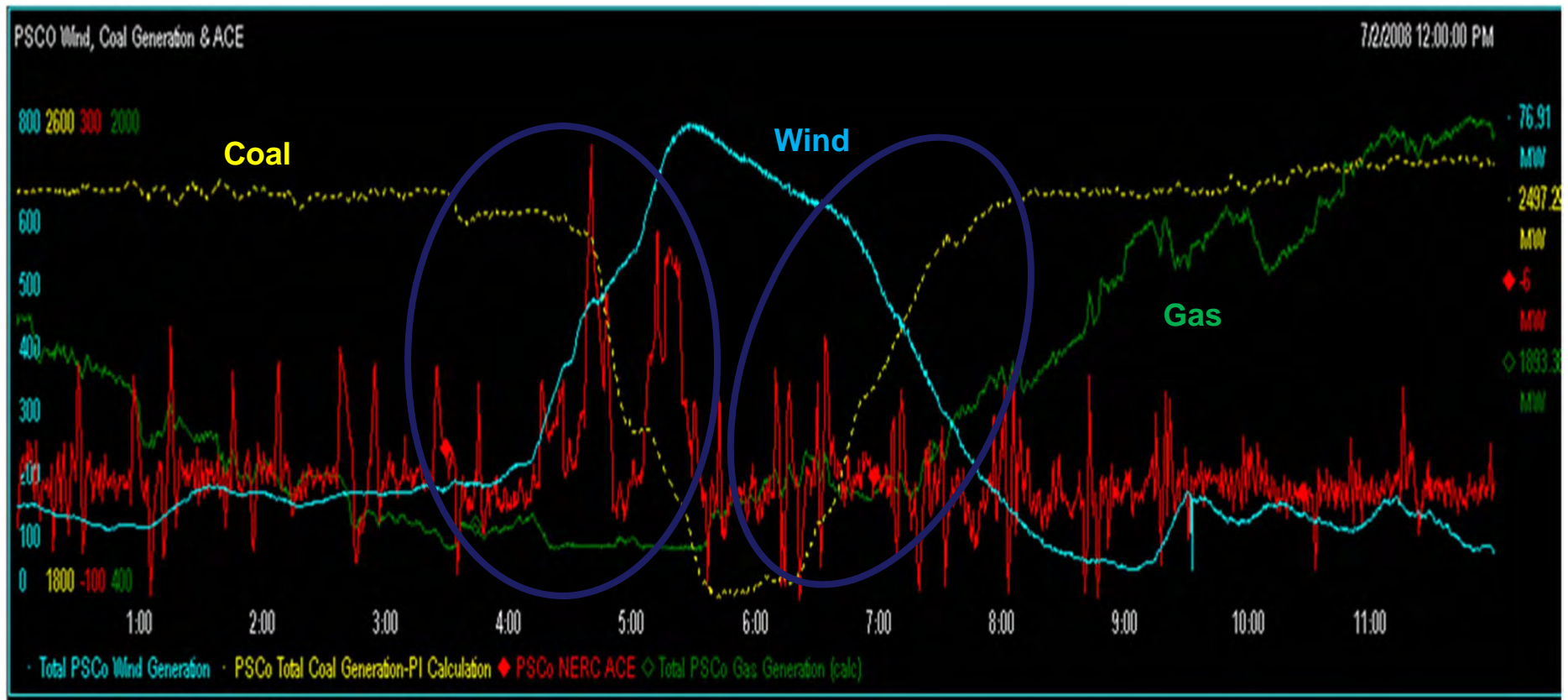
## Typical 100 MW Wind Plant Generation vs. Hourly System Load





# When Wind Blows At Night, Coal Gen Ramps Down

Xcel Defined Wind Event:  
7/2/2008



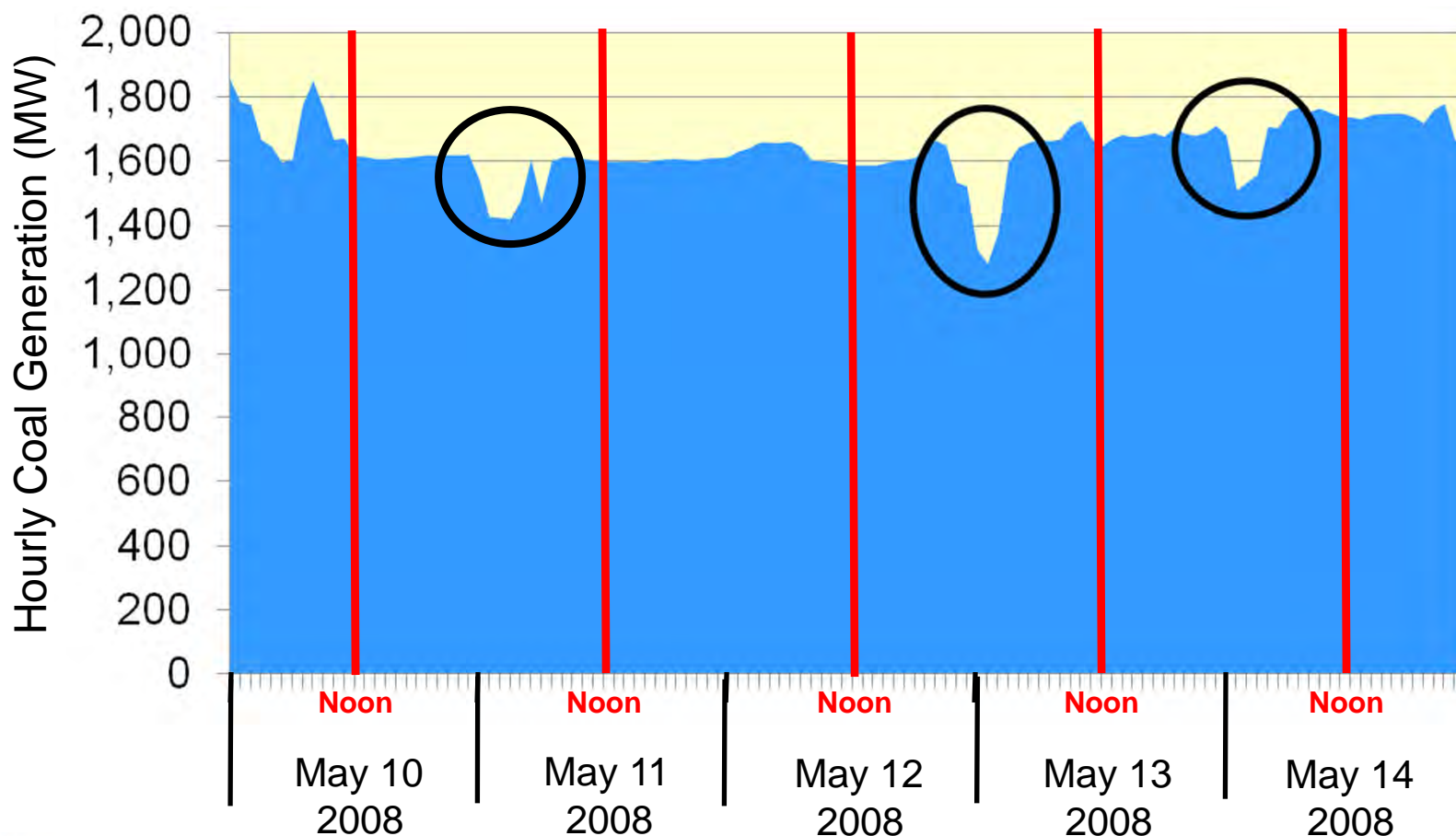
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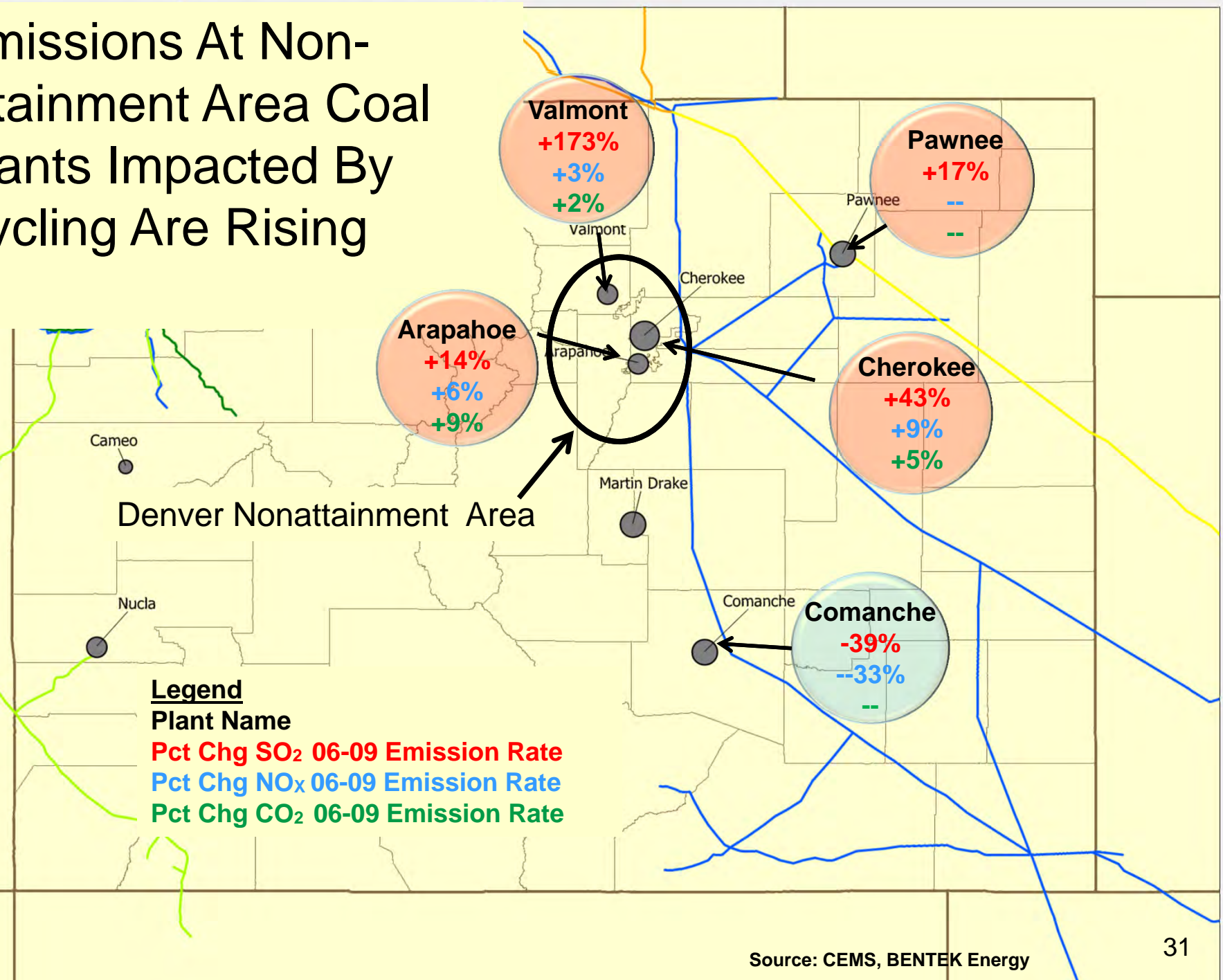


# The Problem Lies In The Interaction Between Wind and Coal Generation

**Wind Causes PSCO To Cycle Its Coal Plants, Which Raises Emissions**



# Emissions At Non-attainment Area Coal Plants Impacted By Cycling Are Rising



# Part 4: Coal to Gas Conversion

“Barclays Capital analysts estimate 27,000 megawatts of production, or more than 2% of U.S. [coal fired electric] generating capacity, could close in four to five years.”

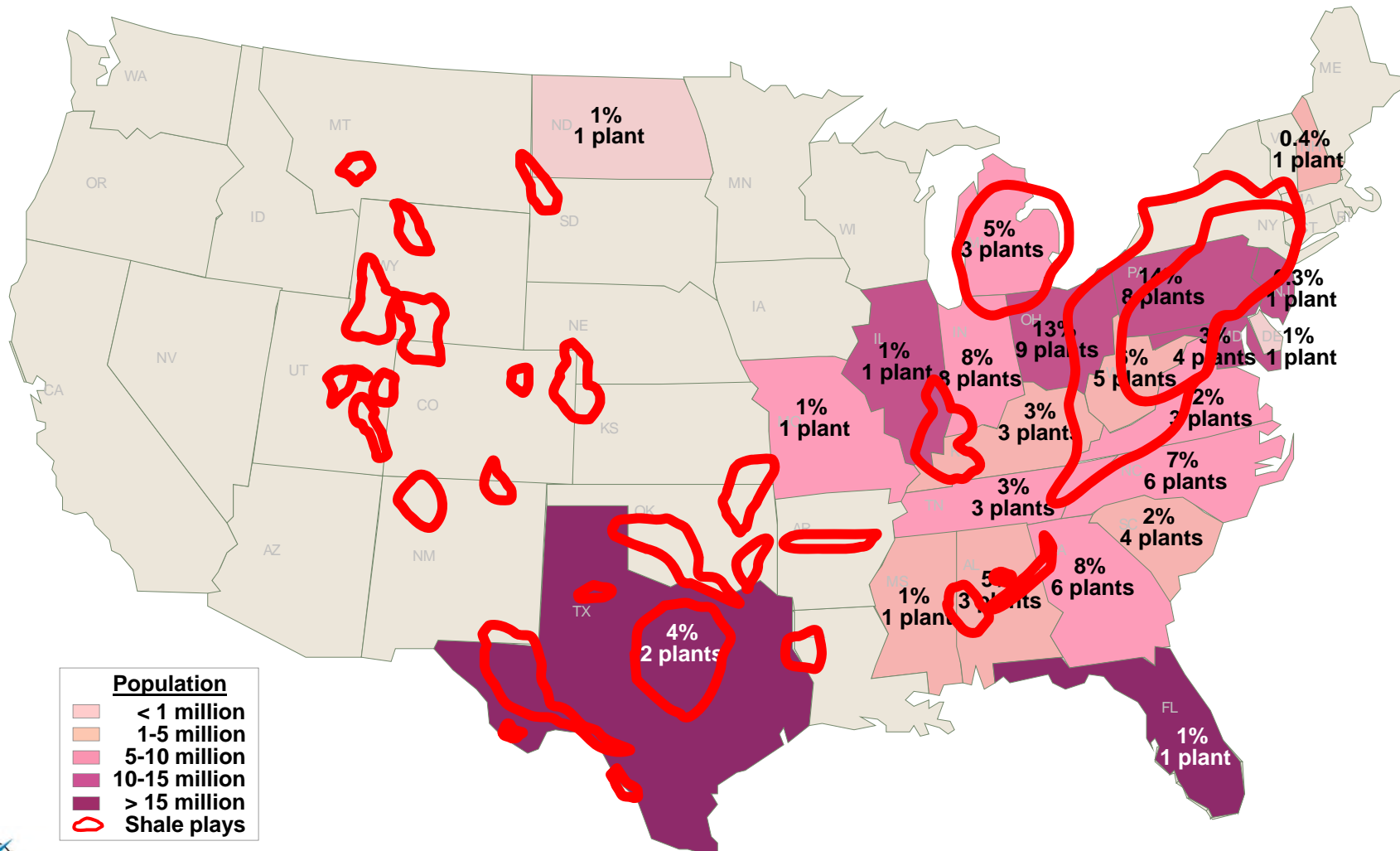
Source: *Coal Plants Face Tight Pollution Regulations*, Mark Peters, The Wall Street Journal, 2/10/2010

# Bernstein Research Forecast

- Existing coal fired generation plants are expected to decline **by nearly 400 million MWh by 2015.\***
- Model assumes all coal fired power plants must install SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbers to meet EPA emissions standards for mercury and acid gases.\*
- U.S. gas consumption would have to increase by at least 2.1 Tcf per year.
- This implies a 10% increase in U.S. consumption of natural gas by 2015.

# 75 Worst Coal Power Plants

Percent of Total Pollution



# Part 5: Demand in Mexico

- During the next 10 years, Mexico plans to build an incremental 25,000 MW of electric power generation (POISE)
- This could equal 4.5 BCF per day of new gas demand (1.64 TCF per year)
- Mexico is currently looking for new pipeline interconnects into the U.S. for incremental supply at:
  - Monterrey
  - Chihuahua
  - Baja

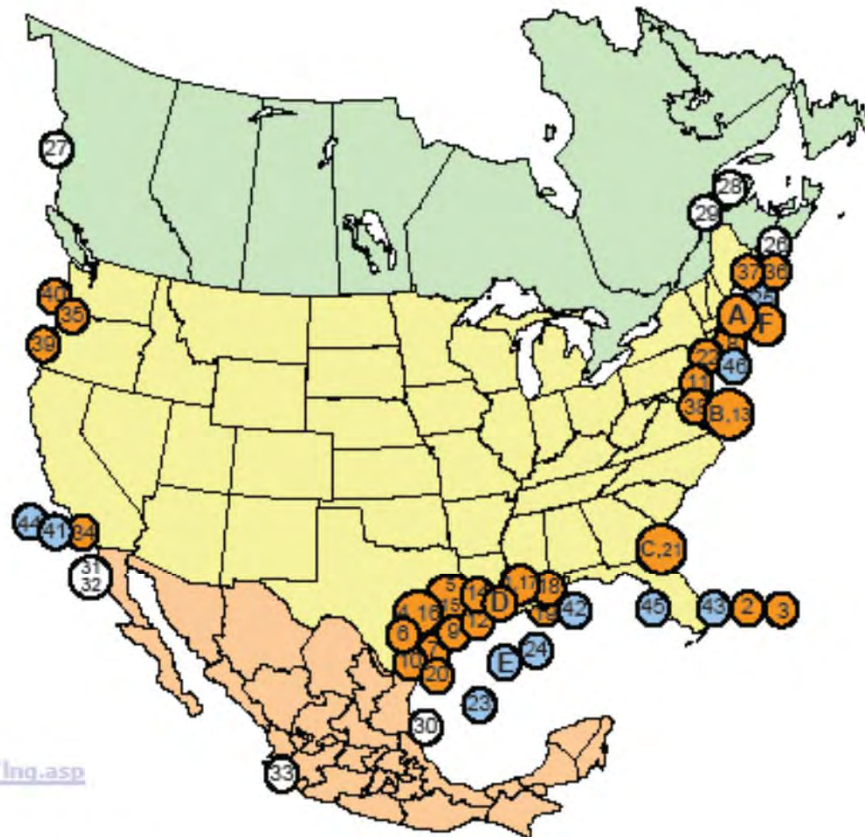


# Part 6: LNG Exports from North America



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## Existing and Proposed North American LNG Terminals



As of March 24, 2008  
Visit our LNG Section at  
[www.ferc.gov/industries/lng.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/industries/lng.asp)

US Jurisdiction

● FERC  
● MARAD/USCG

\* US pipeline approved; LNG terminal pending in Bahamas  
\*\* Construction suspended

*Office of Energy Projects*



# Existing and Proposed North American LNG Terminals

## CONSTRUCTED

- A. Everett, MA : 1.035 Bcfd (DOMAC - SUEZ LNG)
- B. Cove Point, MD : 1.0 Bcfd (Dominion - Cove Point LNG)
- C. Elba Island, GA : 1.2 Bcfd (El Paso - Southern LNG)
- D. Lake Charles, LA : 2.1 Bcfd (Southern Union - Trunkline LNG)
- E. Gulf of Mexico: 0.5 Bcfd (Gulf Gateway Energy Bridge - Excelerate Energy)
- F. Offshore Boston: 0.8 Bcfd (Northeast Gateway - Excelerate Energy)

## APPROVED BY FERC

- 1. Hackberry, LA : 1.8 Bcfd (Cameron LNG - Sempra Energy)
- 2. Bahamas : 0.84 Bcfd (AES Ocean Express)\*
- 3. Bahamas : 0.83 Bcfd (Calypso Pipeline)\*
- 4. Freeport, TX : 1.5 Bcfd (Cheniere/Freeport LNG Dev.)
- 5. Sabine, LA : 2.6 Bcfd (Sabine Pass Cheniere LNG)
- 6. Corpus Christi, TX: 2.6 Bcfd (Cheniere LNG)
- 7. Corpus Christi, TX : 1.1 Bcfd (Vista Del Sol - 4Gas)
- 8. Fall River, MA : 0.8 Bcfd (Weaver's Cove Energy/Hess LNG)
- 9. Sabine, TX : 2.0 Bcfd (Golden Pass - ExxonMobil)
- 10. Corpus Christi, TX: 1.0 Bcfd (Ingleside Energy - Occidental Energy Ventures)\*\*
- 11. Logan Township, NJ : 1.2 Bcfd (Crown Landing LNG - BP)
- 12. Port Arthur, TX: 3.0 Bcfd (Sempra Energy)
- 13. Cove Point, MD : 0.8 Bcfd (Dominion - Expansion)
- 14. Cameron, LA: 3.3 Bcfd (Creole Trail LNG - Cheniere LNG)
- 15. Sabine, LA: 1.4 Bcfd (Sabine Pass Cheniere LNG - Expansion)
- 16. Freeport, TX: 2.5 Bcfd (Cheniere/Freeport LNG Dev. - Expansion)
- 17. Hackberry, LA : 0.85 Bcfd (Cameron LNG - Sempra Energy - Expansion)
- 18. Pascagoula, MS: 1.5 Bcfd (Gulf LNG Energy LLC)
- 19. Pascagoula, MS: 1.3 Bcfd (Bayou Casotte Energy LLC - ChevronTexaco)
- 20. Port Lavaca, TX: 1.0 Bcfd (Calhoun LNG - Gulf Coast LNG Partners)
- 21. Elba Island, GA: 0.9 Bcfd (El Paso - Southern LNG - Expansion)
- 22. LI Sound, NY: 1.0 Bcfd (Broadwater Energy - TransCanada/Shell)

## APPROVED BY MARAD/COAST GUARD

- 23. Port Pelican: 1.6 Bcfd (Chevron Texaco)
- 24. Offshore Louisiana : 1.0 Bcfd (Main Pass McMoran Exp.)
- 25. Offshore Boston: 0.4 Bcfd (Neptune LNG - SUEZ LNG)

## CANADIAN APPROVED TERMINALS

- 26. St. John, NB : 1.0 Bcfd (Canaport - Irving Oil/Repsol)
- 27. Kitimat, BC: 1.0 Bcfd (Kitimat LNG - Galveston LNG)
- 28. Rivière-du-Loup, QC: 0.5 Bcfd (Cacouna Energy - TransCanada/PetroCanada)
- 29. Quebec City, QC : 0.5 Bcfd (Project Rabaska - Enbridge /Gaz Met/Gaz de France)

## MEXICAN APPROVED TERMINALS

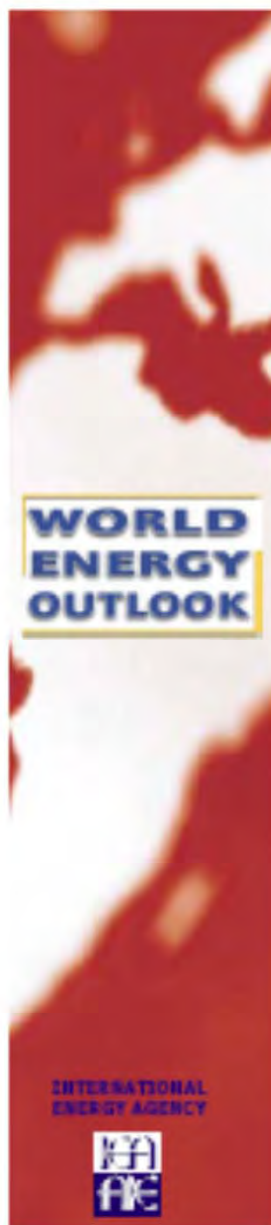
- 30. Altamira, Tamulipas : 0.7 Bcfd (Shell/Total/Mitsui)
- 31. Baja California, MX : 1.0 Bcfd (Energia Costa Azul - Sempra Energy)
- 32. Baja California, MX : 1.5 Bcfd (Energia Costa Azul - Sempra Energy - Expansion)
- 33. Manzanillo, MX: 0.5 Bcfd

## PROPOSED TO FERC

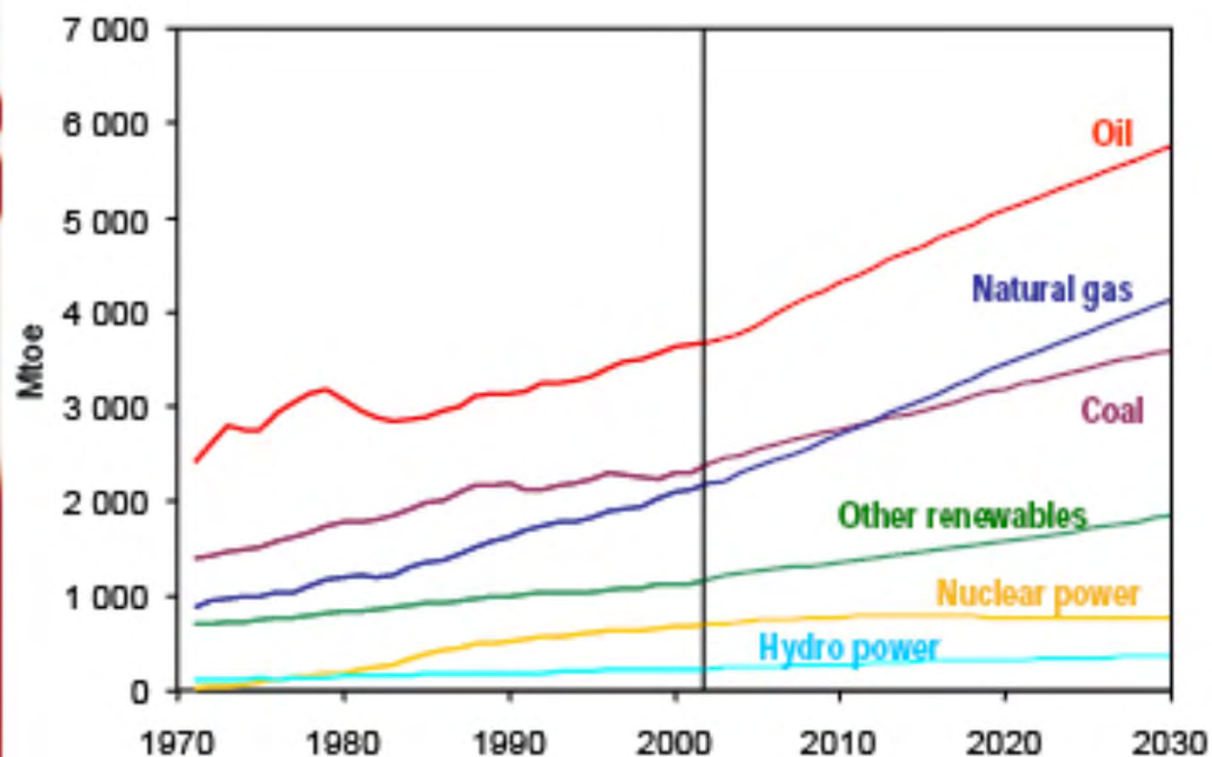
- 34. Long Beach, CA : 0.7 Bcfd, (Mitsubishi/ConocoPhillips - Sound Energy Solutions)
- 35. Bradwood, OR: 1.0 Bcfd (Northern Star LNG - Northern Star Natural Gas LLC)
- 36. Pleasant Point, ME : 2.0 Bcfd (Quoddy Bay, LLC)
- 37. Robbinston, ME: 0.5 Bcfd (Downeast LNG - Kestrel Energy)
- 38. Baltimore, MD: 1.5 Bcfd (AES Sparrows Point - AES Corp.)
- 39. Coos Bay, OR: 1.0 Bcfd (Jordan Cove Energy Project)
- 40. Astoria, OR: 1.5 Bcfd (Oregon LNG)

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- 41. Offshore California : 1.4 Bcfd, (Clearwater Port LLC - NorthernStar NG LLC)
- 42. Gulf of Mexico: 1.4 Bcfd (Blenville Offshore Energy Terminal - TORP)
- 43. Offshore Florida: 1.9 Bcfd (SUEZ Calypso - SUEZ LNG)
- 44. Offshore California: 1.2 Bcfd (OceanWay - Woodside Natural Gas)
- 45. Offshore Florida: 1.2 Bcfd (Hoëgh LNG - Port Dolphin Energy)
- 46. Offshore New York: 2.0 Bcfd (Safe Harbor Energy - ASIC, LLC)

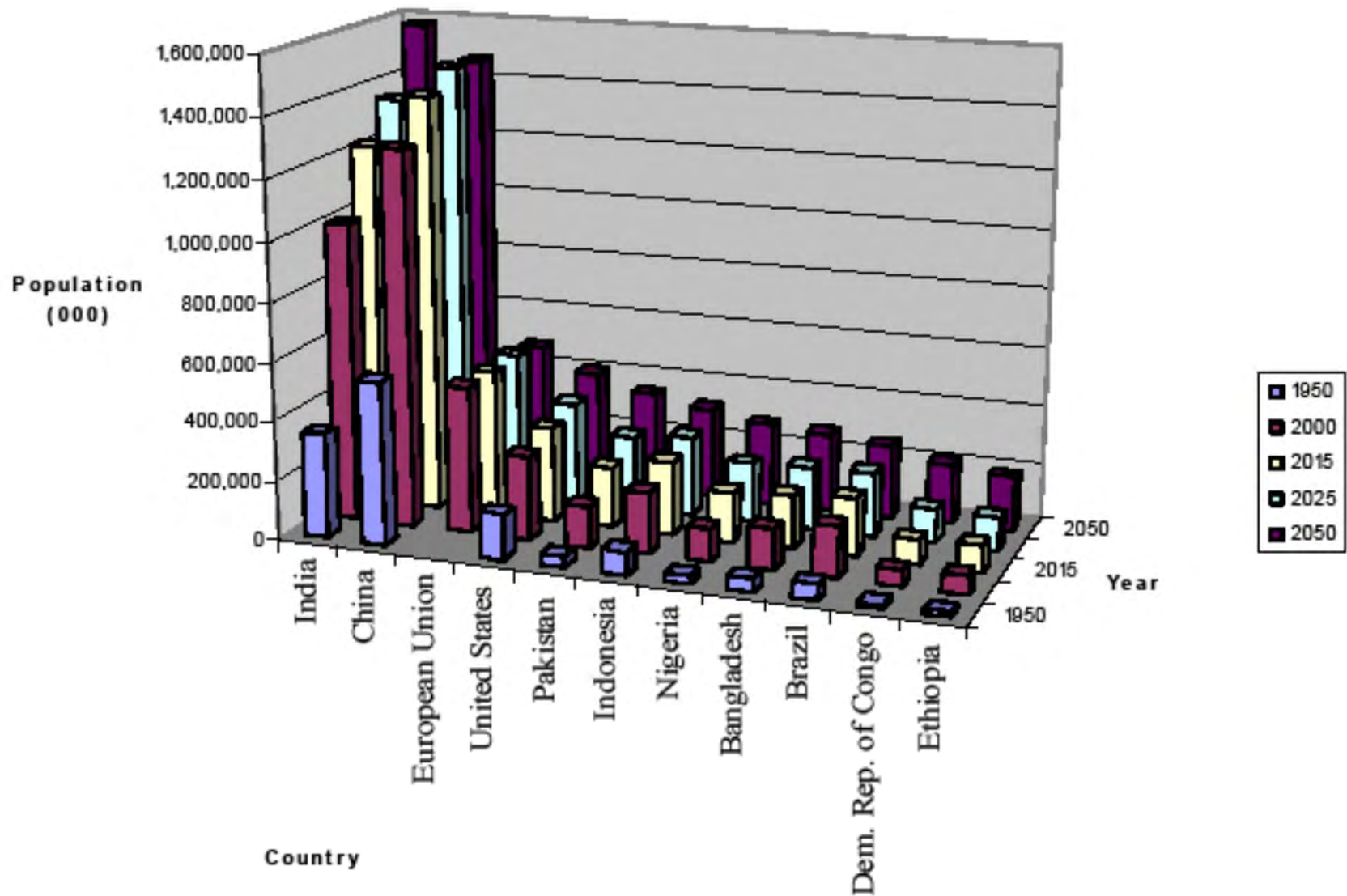


## World Primary Energy Demand

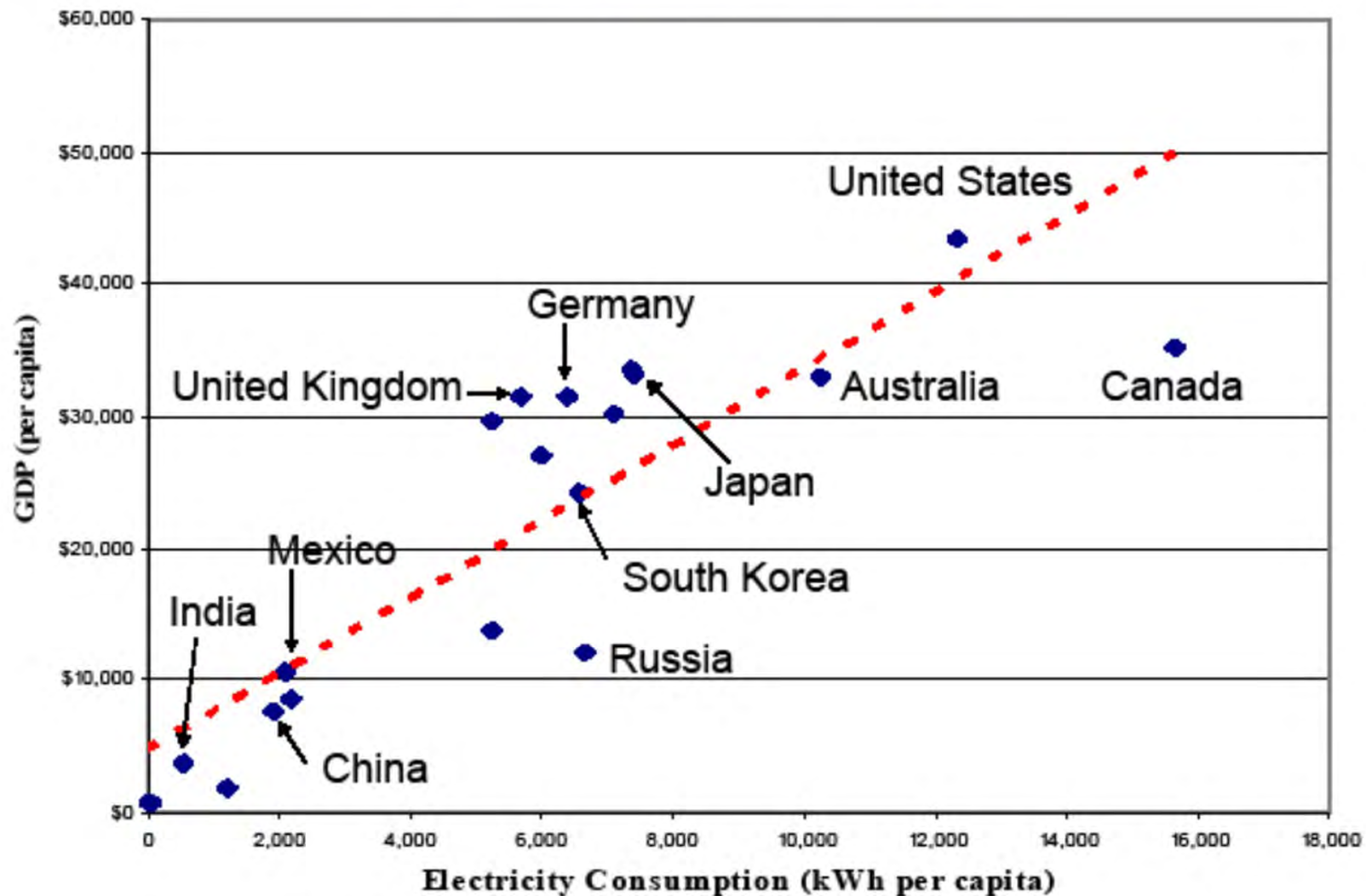


*Fossil fuels account for almost 90% of the growth in energy demand between now and 2030*

**Population Growth from 1950 - 2050**



# Quality of life is strongly correlated with electricity consumption



Source: CIA World Factbook, 2007



# Chengdu, China, September 2010





# Don't be fooled...





# China Growth

- From 2000 onward, more than **half of the growth** in the global energy demand came from China.
- In the last decade, China's energy consumption has **more than doubled**.
- In 2003, China became the world's **second largest oil consumer**, surpassing Japan.
- In 2010 China **surpassed the U.S. in total energy consumed**. A position that the U.S. had held for over 100 years.

# China Growth

- In the 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, China's annual investment for infrastructure (highway construction, pipeline construction, etc.) will be **\$165 billion per year**.<sup>1</sup>
- **20% of China's total energy is consumed in the production of concrete**
- China's natural gas demand is 10% of U.S. demand
- From a regulatory and consumption standpoint they are where the U.S. was in the 1930-1940's
- **30% of China's natural gas supply is imported**
- According to PetroChina, only the third horizontal shale natural gas well **was completed** in all of Asia this past summer.<sup>1</sup>

# What can you do?

- Buy gas in the ground to lock in a favorable price.
- Industrial customer example
- West coast utility example
- Volumetric Production Payments and long term fixed price supply contracts (HB 1365)

# Summary

- Most “experts” project flat gas prices for the next 5 years.
- In 20 years, we have never seen flat gas prices.
- The billion dollar question: Will EPA, RPS and LNG issues “counter balance” new shale gas productivity?



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