

### The Why, What, Which and How of Water Reclamation

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>> Why Reuse / Reclaim

**»Current Practices** 

»New Technologies

>Improving Vendor Offerings

»Needed Regulation Improvements







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### \$ / BBL (includes trucking)

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- A 1 MMCFD well making 143 bwpd is unprofitable with \$2.00 / mcf gas and a \$14.00 / bbl disposal fee (inc. trucking)

Road Wear

10,000 bbls with 10 hours travel time
 1.5 MM Ton-miles

►CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

- 10,000 bbls to Ohio (12 hours)
  82.57 metric tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>
- 10,000 bbls reused / reclaimed (3 hours)
  21.15 metric tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>









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### **Current Practices**

#### » POTW

- Once Favored, Now Frowned Upon
- EOP Discharge Limitations

#### » Deep Well Injection

- Virtually All in Ohio, Some West Virginia
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has only 7-8 disposal wells
- ▶ 144,000 Class II injection wells in U.S.

#### » TSS Removal & Blending

- Condensate / Water Separation (SW)
- Gravitational Separation
- Filtration (100 / 20 micron)
- Successful test on ten wells in Oklahoma using 160K TDS clean brine







### **Current Practices**

# Chesapeake

#### » Floc and Drop (w/ filtration)

- Primary targets
  - TSS, Fe, Ca, Mg
  - Ba and Sr optional
- Clean brine effluent for reuse
- ▶ 90 day pilot underway in the Utica

#### » Electro-coagulation

- Works well for TSS
- Somewhat effective for Ca/Mg, but poor on Ba/Sr and Cl
- No additional chemicals
- Clean brine for reuse

#### » Evaporation / Distillation

- Smaller Units <2,500 bwpd</p>
- Pre-treatment required
- Distilled effluent for reuse or discharge via POTW









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### >> Eons Ago (3 Years)

- Large volume Desalinization Plants
  - **\$60-80 MM**
  - Primarily focused on distillation / brine concentration
  - Sporadic mention of crystallization

### Reverse Osmosis

- Lower initial capex
- Lower operating cost
- Minimal application due to high TDS MS brines





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#### » Last Few Years

- Smaller scale evaporators
  - ~1,000-2500 bwpd
  - Mobile (semi-mobile)
  - Reduced trucking
  - Distilled water (reuse or discharge via POTW)
  - Clean, concentrated brine (reuse or disposal)
  - Solids from PT (landfill)
- Selective ion removal
  - F&D pretreatment systems
  - Electro-coagulation
  - General effluent streams are clean brine (reuse) and solids (landfill)











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#### » Which Brings Us to Today

- Crystallization
  - <10,000 bwpd capacity</p>
  - Markets for effluent streams (?)
  - Distilled Water (?)
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### **On The Horizon**

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### **Produced Water Forecast**

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#### **» Forward Osmosis**

- Less fouling issues than RO
- Higher TDS limits (?)

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## **Improving Vendor Offerings**

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- GPM? = BPD? = AFY?
- ▶ 50 GPM = 1,714 BPD = 80.6 AFY

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#### » Understand That We Know Our Business Very Well

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### Welcome to OKC!

- » Eastern Division Operations
- **» Western Division Operations**
- » Research Technology Centers
- » Petrophysics
- » Geology Technology Group
- » Northern Division Operations & Engineering Technology Group

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- Pro forma curves
- Estimated Ultimate Recovery (EUR)

## **Improving Vendors Offerings**

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### » Avoid "Black Box" Pitches

- We understand your need to protect IP, but when you make claims that challenge the laws of physics and chemistry – you need to provide facts!
- Murky brine in one side distilled water out the other NO OTHER EFFLUENT STREAM!

#### » 21st Century Gold Rush

- The Solution
- >100 different technology providers

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»Uses perpetual motion magnets

» Developed in Cold War era Russia

»Developed to provide water for the indigenous people of the Amazon

»Nanocavitation creates an instantaneous temperature of 700°C without increasing the overall temperature of the base fluid

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## **Needed Regulation Improvements**

#### » Distilled Water

- Make it easier / less expensive for storage and transportation
- Reuse not always the best option
- Dewasting to allow other industries to use

#### » Reuse

- Improved permitting timeline for reuse applications
- "All in one permit"?
  - Air quality
  - Water quality
  - Waste

#### » Don't Be Afraid of Underground Injection

- Seismicity needs to be evaluated, but keep in mind:
- 80+ years of underground injection of produced brine
- Federal / State oversight of underground injection >40 years
- ~144,000 Class II injection wells in U.S.
- Over 2 billion gallons of brine injected daily

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### **\$ / BBL (includes trucking)**

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# Improving Operator Involvement Chesape

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#### » Provide More Fluids

Transportation an issue

#### » Provide More Field Level Access / Pilots

- Permitting issues in some areas
- Manpower
- Third party testing

# **Thank You!**

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