

Hydraulic Fracturing Study Timeline

EPA's Study of Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources

Updated June 2015



2010: US Congress urged EPA to conduct a study



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Mar 2010: EPA announced that it would conduct a research study to investigate the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources.

Mar-Jun 2010: SAB advisory on scoping documents. Jul-Aug 2010: Public meetings with stakeholders to identify concerns and study scope.





Nov 2011: Released Final Study Plan Feb – Aug 2011: SAB advisory on Draft Study Plan





Feb 2011: Released Draft Study Plan Feb War 2011: Held 4 Technical Workshops



Nov 2012: Held Technical Roundtables



Dec 2012: Released

Progress Report

Feb-July 2013: Held Technical Workshops





March-June 2013: SAB consultation on progress report. Individual SAB Panel members provided expert comments
Oct 2013: Technical roundtable members reviewed results from technical workshops

June 5, 2015: Publication of Federal Register notice to announce release of draft report and charge questions for public comment and SAB review. Notice posted of public teleconference and meeting



2015: Release Draft
Assessment Report of
Results to the SAB





2014: Additional stakeholder engagement with states and industry



August 28, 2015: End of 85 day comment period September 30, 2015: SAB public teleconference. To present oral statements, notify Designated Federal Official by 9/23/15



