Hydraulic Fracturing Drinking Water Assessment By the Numbers

EPA’s final assessment report reflects the current state-of-the-science on hydraulic fracturing and drinking water resources.

TIMELINE
2010: Scoping Document
2011: Study Plan
2013: First EPA publications
2014: Additional EPA publications
2015: Additional EPA publications
2015: Draft assessment
2016: Additional EPA publications
2016: Final Assessment

25 Peer-reviewed research papers and journal articles resulting from EPA initiated research
16 Technical roundtables and workshops with experts from states, tribes, environmental organizations and industry

OVER 1,200 Scientific sources cited in the assessment

110,772 Individuals who commented on the draft assessment
468 Unique public comments received on the draft assessment

5 Stages of the hydraulic fracturing water cycle:
- Water Acquisition
- Chemical Mixing
- Well Injection
- Produced Water Handling
- Wastewater Reuse and Disposal

9 Public Meetings convened by the EPA Science Advisory Board for the peer review of the assessment

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