



# HYDRAULIC FRACTURING & SAFE DRINKING WATER

*Hydraulic Fracturing Workshop*  
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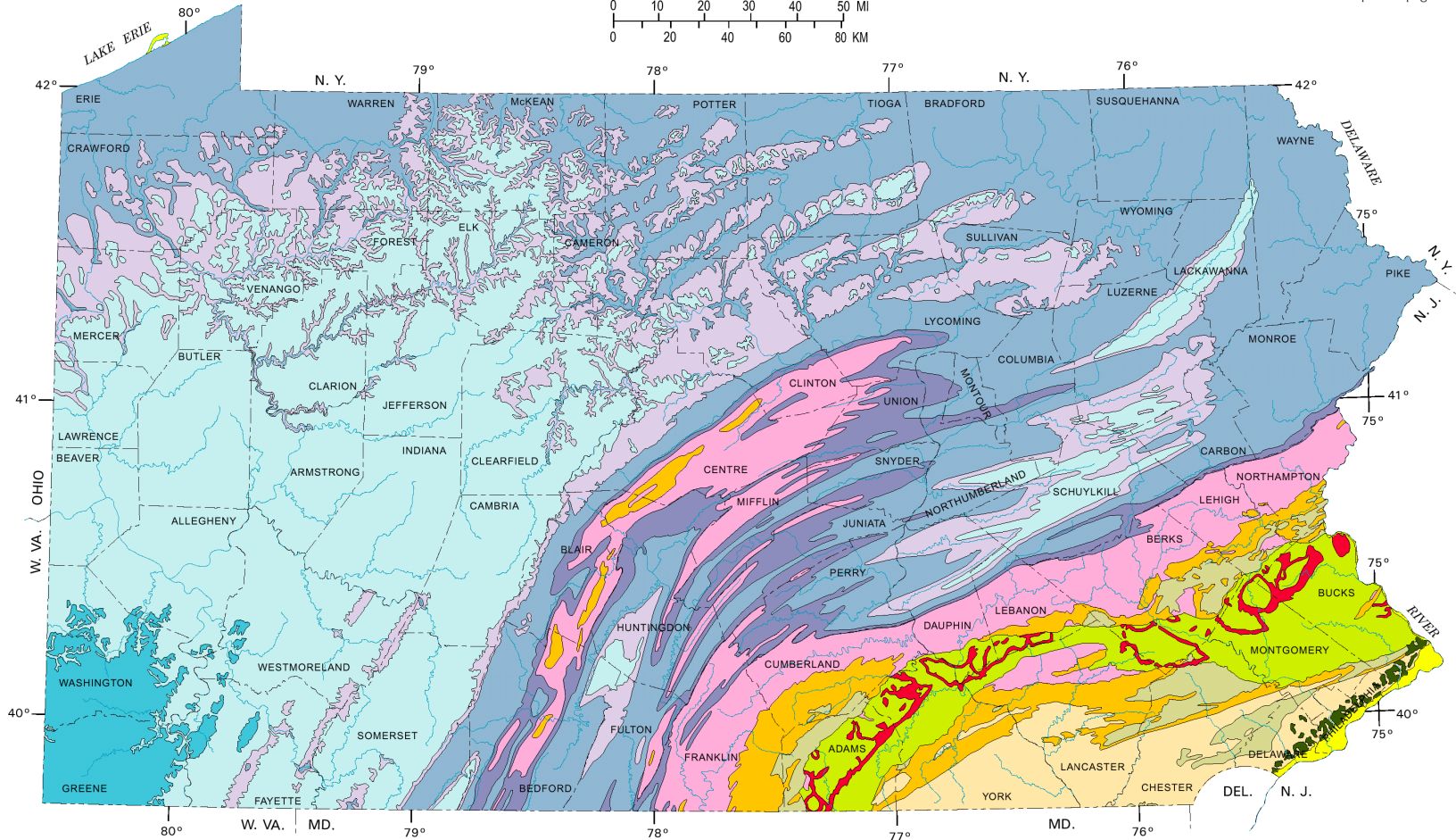
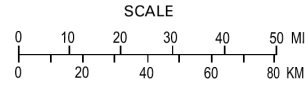
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# KEY MESSAGES

- 1. State Oil & Gas (O&G) regulations are adequate to protect water resources**
- 2. Well construction regulations are adequate for Hydraulic Fracturing (HF); However, development of adaptable BMPs would assist operators and states**
- 3. There are environmental challenges for water and drinking water programs posed by gas shale development**
- 4. We know surface water & ground water stressed by past mineral extraction in area of Marcellus Shale**
- 5. We have holes in our understanding of ground water going forward**

# GEOLOGIC MAP OF PENNSYLVANIA

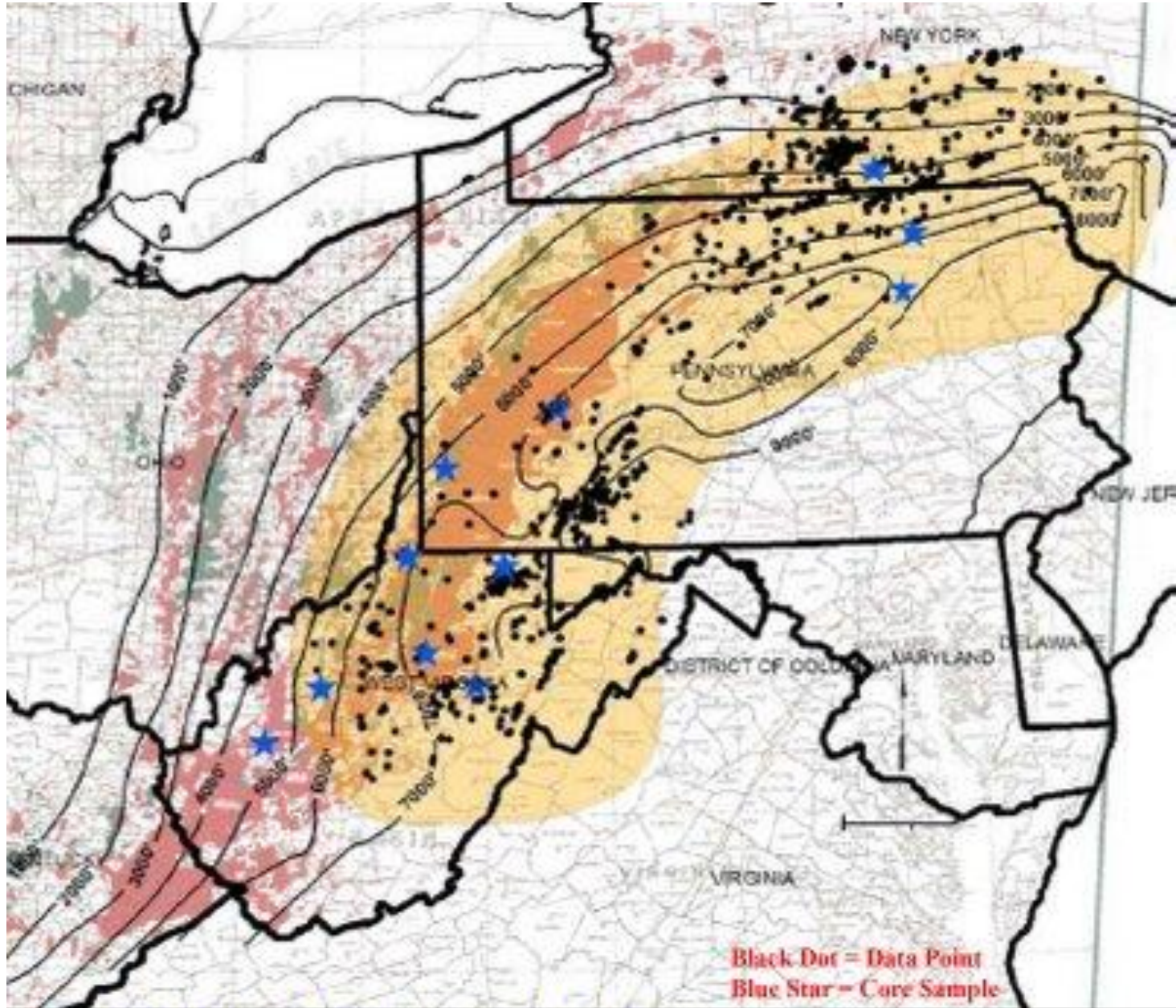
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# Depth to Marcellus Shale in feet



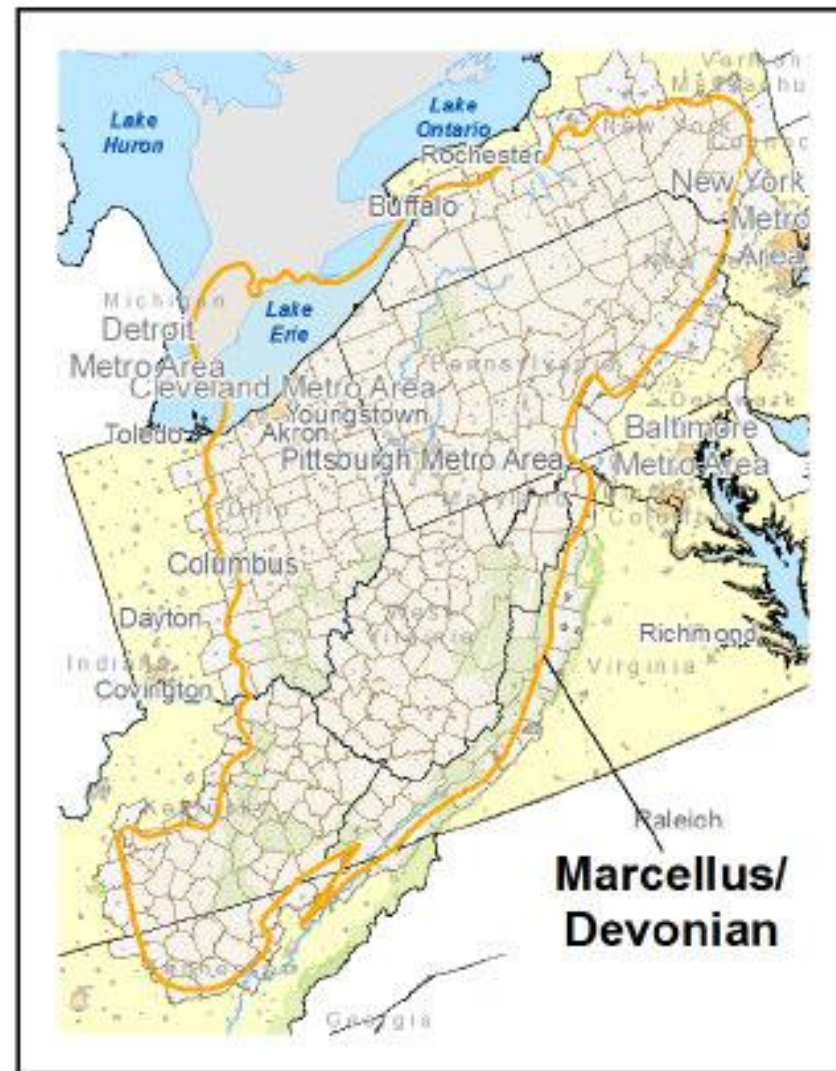
Source: CHK - October 16, 2008 Investor and Analyst Meeting

### EXHIBIT 18: STRATIGRAPHY OF THE MARCELLUS SHALE

Period		Group/Unit	
Penn		Pottsville	
Miss		Pocono	
Devonian	Upper	Conewango	
		Conneaut	
		Canadaway	
		West Falls	
		Sonyea	
		Genesee	
		Middle	Tully
	Hamilton Group		Moscow
			Ludlowville
			Skaneateles
		Marcellus	
		Onandaga	
	Lower	Tristates	
Helderberg			

Source: Arthur et al, 2008<sup>148</sup>

### EXHIBIT 19: MARCELLUS SHALE IN THE APPALACHIAN BASIN



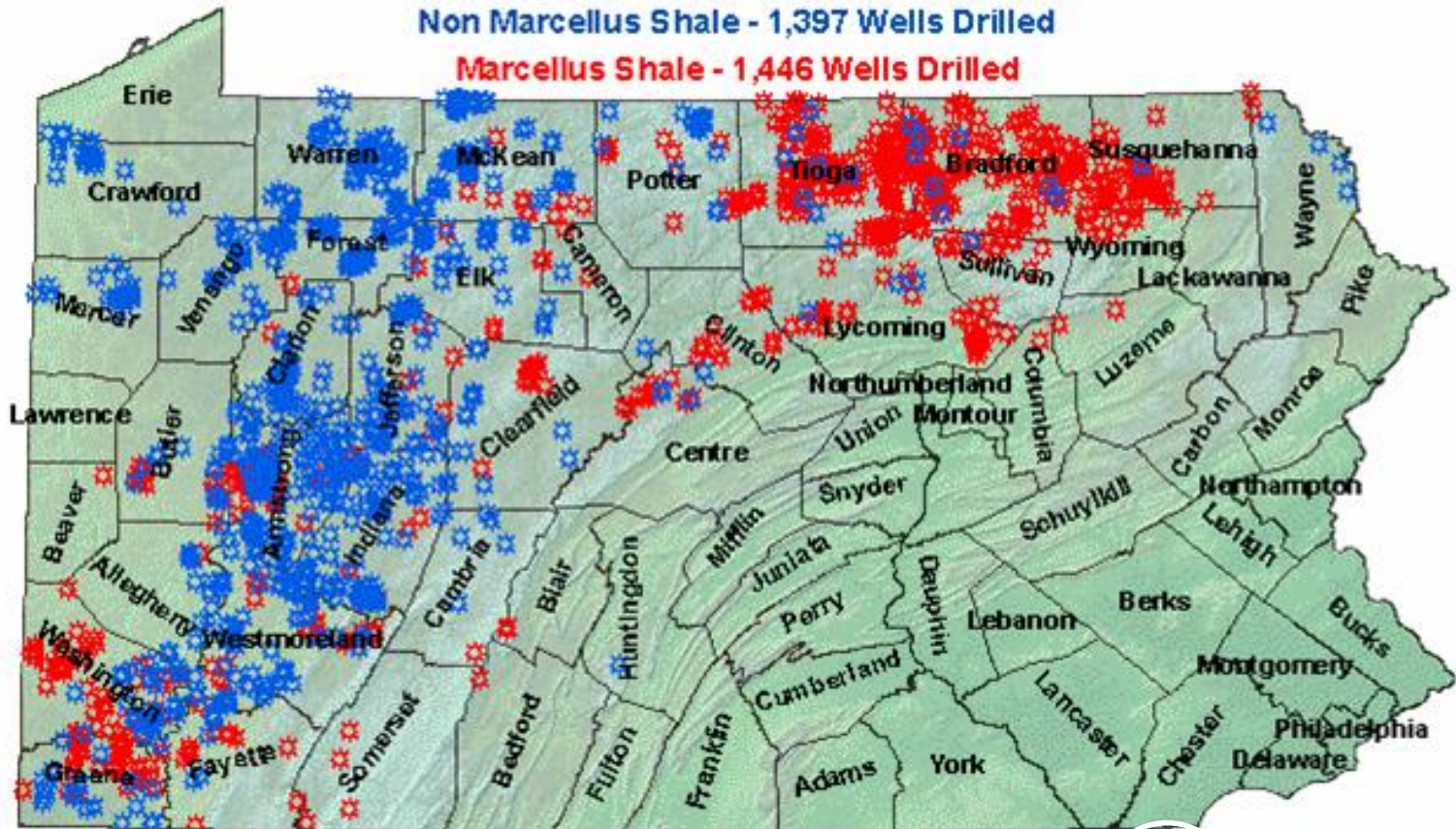
Source: ALL Consulting, 2009

# Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Oil and Gas Management Wells Drilled

2010 January-December Wells Drilled - 2,843

Non Marcellus Shale - 1,397 Wells Drilled

Marcellus Shale - 1,446 Wells Drilled



As Reported by Operators

Updated 01/25/2011



# What We Know

## Impacts on Water Resources

- **Water withdraws for HF solutions: streams, CWS**
- **Produced water containment, transport, treatment, discharge or disposal.**
- **Earth disturbance / construction, access & pipelines**
- **Site waste – equipment maintenance repair & other operations.**





- Marcellus and Other Shale Issues

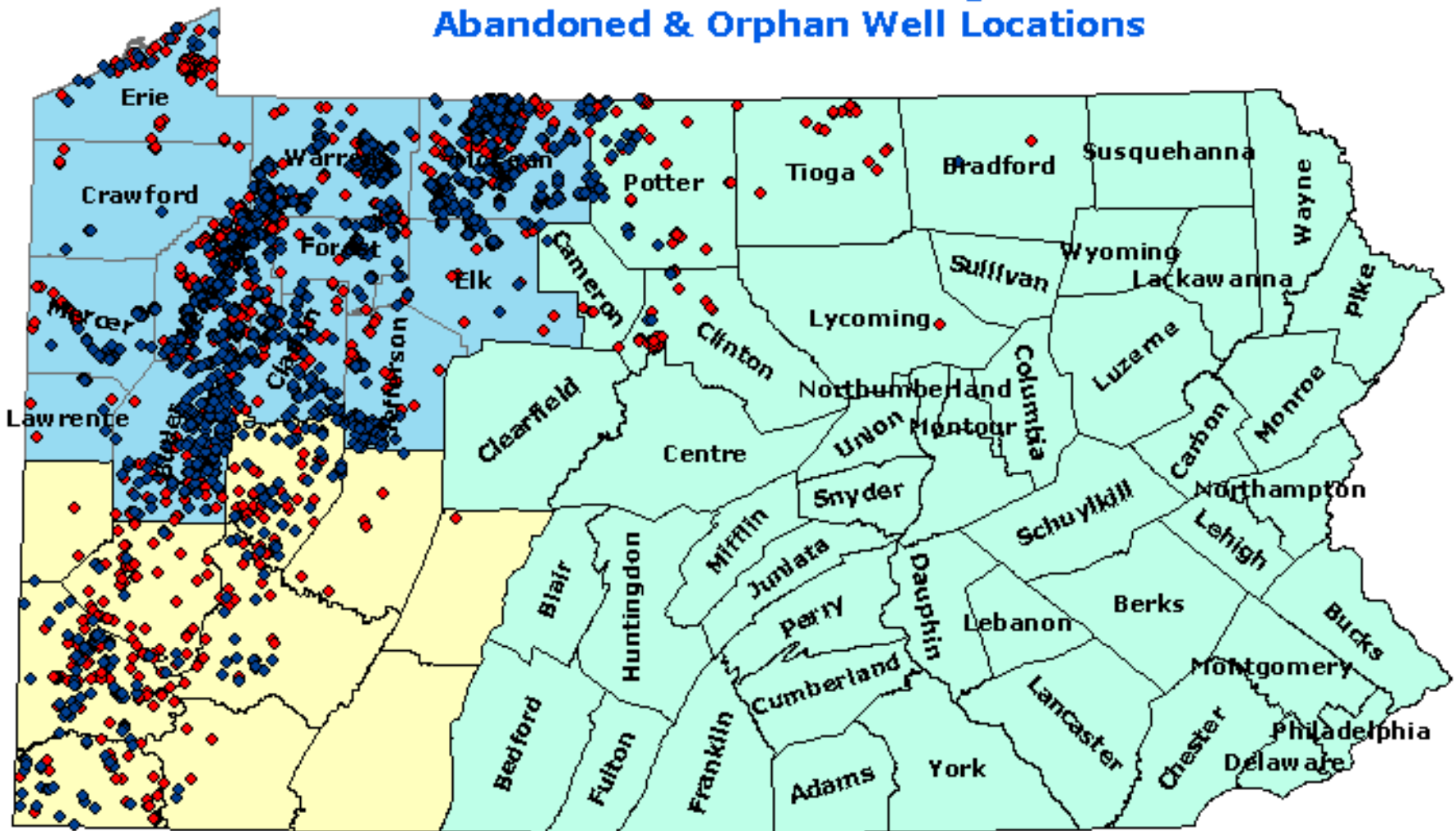


# What We Know

## Water Pollution Causes:

- **Loss of produced water or wastes at the surface**
- **Improper well casing design or construction**
- **Aquifer disturbance during drilling**
- **Improper treatment**
- **No evidence or concern in Pennsylvania that HF has caused direct migration of fluids to underground sources of drinking water**

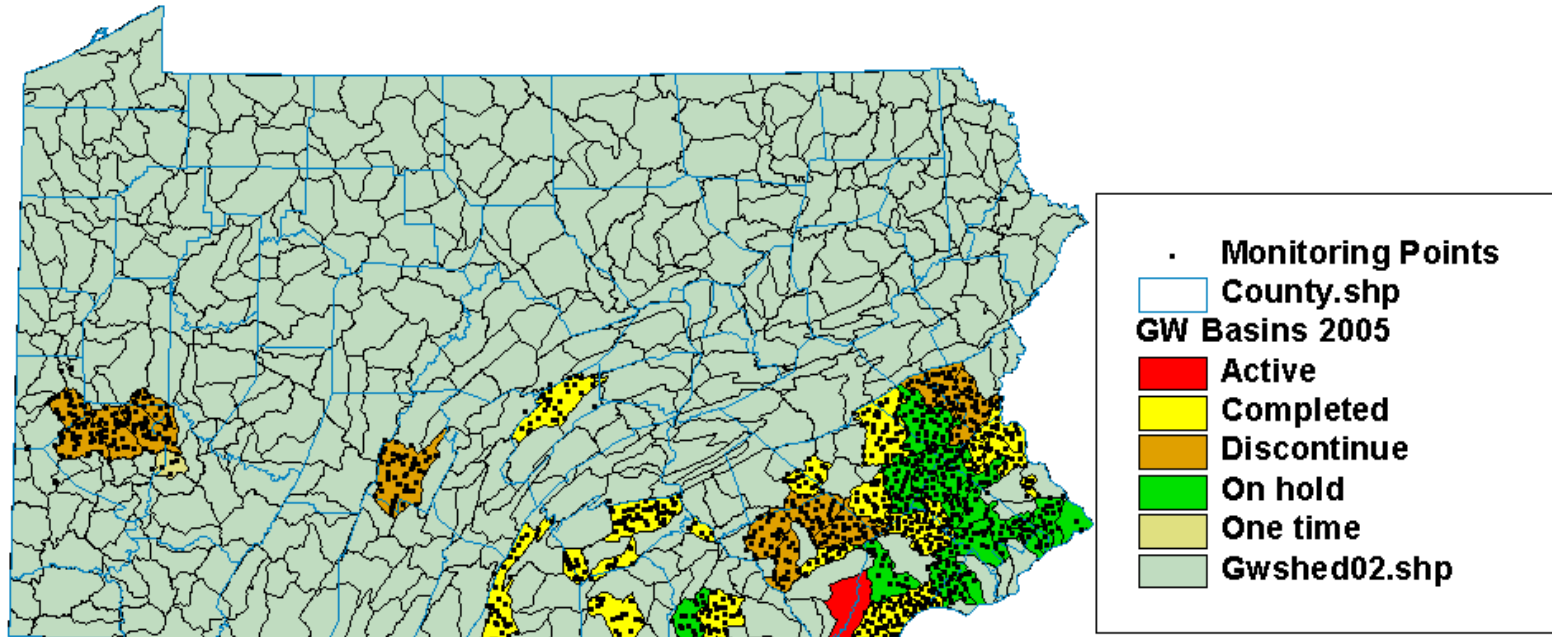
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Abandoned & Orphan Well Locations



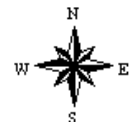
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# Ground Water Monitoring Status



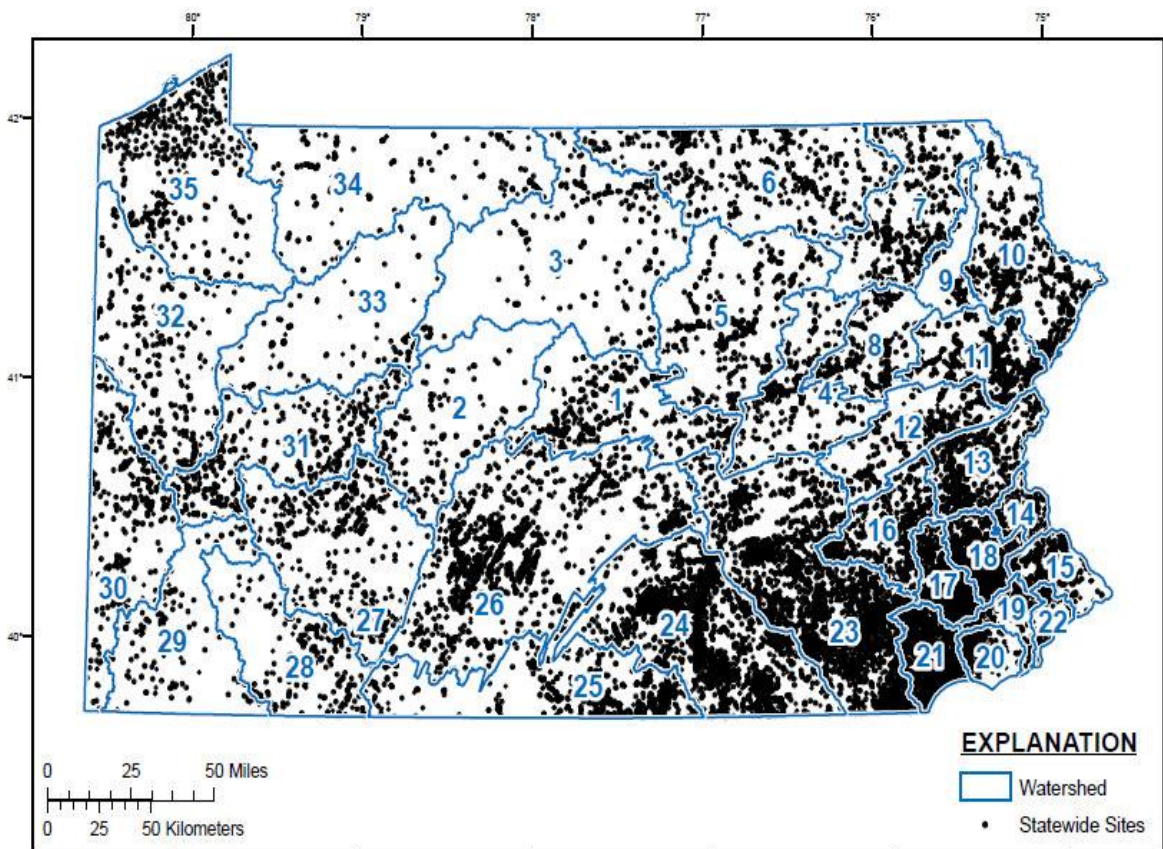
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# State Ground Water Quality

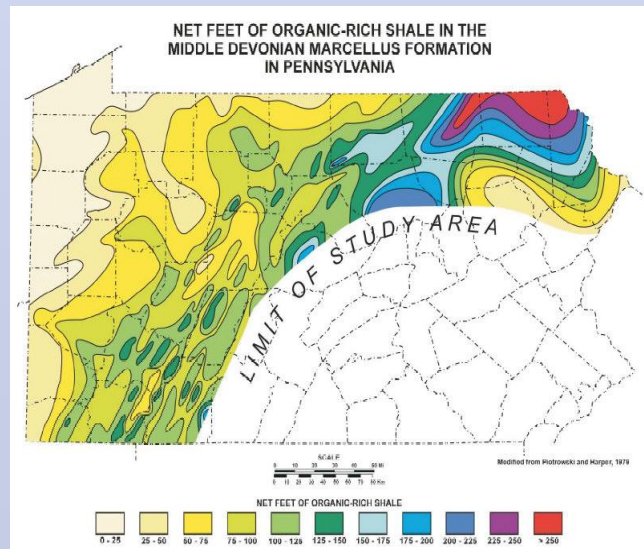
Map of Pennsylvania

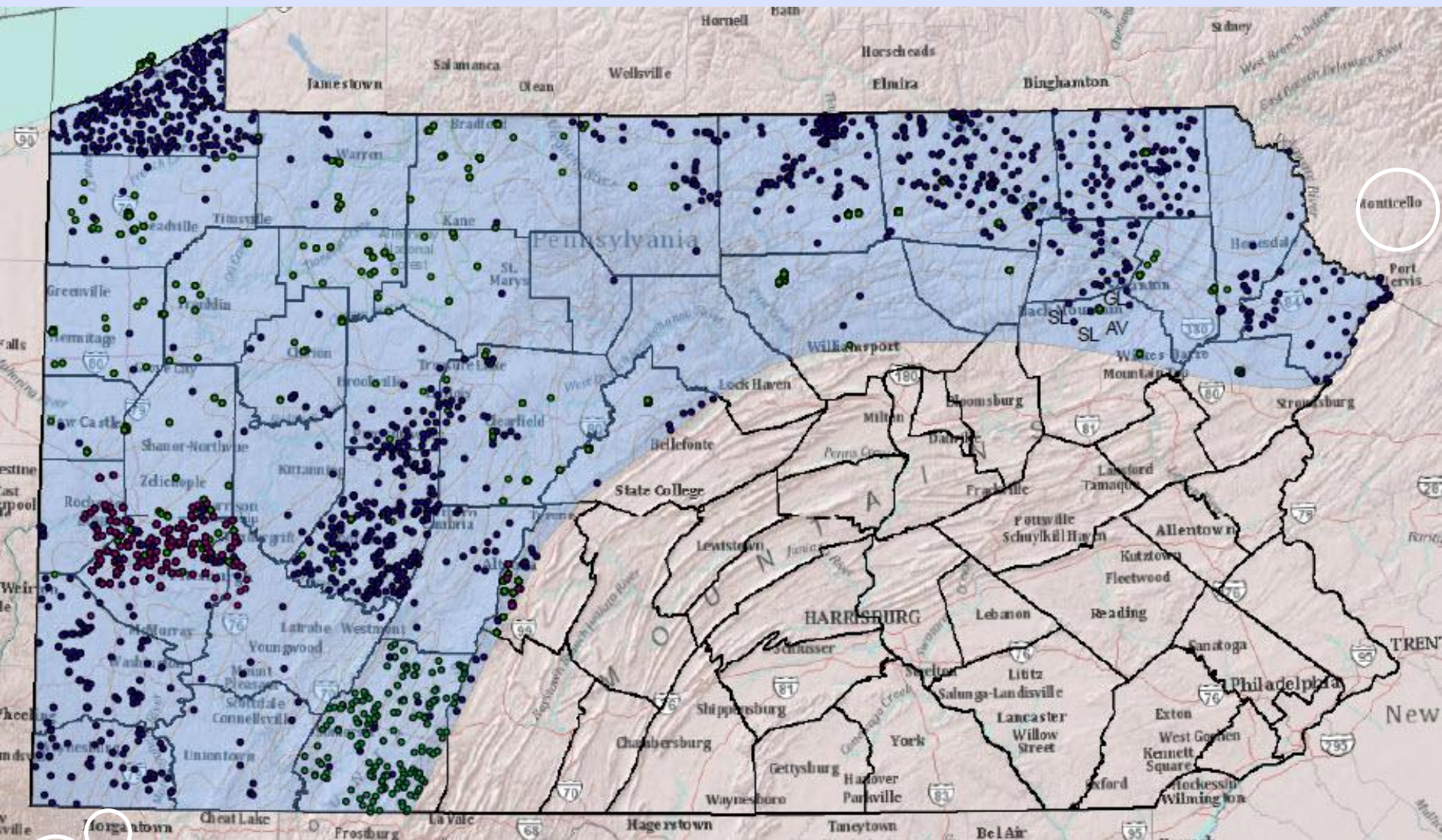
## USGS Data Series Report 314 (2009):



Watershed Boundaries from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Figure 4. Well and spring locations with ground-water data compiled from 14 source agencies or programs representing the period 1979-2006 for Pennsylvania.





Monticello



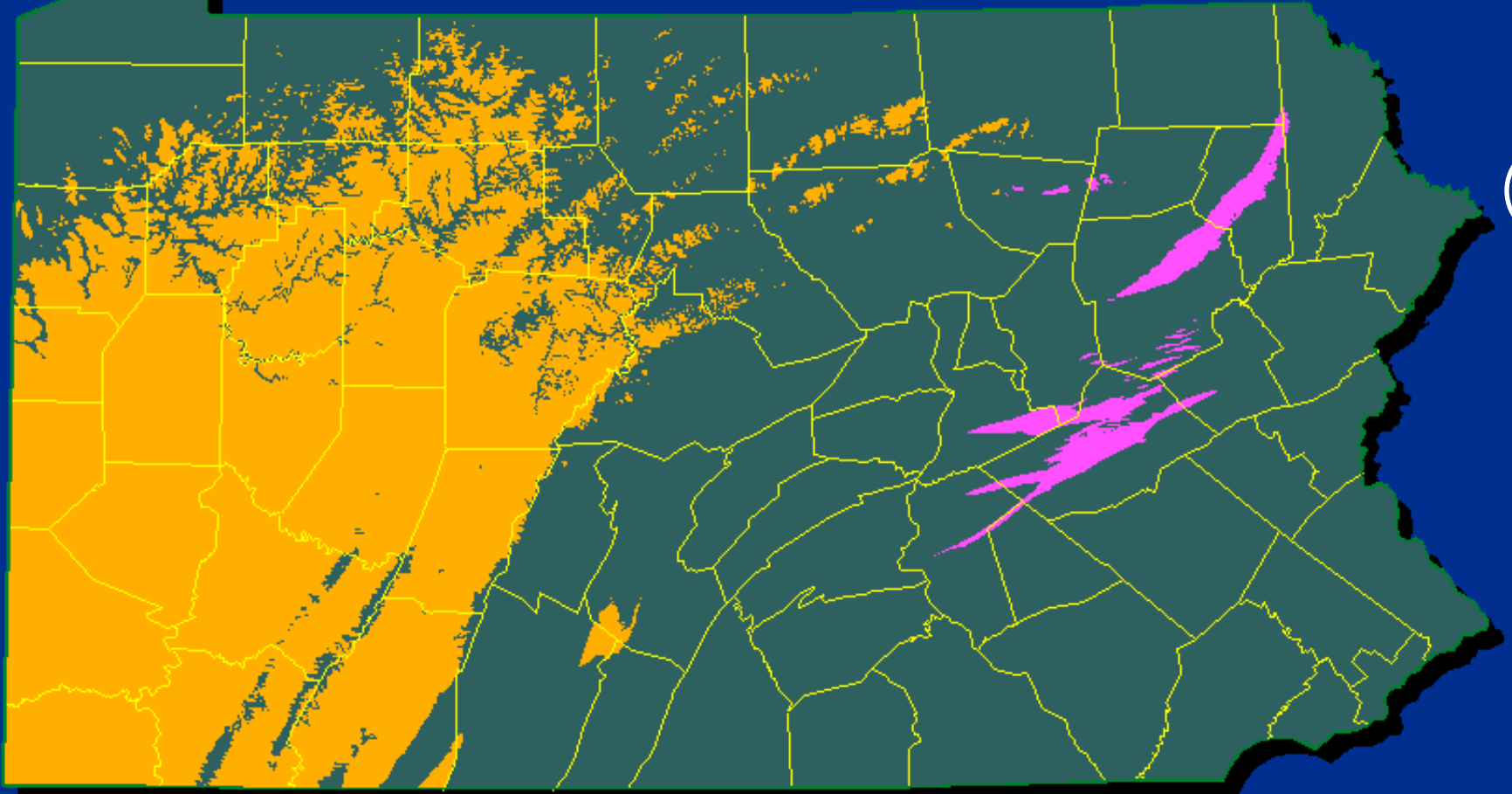
- Abandoned Mine Drainage



Bituminous Fields



Anthracite Fields





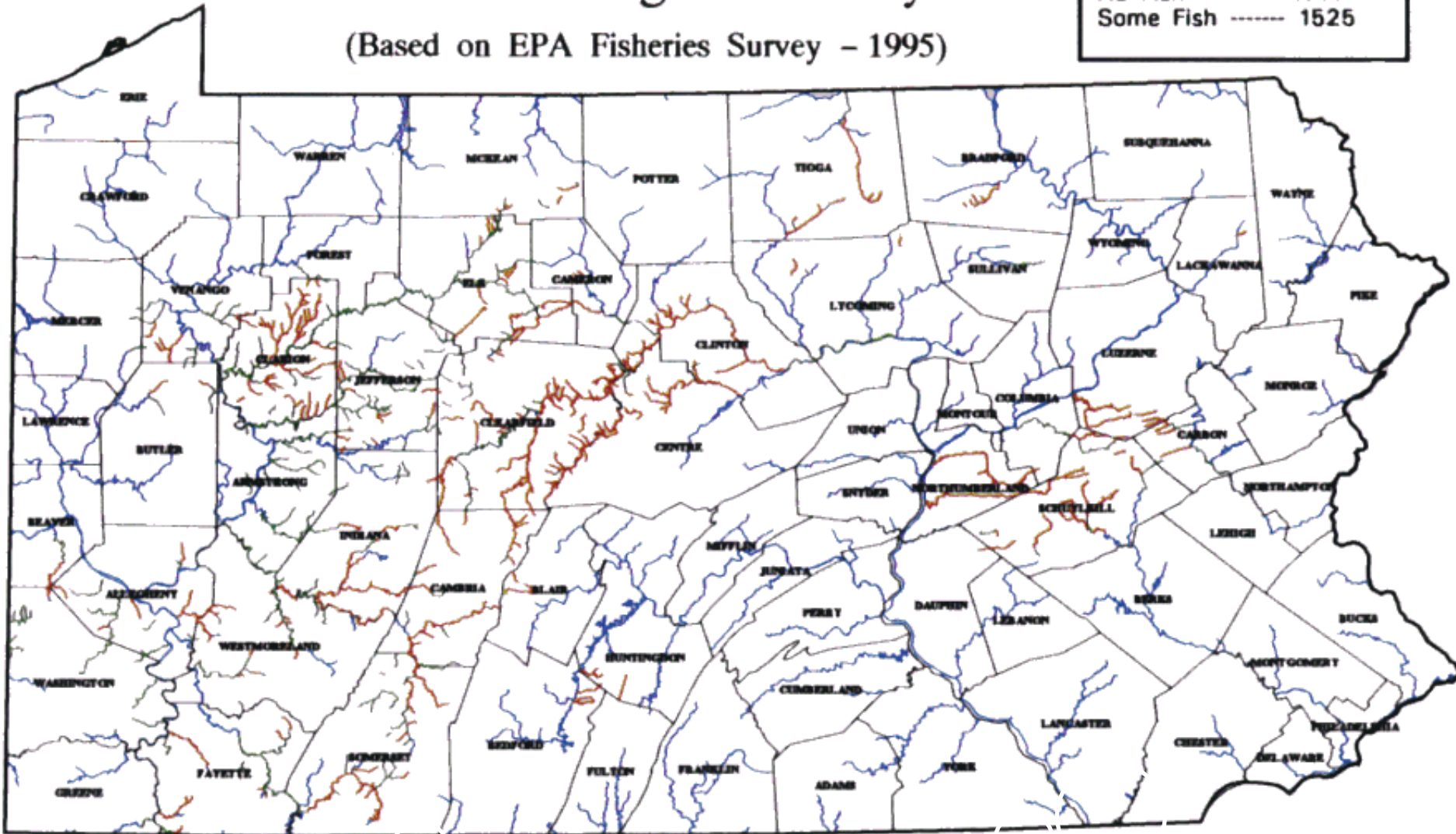
# Streams and Fisheries Impacted by Acid Mine Drainage in Pennsylvania

(Based on EPA Fisheries Survey - 1995)

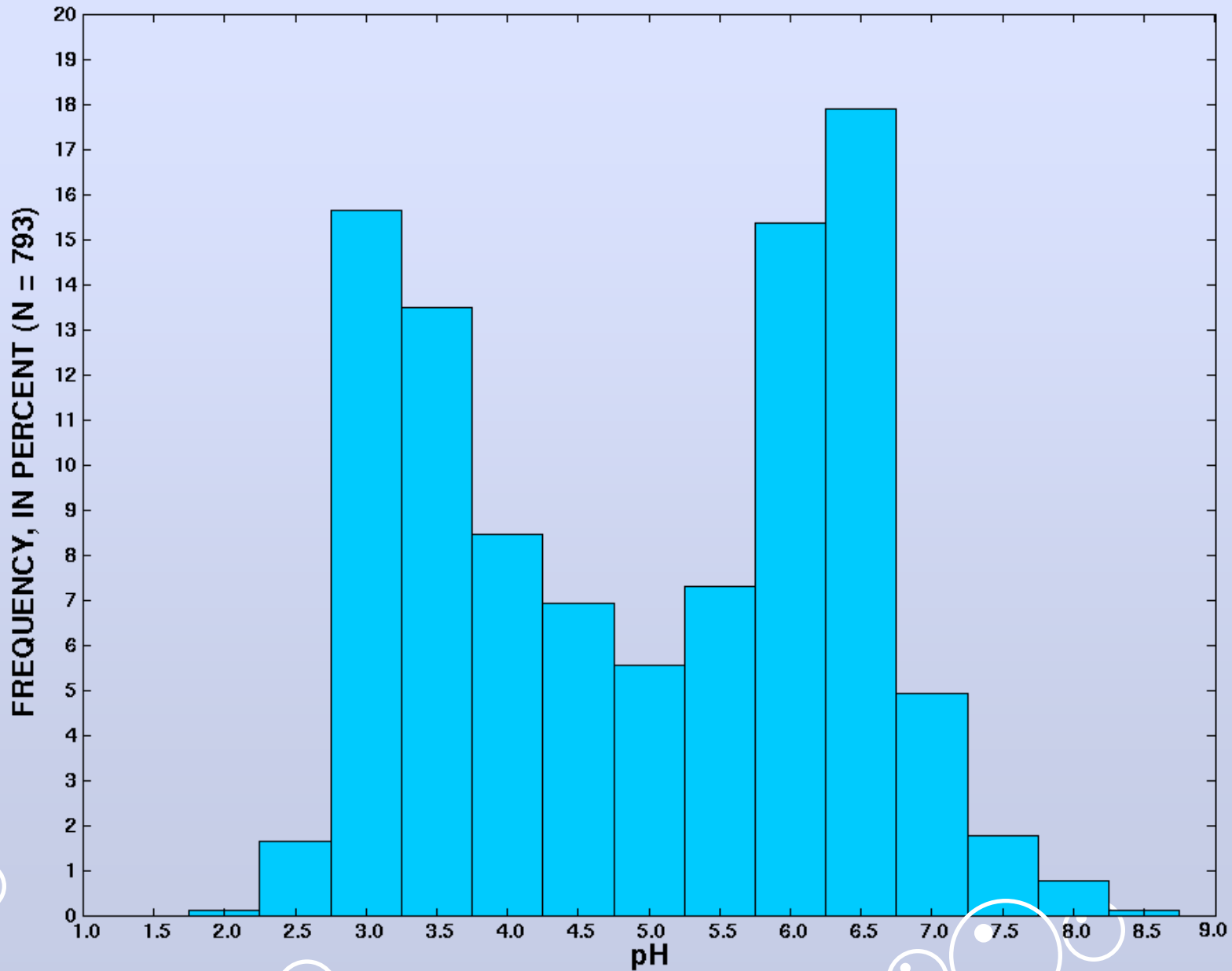
## Legend:

- No Fish
- Some Fish

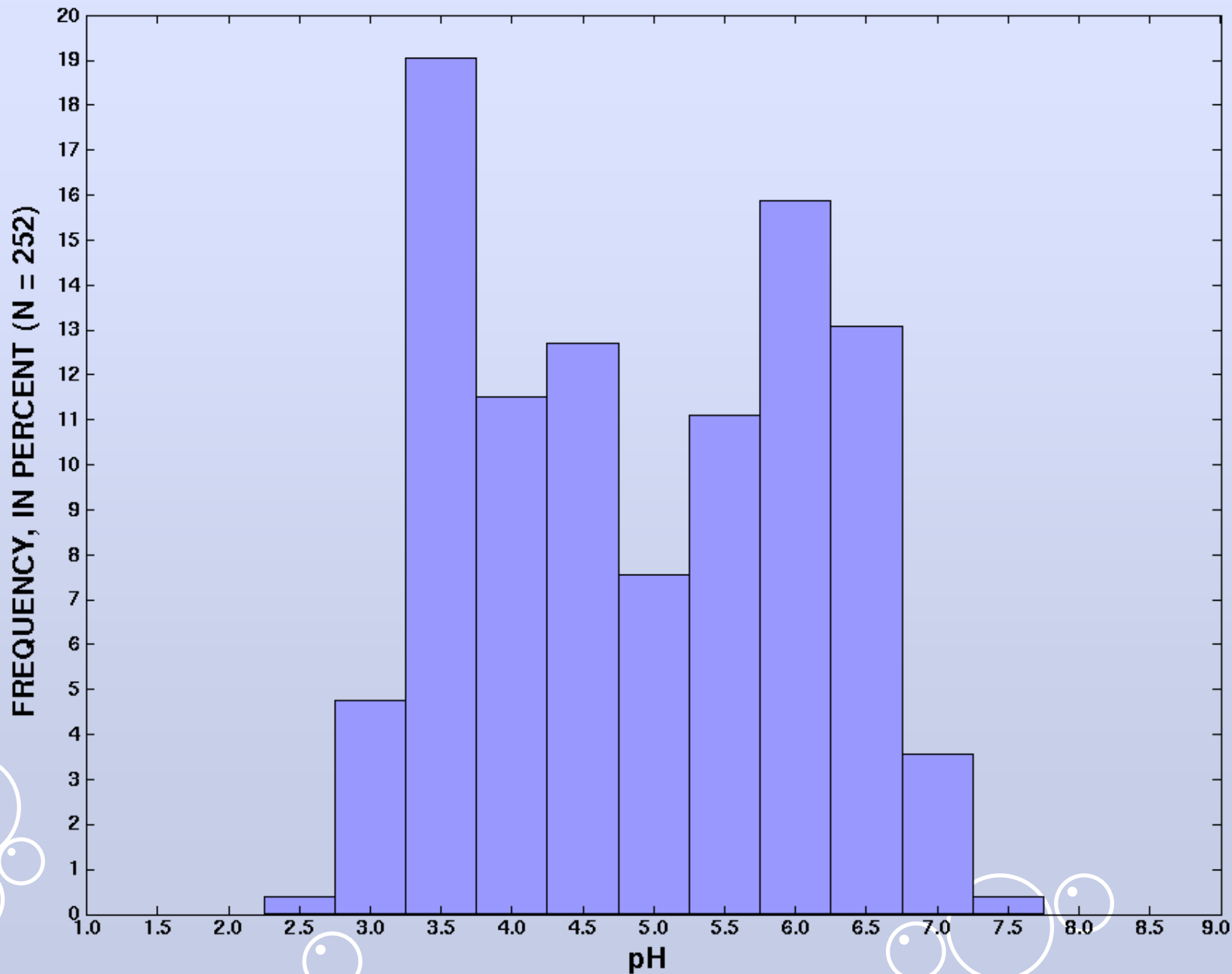
Impacted Stream Miles  
No Fish ----- 1714  
Some Fish ----- 1525



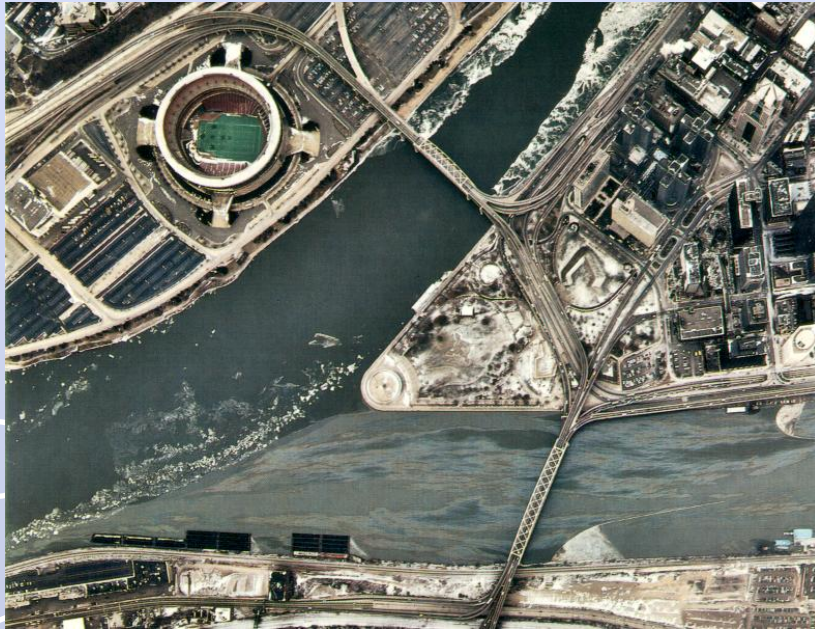
# BITUMINOUS COAL-MINE DISCHARGES IN PENNSYLVANIA



# ANTHRACITE COAL-MINE DISCHARGES IN PENNSYLVANIA



# Monogahela River - Elevated TDS 2008



- 10/2008 - Elevated total dissolved solids (TDS) > than SDWA standard (500 mg/l)
- Potential sources of TDS in watershed include abandoned & active surface and deep coal mines, waste water and industrial discharges (receiving HF flow-back)
- PA DEP reduced HF % flow at wastewater treatment plants
- River under historic low flow conditions
- TDS concentrations returned to normal in December 2008 after recovery of river flow



*Source: Chesapeake Energy Corporation, 2008*

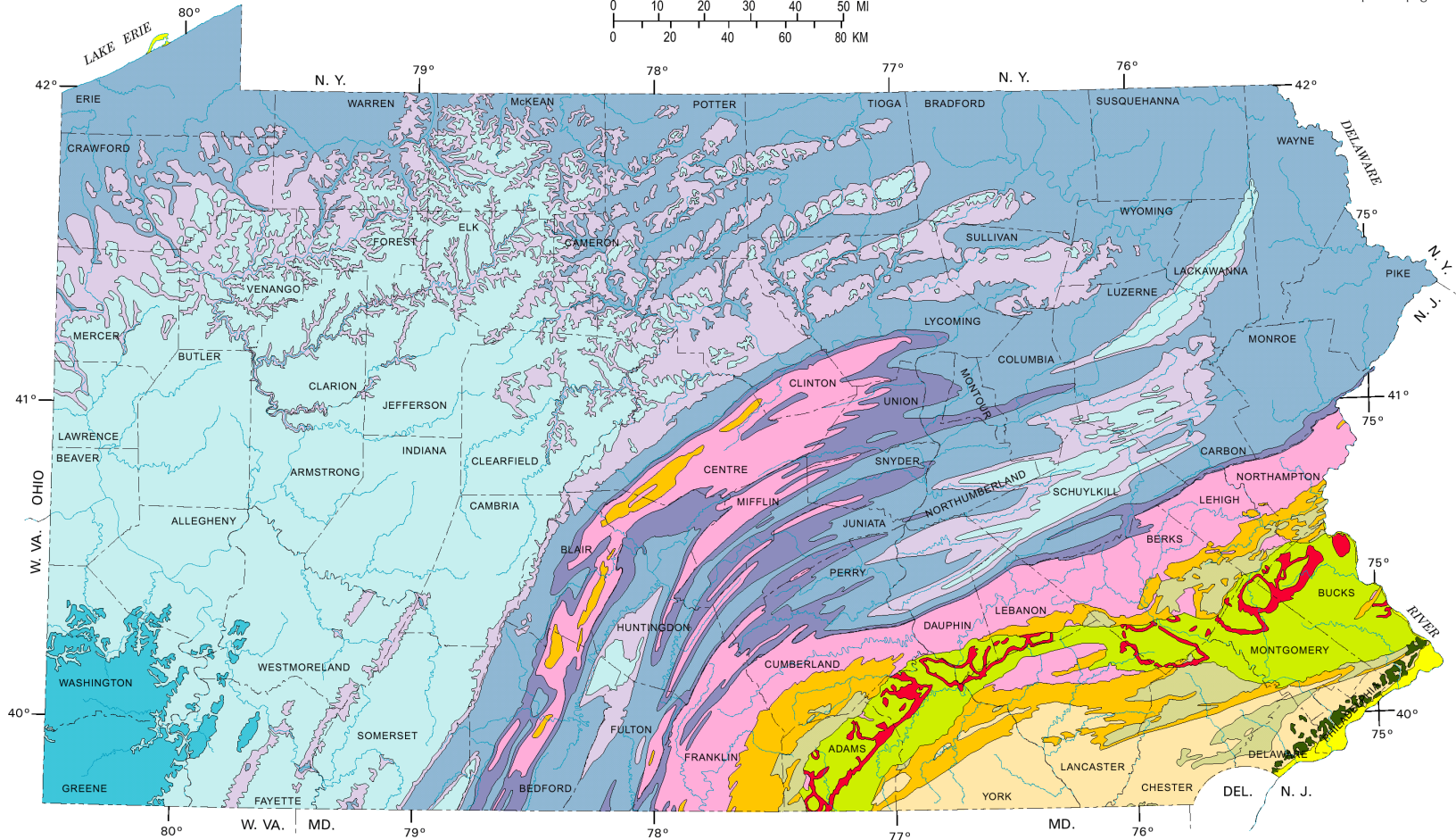
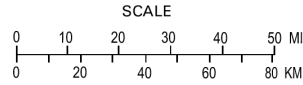
## *Hydraulic Fracturing of a Marcellus Shale Well, West Virginia*



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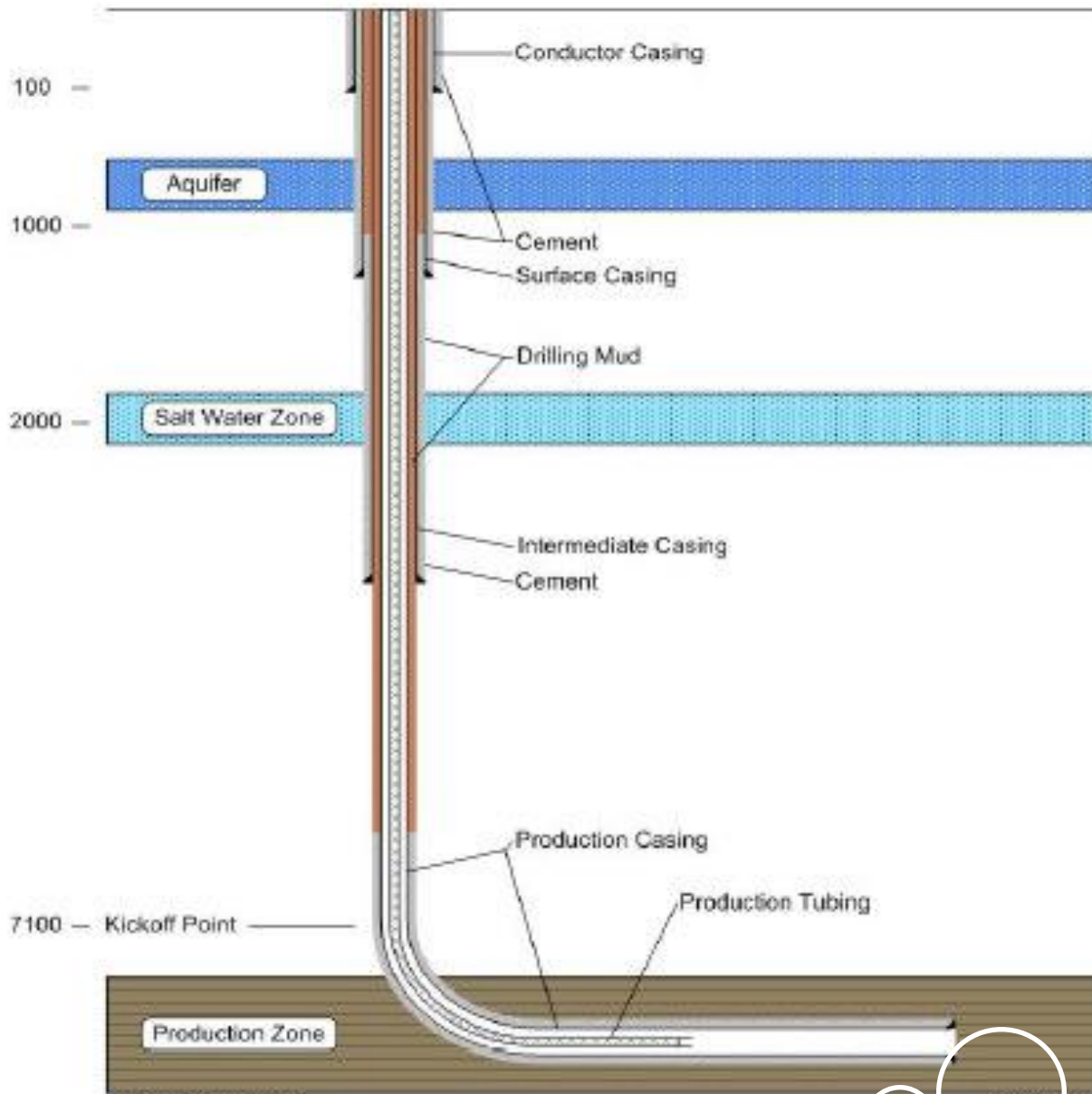
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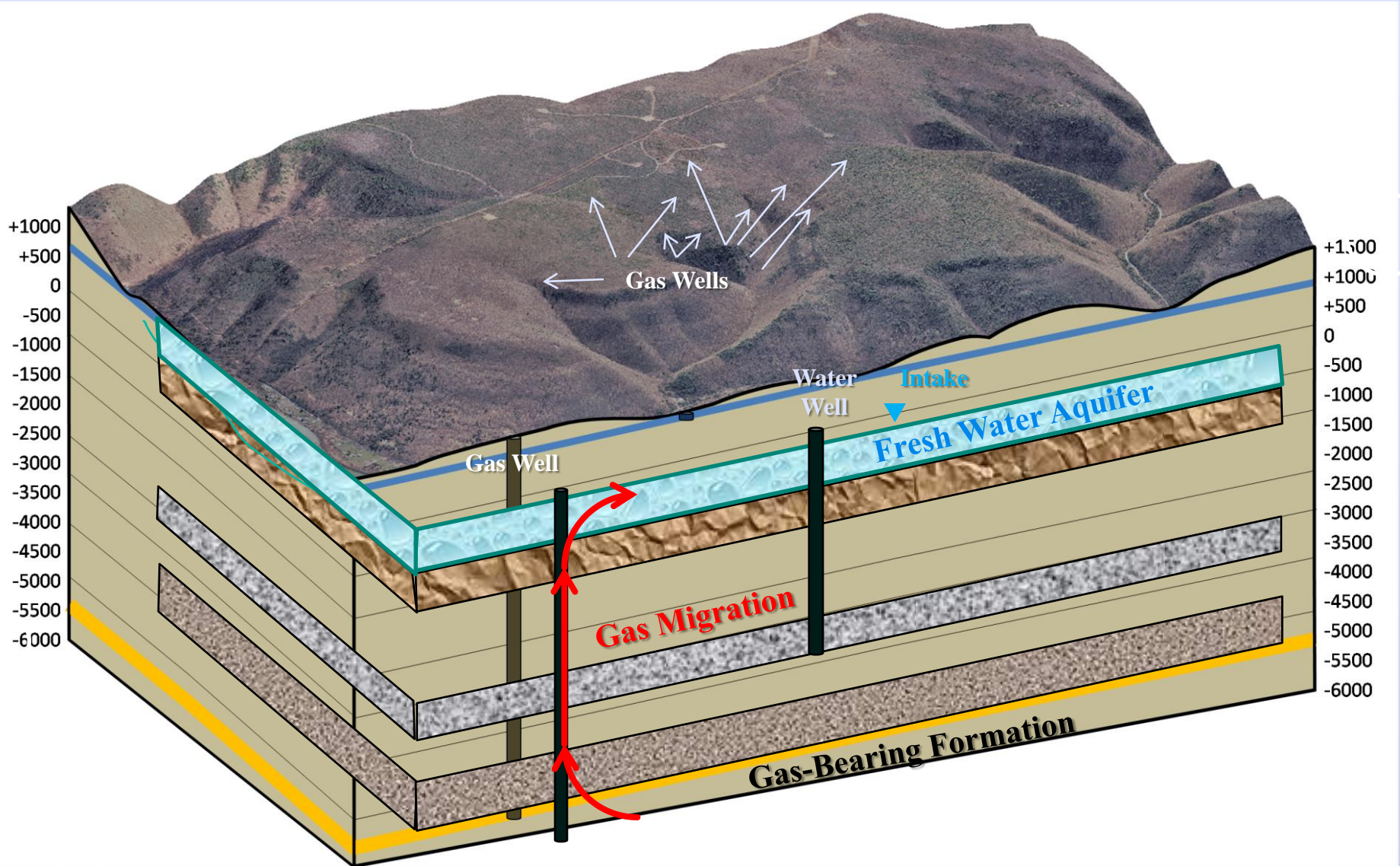
# EXHIBIT 30: CASING ZONES AND CEMENT PROGRAMS



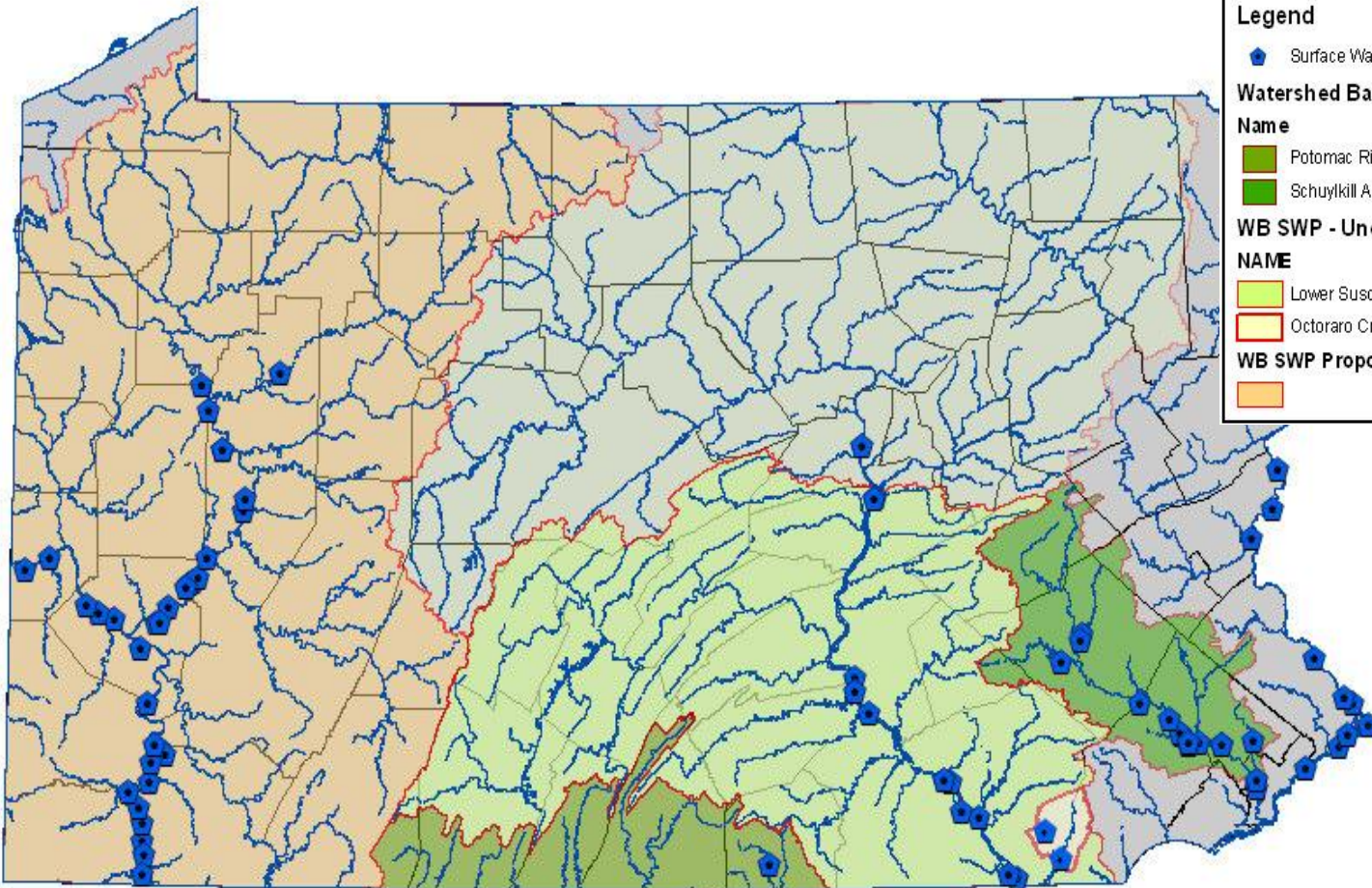
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Not to Scale





# PA Watershed Based Source Water Protection Program



## Legend

◆ Surface Water Intakes

### Watershed Based SWP

#### Name

■ Potomac River Drinking Water Protection Partnersio

■ Schuylkill Action Network

### WB SWP - Under Development

#### NAME

■ Lower Susquehanna

■ Octoraro Creek

### WB SWP Proposed 2011

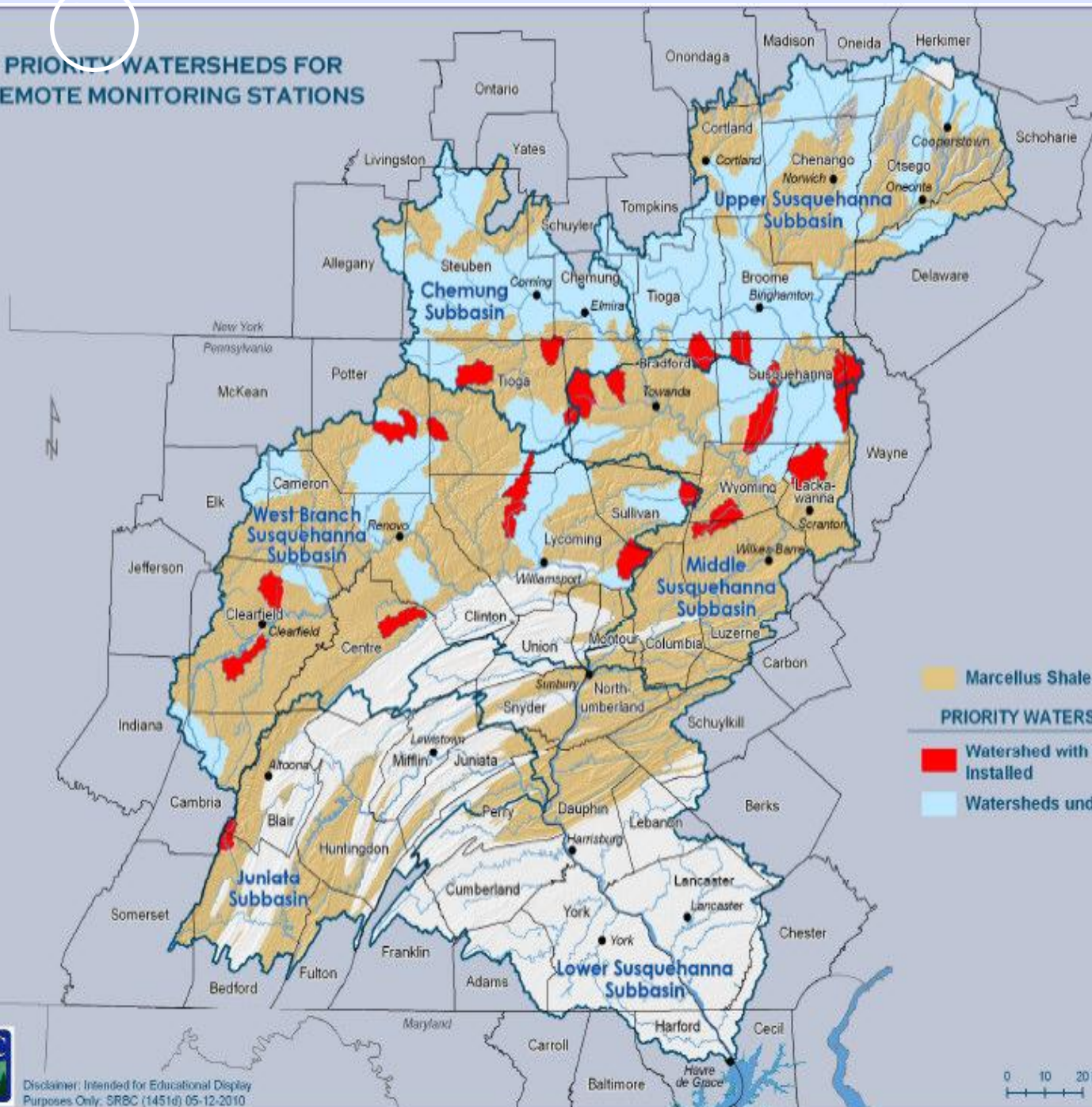
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# PRIORITY WATERSHEDS FOR REMOTE MONITORING STATIONS

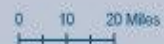


- Marcellus Shale
- PRIORITY WATERSHEDS**
- Watershed with Station Installed
- Watersheds under Review



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