

# **ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS IN MEXICO – BEST PRACTICES FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

## **Unconventional Energy Resources in Texas – Lessons Learned, Strategies, and Opportunities**

January 30, 2015, 8:30 AM-Noon  
SC Ballroom, Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas

As Mexico embarks on a new era in energy developments, it is strategic to learn from the experience in Texas. One of the critical areas is the relationship between the energy sector and the transportation infrastructure sector. Join us for a half-a-day event where we will discuss lessons learned and explore opportunities for outreach, synergy, and collaboration.

While the energy sector is having a dramatic positive impact on the Texas and U.S. economies, unconventional energy developments tend to generate very high volumes of truck traffic. Many of the affected roads were never designed to carry such high truck traffic volumes or heavy loads. The result has been accelerated pavement degradation, increases in crash and fatality rates, increases in congestion and air emissions, and degradation of roadside infrastructure such as shoulders, clear zones, driveways, and drainage structures. The energy and trucking industries have also been affected because of the accelerated truck fleet wear and tear and dramatic increases in vehicle repair costs. The surge in energy-related activities is also putting pressure on other transportation modes, such as railroads, ports, and pipelines.

In recent years, the Texas A&M Transportation (TTI) has developed a significant amount of expertise in critical areas related to energy developments, ranging from pavement maintenance and repair techniques, development and assembly of massive energy-related databases, analysis of safety trends and countermeasures, commodity flows and supply chain analysis, and coordination with public-sector and private-sector stakeholders. TTI has completed several projects in this area, and is currently undertaking a number of initiatives at the national, state, and local levels. Established in 1950, TTI is the world's largest university-based transportation research organization. TTI's objective is to solve transportation problems through research, technology transfer, and development of diverse human resources. To achieve this objective, the Institute participates in local, state, regional, and national levels in conducting interdisciplinary research programs that extend into the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, enforcement, safety, economic, ecological, and social aspects of transportation.

### **SPEAKERS**

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Ioannis Tsapakis, Ph.D., Assistant Research Scientist, TTI

## AGENDA

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
8:30	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  TAMIU Binational Center – Maria Eugenia Calderon Clúster Minero-Petrolero de Coahuila – Rogelio Montemayor City of Laredo – Mayor Pete Saenz Webb County – Judge Tano Tijerina Texas A&M Transportation Institute – Cesar Quiroga
9:00	<b>Texas A&amp;M Transportation Institute Overview</b>
9:10	<b>Oil and Gas Developments in Texas</b>  Evolution and trends
9:30	<b>Recent and Current Research and Technology Transfer</b>  Impacts on transportation infrastructure Pavement maintenance, repair, and design Oversize and overweight trucks Transportation policy Funding Ports Water and environmental issues Other
10:15	<b>Break</b>
10:30	<b>Breakout Table Discussions</b>  The purpose of the breakout discussions is (a) to explore topics and issues of interest to participants in more detail in relation to energy developments and transportation infrastructure in Texas, (b) to identify transportation infrastructure needs in Mexico, and (c) to identify areas of synergy and potential collaboration. Each breakout subgroup will have a leader, who will help coordinate the discussion and assemble notes that will be discussed as a group at the end.  It is anticipated that three or four breakout groups will be assembled.
11:30	<b>Breakout Group Presentations</b>
11:50	<b>Wrap-Up, Next Steps, and Adjourn</b>

# Energy Developments in Mexico – Best Practices for Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure

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Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, January 30, 2015

## Meeting Objectives

- Examine the relationship between the energy and transportation infrastructure sectors
- Review lessons learned from unconventional energy developments in Texas
- Explore opportunities for outreach, synergy, and collaboration to support sustainable energy and transportation developments in Mexico

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  - Mayor Pete Saenz
- Webb County
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# Introductions

- Your name
- Where do you work?
- Expectations for this meeting?



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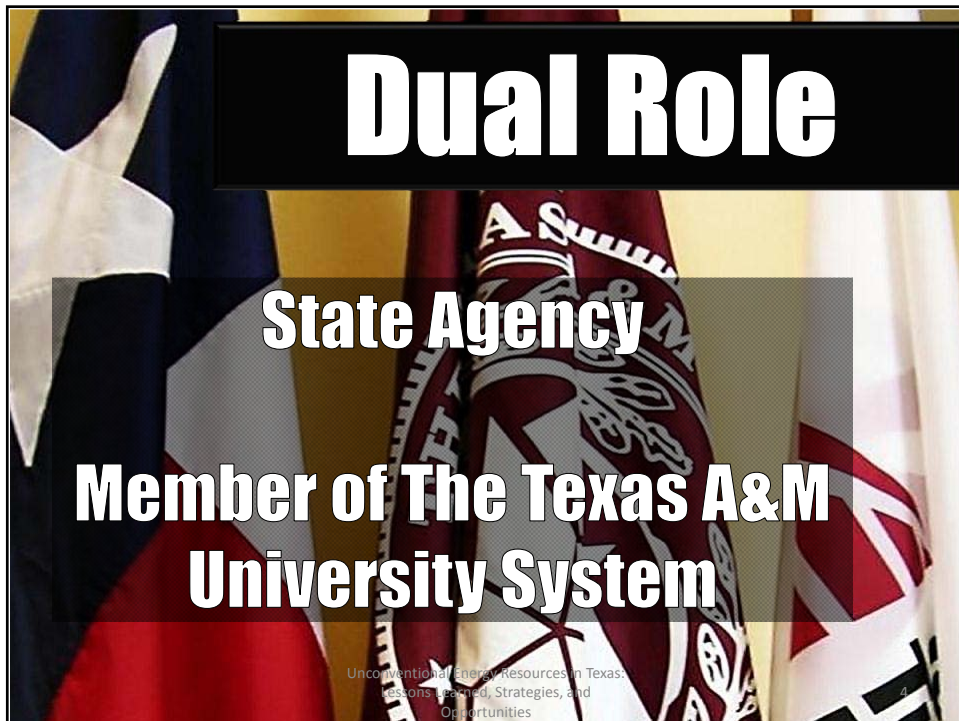


## TTI Mission

- To solve transportation problems through research
- To transfer technology and knowledge
- To develop diverse human resources to meet the transportation challenges of tomorrow

**Over 60 years of Implementing the U.S. Land-Grant University Mission in Transportation**

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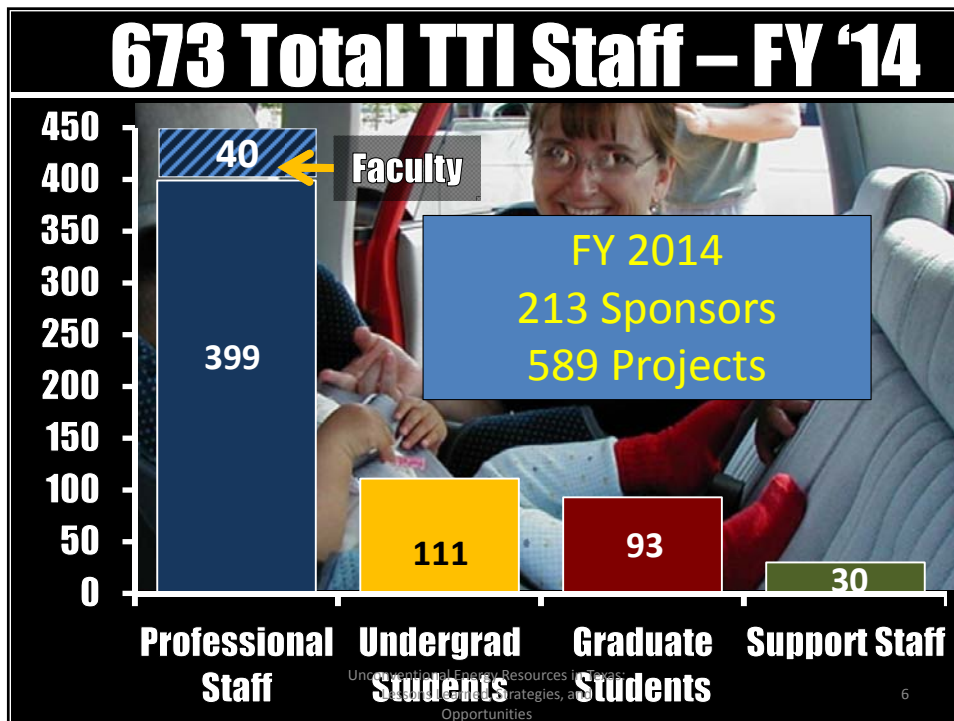
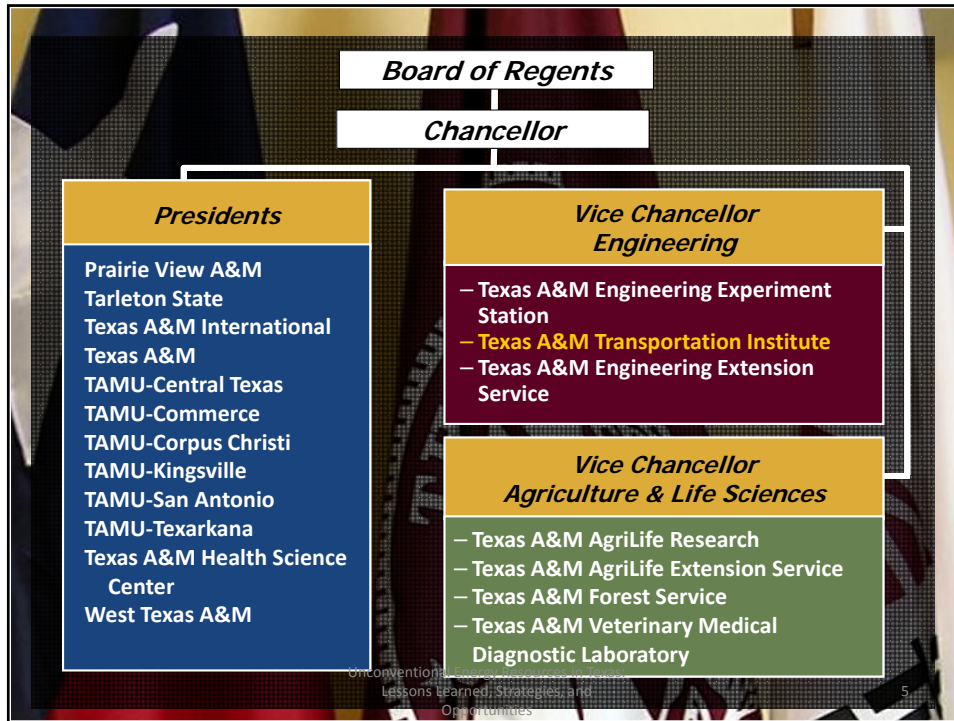
# Dual Role

## State Agency

## Member of The Texas A&M University System

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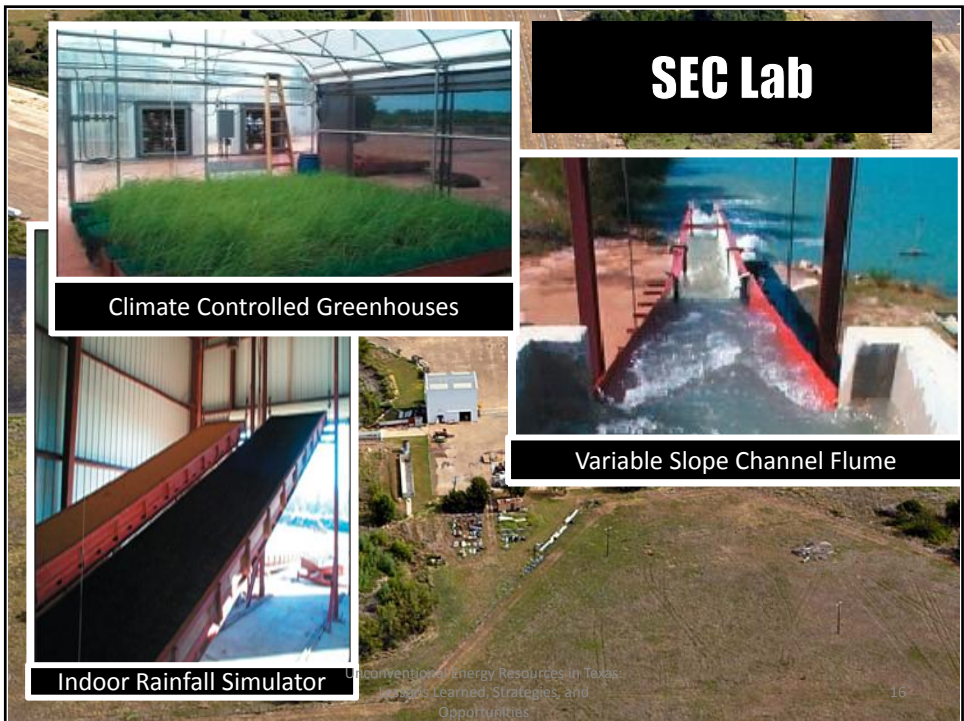












## Groups Involved in Energy Research

- Materials and Pavements Division
- Freight Program
- San Antonio Office
- Policy Research Center
- Center for Transportation Safety
- ...

## Materials and Pavements Division

- Sponsors include
  - TxDOT
  - NCHRP
  - FHWA
  - AASHTO
  - SHRP2
  - Private Industry



## Research Areas

- Pavement design
- Materials
- Asphalt overlays
- Maintenance & rehabilitation
- Pavement evaluation
- Asset management/condition surveys
- Implementation
- Calibration/certification



## Freight Program

- Cross-cutting research program at TTI
- Motor Carriers: congestion, emissions, size, weight
- Maritime: inland waterways, port operations
- Border and Trade: border crossing performance measures, freight ITS
- Railroads: safety, infrastructure, markets
- Freight Systems and Planning: hazardous materials, Freight Shuttle



## San Antonio Office

- Optimization of the project development process
- Energy and transportation sector interactions
- Utility coordination and conflict management
- Planning and operations
- Extensive South Texas coverage
- Support to TxDOT Districts (San Antonio, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Pharr)
- Coordination with local jurisdictions

## Questions?

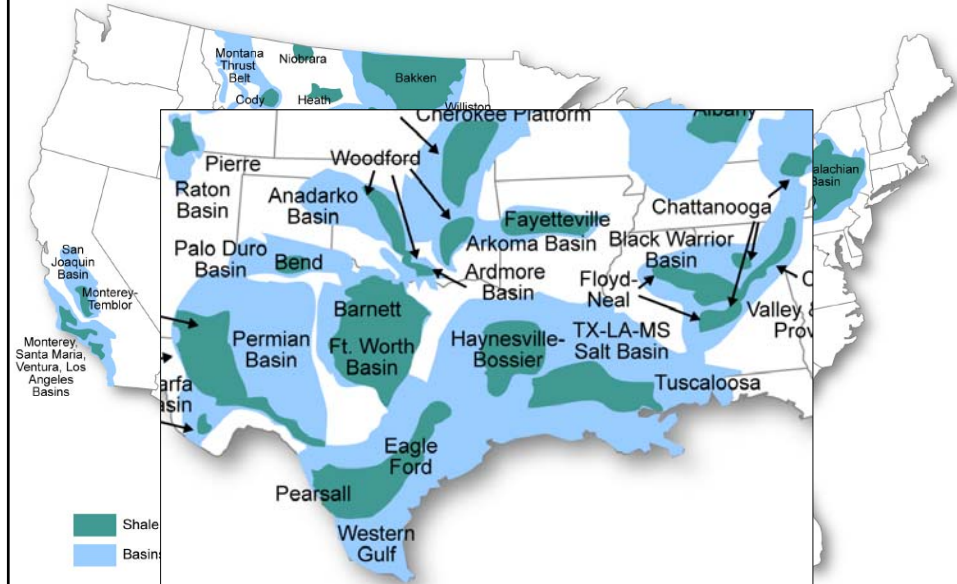


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# Oil and Gas Developments in Texas

## Shale Plays and Basins



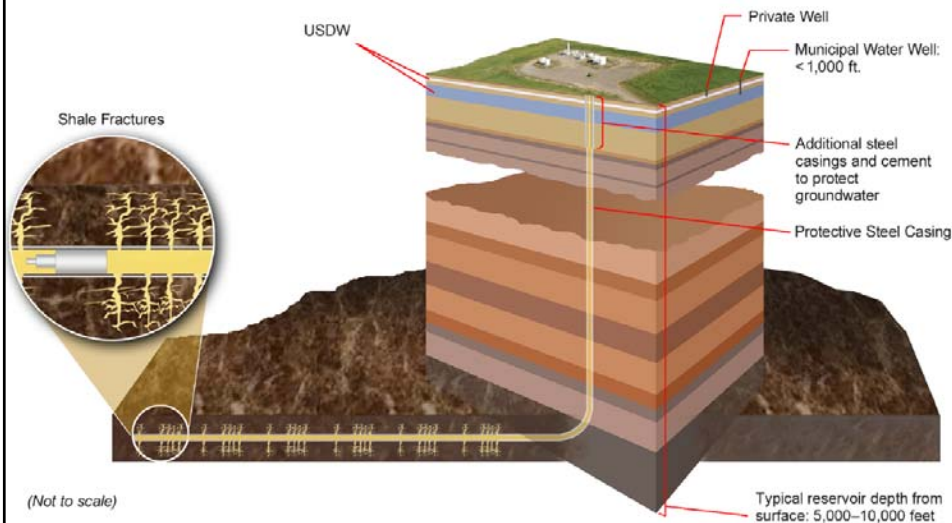
## Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”)

- Rock fracturing using fluid at high pressure
- Water mixed with sand and chemicals
- Small fractures in rock enable gas, petroleum, and water to migrate to the well
- Has been around since the 1940s
- DOE’s Eastern Gas Shales Project (EGSP)
  - Research and demonstration project
  - Cost-sharing with industry (1976-1992)

# Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”)

- Horizontal drilling
  - Late 1980s, Austin Chalk Formation in Texas
  - 1991, Barnett Shale
- Slickwater fracturing
  - 1996/1997
  - Chemicals added to water to increase fluid flow
- Horizontal drilling + slickwater fracturing
  - Shale gas extraction became efficient and feasible

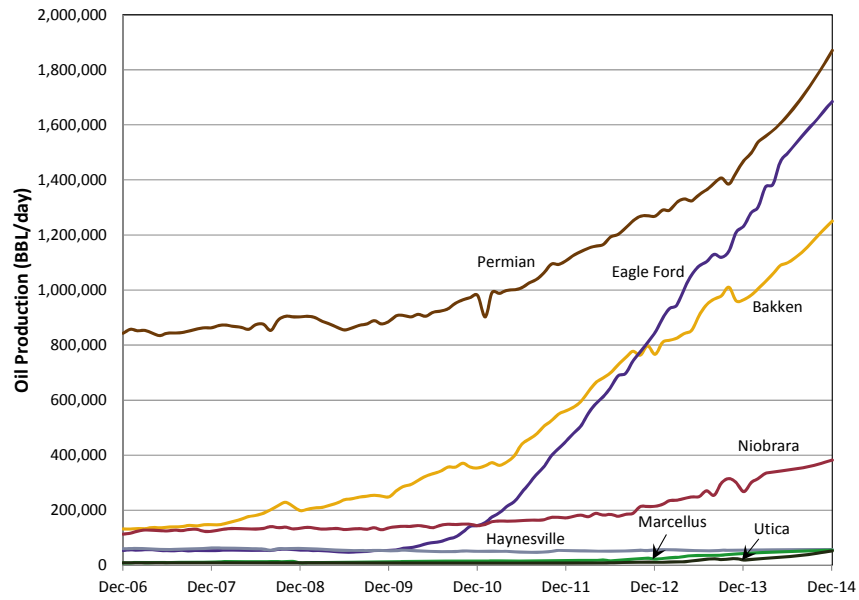
## Horizontal Drilling + Fracking

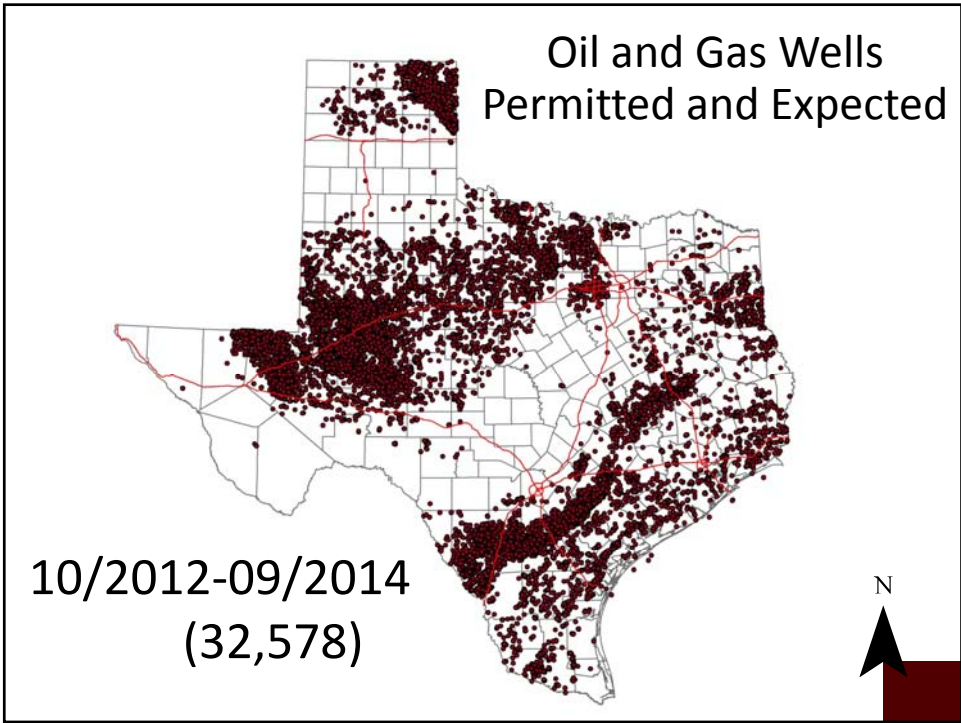
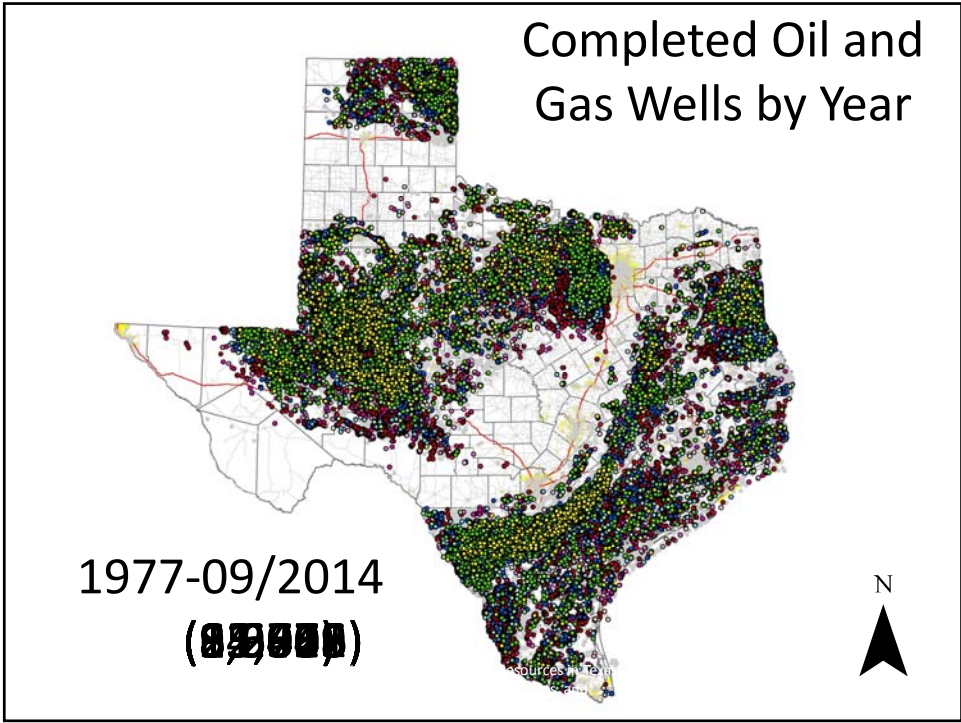


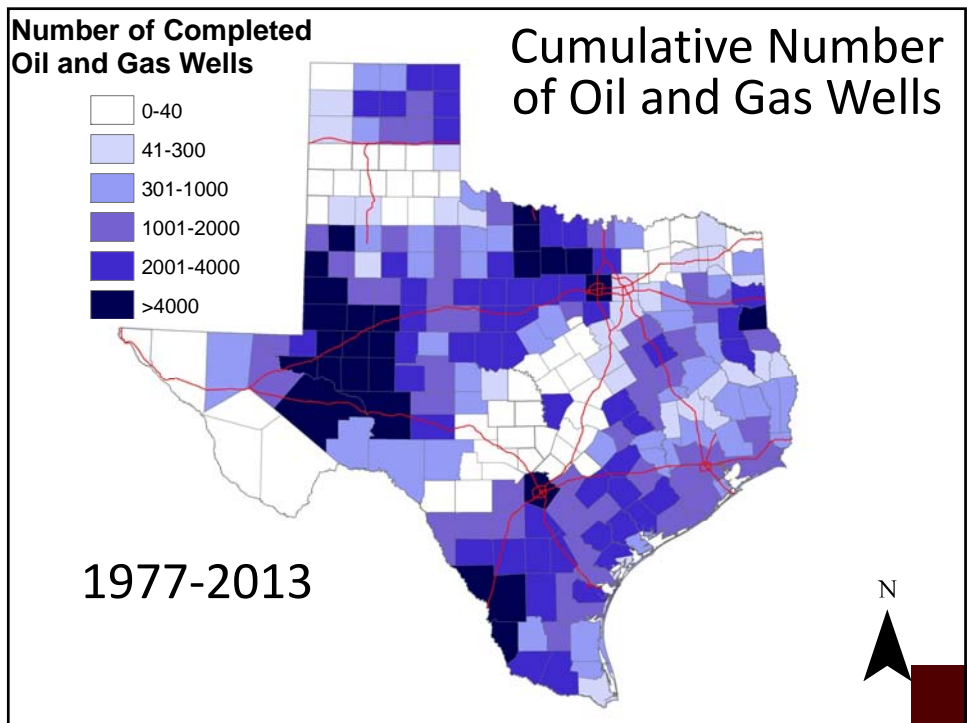
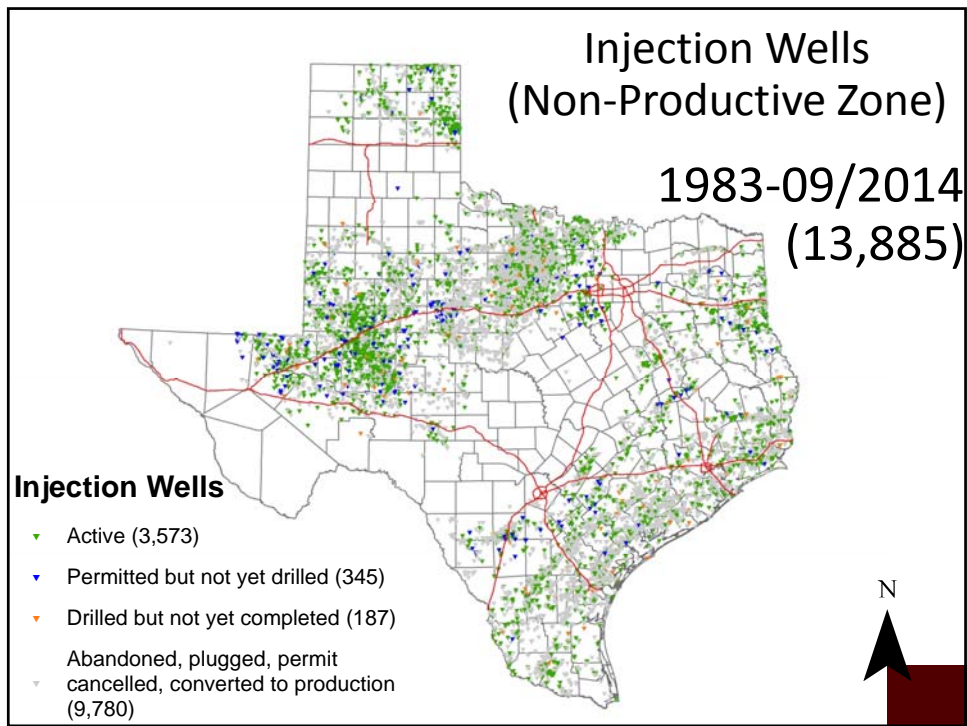
## Number of Rigs (07/2014)

- United States: 1,874 (55% of rigs worldwide)
- Texas: 896 (48%)
- Oklahoma: 209 (11%)
- North Dakota: 171 (9.1%)
- New Mexico: 92 (4.9%)
- Colorado: 68 (3.6%)
- Louisiana (onshore): 57 (3.0%)
- Pennsylvania: 54 (2.9%)
- Wyoming: 51 (2.7%)

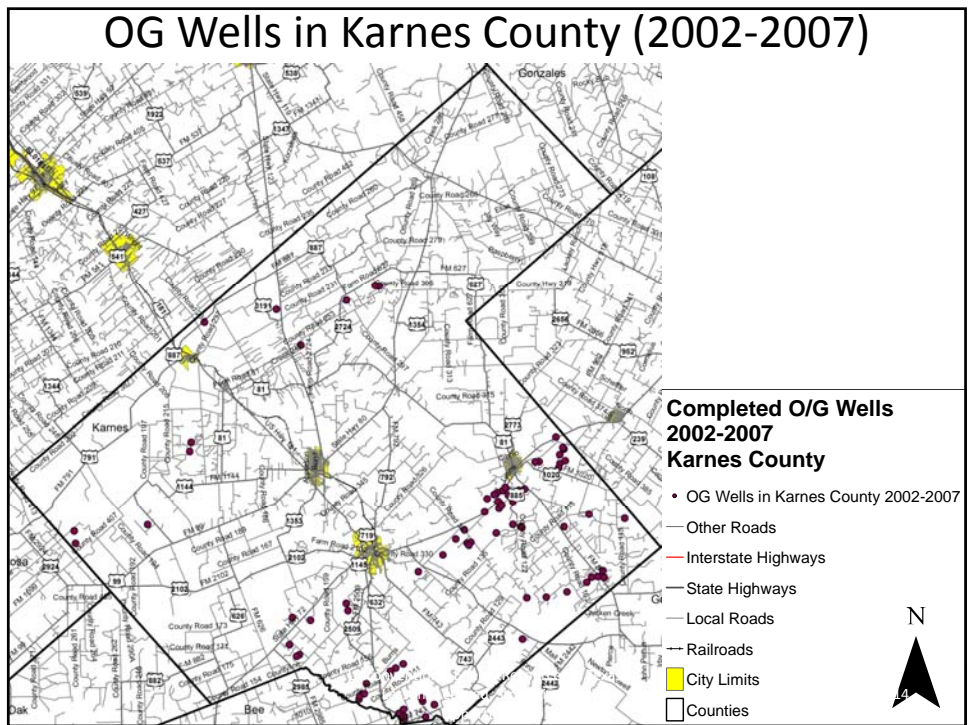
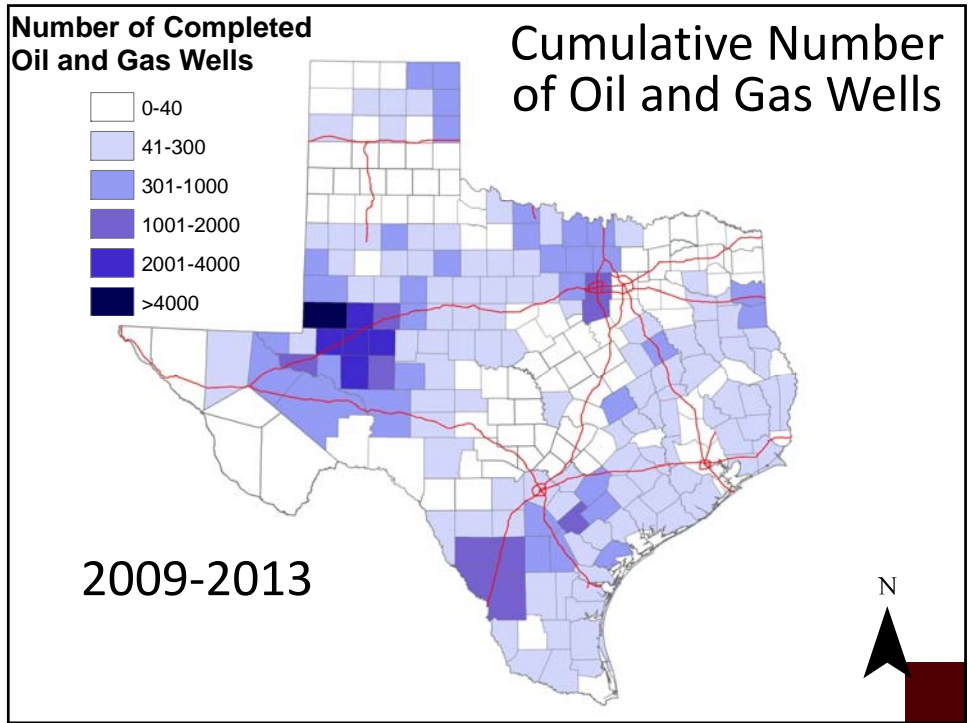
## Most Productive Oil Regions in the U.S.



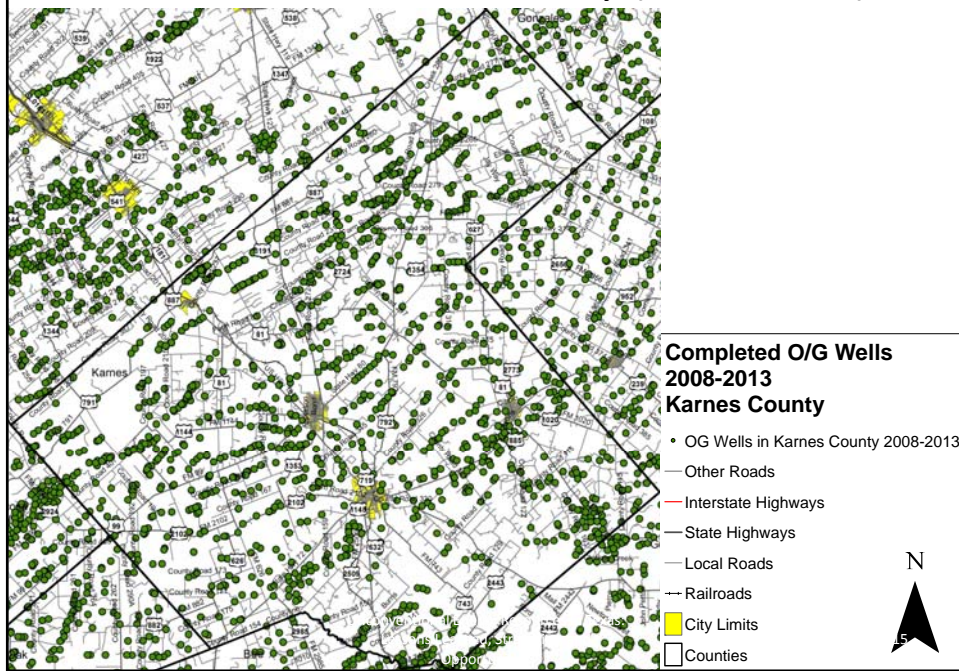




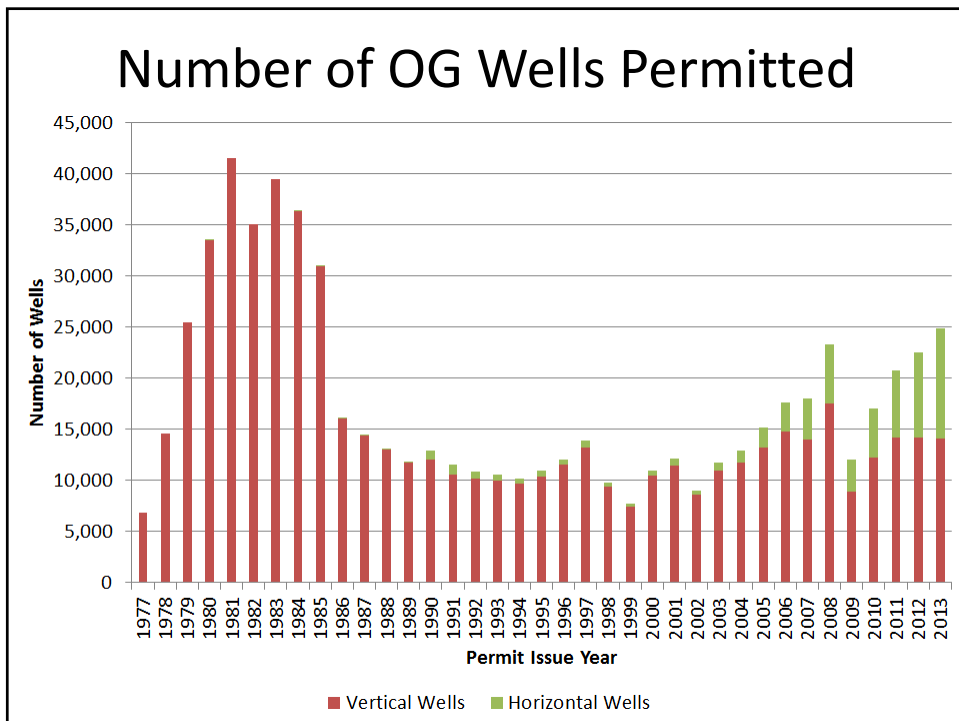


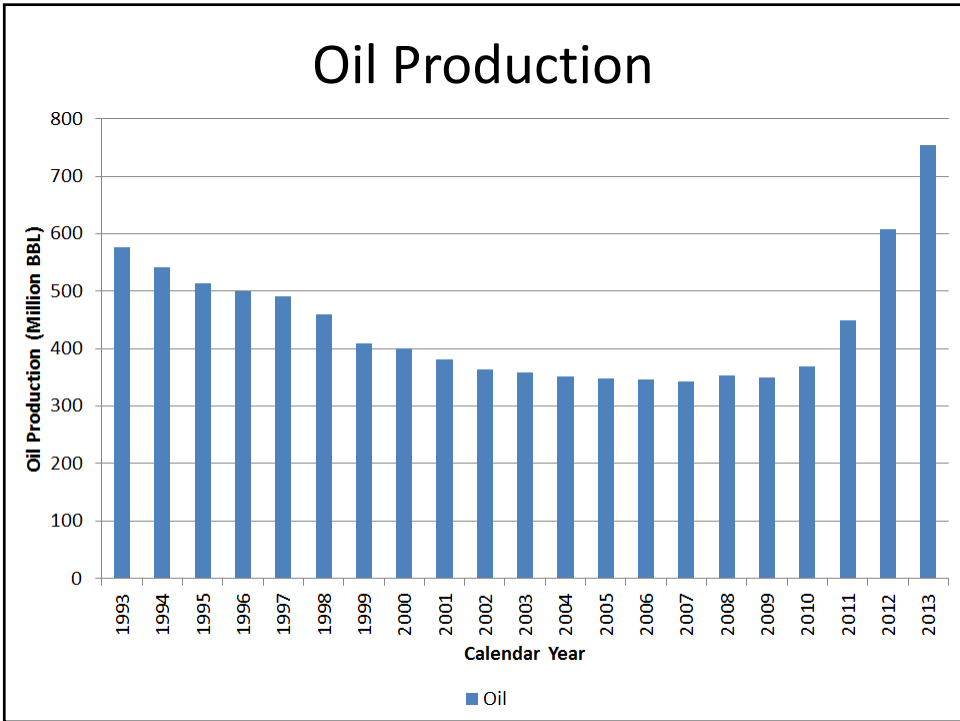
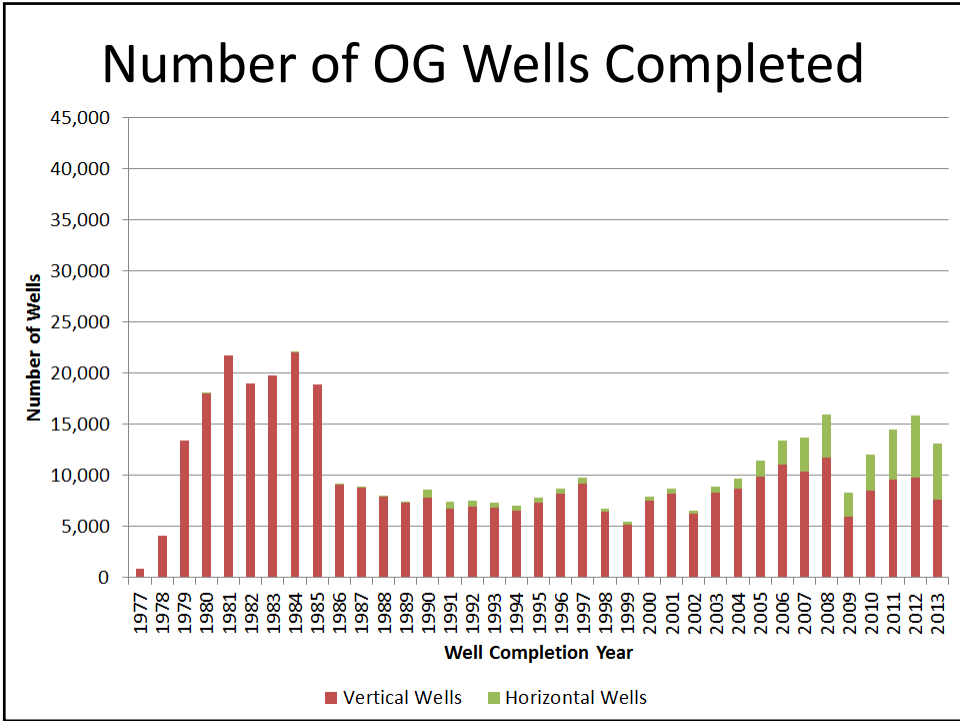


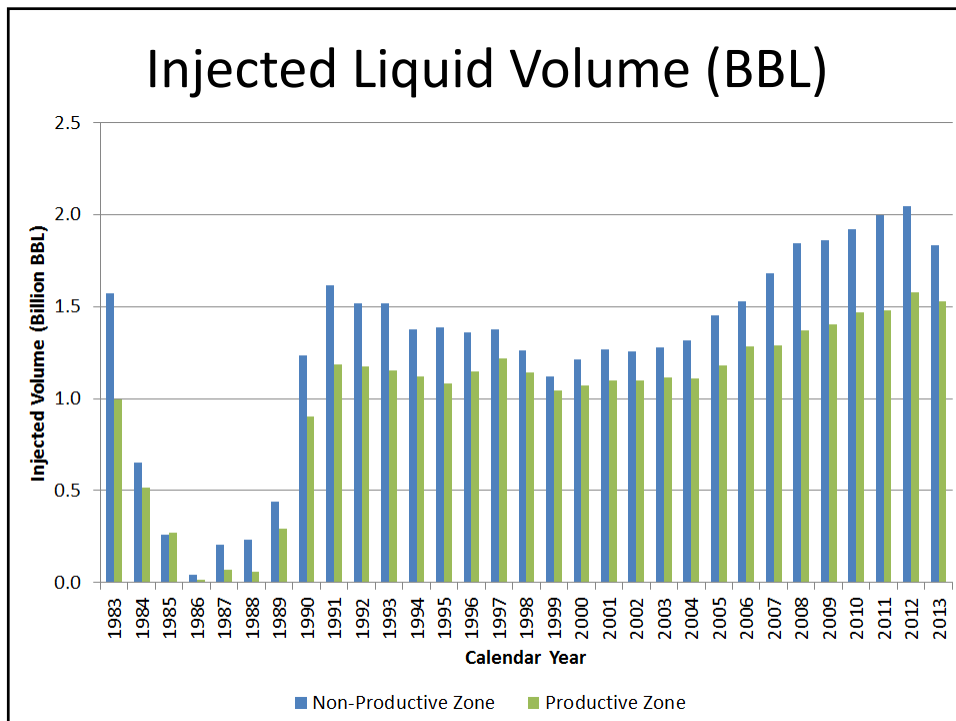
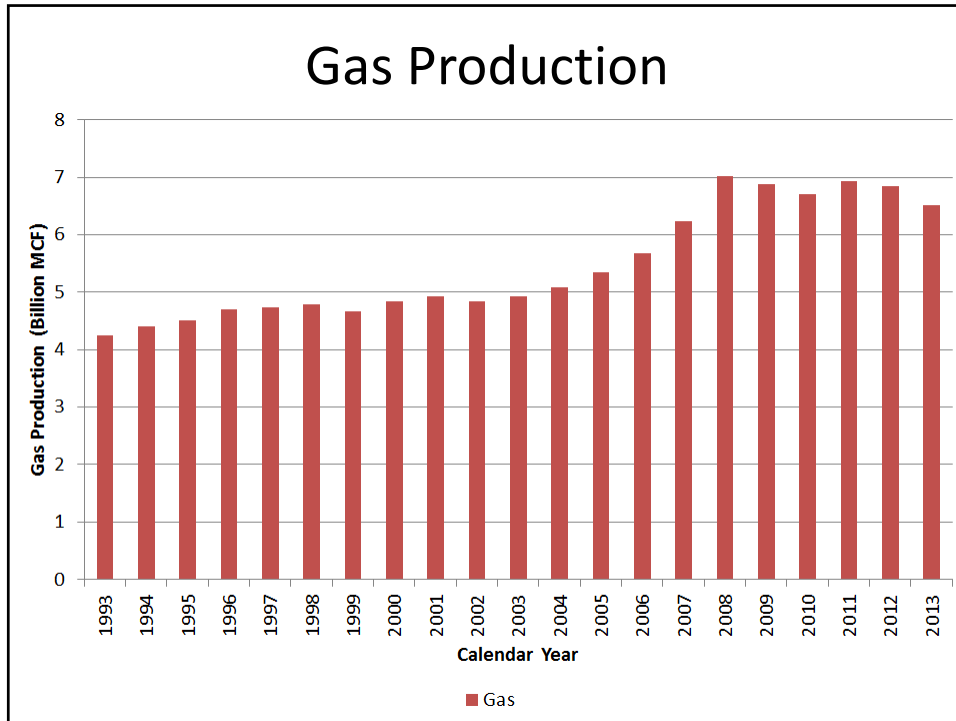
## OG Wells in Karnes County (2008-2013)

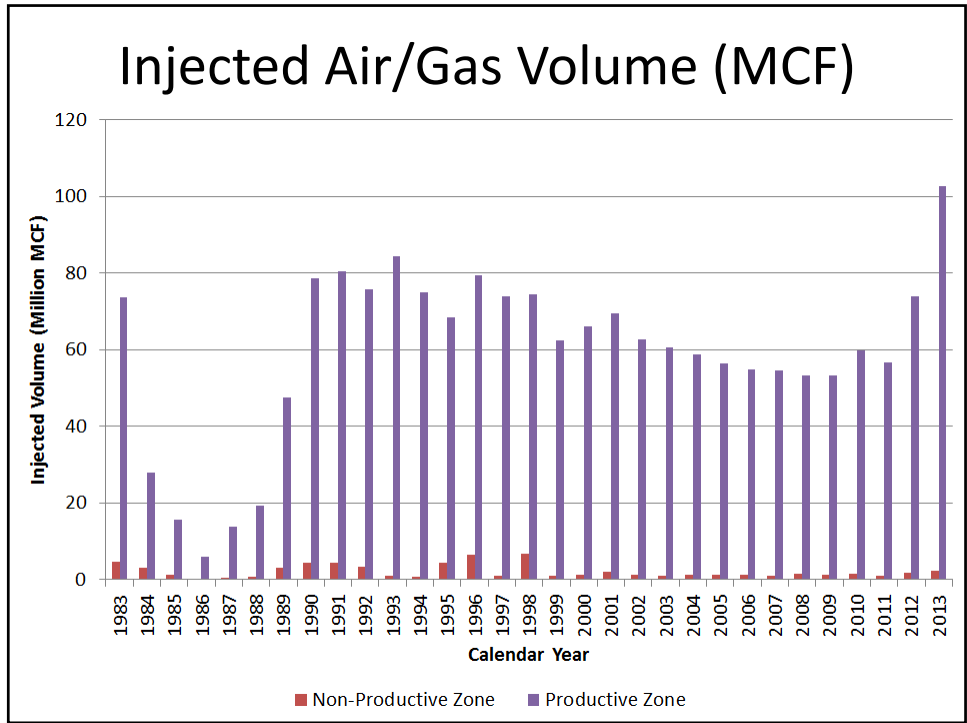


## Number of OG Wells Permitted









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## Recent and Current Research and Technology Transfer

## 0-6498 Research Project

- Completed in 2012
- Impacts
  - Pavement impacts
  - Reduction in pavement life
  - Roadside impacts
  - Operational and safety impacts
- Statewide impact
  - \$1 billion per year (\$2 billion including local roads)



Pavement shoving, loss of surface

## IH 35W – East Frontage Road



Pavement shoving, loss of surface



# FM 2257



County road T-intersection



Shoulder patches, cracked seals

# IH 35W – West Frontage Road



Tire tracks on unpaved shoulder



Tire tracks on safety end treatment

## FM 1611



Drainage problem at driveway



Mud tracking

## 0-6498 Research Recommendations

- Early notification and coordination
  - Improve communication and coordination with energy developers
  - Implement proactive mechanisms to learn about energy developments
  - Implement interagency cooperation agreements with other agencies
- Road maintenance and repair
- Roadside management
- Funding

## Current Initiatives

- TxDOT Maintenance Division Interagency Agreement
- Policy Research Center
- Comprehensive Energy and Transportation Sector Initiative
- Pool Fund Study

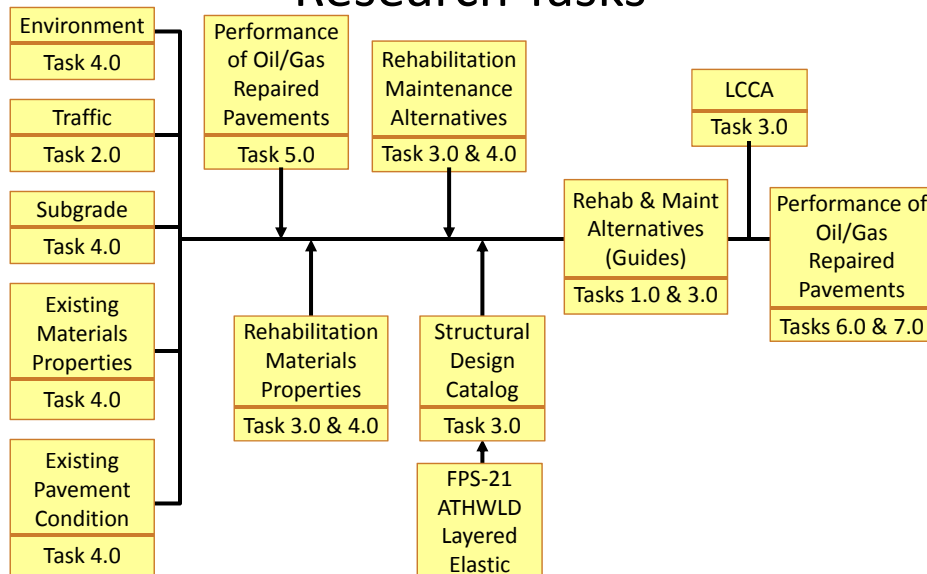
## PAVEMENT DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE

# TxDOT-TTI Joint Effort Tasks

1. Current practices
2. Traffic
3. Guidelines
4. Specific project support
5. Performance
6. Workshops/communication
7. Future impacts



# Research Tasks



# Pavement Conditions



# Pavement Investigation



# Maintenance & Rehabilitation



# ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TRAFFIC CHARACTERIZATION

## Relative Pavement Impact

Total Weight (lb)	Weight Ratio	EALF Ratio	Weight Ratio	EALF Ratio	Weight Ratio	EALF Ratio
	WRT 4,000 lb		WRT 35,000 lb		WRT 80,000 lb	
4,000	1	1				
10,000	2.5	23				
35,000	8.8	583	1	1		
80,000	20	18,009	2.3	31	1	1
84,000	21	22,210	2.4	38	1.05	1.2
90,000	22	28,511	2.6	49	1.1	1.6
100,000	25	42,753	2.9	73	1.2	2.4

## Energy Traffic Characterization

- Number of truckloads is a function of:
  - Well type and depth
  - Geology
  - Drilling technology
- Water needs for fracking: 2 – 6 million gallons
- Vertical vs. horizontal wells (Marcellus Shale)
  - Vertical well fracking: 20,000 – 80,000 gallons
  - Horizontal well fracking: 2 – 9 million gallons

# Energy Traffic Characterization

- Barnett Shale (North Texas) example:
  - 187 truckloads for pad site preparation, rig mobilization, drilling operations, and rig removal
  - 997 truckloads for fracking (3.7 million gallons or 88,100 barrels of water needed for fracking and saltwater disposal)
  - 353 truckloads per year for maintenance, most of which involves saltwater loads for gas well injections
  - 997 truckloads every few years for refracking

# Energy Traffic Characterization

Activity	NYSERDA		NYSERDA		NYSDEC		NPS	Boulder County	TxDOT	
	2009		2011		2010		2008; 2009	2013	2014	
	1 Well	8 Wells, 2 Rigs	1 Well		1 Well		1 Well	4 Wells	1 Well	
	Marcellus Shale		Marcellus Shale		Marcellus Shale		Marcellus Shale	Niobrara Shale, CO	Eagle Ford Shale	Barnett Shale
		Trucks Only	Trucks & Pipeline	Trucks Only	Trucks & Pipeline					
Drilling pad and construction equipment	10-45	10-45	45	45	45	45	10-45	90		70
Drilling rig	35-45	60	190	190	95	95	30	90	318	4
Drilling fluid and materials	25-50	200-400	360	360	45	45	25-50	270		15
Drilling equipment: casing, drilling pipe	25-50	200-400	90	90	45	45	25-50	450		48
Completion rig	15	30	400	400	50	50	15	40	240	4
Completion fluid and materials	10-20	80-160	160	160	20	20	10-20	170		
Completion equipment: pipe, wellhead	5	10	10	10	5	5	5	10		
Hyd. frac. equipment: pump truck, tanks	150-200	300-400	350	350	175	175	100-150	320		94
Hydraulic fracturing water	400-600	3200-4800	4000	480	500	60	100-1000	4200		685
Hydraulic fracturing sand	20-25	160-200	184	184	23	23		190	560	
Flowback water removal	200-300	1600-2400	800	136	100	17		1400		214
Final pad preparation and miscellaneous			45	45	45	45				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>895-1355</b>	<b>5850-8905</b>	<b>6634</b>	<b>2450</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>310-1365</b>	<b>7230</b>	<b>1118</b>	<b>1134</b>
Well production equipment										353
Oil and water removal (per year)								580	2190	
Operations and maintenance (per year)								150		
General maintenance (every 3-5 years)							25-40			



## OS/OW Permits – Aug 2011-Jan 2014

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Percentage
Annual Permits	138,843	8%
Single Trip Permits	1,494,727	80%
Other Permits	230,666	12%
Total	1,864,236	100%

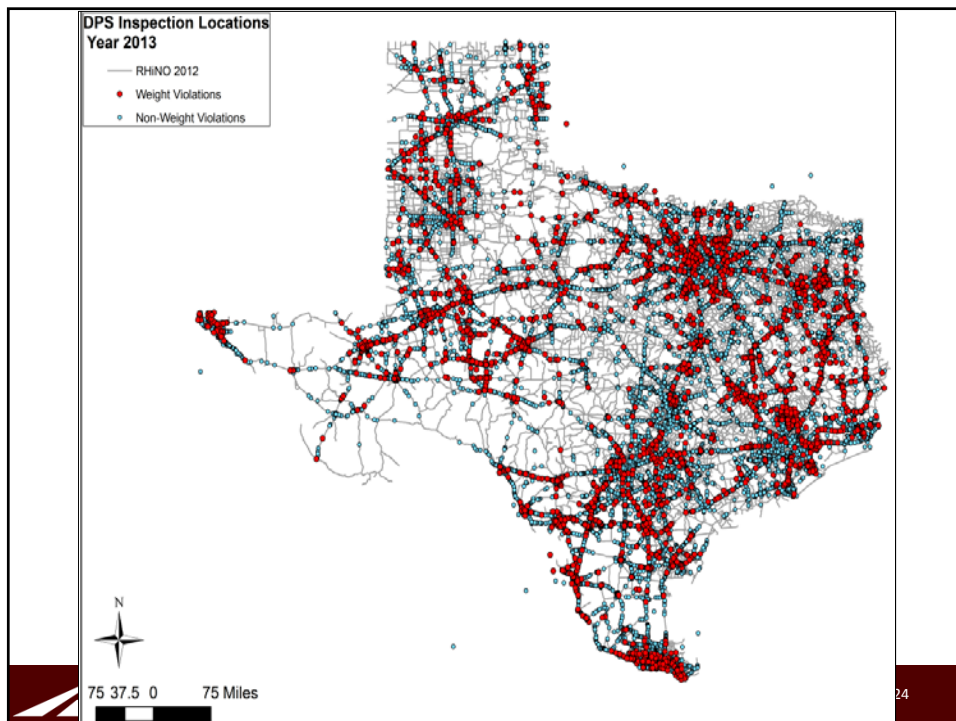
## OS/OW Permits – FY 2013

Industry Type	No. of Permits
All Industry Types	519,206
Oil and Gas Industry Related	224,500
% Permits Related to Oil & Gas Industry	43%

Oil & Gas Industry Permits	No. Permits	No. Trips
Annual permits	16,720	4,180,031
Single trip permits	180,002	180,002
Other permits	27,778	27,778
Total	224,500	4,387,810

## DPS Commercial Vehicle Inspection Data

- Inspection data: 01/2010 – 06/2013
- Data files:
  - Inspection event data (e.g., location and time)
  - Violation description
  - Vehicle data (e.g., axle configuration)
  - Weight data (e.g., gross and axle group weight)
  - Hazmat data

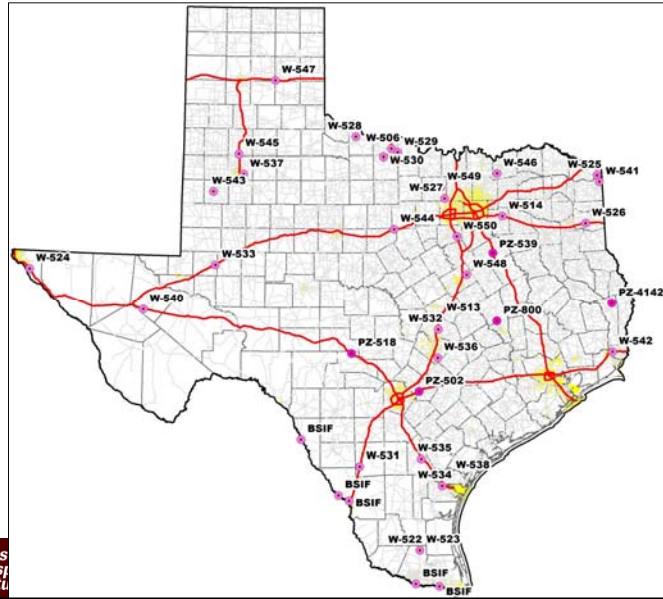


## 10 Highest GVWs for 5-Axle Trucks

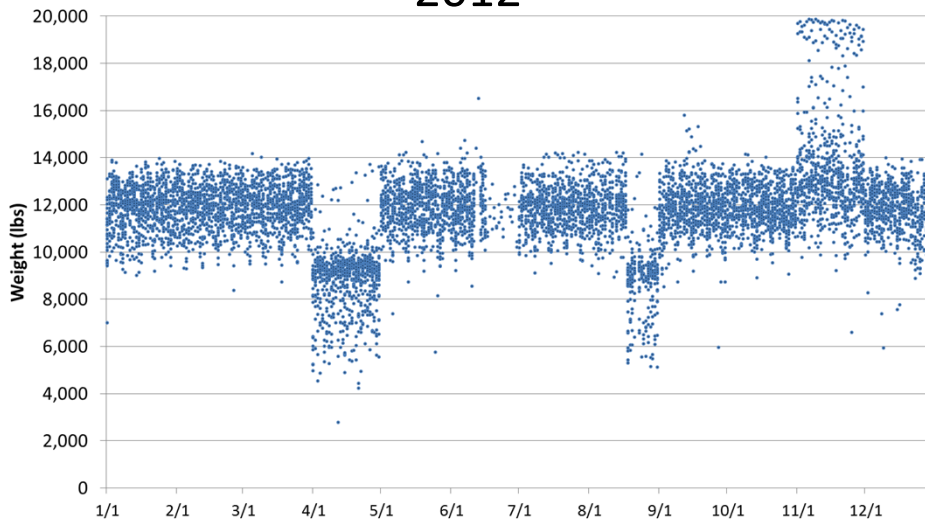
	2010	2011	2012	2013 (June)
1.	187,840	169,200	183,650	184,350
2.	158,750	153,400	148,940	171,250
3.	139,250	149,500	142,040	154,700
4.	138,150	144,800	141,450	148,900
5.	136,350	138,600	139,300	146,600
6.	130,150	137,300	130,640	140,780
7.	127,300	134,180	126,760	133,900
8.	127,150	126,280	125,900	130,450
9.	122,780	125,950	125,600	126,850
10.	122,780	125,900	125,250	126,420

## DETERMINATION OF WHEEL AND SINGLE-AXLE LOADS

# WIM Stations



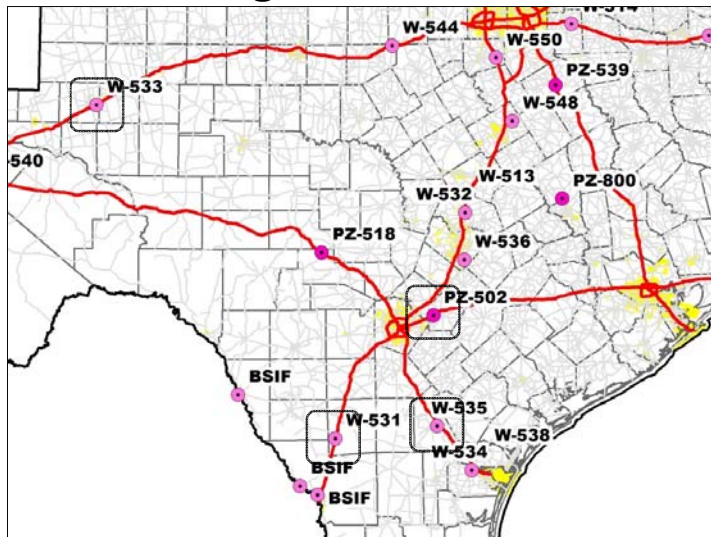
# Average Ten Heaviest Wheel Loads Daily 2012

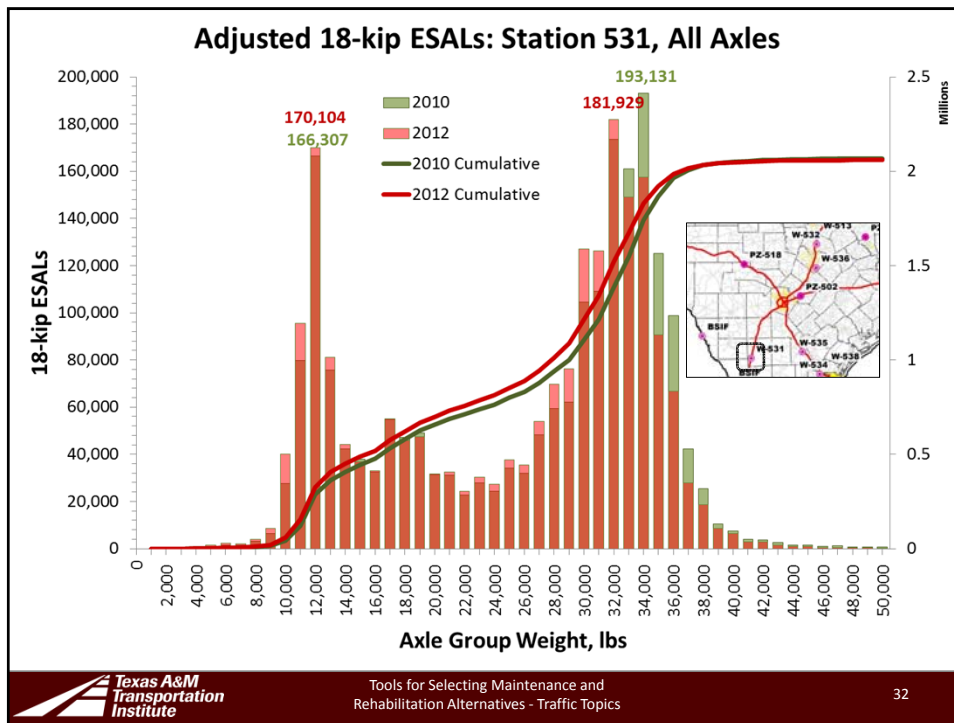
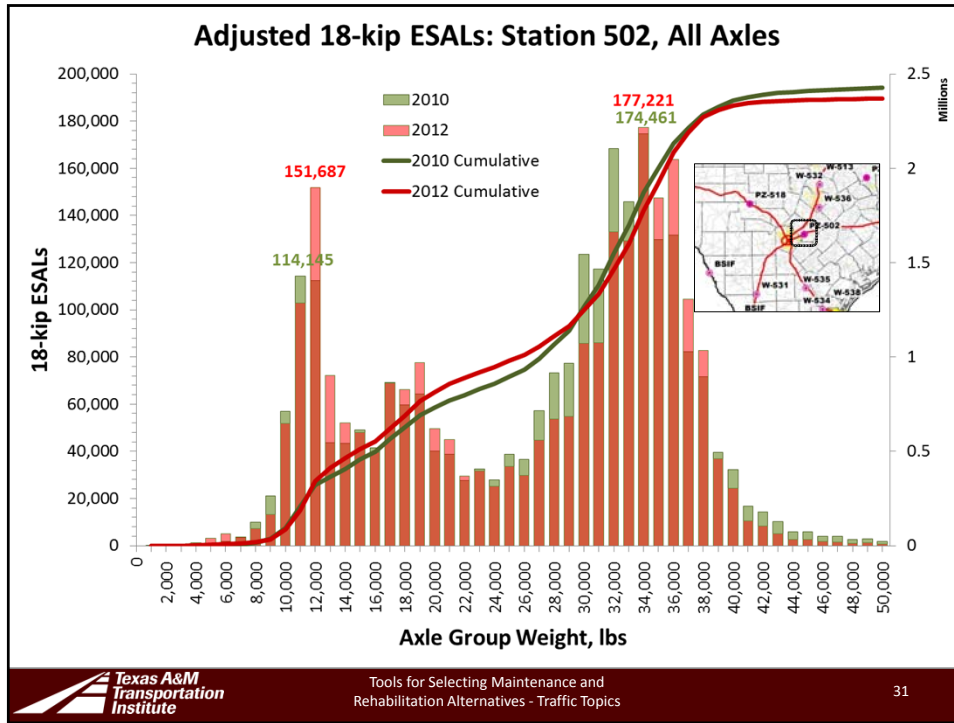


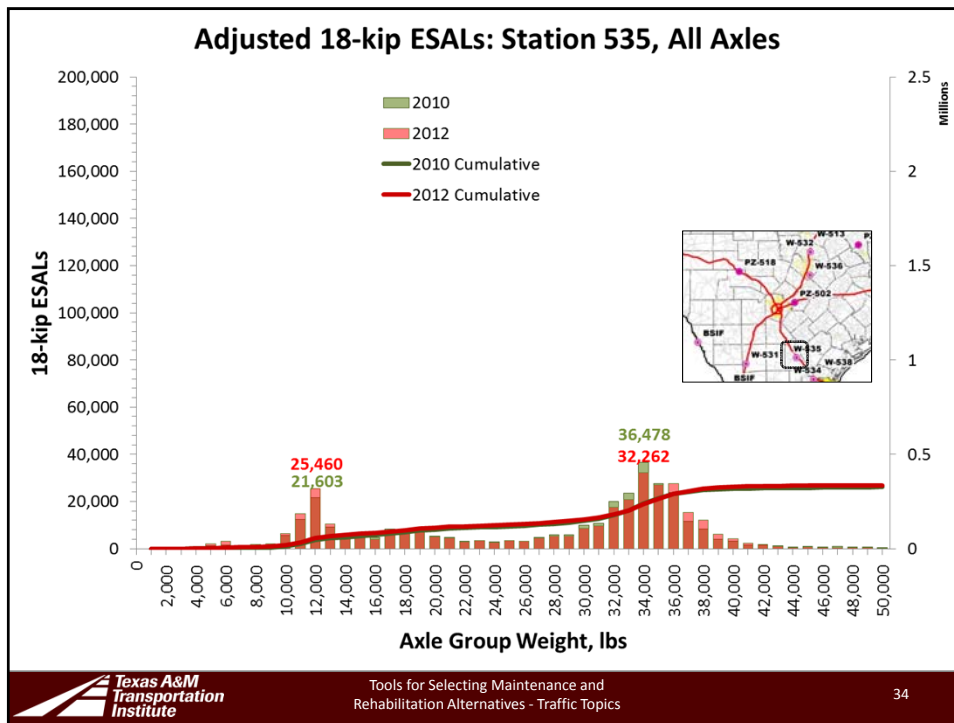
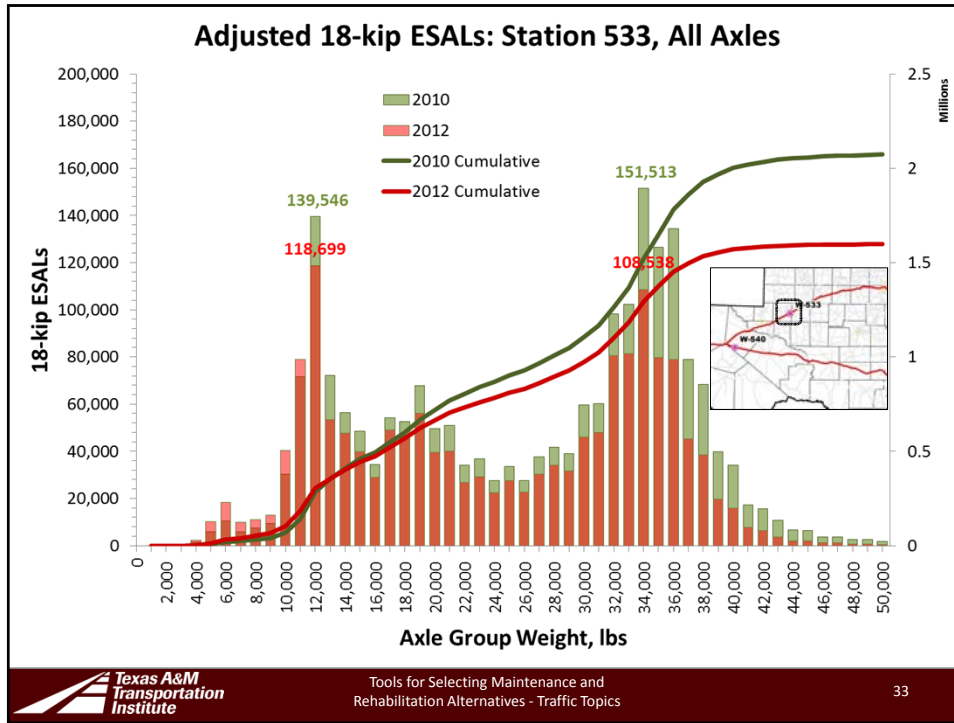
WIM Station	2012 ATHWLD Mean (lb)	2012 ATHWLD Std. Dev. (lb)	2012 ATHWLD Highest (lb)
142	12,178	1,896	15,234
502	12,310	1,432	16,127
506	11,623	816	13,614
513	12,871	2,304	19,864
518	12,183	1,280	16,998
522	11,583	1,342	16,491
523	11,489	1,023	13,459
524	11,507	1,034	13,757
525	11,473	1,223	13,305
526	11,989	1,263	14,595
527	12,390	2,131	19,136
528	11,066	1,038	13,525
529	11,647	993	13,426
530	10,267	1,545	12,765
531	11,755	1,286	15,190
532	10,689	1,580	13,294
533	12,644	1,421	14,231
535	10,794	1,454	13,702
536	11,222	1,591	14,121
537	12,267	2,681	19,809
538	11,488	1,093	14,716
539	12,715	1,584	18,298
540	11,552	1,921	13,922
541	11,110	1,656	13,636
542	12,131	1,284	14,297
543	10,178	1,389	12,985
544	11,765	1,070	14,286



## Equivalent Single Axle Load Calculation







## Roadside Impacts

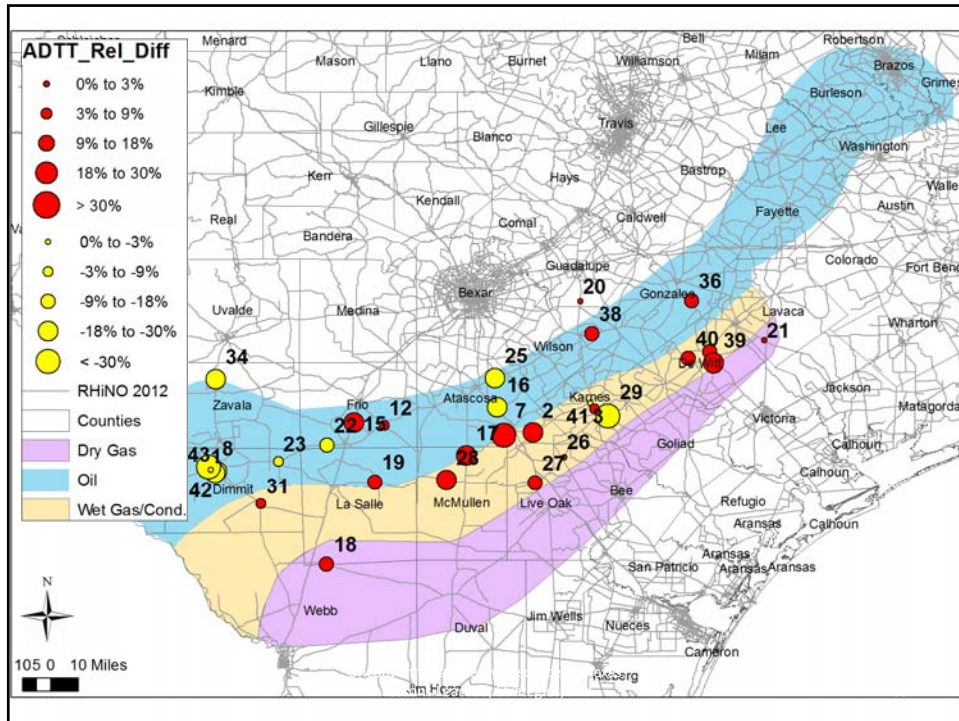
- Roadside impacts
  - Driveway access and permitting
  - Utility accommodation and permitting
    - Crossings
    - Longitudinal installations
    - Gathering lines
    - Temporary lines
    - Easement issues

## Other Impacts

- Operational and safety impacts
  - Increase in the number of crashes and fatalities
  - Commercial vehicle safety violations





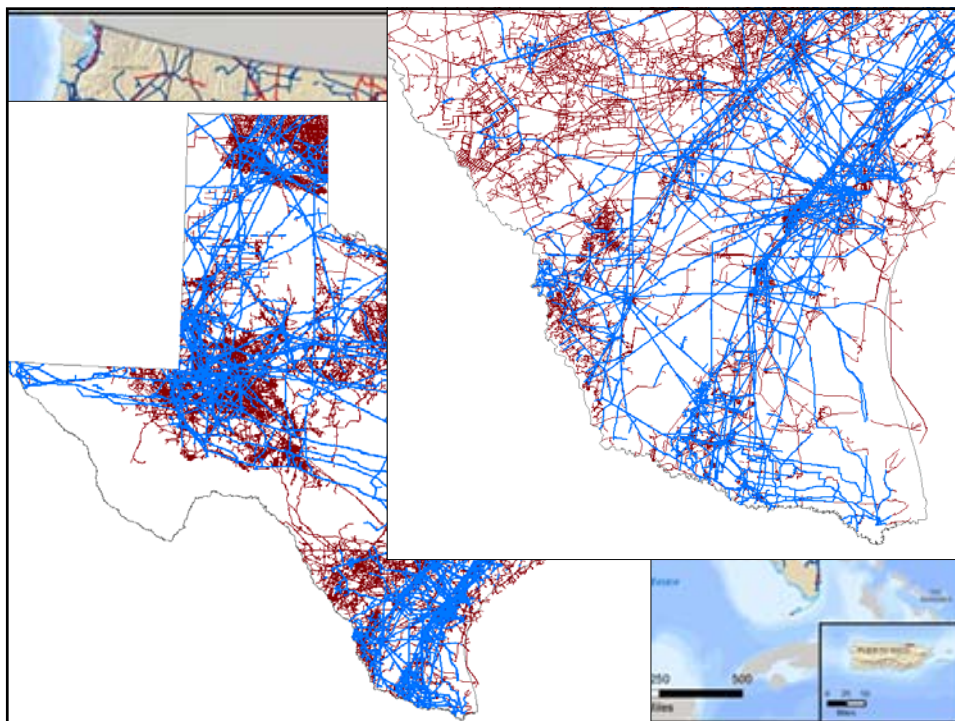


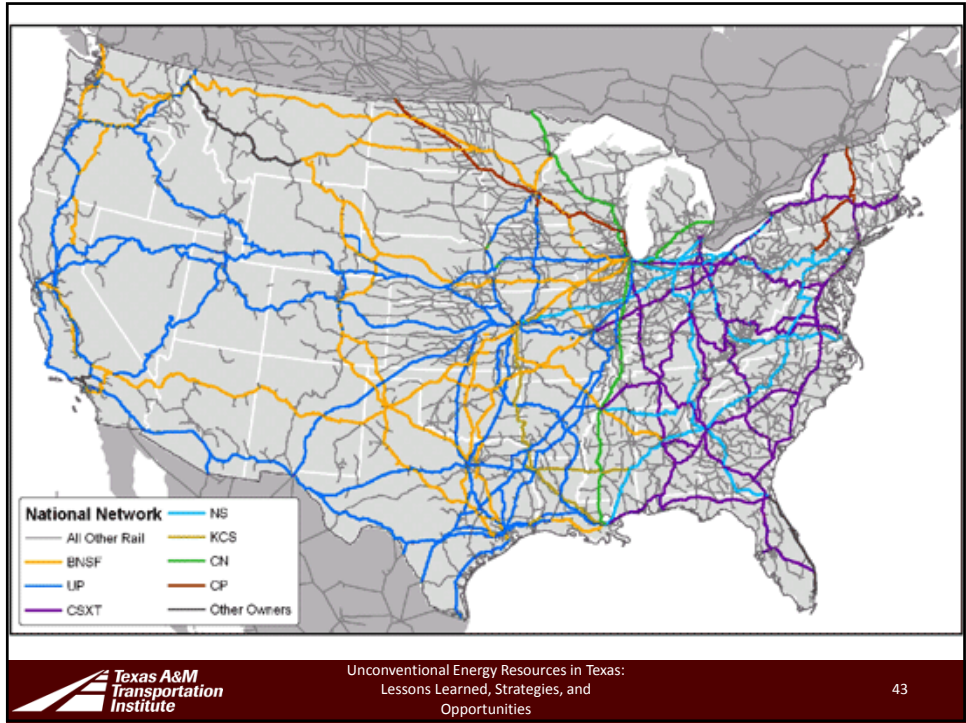
## Hazmat Surveys

- Truck-based surveys
- Conducted at DPS inspection stations
- Focus on trucks with hazmat placards
- Information gathered:
  - Type of commodity
  - Origin
  - Destination
  - Some surveys conducted in energy development areas

## Pipelines and Railroads

- New developments frequently occur in areas without pipeline or railroad infrastructure
  - Reliance on trucks
  - Truck use decreases as pipeline and railroad infrastructure is built
- Largely handled by private industry
- Little involvement at the state level
  - Permitting and mapping





## FUNDING SOURCES AND ISSUES

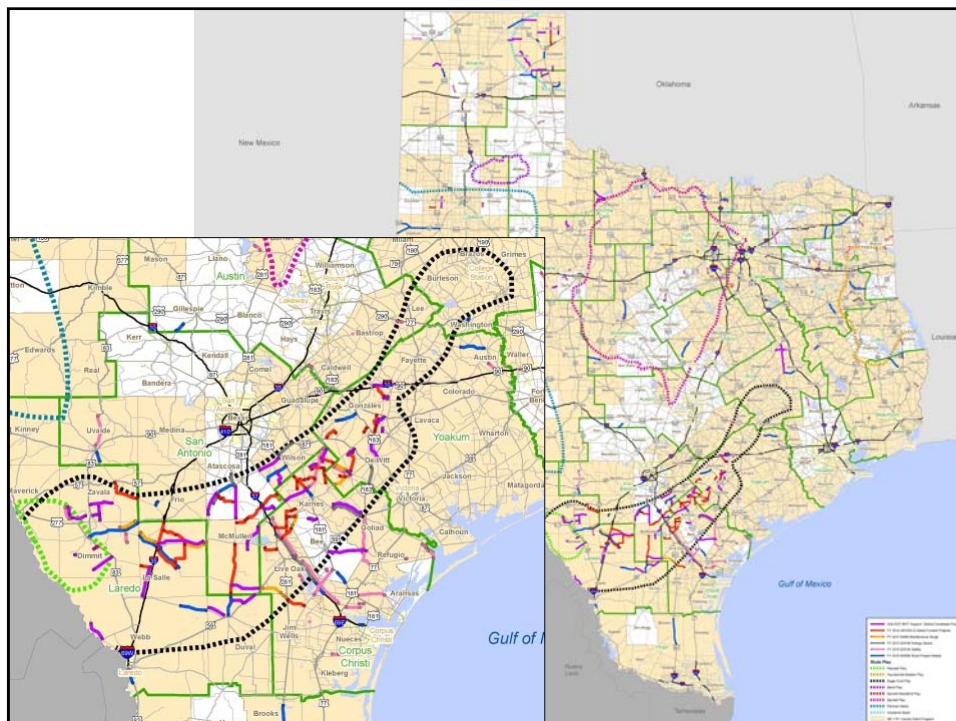
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## Funding Sources (State Level)

- 2012 Maintenance Funds (\$40M)
- 2013 HB 1025
  - \$225M for design-build and traditional letting
- 2014 Rural Needs (\$500M outside MPOs)
- 2014 Safety, Maintenance, and Energy Sector
  - \$200M (safety) and \$200M (maintenance and ES)
- 2015 Proposition 1 Funding (\$1.74B)
  - \$696M (connectivity), \$522M (regional corridors), \$261M (energy sector), \$261M (maintenance)



## Port Developments and Investments

- Port Arthur: Valero and Total refineries have invested ~\$2 billion in expansion – Motiva Enterprise refinery is largest in North America
- Houston area: \$30 billion committed for construction of refining and petrochemical facilities
- Corpus Christi: Tianjin Pipe Corporation locating \$1 billion+ manufacturing facility
- Corpus Christi: Cheniere Energy investing \$10 billion in LNG export terminal



## Channel Improvement Projects

Region/Port	Proposed Depth	Status
Beaumont/Port Arthur	48	Authorized in WRRDA 2014, seeking funding.
Brownsville	52	Feasibility study completed. Waiting for Congressional authorization.
Corpus Christi	52	Reauthorized in WRRDA 2014, seeking funding. La Quinta extension (45 ft) built in 2013.
Freeport	55	Authorized in WRRDA 2014, seeking funding.
Houston	45	Channel extensions to Bayport and Barbours Cut. Some widening included. Under construction. Will do w/o federal aid. Will be done in 2015.

# WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

## Water and Environmental Issues

- Water management
  - Amount of water used for fracking
    - Vertical well fracking: 20,000–80,000 gallons
    - Horizontal well fracking: 2–9 million gallons
  - Disposal
    - Water is a byproduct in hydrocarbon production
    - Transportation and disposal for produced water
  - Best practices

# Water and Environmental Issues

- Fracking chemical components
  - Importance of disclosure
  - Chemical disclosure registry
- Emissions

Year	Low Development Scenario			Moderate Development Scenario			High Development Scenario		
	VOC	NO <sub>x</sub>	CO	VOC	NO <sub>x</sub>	CO	VOC	NO <sub>x</sub>	CO
2011	101	66	50	101	66	50	101	66	50
2012	229	111	92	229	111	92	229	111	92
2015	347	108	113	417	121	130	512	140	154
2018	338	113	113	544	146	160	872	188	226

Not included: Projection of mid-stream sources, stack parameters of mid-stream sources, on-road sources, and construction of mid-stream facilities and pipelines

# Questions?



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# Breakout Table Discussions



## Topics and Challenges

- Fracking sand
  - Available in Mexico, but properties are not the same
  - Transported by train from the U.S.
- Scarcity of trucks
- Transportation infrastructure
  - Pipelines, railroads, roads, ports
- Professional capacity
  - Public and private sectors

## Topics and Challenges

- Scarcity of water
  - Water is available in South Texas through significant investments in water infrastructure over many years
  - Water infrastructure in Mexico
    - Cost to develop infrastructure to make large amounts of water available at a low cost to developers
- Water is a byproduct in hydrocarbon production
  - Transportation and disposal for produced water
  - Frequently ignored

## Topics and Challenges

- Early notification and coordination
  - Strategies to improve communication, coordination, and cooperation (3Cs) with energy developers
  - Case studies for interagency cooperation agreements

## Topics and Challenges

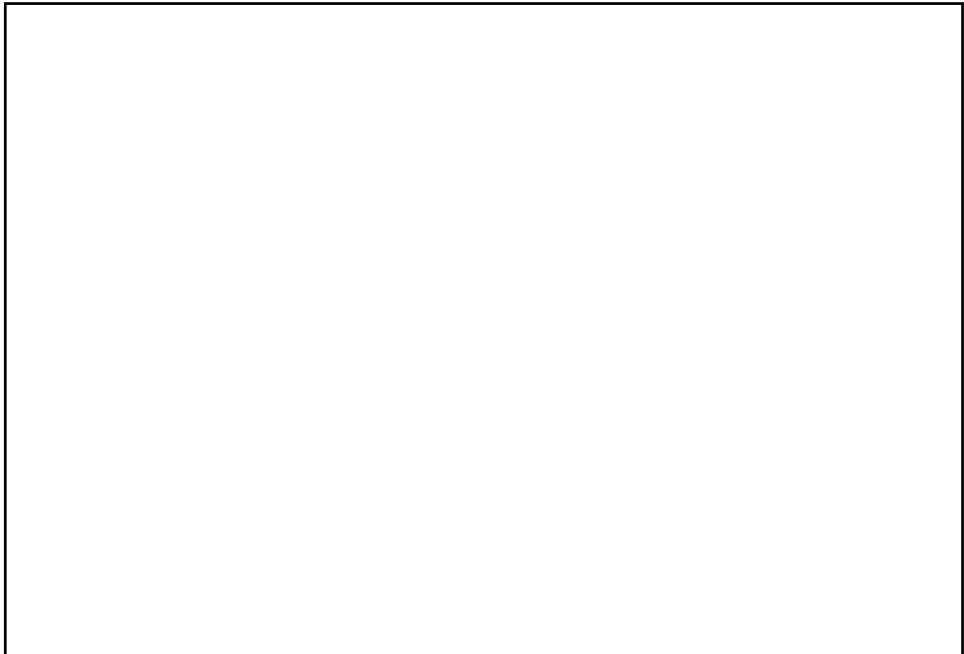
- Pavement structures
  - Techniques to prioritize repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of roadways
  - Region-sensitive truck traffic and pavement impact forecasting tools
  - More accurate, realistic parameters to design pavement structures in energy development regions

## Topics and Challenges

- Safety
  - Safety analysis techniques that focus on roadway characteristics, traffic levels, and crashes
  - Traffic safety countermeasures
- Roadside
  - Best practices for driveway impact assessment and permitting
  - Best practices for saltwater pipeline impact assessment and accommodation

## Topics and Challenges

- Planning, environment, and design
  - Supply chains at different geographic levels
  - Methodology to determine bottlenecks and congestion areas
  - Data-driven parameters for environmental analyses
  - More accurate, realistic parameters to improve geometric design




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