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#### 2009 Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on State Water Resources

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS:
WEST VIRGINIA WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION
AND MANAGEMENT ACT

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**Water Use Section** 

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#### **TOPICS**

- Large Quantity User Certification
- Data acquisition
- Logging Wells
- New groundwater monitoring wells
- Marcellus shale hydrofracturing
- Water withdrawal guidance
- Stimulus money
- Watershed meetings

#### 2008 CERTIFICATION

- Certification was conducted in May and June of 2009
- 432 facilities responded
- Total increase of 4 facilities since the 2005 survey
- Total average water use:
   2.75 trillion gallons surface water
   34.6 billion gallons ground water
- Next certification January February, 2010

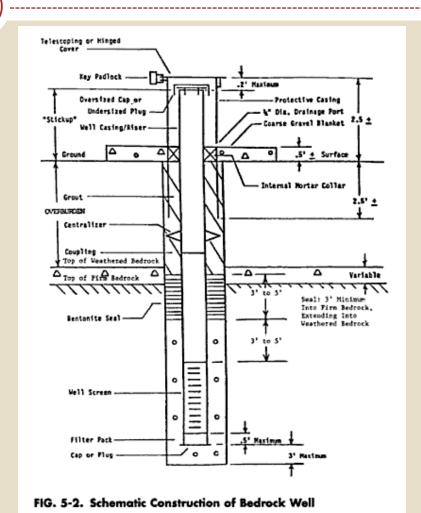
#### DATA ACQUISITION

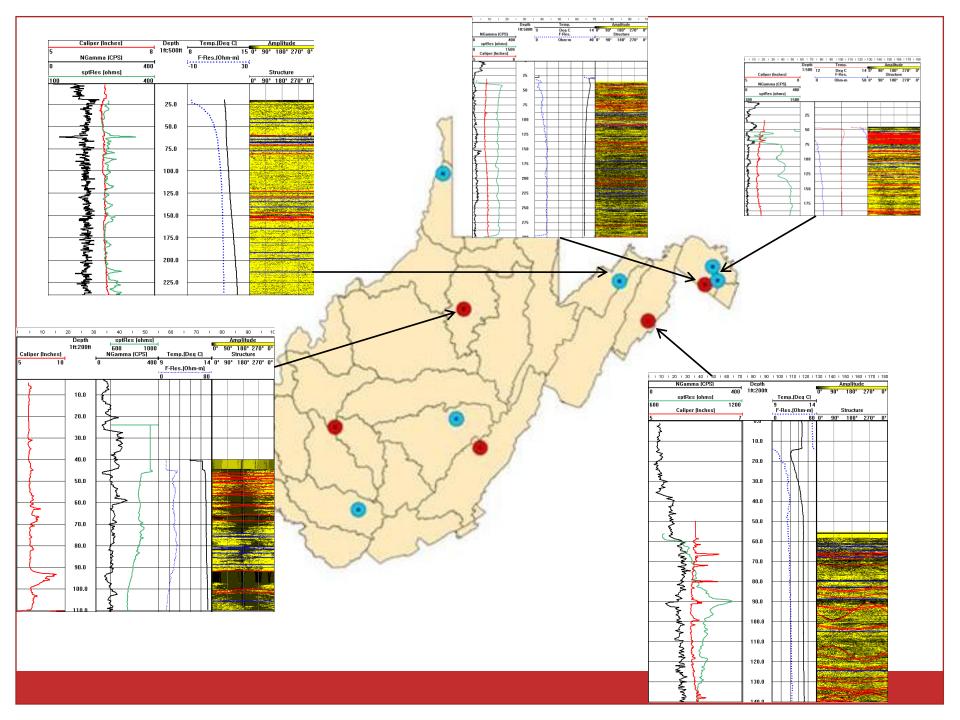
- Assess current data
- Wetlands
- NPDES outlets
- Land cover
- Public lands locations
- Soil drainage types
- Impervious surfaces
- Surface geology
- Abandoned mine lands
- Remediation sites
- Combined sewer overflows
- Large quantity users

- Source water assessment areas
- 303D Impaired streams
- TMDL Streams
  - Bio
  - Iron
  - Manganese
  - o pH
- Category 1 streams
- Average annual temperature
- Average annual precipitation

#### WELL LOGGING

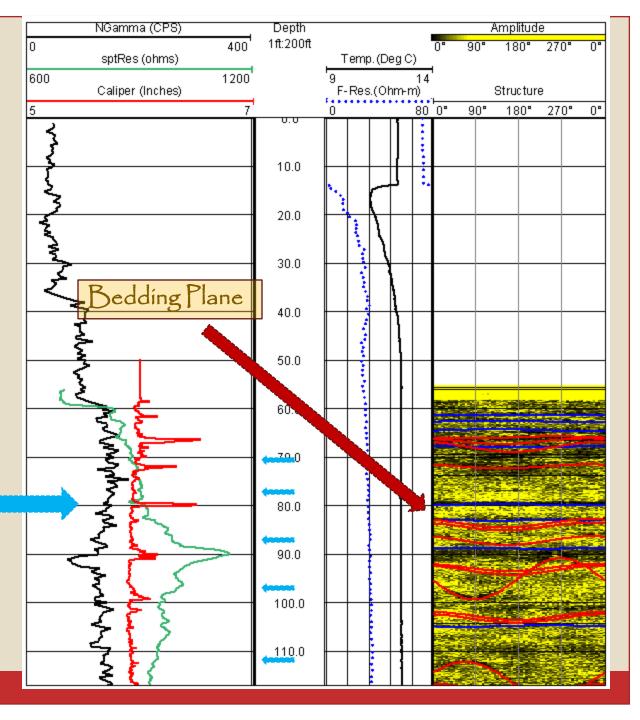


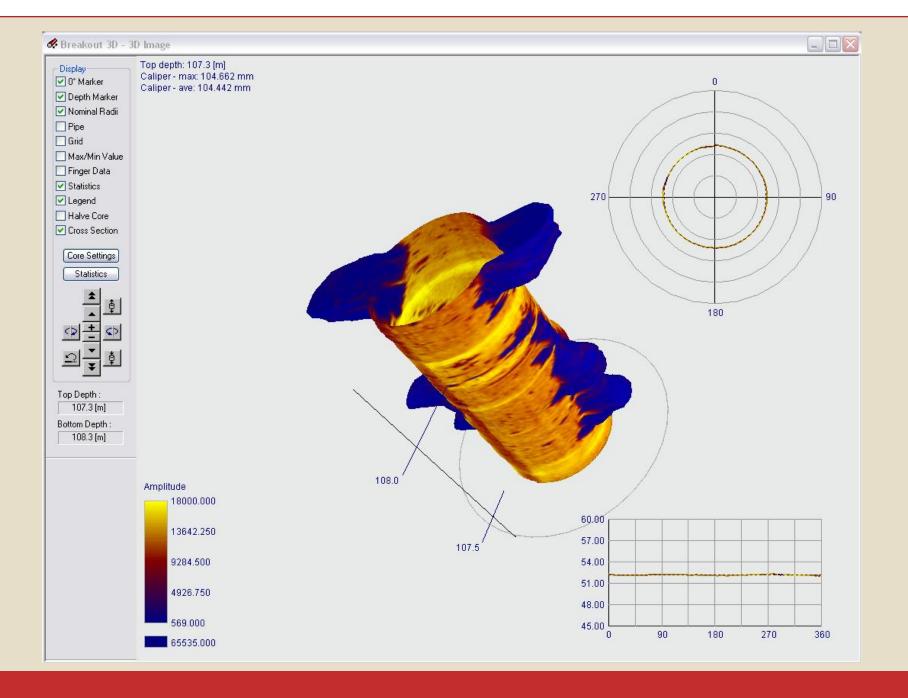






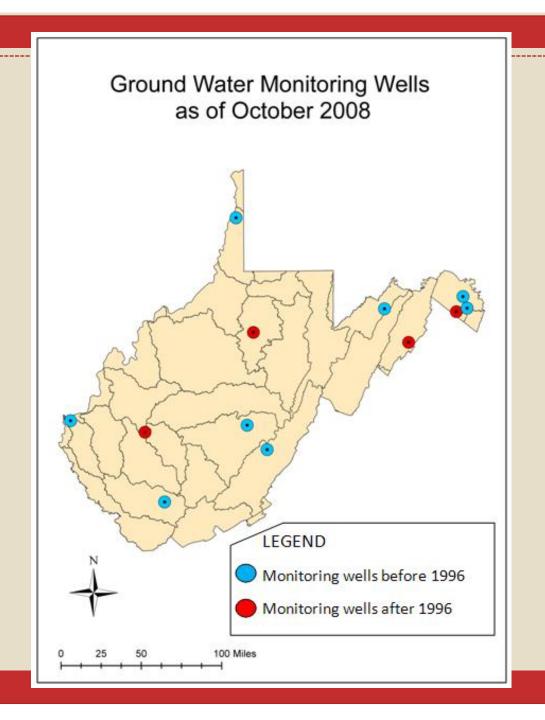
Major source of flow into the borehole

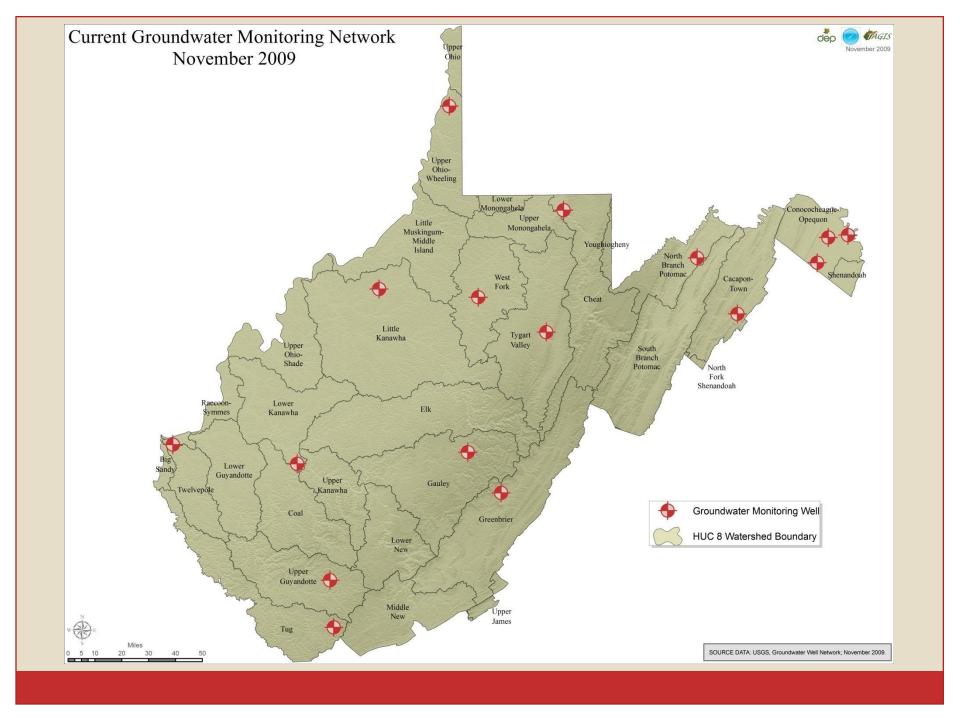


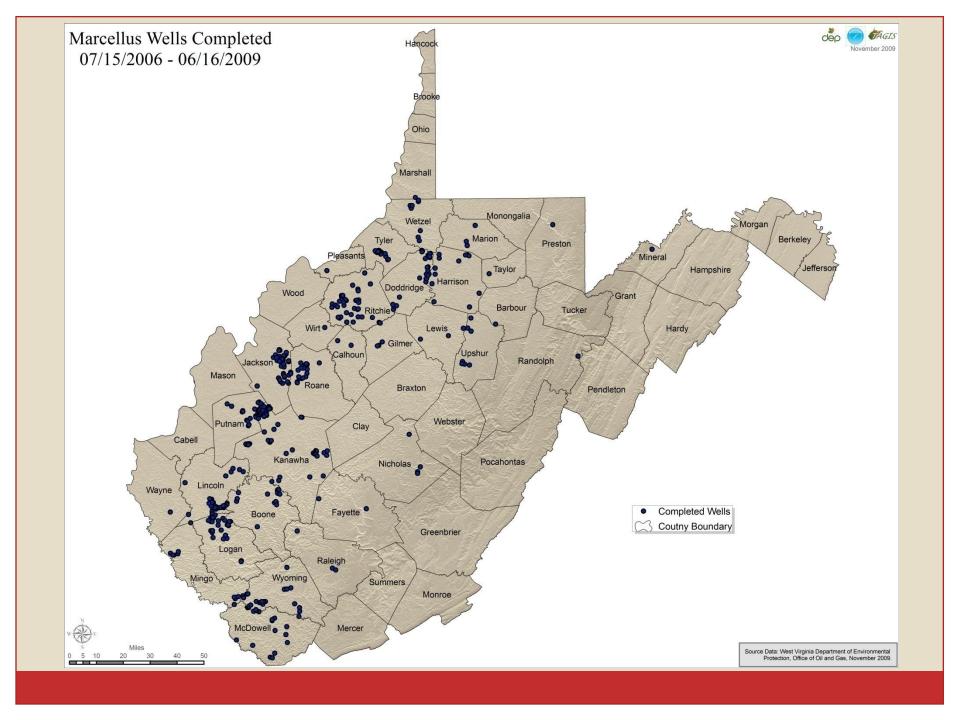


#### 2008 Ground Water Monitoring Well Network

As reported in the 2008 annual report.

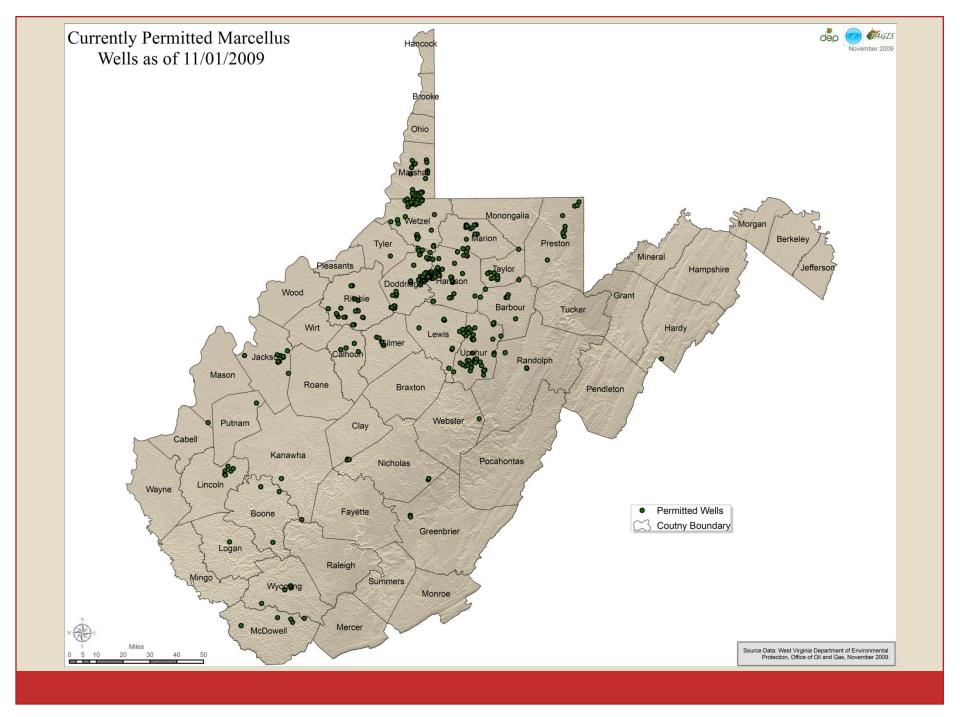






#### MARCELLUS SHALE HYDROFRACTURING

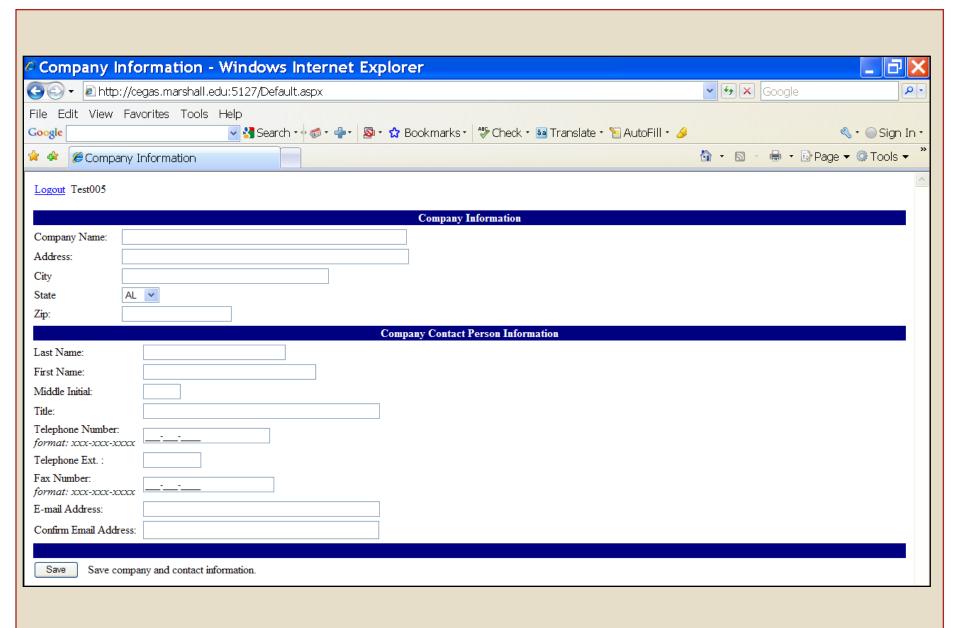
- Meeting held October 1, 2008
- October November 2008 Survey conducted by WVONGA/IOGA
- July 2009 Alpha test of reporting software
- October 2009 Beta test of reporting software by petroleum companies



### MARCELLUS SHALE HYDROFRACTURING (Continued)

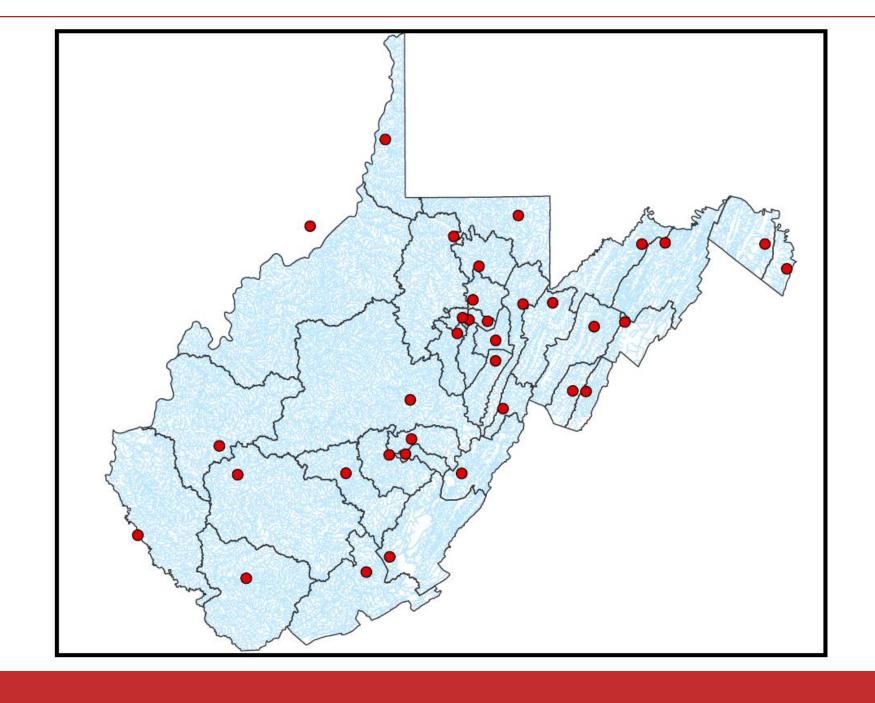
#### Reporting form requires:

- Company information
- Withdrawal locations
- Withdrawal amounts
- Holding pond locations
- Amount used for frac in each well
- Where blowback was disposed
- Amount of disposal
- Amount of recycled fluids (if any)



#### WATER WITHDRAWAL GUIDANCE

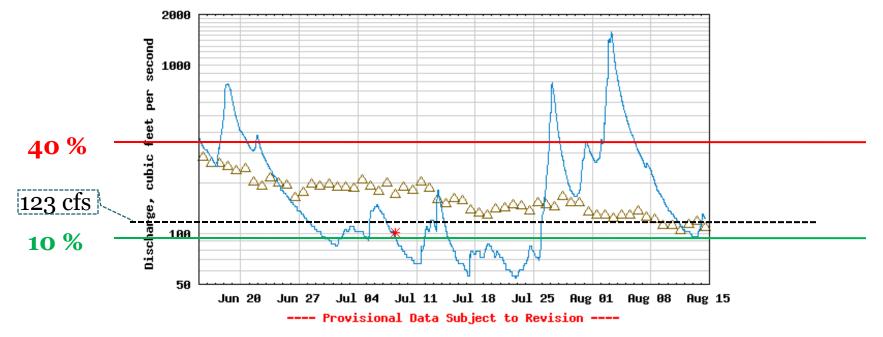
- No regulations governing the quantity of water withdrawn from streams
- Some complaints about water withdrawals associated with petroleum companies
- Addendum developed for Oil and Gas Drilling Permits
- Water withdrawal guidelines developed based on flow



#### Discharge, cubic feet per second

Most recent instantaneous value: 123 08-14-2009 12:00



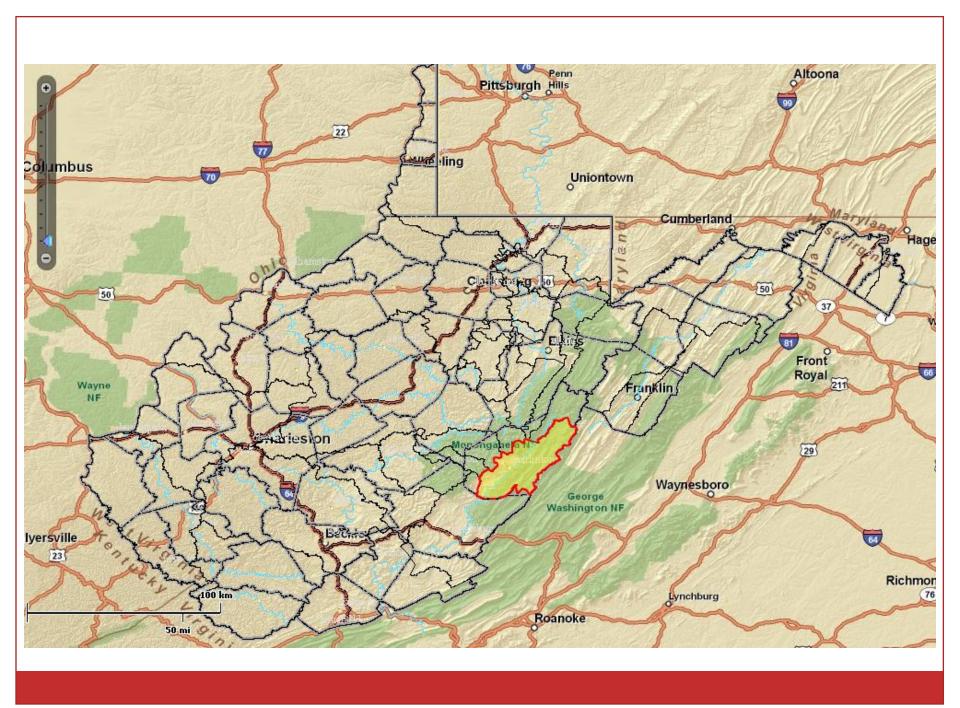


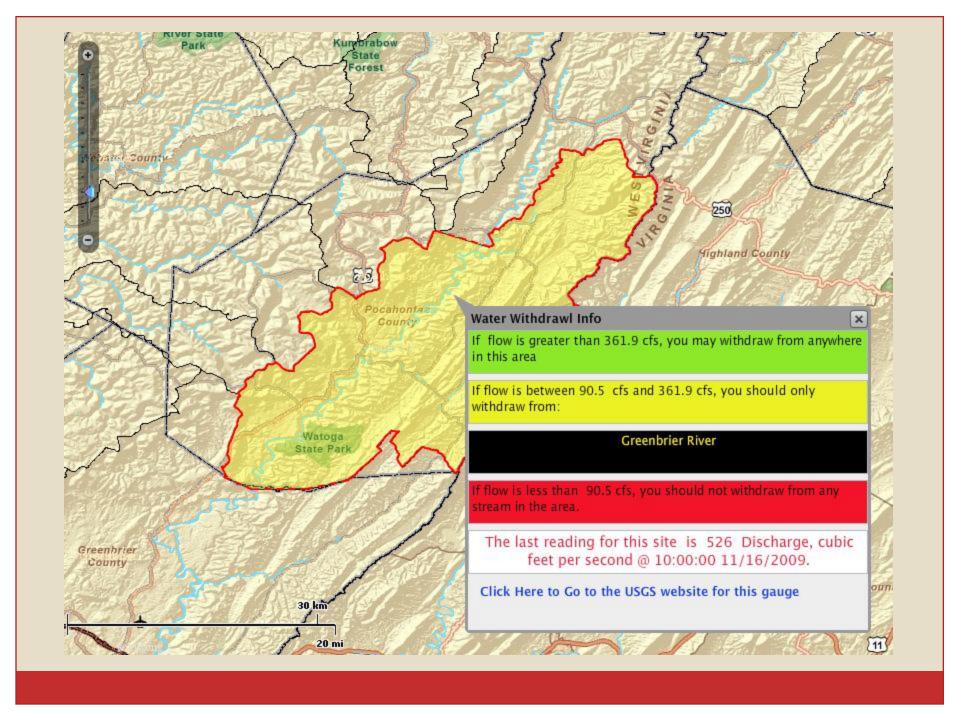
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#### Daily discharge statistics, in cfs, for Aug 14 based on 79 years of record more

Min (1934)	20th percen- tile	Median	Most Recent Instantaneous Value	80th percen- tile	Mean	Max (1984)
14	56	109	123	293	458	11900





### AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

- Provided funds under Section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act for water quality management
- DEP was able to secure grants for:
  - Compilation of a mine pool atlas
  - Four training sessions on water management science for county and regional development council representatives
  - Support for Pocahontas County's Water Resources Task Force (through the Region 4 Planning and Development Council)

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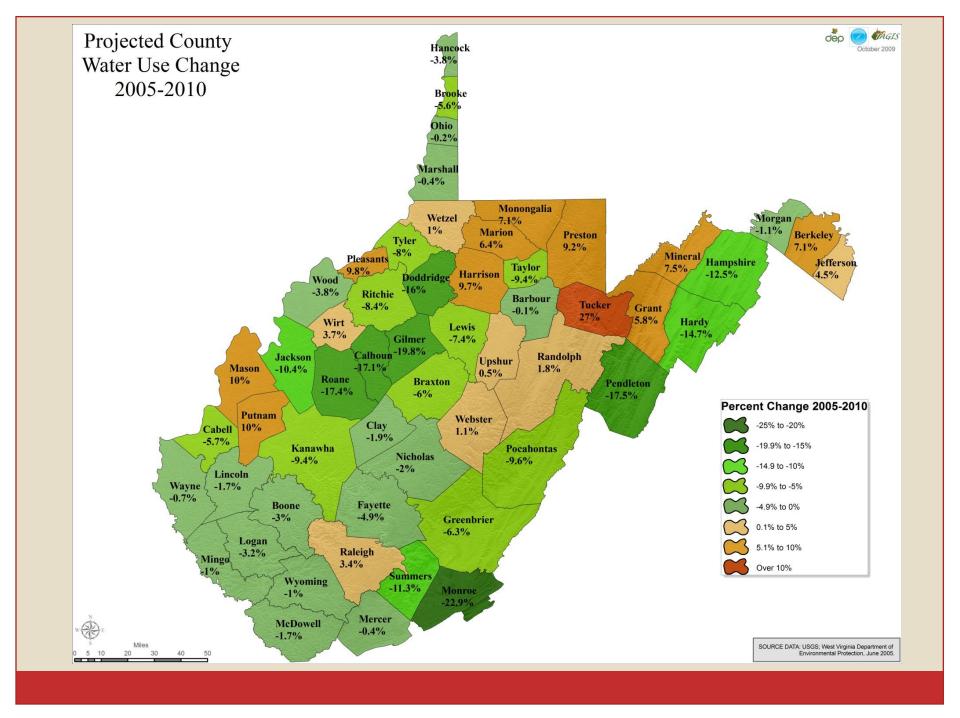
- Mine pool atlas (West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey)
  - Map abandoned mines, including thickness
  - Determine quantity of water based on volumetric calculations
  - Use GIS to determine which public water supply wells penetrate the mine pool
  - Compile quality data from pws wells that penetrate a pool
  - Completion time of one year

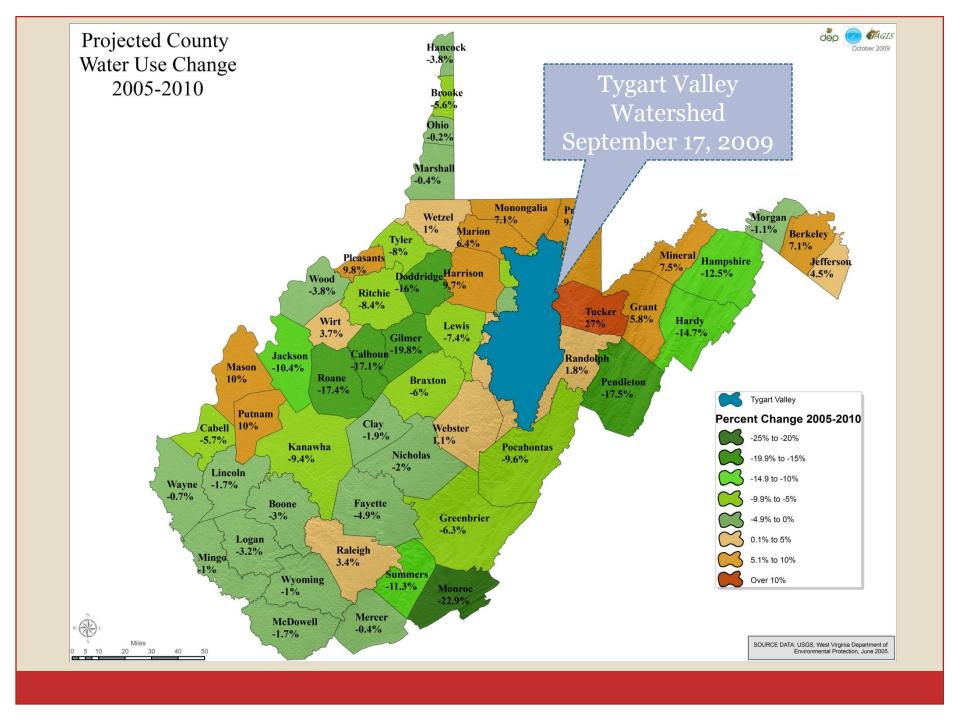
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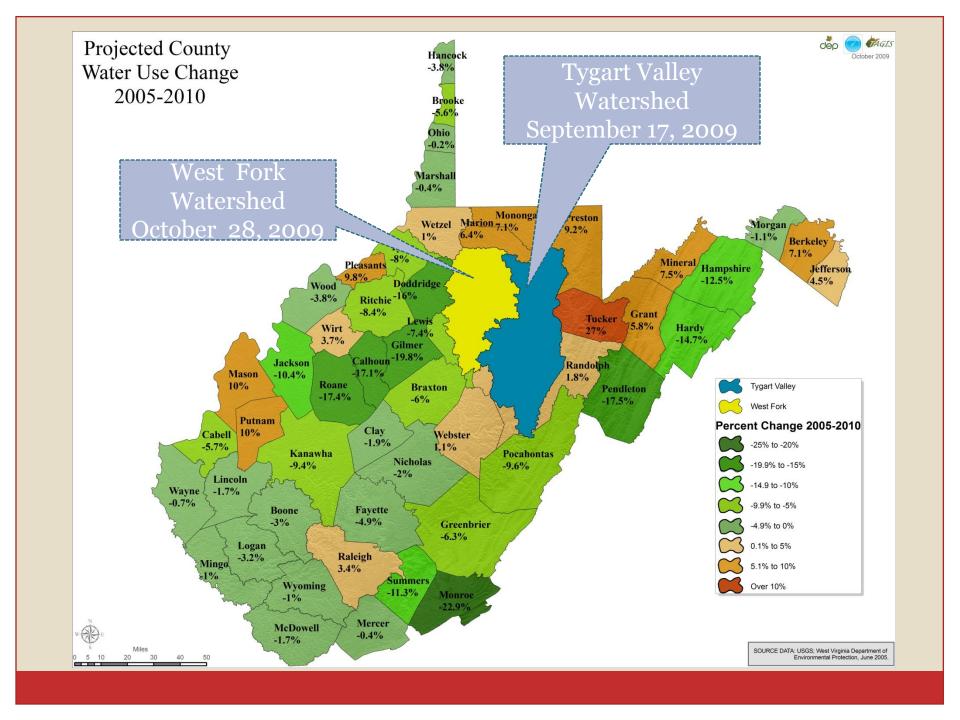
- Water management training (Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin)
  - Four classes for county commissioners and Regional Development Commission members
- Pocahontas County Water Resources Task Force
  - Money to support VISTA volunteer (travel)
  - Purchase GIS software

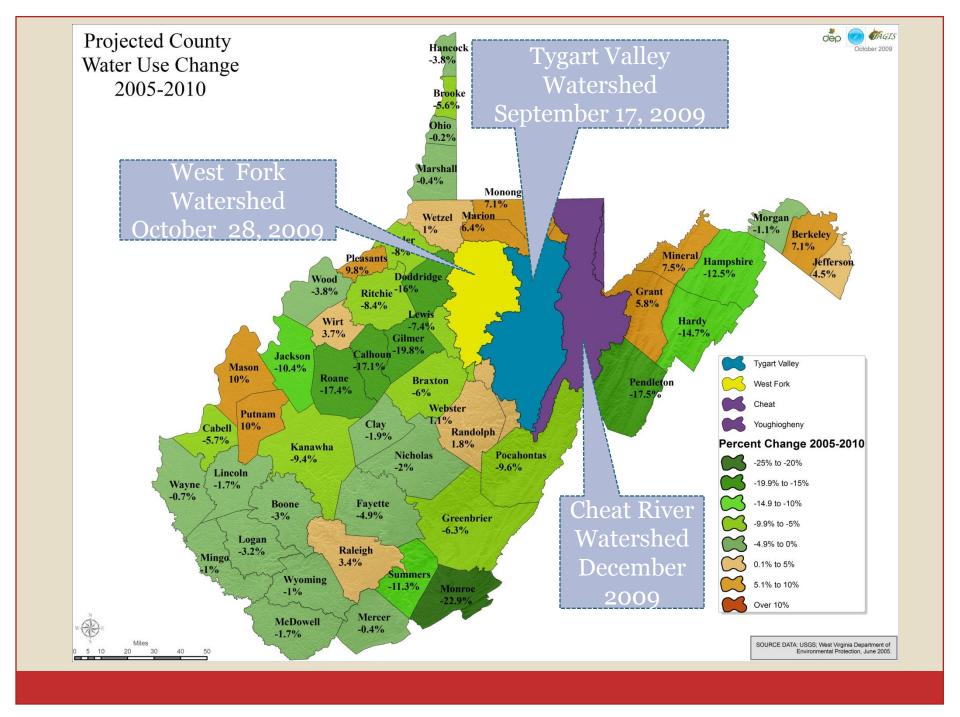
#### STATE PLAN: WATERSHED MEETINGS

- We have chosen to develop the plan in volumes.
- One volume will be for general data applied to the entire state.
- There will be approximately 32 watershed volumes.
- An executive summary will highlight proposed legislation (if any).
- The plan will be available for download from the web.









### **QUESTIONS?**



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