



RESOLUTION 13-2

Recommending Federal Adoption of the FracFocus Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Registry

WHEREAS, the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) is a national association of state ground water and underground injection control agencies whose mission is to promote the protection and conservation of ground water resources; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the GWPC is to provide objective information related to potential groundwater contamination and pollution prevention practices; and

WHEREAS, the FracFocus Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure Registry (Registry) has a significant educational component that provides such objective information; and

WHEREAS, easy access to information on chemicals used in the process of hydraulic fracturing is important to public transparency and helps facilitate investigations of potential groundwater contamination; and

WHEREAS the Registry is an existing, web based, public data management system capable of cataloging chemicals that are added to the fluid used in hydraulic fracturing of oil and gas wells; and

WHEREAS, in just over a year and a half of operation, the Registry has captured the chemical, locational and ownership information for the fracturing of more than 35,000 oil and gas wells by more than 350 companies and has been adopted as the required means of public disclosure by 11 state regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, consistency between federal and state reporting systems is advantageous to the public; and

WHEREAS, use of a single data management system for hydraulic fracturing chemicals reporting would prevent duplicative reporting of chemical information to state and federal entities for oil and gas wells on federal land; and

WHEREAS, development of a costly new federal data management system would be inefficient and require the dedication of significant federal, state and private resources that could be better employed elsewhere; and would substantially delay the disclosure of chemical data on federal land to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Registry is already capable of designating a hydraulically fractured well as being on federal land; and

WHEREAS, the Registry has been modified to meet state specific needs therefore; it can be readily modified to meet additional federal chemical disclosure requirements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ground Water Protection Council recommends to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management that they adopt the FracFocus Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Registry as the official means of chemical disclosure reporting for hydraulically fractured oil and gas wells on federally regulated land

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