



Where energy meets innovation.

Social License to Operate: Standards, Validation, Collaboration

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Who we are:



EQT production
5.2 Tcfe proved res.

EQT midstream
12,000 pipeline miles

Equitable Gas
275,000 customers

3.5 MM acres

- Measure, disclose and engage
- Watch where you drill
- Isolate wells and prevent leaks
- Treat water responsibly
- Eliminate venting, minimize flaring and other emissions
- Be ready to think big
- Ensure a consistently high level of environmental performance

- ...for industry to increase their best practices process for field engineering and environmental control activities by adopting the objective of continuous improvement, validated by measurement and disclosure of key operating metrics
- Best practices involves the entire range of shale gas operations
- ...understand the importance of involving non-industry stakeholders

- Zero discharge of wastewater until CSSD adopts a standard for treating wastewater.
- Wastewater recycling – > 90%.
- Closed loop containment of drilling fluids, eliminating the use of pits.
- Use of double-lined impoundments equipped with leak detection.
- Establishment of a predrill Area of Review, including subsurface geology and corresponding risk analysis.
- Groundwater monitoring– pre and post operations.
- Casing and cement standards that ensure complete isolation from groundwater.
- Public disclosure of well stimulation fluids.
- Well pad design that minimizes risk of contamination to water sources.
- Spill response and public notification plans.

- Removal of free hydrocarbons from flowback and produced water before storage.
- “Green Completions” – Capture of pipeline-quality gas, with certain exceptions.
 - Gas not captured must be flared; not vented.
- Flaring requirements – 98% destruction efficiency and a prohibition on pit flaring.
- Emissions standards for:
 - diesel drilling rig engines and fracturing pump engines
 - compressor engines
 - on-road truck engines
- Control of VOC emissions from storage vessels (> 95% reduction).
- Standards for reciprocating compressors and pneumatic controllers.

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- Clean Air Task Force
- CONSOL Energy
- Environmental Defense Fund
- EQT Corporation
- Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP)
- Heinz Endowments
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