



INTERSTATE  
**Oil & Gas**  
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# SURVEY FACTS

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## 2002 SURVEY FACTS

IOGCC conducted a survey of its member states in July of 2002 to determine the significance of hydraulic fracturing statistically and to determine if the process has caused harm to groundwater.

### ***Results of the 2002 survey found:***

- Hydraulic fracturing has been utilized in all of IOGCC's member states. In some states the practice began in the 1940s.
- To date there have been no verified instances of harm to groundwater as a result of hydraulic fracturing.
- On average in all of the states more than 56 percent of all wells are fraced. Some states, such as Pennsylvania, Colorado and Virginia, reported that nearly 100 percent of wells in their states were fraced.
- Nearly 35,000 wells are fraced annually.

## 2009 SURVEY UPDATE FACTS

In 2009 the IOGCC conducted an update to its 2002 survey.

- To date, 13 states and one Canadian province has responded by providing a written statement answering "Has there been a verified instance of harm to groundwater in your state from the practice of hydraulic fracturing?"
- Of the responses received, no state has reported verified instances of harm to groundwater as a result of hydraulic fracturing. Responses were crafted by the state oil and gas regulatory official in each state.
- The IOGCC is still in the process of collecting state responses.