

revealing that 8,739 new wells were fracked in Saskatchewan from 2000-2005, 7,685 from 2005-2010, and 434 since 2010. Documents obtained from the Ministry of Economy reveal that there are close to 3,200 horizontal wells in the province.

### GROUPS WORKING ON FRACKING

The Council of Canadians Prairies-NWT Regional Office [www.canadians.org/fracking](http://www.canadians.org/fracking)

Saskatchewan Against Fracking  
[www.facebook.com/SaskatchewanAgainstFrackingSaf](http://www.facebook.com/SaskatchewanAgainstFrackingSaf)

Saskatchewan Eco Network  
[www.econet.ca](http://www.econet.ca)

Saskatchewan Environmental Society  
[www.environmentalsociety.ca](http://www.environmentalsociety.ca)

### RESOURCES AND REGULATIONS

2008 Report: Ultimate Potential for Conventional Natural Gas  
[www.er.gov.sk.ca/PotentialConventionalNG](http://www.er.gov.sk.ca/PotentialConventionalNG)

Department of Environment - Responsible for water withdrawals  
[www.wsask.ca/Permits-and-Approvals/Regulatory-Info/Industrial-Water-Use-Charges/](http://www.wsask.ca/Permits-and-Approvals/Regulatory-Info/Industrial-Water-Use-Charges/)

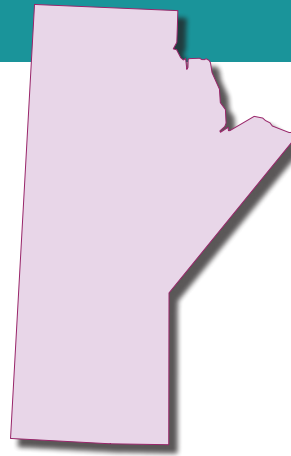
Occupational Health and Safety Regulations  
[www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Regulations/Regulations/O1-1R1.pdf](http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Regulations/Regulations/O1-1R1.pdf)

Oil and Gas Conservation Act [www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Statutes/Statutes/O2.pdf](http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Statutes/Statutes/O2.pdf)

Oil and gas legislation  
[www.er.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=dacef797-97a9-4b04-9045-1568b89cb131](http://www.er.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=dacef797-97a9-4b04-9045-1568b89cb131)

Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy  
[economy.gov.sk.ca/](http://economy.gov.sk.ca/)

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment  
[www.environment.gov.sk.ca](http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca)



## Manitoba

Fracking for oil in the province is confined to a small corner in southwestern Manitoba. Yet the number of fracking operations has skyrocketed in recent years. Since 2006, 1,978 horizontal wells have been drilled, most of which use hydraulic fracturing.<sup>10</sup> *The Winnipeg Free Press* reported

10 According to year-end weekly activity reports [www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/wwar/index.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/wwar/index.html)



Defend our Climate, Defend our Communities event in Winnipeg, November 2013. Photo by Doug Thomas.

that most of the 3,600 active oil wells in the province use fracking.

Despite the prevalence of fracking for oil in southwestern Manitoba, there is little public information on the chemicals and the amount of water used in the fracking process. The Manitoba government is working on new regulations for the fracking industry, and exploring the development of a FracFocus website for Manitoba – a database that exists for B.C. and Alberta where companies volunteer information about fracking chemicals and water use. A similar database for Manitoba could be up and running by 2014. However, companies should be legally required

to disclose this information in order for the website to be truly effective.

*The Winnipeg Free Press* also reported that exploration for shale in Manitoba is underway with the potential for major industry expansion within the next 10 years. The potential shale formation runs from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border to Treheme, and includes the Manitoba Escarpment, Swan Valley, the Porcupine Hills and around Riding Mountain.



### GROUPS WORKING ON FRACKING

The Council of Canadians Prairies-NWT Regional Office  
[www.canadians.org/fracking](http://www.canadians.org/fracking)

Green Action Centre  
[greenactioncentre.ca](http://greenactioncentre.ca)

Manitoba Wildlands  
[manitobawildlands.org/gov\\_rc33.htm](http://manitobawildlands.org/gov_rc33.htm)

Wilderness Committee  
[wildernesscommittee.org/manitoba](http://wildernesscommittee.org/manitoba)

### RESOURCES AND REGULATIONS

Drilling and Production Regulations  
[www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/actsregs/drilprodregs.pdf](http://www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/actsregs/drilprodregs.pdf)

Environmental protection plan required by section 104(1) Oil and Gas Act  
[web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/0034e.php](http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/0034e.php)

Manitobans own mineral rights to the land  
[www.manitoba.ca/iem/mrd/board/srboard.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/iem/mrd/board/srboard.html)

Petroleum development  
[www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/index.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/index.html)

Pending applications  
[www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/applications/index.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/applications/index.html)

Well Applications  
[www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/wwar/index.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/iem/petroleum/wwar/index.html)

Public registry for Environmental Approvals  
[www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/index.html)

Water Stewardship Division - Issue water approvals. A Water Rights Licence is required for use of surface water and groundwater if use exceeds 25,000 litres per day and can be issued for up to 20 years.  
[www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/licensing/wlb/obtaining.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/licensing/wlb/obtaining.html)