

# The Emerging Estate of “Produced” Water: The Intersection of Ownership, Disposal, Pore Space and Storage



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## Topics Discussed

WHAT IS  
PRODUCED  
WATER?

WHO OWNS  
PRODUCED  
WATER?

CURRENT CASE  
AT THE TEXAS  
SUPREME COURT

PRACTICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS

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## What is the big deal with Produced Water?

The trash has now become the treasure:

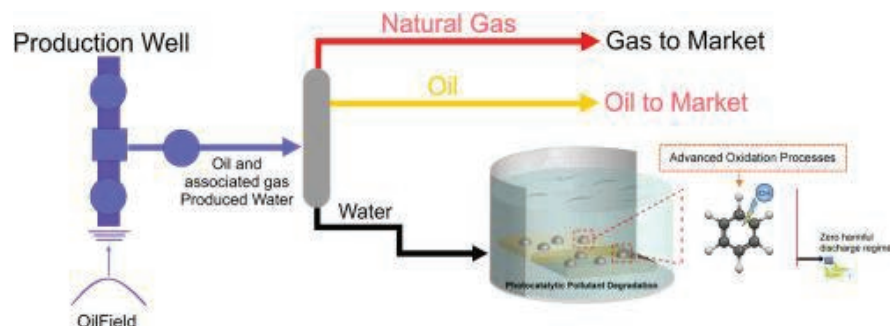
- Millions of Dollars can be earned from treating Produced Water

4 billion barrels per year (~511,000 ac-ft) including:

- Lithium, Cadmium, other rare earth minerals
- Useable non-potable water

## What is Produced Water?

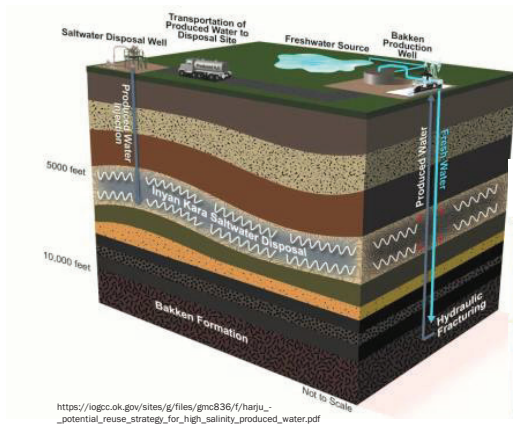
- Fluid byproduct brought to the surface during fracking operations/exploration



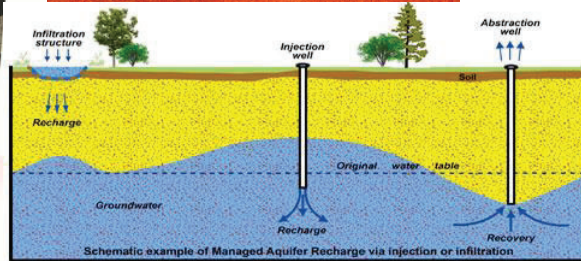
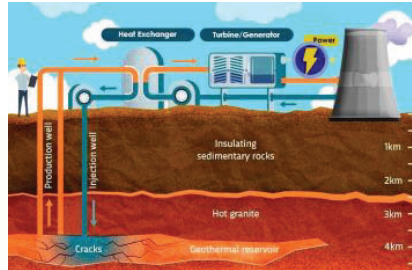
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# Emerging Produced Water Technologies

- GHCR: Geologic, Homogenization, Conditioning, and Reuse
- Geothermal Energy
- Aquifer Recharge\*

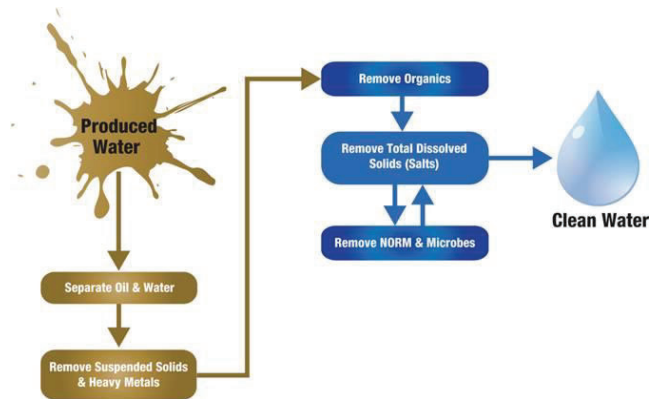


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## How Value is Created?

- Operator does not have to pay for groundwater
- Operator then uses groundwater for operation
- Treats produced water
- Sells or Reuses treated produced water



<https://www.oil-gasportal.com/produced-water-treatment/?print=print>

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