Independent Science Assessment

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What is the Independent Science Assessment?

The Independent Science Assessment of Well Stimulation Technologies (ISA) is a new evaluation of well stimulation technologies, such as hydraulic fracturing and acidization, specific to California's unique resource potential and environment.

Who is Leading the ISA?

The ISA is being led by the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST), a non-profit specializing in providing scientifically objective information to government agencies and the California legislature.

Who Will Review the ISA?

The ISA report will be rigorously peer reviewed, by a separate CCST Oversight Committee and the US Geological Survey.

What Will the ISA Assess?

The ISA will assess:

1. How well stimulation technologies work;
2. Any changes in the oil and gas potential that have been made possible by recent advances in technology; and
3. The environmental hazards of well stimulation technologies in California.

How does the ISA relate to the Hollister Field Office Oil and Gas Leasing and Development EIS?

The assessment will serve as a technical study that will be used in future planning, leasing, and development decisions regarding oil and gas on the federal mineral estate in California. Its description of technologies and environmental effects will be used in the Hollister Field Office Oil and Gas Leasing and Development EIS.

How Can I Contribute?

Please submit references to peer-reviewed literature, data, and studies to the following website by February 16, 2014: http://ccst.us/projects/fracking_public/index.php.