

## The Role of Oil and Gas Industry in Ground Water Conservation

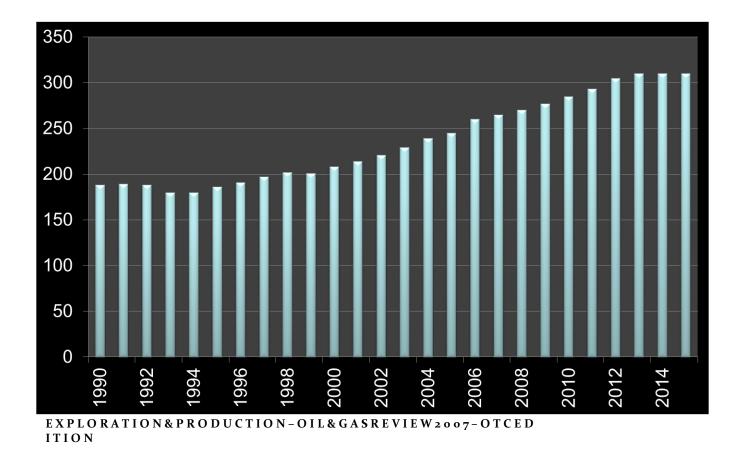
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# • How much water was produced with oil and gas worldwide?

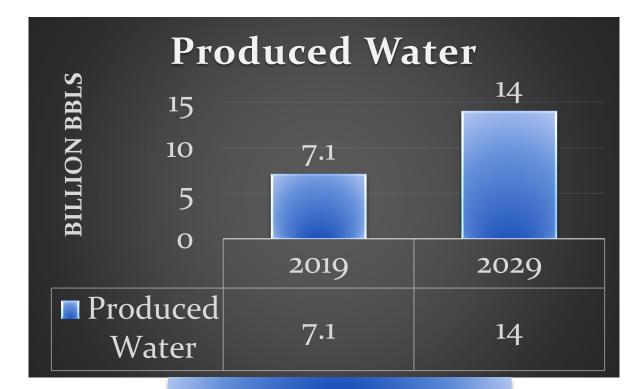
## 115,000,000,000 BBLs In GCC



#### Produced Water Forecast (MM BBL/D)



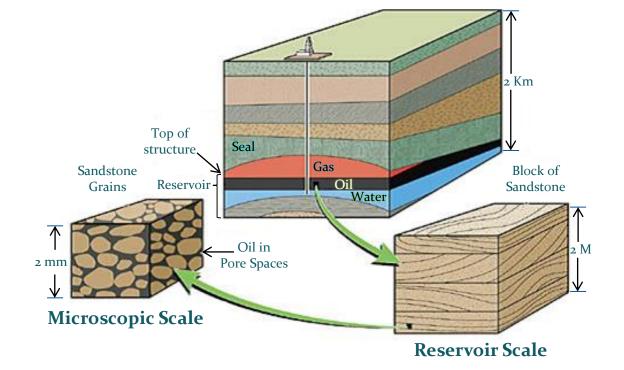
## Produced Water In GCC



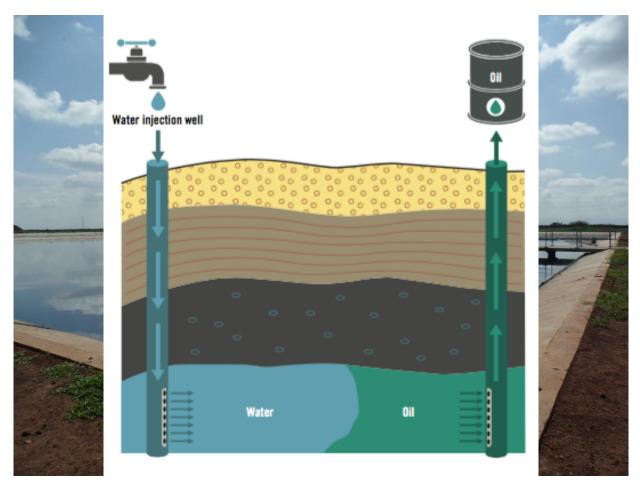
15-25 GWH

## Subsurface Water

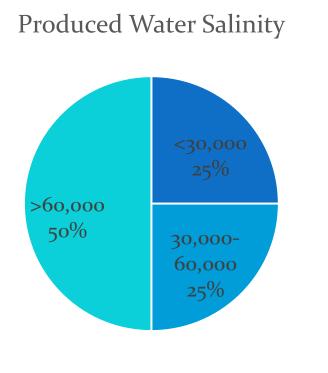
- Water naturally underlies oil in the reservoir, lifting oil and gas from oil-bearing formations
- Gas rises above oil layer
- Natural reservoir pressure will initially drive oil production
- Later, water is injected to maintain reservoir pressure and move oil toward production wells



## What Do We Do With It?



## **Produced Water Characteristics**



Oil Greases

- Free Oil
- Dissolved Hydrocarbon

#### Dissolved Solids

- Calcium Carbonate
- Calcium Sulfate
- Iron Sulfide
- Barium
- Strontium

# Fresh Water Consumption in Oil and Gas Operations



Figure 1: Project Trends in Water Consumption

## Fresh Water Uses in Oil and Gas

Primary Recovery

Secondary EOR

Crude Washing

Fracking Operations

## Oil and Gas and Water Industries

#### Oil and. Gas Industry

- Washing Crude (desalting)
- Hydraulic Fracking Operations
- Reservoir Pressure
- Utilities

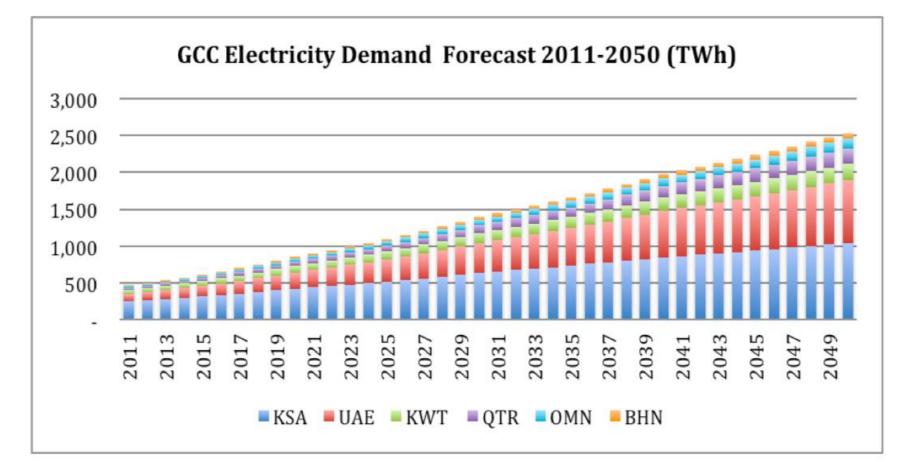
#### Water Industry

• Desalination

## Water Desalination in GCC

	Number of Desalination Plants	Capacity (Gl per day)	% Share of the world capacity
KSA	128	12.5	17%
UAE	98	9.5	12%
кwт	24	1.7	4%
QTR	13	1.9	2%
OMN	19	1.6	2%
BHN	12	1.4	2%

## **GCC Electricity Demand**

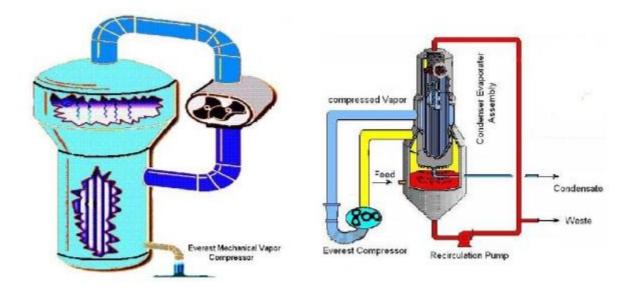


## **Oil and Gas Industry Role**

## Reduce Fresh Water Consumption

### Treat Produced Water for Alternative Uses

## **Produced Water Desalination**



#### Fig. 4: TYPICAL MECHANICAL VAPOR RECOMPRESSION CYCLE

## Nimir Project



## Potential Uses of Produced Water

- Irrigation
- Desalination
- Cooling Water
- Fresh Water

## Path Forward

Minimize/ eliminate the use of fresh water in oil and gas operations

Continue R&D in Produced Water Desalination Technologies

**Explore Reuse of Recycled Water Potential Applications** 

Water and Oil & Gas Industries Collaborations

## Thank You