

# Overview of Bakken Research Consortium, North Dakota

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*The Bakken Consortium was conceived as an opportunity to deploy the most advanced available technology to investigate opportunities to optimize the drilling, completion and production of horizontal Williston Basin Bakken wells. Of special significance was the implementation of microseismic technology to monitor fracture initiation and growth. In an effort to maximize the potential for successful microseismic monitoring, it was decided that three parallel horizontal wellbores would be drilled within a 640 acre unit. Two of the wellbores would be completed using completion methods common to the Williston Basin. The middle wellbore would be used initially to deploy geophones horizontally in the Bakken to allow for microseismic monitoring of fracture stimulation.*

*The primary operational phase of the project has been completed. All three wells have been drilled; both producers have been completed and stimulated and are currently producing. Pertinent aspects of the drilling and completion phase are summarized in this presentation.*

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