

API/ANGA

Information on National Gas Well Count

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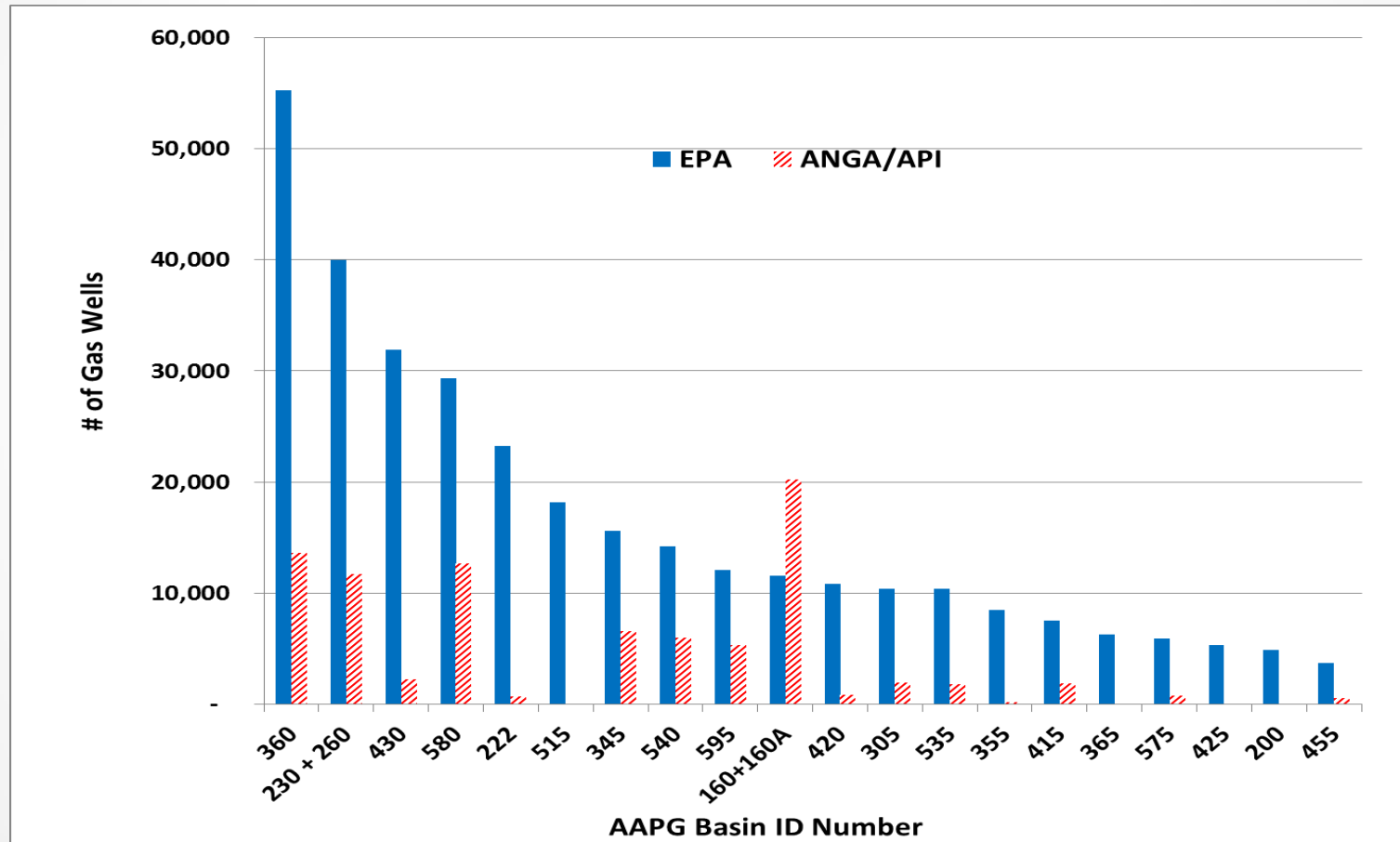
Background: API/ANGA Survey

- **Objective:**
 - Enhance data availability for LCA studies, inventories and other assessments that support national policy development
- **Timeframe**
 - Data collection (Aug. – Nov, 2011)
 - Analysis (Jan - April 2012)
- **Approach**
 - Gather activity data from conventional and unconventional natural gas production to improve its characterization in nationwide GHG inventory

Gas Well Data

- API/ANGA survey activity data
 - Over 20 companies covering nearly 91,000 wells and 19 of the 21 producing geological basins
- Data includes information on each of the producing basins containing over 1% of the total well count in EPA's national gas wells database.
- Represents the most comprehensive data set yet compiled for natural gas operations
 - A more accurate picture of operations and activity level

Gas Well Count Comparison by AAPG Basin



Gas Well Count Comparison

	Conventional Wells	Shale	Coal-bed Methane	Tight	Unspecified
Survey TOTAL	28,448	9,438	5,467	34,368	13,307
% of EPA 2010 Well Counts (from Subpart W database file)	14.2%	30.1%	11.5%	45.6%	
Overall Survey Total	91,028				
EPA Well Counts (2010, from Subpart W database file)	200,921	31,381	47,371	75,409	
	355,082				
	484,795				
EPA National Inventory (2010)	434,361 (non-associated gas wells)	50,434 (gas wells with Hydraulic Fracturing)			
EIA National Well Count (2010)	487,627				

Conclusions

- API/ANGA survey results provides substantial information for improving the national inventory
- EIA and EPA pull national well counts from state databases
- EPA information from HPDI resulted in a lower well count, but provided information by well type
 - Discrepancy in well count may point to differences in well classifications used by states

Conclusions, continued

- Work with stakeholders for consistent terminology for classifying wells
- Inventory needs to reflect legitimate well classifications that impact emissions
 - For example, coal bed methane wells do not vent for liquid unloading
 - Inventory needs to drop the use of terms “conventional” and “unconventional”
- Data from Subpart W reporting may provide more complete well counts by well type