



MIDSTREAM WATER MANAGEMENT: U.S. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING STRATEGIES, SOLUTIONS, & OUTLOOK, 2019–2028

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About This Focus Report

The US\$17 billion per year water-for-hydraulic fracking landscape in the U.S. continues its evolution, shaped by the mercurial oil & gas markets and geopolitical forces influencing production and water management strategies. Within this unsettled context, upstream energy companies, financial investors, and midstream water solutions providers have identified water as a critical lever to mitigate operating costs and risks.

Bluefield's water-for-fracking forecasts present a 10-year outlook, including water volumes and expenditures, for supplies, transportation, treatment for reuse, and disposal. The 14 major basins in the U.S. demonstrate the high variability from region to region.

Report Features

- In-Depth Analysis of 14 Basins
- +55 Midstream Water Company Profiles
- Ten-Year Forecasts, 2019-2028
- Macroeconomic Drivers: Energy Prices, Rig Counts for Oil & Gas
- Regulatory Drivers & Policy Landscape
- Water Management Volumes (BBL): Supply, Transport, Treatment, Disposal
- Water-Related Mergers & Acquisitions
- Financial Investor, Pure-play Water Firm, and Technology Vendor Strategies

Bluefield Takeaways

- Permian Basin continues driving drilling and midstream activities. The Permian has become the upstream oil sector's engine, representing 54% of the annual total water management demand. Of this, four counties: Eddy, Lea, Loving, and Reeves make up 79% of the Permian total. In contrast, the gas rich Appalachia basin: Marcellus & Utica make up 13% of water management spend.
- Market evolution against a backdrop of relative stability.
 M&A over the last year highlight scaling interest of domestic
 and foreign financial investors in water for hydraulic
 fracturing. Bluefield has identified 28 transactions so far in
 2019.
- Low hanging fruit identified in transportation equation.
 Given that transportation spend for supply and disposal represents 49% of the 10-year total financial investors have

- zeroed-in on pipeline investments and midstream water management.
- Regulatory shifts on the front lines. Straddling the Texas and New Mexico border, Permian Basin operators on the New Mexico-side will be required to step-up their recycling of produced water. In 2018, new legislators moved to enforce produced water recycling.
- Still young, fracking sector maturing with experience.
 With oil prices stabilizing from US\$50/bbl to US\$60/bbl, companies across the industry value chain, from E&Ps, midstream water players, and investors, are honing their positions via M&A and organic growth to capture forecasted gains.



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- What is the size of the water-for-fracking sector by spend and volume?
- How are midstream water companies positioned by activity (e.g. supply, transport, treatment, disposal)?
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