

Update on Upstream Oil & Gas CEP Plan Implementation

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Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Plan – Upstream Oil & Gas Sector (March 2011)

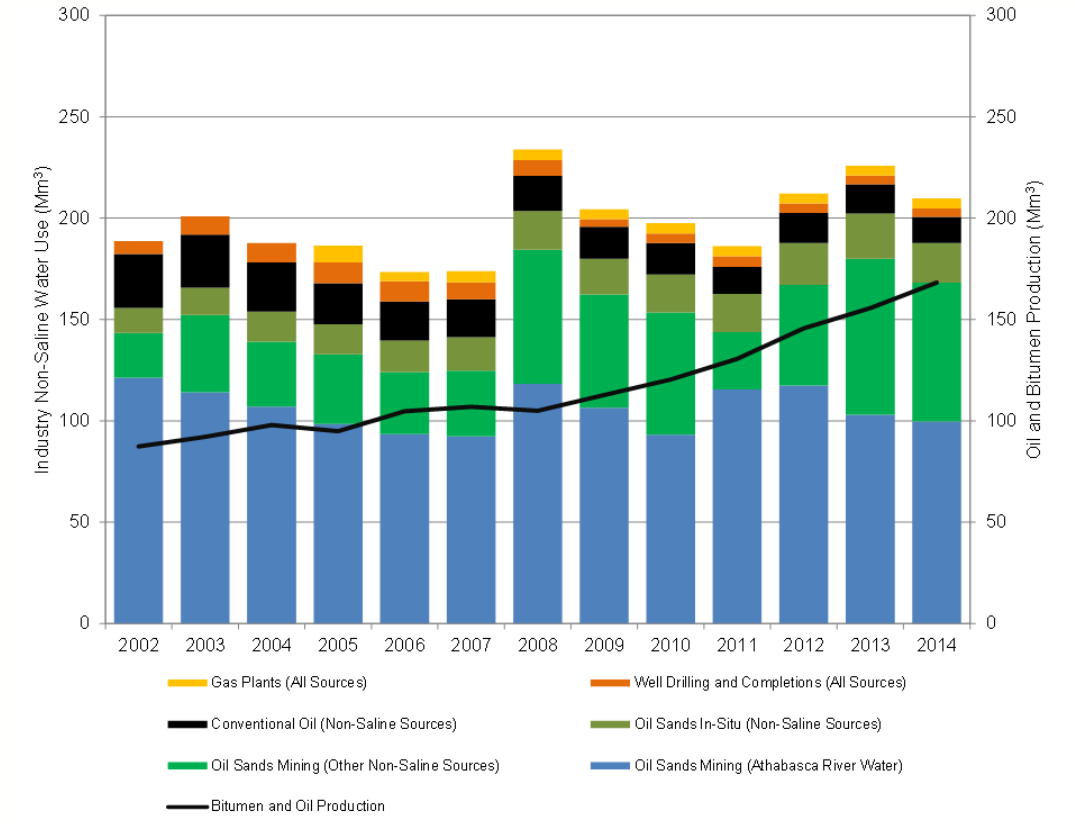
- **Scope included water used for:**
 - Oil sands mining production
 - Oil sands in situ production
 - Conventional oil production
 - Well drilling and completions
 - Gas plants
- **Excluded:**
 - Shale gas production (due to lack of available data)
 - Midstream or downstream oil & gas activities
- **Provided actual production and water use statistics from 2000 to 2009, and projections to 2015**
- **CEP performance measure:**
 - Non-saline water use productivity; i.e., the volume of non-saline water used per volume of hydrocarbon produced
 - Projected improvements compared to baseline (average of 2002 to 2004)

CEP Plan Projected Improvements

Activity	Non-saline water use productivity (m ³ non-saline water/m ³ oil or bitumen)		
	Baseline (2002-04)	Projected (2015)	Improvement (%)
Oil sands mining (Athabasca only)	3.18	2.30	28%
Oil sands mining (total fresh)	4.04	2.83	30%
Oil sands in situ	0.63	0.34	47%
Conventional oil	0.70	0.60	15%
Total	1.98	1.50	24%

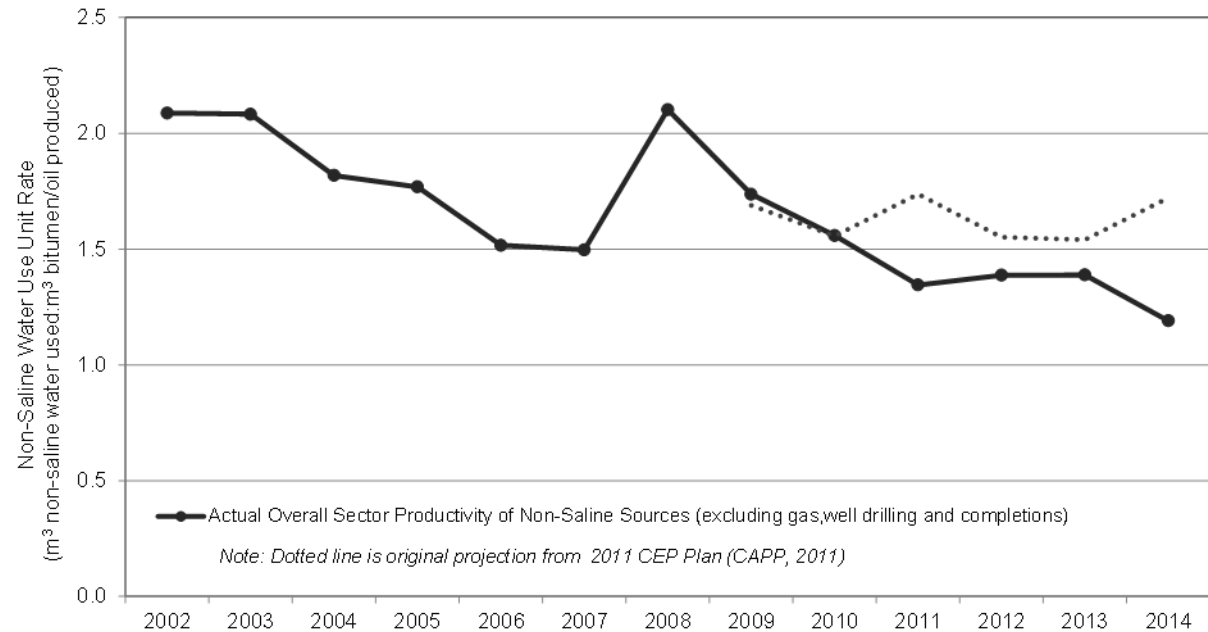
Sector Non-Saline Water Use

- **Production increased by 82% between the baseline period and 2014**
 - Baseline: 92.5 Mm3 OE
 - 2014: 168.2 Mm3 OE
- **Total non-saline water use increased 10%**
 - Baseline: 183.1 Mm3
 - 2014: 200.7 Mm3



Sector Non-Saline Water Use Productivity

- **Improved 40% between the baseline period and 2014**
 - Baseline: 1.98:1
 - 2014: 1.19:1



Oil Sands Mining Non-saline Water Use

- **Between the baseline period and 2014**

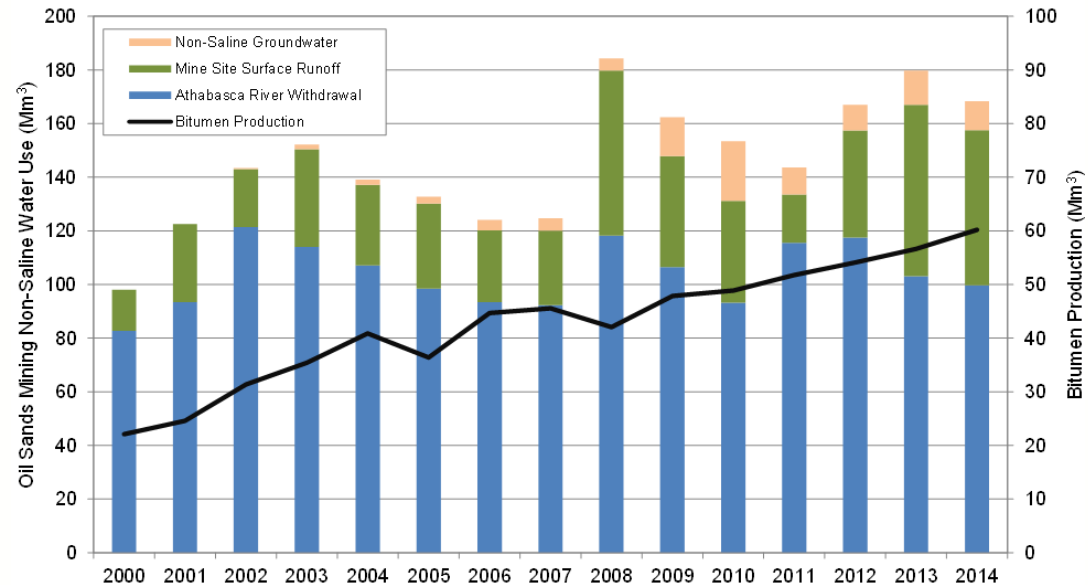
- 68% increase in bitumen production
- 16% increase in non-saline water use

- **Mined bitumen production**

- Baseline: 35.9 Mm³
- 2014: 60.2 Mm³

- **Non-saline water use**

- Baseline: 144.9 Mm³
- 2014: 168.3 Mm³
- Use from Athabasca decreased over decade 114.2 ->99.7 Mm³



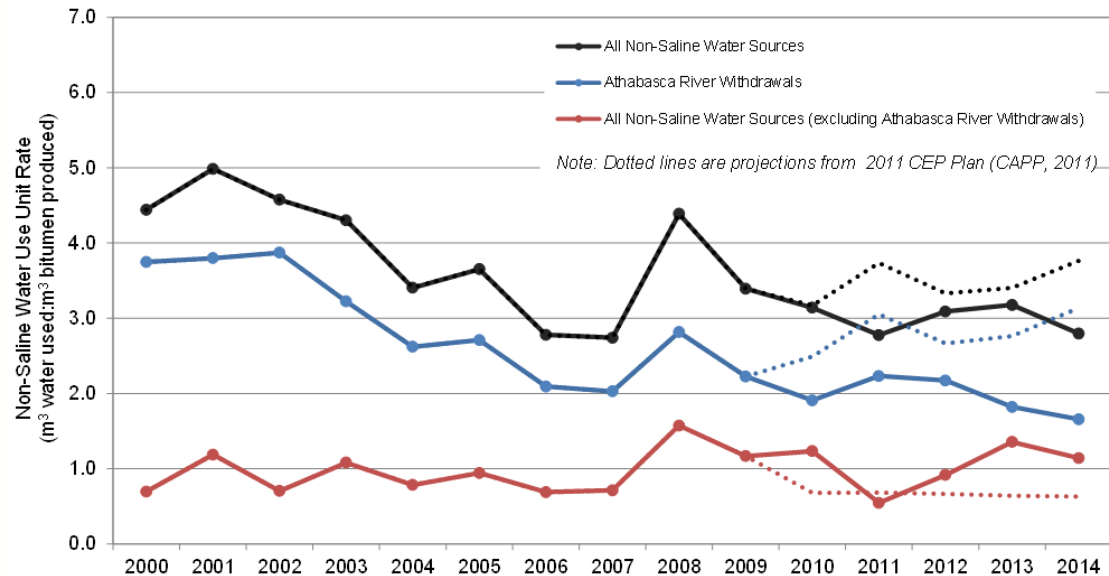
Oil Sands Mining Non-Saline Water Use Productivity

- **Improved 31% between the baseline period and 2014**

- Baseline: 4.04:1
- 2014: 2.79:1

- **Athabasca River water use productivity improved 48%**

- Baseline: 3.18:1
- 2014: 1.66:1
- Proportion sourced from Athabasca decreased 79% -> 59%
- Increased proportion from runoff and mine depressurization water



Oil Sands In Situ Non-saline Water Use

- **Between the baseline period and 2014**

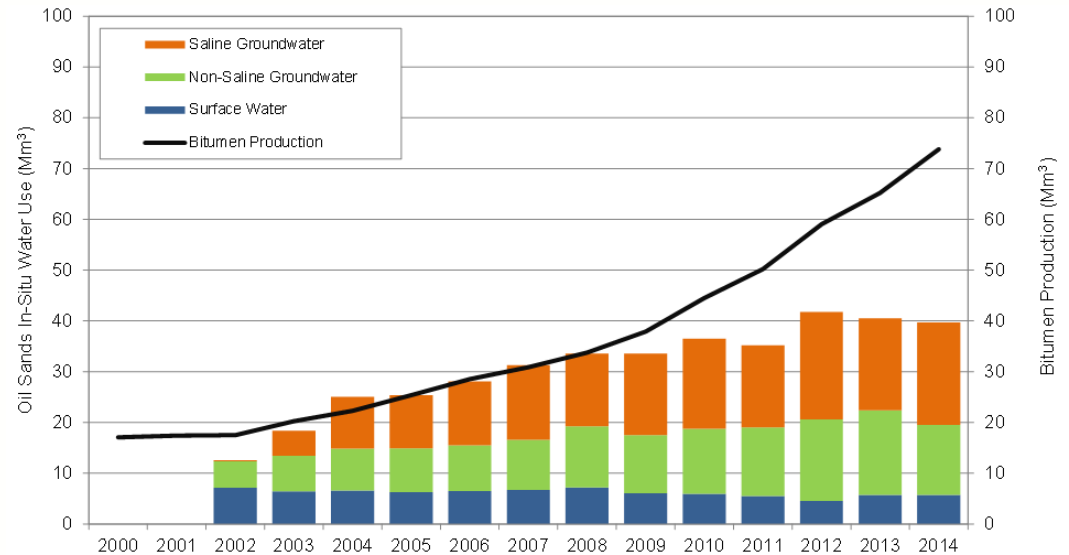
- 269% increase in bitumen production
- 56% increase in non-saline water use

- **In situ bitumen production**

- Baseline: 20 Mm³ OE
- 2014: 73.8 Mm³

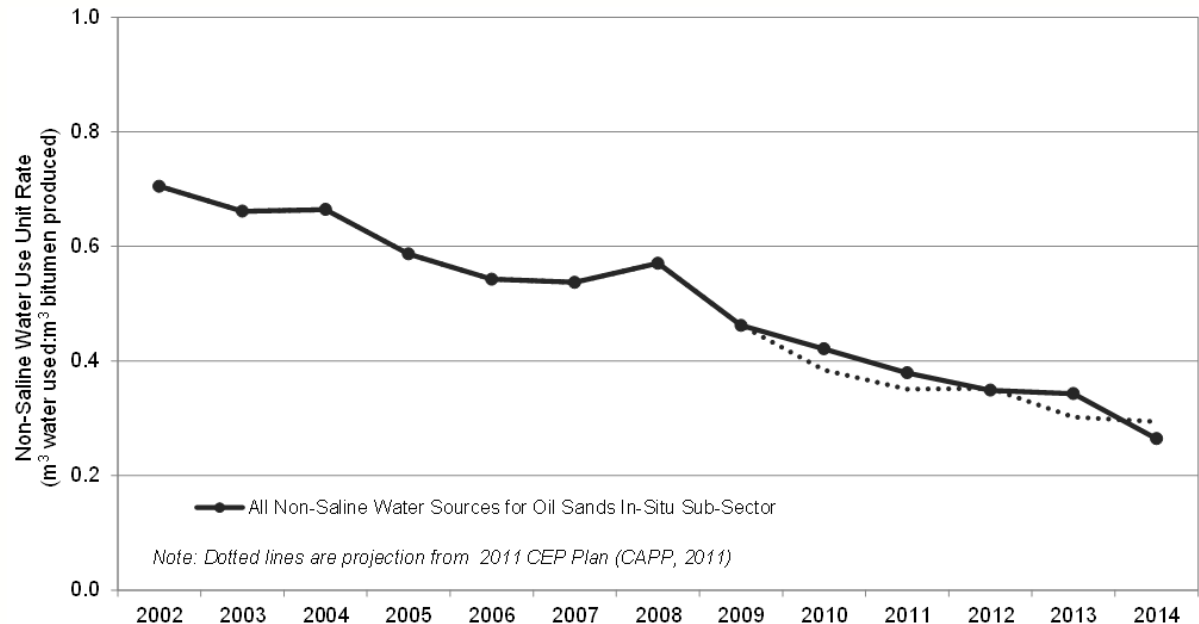
- **Non-saline water use**

- Baseline: 12.5 Mm³
- 2014: 19.5 Mm³



Oil Sands In Situ Non-Saline Water Use Productivity

- **Improved 58% between the baseline period and 2014**
 - Baseline: 0.63:1
 - 2014: 0.26:1
- **Primarily due to:**
 - Saline groundwater use for steam generation
 - Reuse of mining wastewater streams for in situ makeup water



Conventional Oil Non-saline Water Use

- **Between the baseline period and 2014**

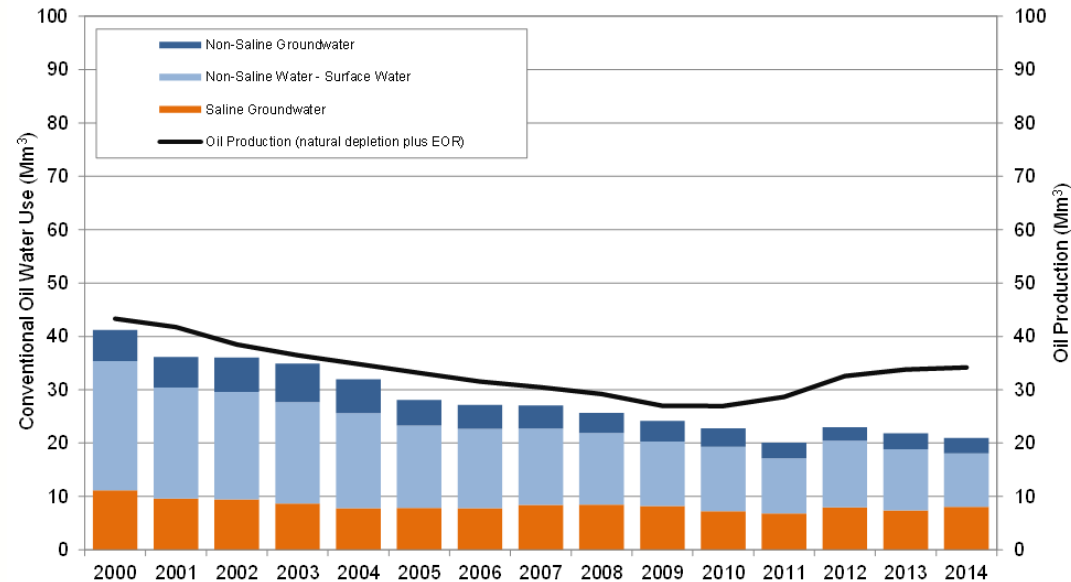
- 7% decrease in production
- 50% decrease in non-saline water use

- **Conventional oil production**

- Baseline: 36.6 Mm³
- 2014: 34.2 Mm³

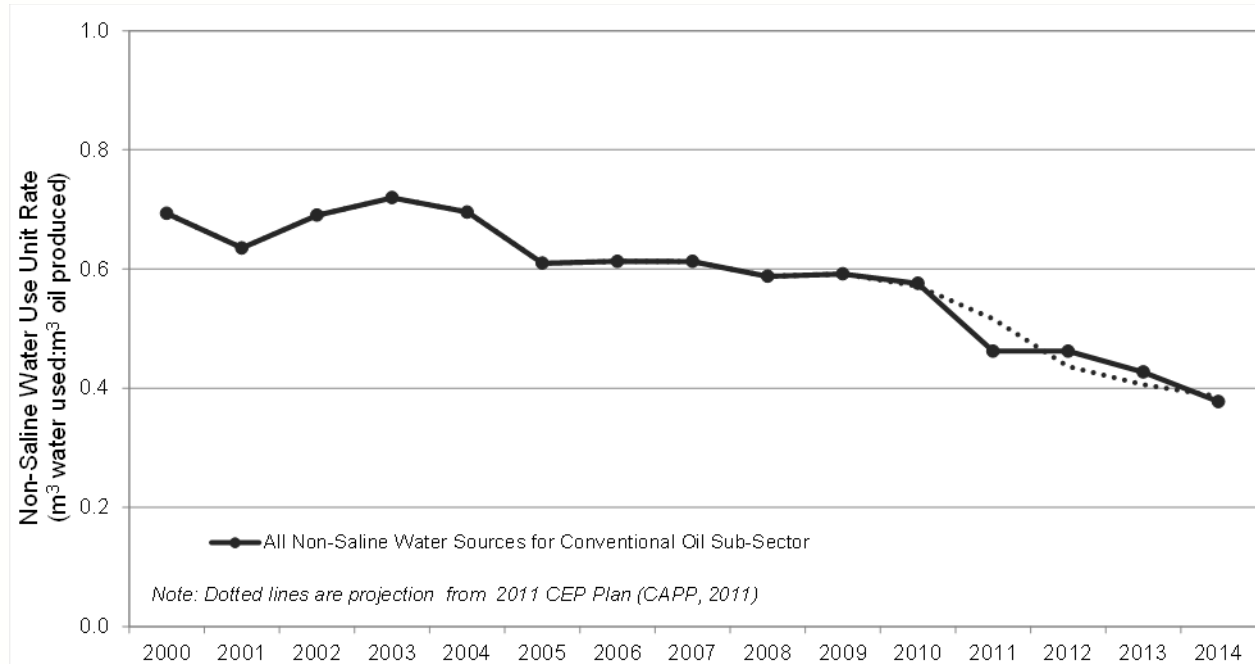
- **Non-saline water use**

- Baseline: 25.7 Mm³
- 2014: 12.9 Mm³
- Proportion of non-saline water decreased from 75% to 62%



Conventional Oil Non-Saline Water Use Productivity

- **Improved 46% between the baseline period and 2014**
 - Baseline: 0.70:1
 - 2014: 0.38:1
- **Primarily due to**
 - Increased reuse
 - Use of alternative water sources
 - Saline groundwater volumes remained relatively constant



Performance Relative to Baseline

Activity	Non-saline water use productivity (m ³ non-saline water/m ³ oil or bitumen)			
	Baseline (2002-04)	Actual (2014)	Actual Improvement	Projected Improvement
Oil sands mining (Athabasca only)	3.18	1.66	48%	28%
Oil sands mining (total fresh)	4.04	2.79	31%	30%
Oil sands in situ	0.63	0.26	58%	47%
Conventional oil	0.70	0.38	46%	15%
Total	1.98	1.19	40%	24%

Adoption of New Best Practices and Technologies

- **21 CEP opportunities were identified in the 2011 CEP plan that**
 - Reduce the volume of non-saline water required to produce bitumen, oil or gas; or
 - Reduce the environmental impact of water use
- **CAPP members were surveyed to evaluate the 21 opportunities for**
 - Level of adoption
 - Challenges
 - Successes
- **Opportunities were assessed for impact on water use**



CEP Opportunities with Moderate to High Impact

- Reuse mining wastewater streams for in situ makeup water; e.g., blowdown from upgraders, tailings pond water
- Use saline groundwater for in situ steam generation
- Recycle produced water from oil and gas wells instead of disposal or release
- Updates to equipment and operating procedures for improved water efficiency
- Alternative, less water-intensive oil sands tailings technologies and management techniques
- Alternatives to non-saline water for drilling or fracturing fluids

CEP Opportunities with Low to Moderate Impact

- **Treat waste/produced/saline water for reuse rather than disposal**
- **Reuse municipal wastewater instead of diverting new water**
- **Use saline groundwater for pressure maintenance**
- **Use evaporator technology to treat blowdown at in situ operations**
- **Add polymers to waterfloods for improved productivity**
- **Treat water to increase recycling rate from tailings ponds**

CEP Opportunities Not Adopted

- **Regulatory uncertainty**
 - Redefine water regs to prioritize use of lower quality non-saline water
 - Water Conservation Policy will identify alternative water sources - not released yet
- **In pilot or evaluation stages**
 - CO2 injection to enhance recovery instead of water injection
 - Solvent injection to enhance recovery for in situ
 - Combustion to enhance recovery for in situ
- **Cost and technical challenges**
 - Non-water-based mining extraction methods
 - Storage of water in aquifers for future use
 - Reduce evaporation from ponds



Concurrent Environmental or Social Benefits of CEP Efforts

- **Surface water storage options for oil sands mining**
 - Does not reduce water use, but can change timing of withdrawals to reduce impacts to aquatic ecosystems.
- **Less water-intensive tailings technologies**
 - Lower dependence on water from tailings ponds -> smaller ponds
 - Lower energy and GHG emissions since less water needs to be reheated for use in bitumen extraction
- **Updated equipment & operating procedures**
 - Water security
 - Reduced trucking (noise, dust, air emissions, costs)
 - Competitive advantage
 - Improved social licence to operate
- **Recycle produced water from oil and gas wells**
 - Reduced trucking
 - Reduced fresh water use

Concurrent Benefits cont'd

- **Evaporator technology**
 - Smaller physical footprint
- **Polymer waterfloods**
 - Lower GHG emissions



Environmental Tradeoffs of CEP Efforts

- **Reduction of river flows**
 - Where wastewater would have been released
- **Increased land disturbance/surface footprint**
 - Pipelines used to move water, rather than source wells on-site or trucking
 - New infrastructure
- **Increased GHG emissions**
 - Pumping alternative water sources over distances requires energy
 - Trucking water in
 - Water treatment processes
 - Evaporator technology
- **Risk of spills/pipeline failures**
 - Transmission of saline/produced/waste water
- **Additional waste generation**
 - Water treatment processes

Adjustments Needed to Sector Plan

- **Inclusion of shale gas, tight gas and tight oil water use**
 - Once water use statistics are available
- **Address overlap between existing CEP opportunities**
 - Combine if a plan update is undertaken



Summary

- **Upstream oil and gas sector has made significant improvements in non-saline water use productivity**
- **Improvements were equal to or higher than originally projected across all sub-sectors**
 - Oil sands mining - Athabasca River only: 48% (projected: 28%)
 - Oil sands mining - total: 31% (projected: 28%)
 - Oil sands in situ: 58% (projected: 47%)
 - Conventional oil: 46% (projected: 15%)
- **Overall, the sector had a productivity increase of 40%**
 - 2011 CEP plan projection: 24%
 - Exceeded the Alberta target of 30% improvement relative to baseline
- **Improvements were made due to many changes, especially:**
 - Operational and equipment improvements allowing the switching from non-saline water to other quality-impaired sources (e.g., saline groundwater, produced water, and municipal/industrial wastewater)