



AQLPA Report on the SEA Draft Plan

Québec and Shale gas

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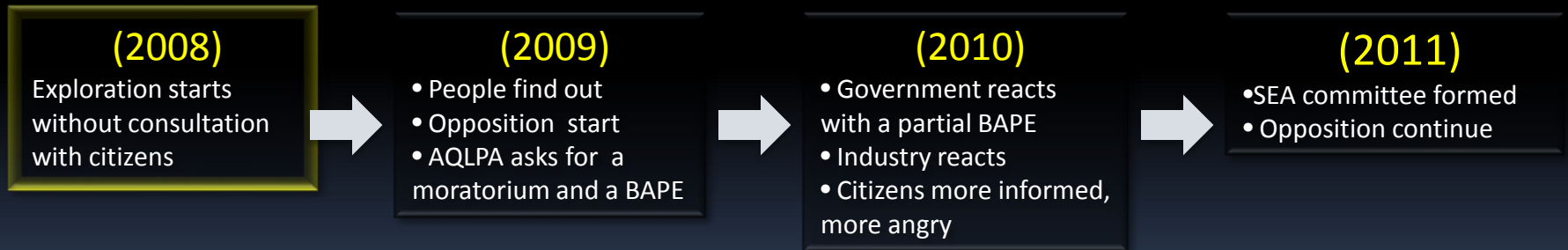


Some important events

2008 - 2012



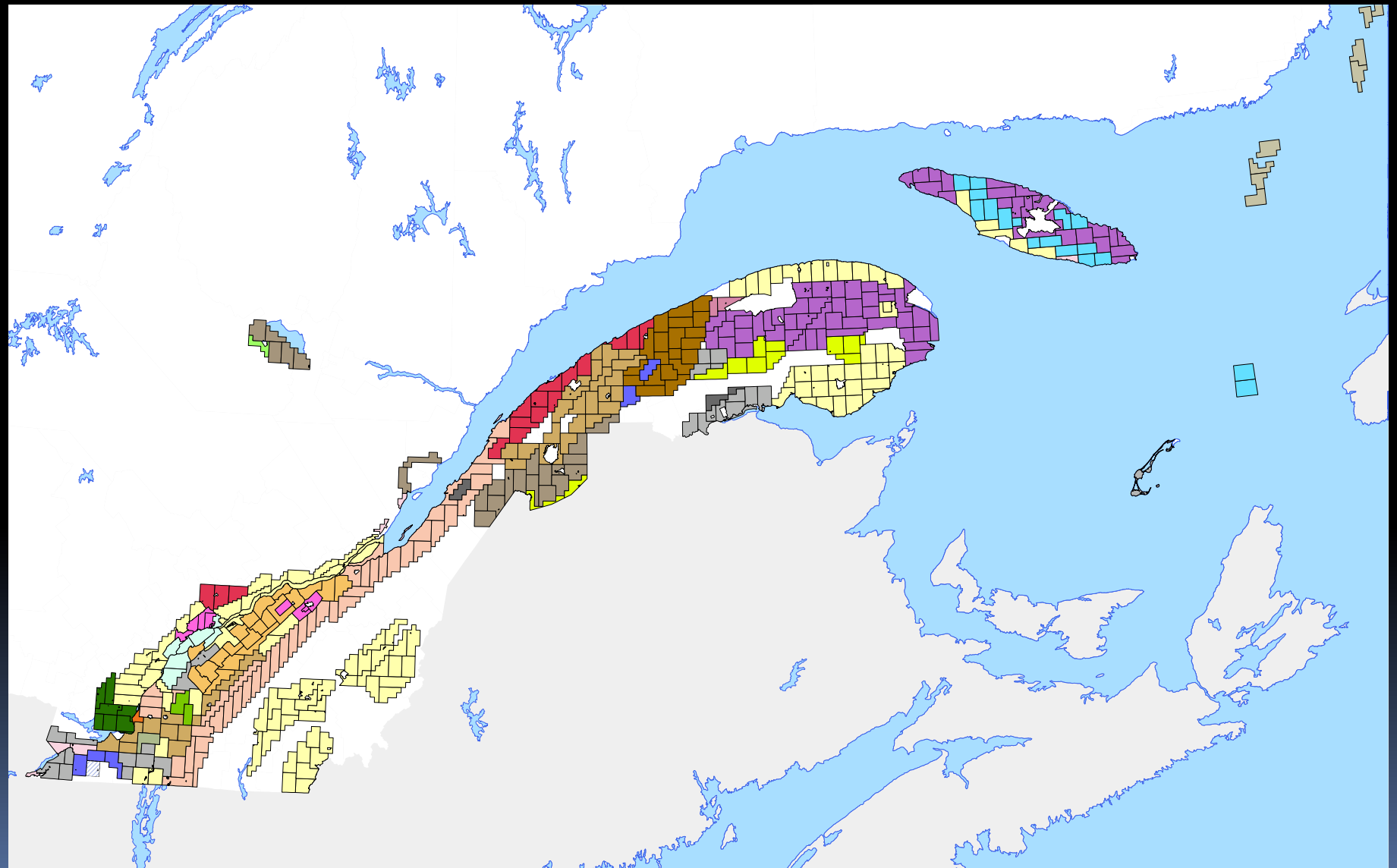
2008



2008

More than 600 certificates are almost given out by the government to the industry (gas and petrol)

Gas & Petrol permits (MRNF)



2008

Exploration has slowly begun.

2008

All this happens **QUIETLY**
WITHOUT INFORMING THE
CITIZENS

2009

(2008)

Exploration starts
without consultation
with citizens



(2009)

- People find out
- Opposition start
- AQLPA asks for a moratorium and a BAPE



(2010)

- Government reacts by a truncated BAPE
- Industry reacts
- Citizens more informed, more angry



(2011)

- SEA committee formed
- Opposition continue

2009

AQLPA and some citizens find out about shale gas, assess the situation and start to show their concern and opposition.

2009

September 28, the AQLPA asks for a **Moratorium** and a **generic assessment** by the BAPE.

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Government reacts

by giving a narrow mandate to BAPE

BAPE: the Office of Public Hearing on the
Environment

2010

Local citizens begin to talk about suffering from light pollution, air pollution and fear water contamination.

- The Mandate does not include the pertinence of shale gas in Québec but only how it can be done implemented sustainably.
- The Government (Liberal Party) is openly in favor of shale gas development in Québec
- BAPE concludes that there is a huge lack on information; it recommends an SEA *Strategic Environmental Assessment* (SEA)
- No Moratorium!



2010-2011

The industry reacts also

- To try to convince Québécois that shale gas is good for Québec prosperity, the Gas & Petrol Association holds 3 heated meetings. A huge flop.
- The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers hires PR experts Parta Dialogue to manage a forum entirely controlled by them. Need for a new term i.e. *dialogwashing* ?
- The Industry hires Québec three national symbols to convince Québécois to accept shale gas. No Success.

2011

A report is out: 19 wells out of 31 have methane leaks.

2011

A citizens' group, "Moratorium for a generation", organizes a 600 walk (from Rimouski to Montreal) to raise awareness and to express opposition.

They are met in Montreal with 10,000 citizens demanding that the citizens and environmental groups be represented in the SEA committee.

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2011

Citizens organize a first trip to Pennsylvania, US, to learn more about shale gas on a daily basis.

Opposition continues..

2011

Strategic Environmental Assessment
(SEA) Draft Plan is released.

2011

AQLPA analysis of the SEA draft plan.

- The essence of the report
- The Methodology
- The Committee
- The objectives of the Quebec government
- The Principles of sustainable development



The results are disappointing...

Some **fundamental facts** is been neglected.

FACTS

- The SEA is more of an EIS.
- Without a moratorium, the SEA loses its credibility.
- The GHG targets and many other objectives and targets by many ministries will not be analyzed.
- There is no analysis of how shale gas is in line with the 16 principles of sustainable development.
- The reports from public consultation and documentation are filtered or not published.

AQLPA has come up with some recommendations for the SEA committee and is asking for some clarifications in some parts of the report.

Such information is found in the next three detailed PPT (english & french) and in AQLPA's report on the SEA action plan (french only).

Thematic presentations

1. Methodology
2. Shale gas and the principles of sustainable development
3. Shale gas and the objectives of the Quebec government

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