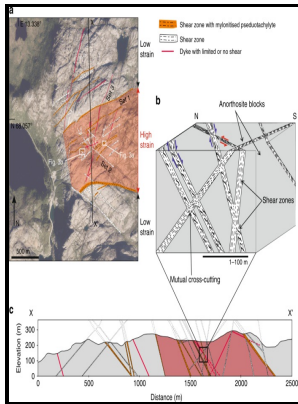


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This includes conducting environmental impact. Large quantities — tens of thousands of gallons for each well — of the chemical additives are trucked to and stored on a well pad.

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