

Hydraulic Fracturing: Breaking Rocks to Unlock Energy

✘ The American Society of Mechanical Engineers has posted a free on-demand webinar on how hydraulic fracturing technology works and just how much oil and gas it might uncover.

On its website, ASME says that not long ago, the United States was facing a future where the demand for oil and natural gas was being met by ever-dwindling domestic supplies – and ever-growing imports. But thanks to the new use of some clever technology, including horizontal drilling and the hydraulic fracturing of deep shale rocks, U.S. production of oil is growing and natural gas has become both cheap and plentiful.

Steve Mathis from Chevron and Philip Budzik from the U.S. Energy Information Administration were presenters for the webinar as part of the ASME Energy Forum series.

Watch the on-demand webinar.