Produced Water: Asset or Waste?

The Atlantic Council has produced a white paper focusing on the water-related issues impacting the United States' ability to unleash domestic energy resources.

In *Produced Water: Asset or Waste,* Blythe Lyons writes that sustainable and publicly acceptable water management practices are essential for both conventional and unconventional oil and gas production. This report, based on a workshop held at the Atlantic Council, promotes the idea that sustainable water strategies require that produced water be considered as an asset rather than as a waste.

"The report reaches the conclusion that produced water is currently seen as a pollutant and detriment to environmental security, but if managed appropriately, it could be recycled and utilized as an asset and new resource in the energy industry," she writes.

Read the report.