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Committee approves fracking bill
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A committee of state lawmakers unanimously approved a bill Thursd states hydraulic fracturing is an acceptable recovery process in Dakota.

Lawmakers feel it's important to have a defensive measure in case problems down the road with the Environmental Protection Agency o agency, said Rep. Duane DeKrey, R-Pettibone.

"The purpose of this bill is to have this in our Century Code tha people of North Dakota are comfortable with hydraulic fracturing, DeKrey, the primary bill sponsor.

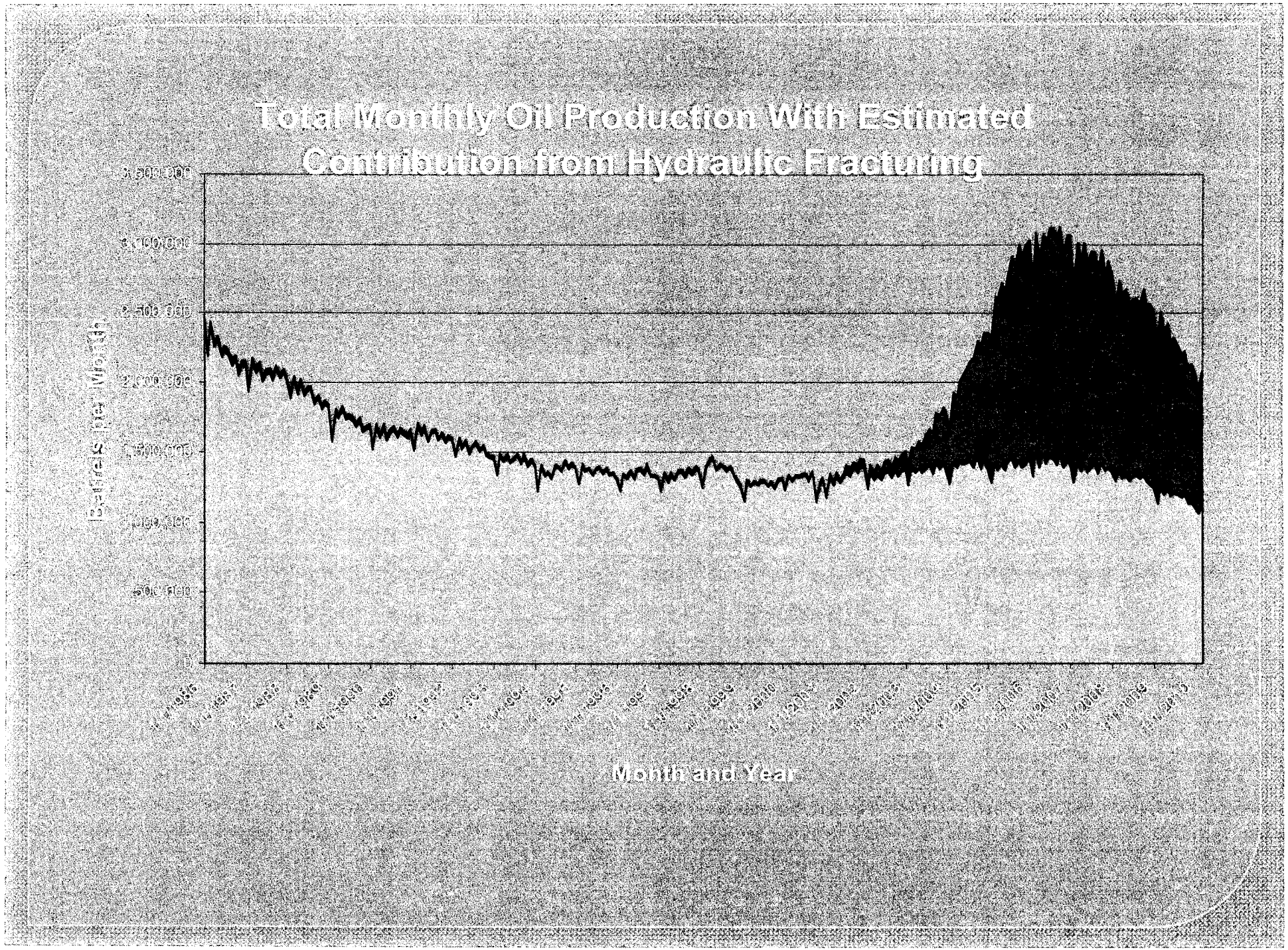
About 95 percent of the wells drilled in North Dakota now use hyd fracturing, said Lynn Helms, director of the state's Department o Resources.

"Any attempt to stop or declare a moratorium on hydraulic fractur be devastating to our economy and to the economy of the oil and g industry," he said.

DeKrey said he's heard rumblings that his bill is trying to get a regulations. The bill "in no way" prevents any agencies in North from regulating the oil and gas industry, nor does it change what doing now, he said.

"It's just a statement of support by the people of North Dakota f hydraulic fracturing out in the western part of the state," he sa

Environmentalists and the EPA want more information and tighter r on hydraulic fracturing, which has the oil industry and North Dak officials concerned.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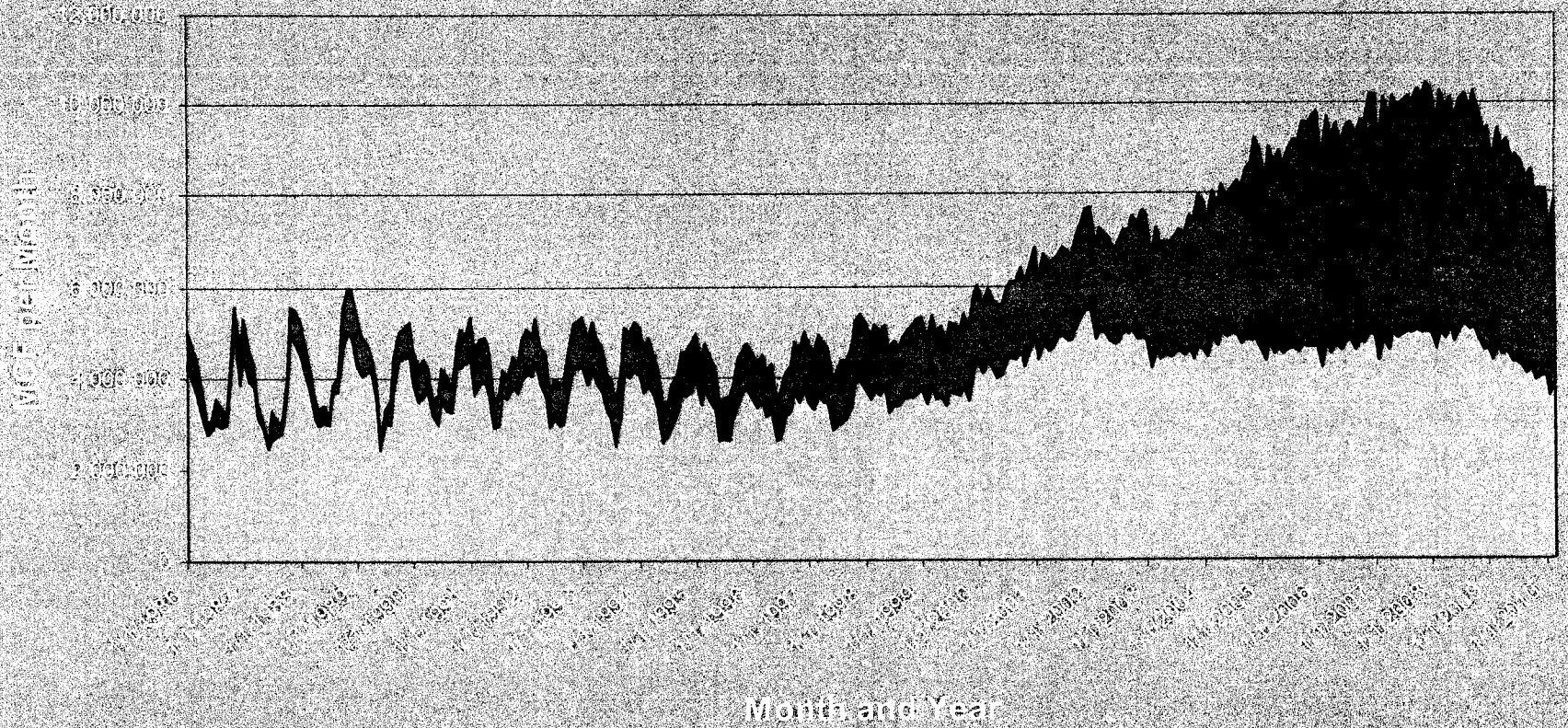
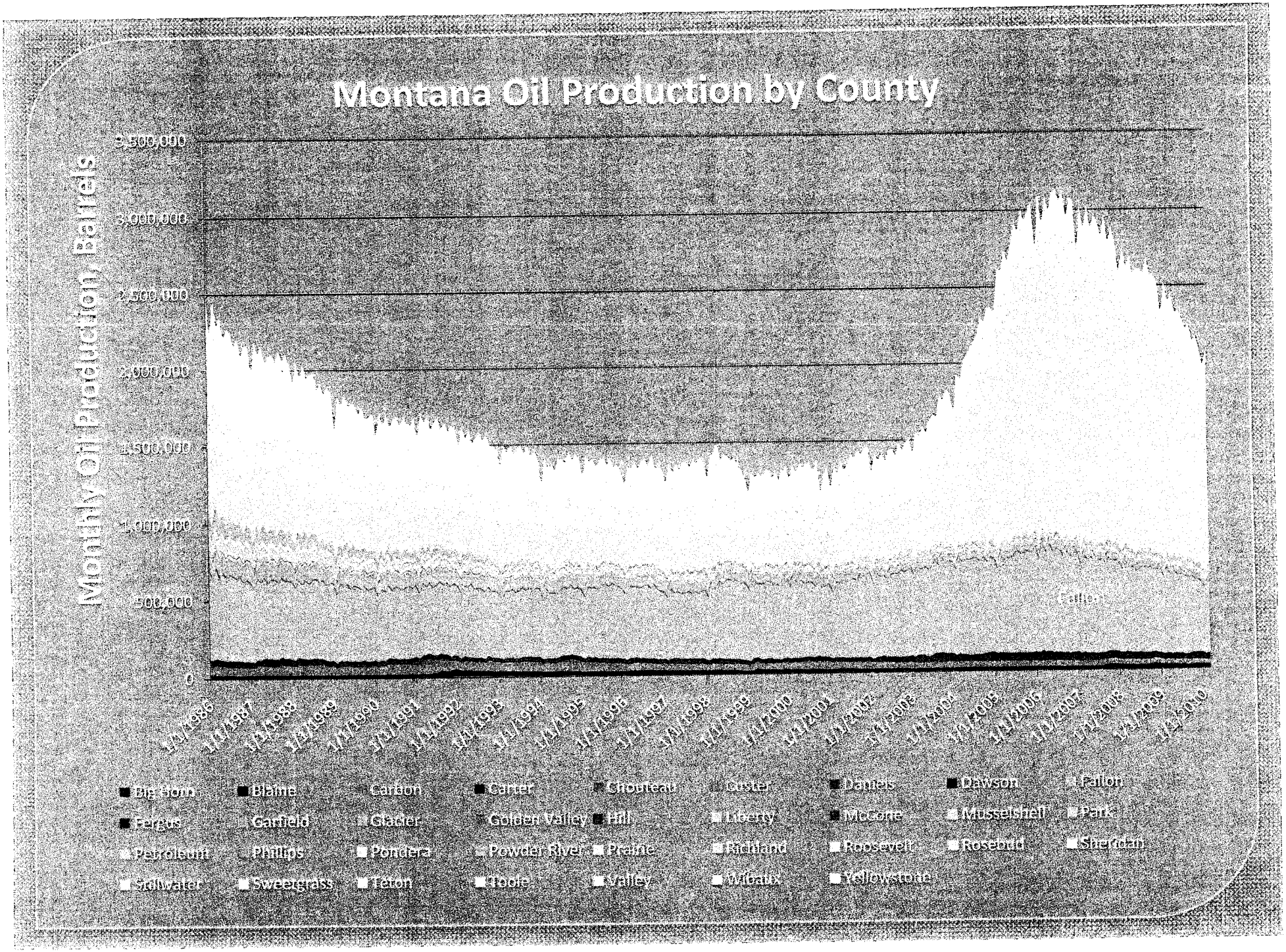
Barrels of Oil Per Month
Month and Year

Total Monthly Gas Production With Estimated Contribution from Hydraulic Fracturing




Montana Oil Production by County
Monthly Oil Production, Barrels
3,500,000
3,000,000
2,500,000
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1,500,000
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0
Big Horn
Blaine
Carbon
Carter
Chouteau
Custer
Daniels
Dawson
Fallon
Fergus
Garfield
Glacier
Golden Valley
Hill
Liberty
McCone
Musselshell
Park
Petroleum
Phillips
Pondera
Powder River
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