

Purpose

This information sheet provides details on how to make public comments on an Oil and Gas Development Plan submitted to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission via the Form 2A, Oil and Gas Location Assessment permit application.

Why am I receiving this Information Sheet?

You have received this Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”) information sheet because an oil and gas operator (“the Operator”) has submitted an application for an Oil and Gas Development Plan (“OGDP”), and that application is under review by the COGCC. Per COGCC Rule 303.e.(1), the Operator is required to provide this information to you within seven days of the application materials being posted on the COGCC website.

COGCC Rule 303.d requires the COGCC to open a formal “public comment period” upon posting the OGDP application to our website. This public comment period allows the public to review OGDP applications and their components (i.e., proposed Oil and Gas Locations), and provide comments on those pending permit applications.

How can I provide comments on pending permits in an OGDP?

Members of the public can access OGDP applications through the COGCC website to review permit information and provide comments. Public comments may be made directly on Form 2A, Oil and Gas Location Assessment permit applications (“Form 2A”) through the COGCC website.

1. Go to the COGCC website <https://cogcc.state.co.us>
2. On the green menu bar, click on the “Permits” page. This will take you to the “Drilling and Location Permits Search” tool for Pending Permits.



3. Under “Pending Permits”, find “Oil and Gas Location Assessment Permits (Form 2A)”. Select the county of interest from the dropdown menu and click “Go!”

Pending Permits (Filed ON or AFTER January 15th, 2021)

Oil & Gas Location Assessment Permits (Form 2A):

4. This will generate a table of pending applications and will indicate the status of the public comment period for each permit within the COGCC review process.
5. Scroll through the list of pending permits to find the one you would like to review. You may wish to use “ctrl + f” to search for a specific document number, operator name, or location name.
6. To view the submitted Form 2A and its associated attached documents, click the “Location Name” link for the permit application you wish to view.

Pending Location Permits - All Counties

Doc Number (Public Comment Link)	Final day of Public Comment Period (Closes at Midnight)	Received	Location Name (Documents Link)	Status	Status Date
402165141	03/11/2021	01/26/2021	Brian_Test_4	IN PROCESS	01/26/2021

7. To make a public comment on a specific permit application, click the “Doc Number” link of the permit on which you wish to comment. This will take you to the Public Comment portal.

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8. In the Public Comment portal, you may review the Form 2A application including the PDF and all attachments.

Selected Well / Location:

Document Number	Form Type
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9. To make a public comment, click the “Make Comment” button. A Form will open for you to provide your name, contact information, and your comment. Only the text in the Comment box will be made public; your contact information will be kept confidential by COGCC.

Please fill out the fields below in full to submit your comment.

Name: Email:

Address: Phone Number:

City: State: Zip:

Subject:

Comment:

10. Click the “Submit Comment” button when you are ready to submit your comment.
11. You may also view other public comments and read yours after it is posted by scrolling down on this page (see below about a delay in displaying comments).

How long do I have to submit a comment on a permit?

The Public Comment Period begins once the COGCC Director determines the OGDG application is complete and has been successfully submitted by the operator. The Director will approve the Form 2C, OGDG Certification form, and post the OGDG application on the website for public review.

In order to be considered by the Director and Commission during the review of the OGDG, public comments must be received as follows:

1. Within 30 days from the date that the Director posts the OGDG on the website, OR
2. Within 45 days if the OGDG includes any proposed Oil and Gas Locations within 2,000 feet of a Residential Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, or School Facility within a Disproportionately Impacted Community.

The final day for public comments can be found in the list of all pending permits:

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When the Public Comment Period closes, the date will revert to read “Comments Closed”. The link to the public comment portal will remain active, but comments will no longer be accepted. You will still be able to view any public comments submitted for pending permits.

The Director may extend or reopen the public comment period per Rule 303.g, for up to an additional 30 days for a proposed OGDG if the Director determines an extension or reopening is reasonable in order to obtain public input.

What happens to my comment?

Your comment will become part of the public record of the application and will be reviewed by the applicant,

COGCC staff, Director, and the Commission. COGCC staff may recommend permit conditions in response to comments. But, Staff does not routinely respond individually to comments; instead, COGCC staff will work directly with the applicant to address the site-specific concerns expressed.

Submitted comments may not be immediately visible; it may be a few days before you see your comments posted. This delay allows COGCC supervisory staff to screen for offensive language prior to publication.

What if I want to make my comment to the Commission?

COGCC Staff and the Director review every comment received on a Form 2A permit application. They review the site specific concerns against the totality of the application materials, including the alternative location analysis, cumulative impacts evaluation, and best management practices proposed by the applicant. When the Director makes a recommendation to the Commission to either approve or deny an OGDG, that recommendation will include the consideration of the public comments received.

In their review of an OGDG for a final determination at the administrative hearing, the Commission will have access to the entire record, including your public comment.

Can I remain anonymous?

Yes. Only the “Comment” portion of your submitted comment will be made publicly viewable. Your name and contact information will be kept confidential, and will only be used by COGCC staff to contact you if necessary in the course of permit application review. If you choose to include your name and contact information in the body of your comment text, it will be part of the public record.

Where can I get additional information?

The following links provide guidance and additional information on providing Public Comments.

COGCC Permits Page:

<https://cogcc.state.co.us/permits.html#/permits>

Numerous helpful guidance documents can be found at the link on the COGCC Permits Page:

<https://cogcc.state.co.us/permits2.html#/permithelp>

Daily Activity Dashboard (DAD) is another useful tool and can be used to access the public comment portal as well: <https://cogcc.state.co.us/dashboard.html>