

SB 19-181

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COLORADO
Oil & Gas Conservation
Commission
Department of Natural Resources

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Overview

- Governor Polis signed SB 19-181 on April 16, 2019
- SB 19-181 reconstituted the Commission (twice).
- SB 19-181 sets a new mission for the COGCC.
- Sb 19-181 creates new local government authority over surface impacts and siting.



12 Future Rulemakings

- **500 Series - *June 17, 2019 Hearing***
 - *(except for the 500 series rulemaking all dates are conceptual)*
- **Flowlines* - *Fall 2019***
- **Application Fees - *Fall 2019***



Future Rulemakings

- **Alternative Site Analysis* - *Fall 2019***
- **Local Government Provisions - *Fall 2019***
- **Technical Review Board - *Fall 2019***



Future Rulemakings

- **Cumulative Impacts* - *Spring 2020***
- **PHSWE* - *Late Spring 2020***



*What is the *??*

Second Set of Future Rulemakings

- Financial Assurance - *Summer 2020*
- Wellbore Integrity- *Summer 2020*
- Worker Certification - *Fall 2020*
- Incorporate CDPHE rules as needed -
TBD



Day-to-Day Operations

- SB 19-181 applies to “all conduct” pending before the COGCC as of April 16
- Form 2s and 2As
 - Objective Criteria
 - Local government “disposition”



Day-to-Day Operations

- Drilling and Spacing Units
- Amended § 34-60-116(3)(a)
- DSU Orders must comply with the protection of public health, safety, welfare, the environment and wildlife resources provision set forth in § 34-60-106(2.5)(a).



Day-to-Day Operations

- Pooling applications
- Amended § 34-60-116(6)(b)(I)
- Statutory pooling application must provide that the applicant “owns, or has secured the consent of the owners of, more than forty-five percent of the mineral interests to be pooled.”



Other COGCC Changes

- 24 FTEs
 - Field inspectors
 - Environmental protection specialist
 - Toxicologist
 - And others
- Deputy Director
- Public Information Officer



Second New “Professional” Commission

- The “*”
- Earlier of July 2020, or upon completion of the initial rulemakings
- 5 paid professional Commissioners
- DNR Director & CDPHE Director ex officio non-voting members



Questions?



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