

# Staff Report

April 29, 2010

#### I. STATISTICS

Our monthly statistics and permit activity report are on pages 16-22. These statistics include the permit and location assessment information that were previously included on the first page of the staff report.

#### II. NORTHWEST COLORADO

#### ♦ Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum

The Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum (Forum) is an informal gathering of local, state, and federal government officials, oil and gas industry representatives, and citizens that have met regularly since 1989. The purpose of the Forum is to share information about oil and gas development in northwest Colorado and to make government officials and oil and gas industry representatives easily accessible to the public. Currently the meetings are conducted once per quarter and are co-chaired by the COGCC's Director, Dave Neslin, and Garfield County Commissioner, Mike Samson.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2010, at 10:00 am. The venue will once again be the Colorado Mountain College—West Garfield Campus, 3695 Airport Road in Rifle, CO.

All parties wishing to be placed on the meeting agenda should contact Chris Canfield at: 970-625-2497 or via email at: chris.canfield@state.co.us.

#### New Northwest Colorado Notification Policy

See pages 23 and 24 for COGCC's new Northwest Colorado Notification Policy, effective for notices received on or after January 1, 2010.

#### ♦ Project Rulison

Comments received from those who reviewed Revision 2 of the Rulison Sampling and Analysis Plan (RSAP) are being incorporated into Revision 3 of the RSAP. A generic email address has been set up to convey Project Rulison related information. That address is:

Rulison.submittal@state.co.us.

#### ◆ Project Rio Blanco

A meeting was held by the COGCC, operators, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on March 10, 2010, to discuss the Rio Blanco Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) Revision 0. The comments generated during this meeting are being addressed and will be incorporated into Revision 1 of the SAP. A generic email address has been set up to convey Project Rio Blanco related information. That address is: Rioblanco.submittal@state.co.us.

#### III. SOUTHWEST COLORADO

#### ♦ Gas and Oil Regulatory Team (GORT) Meeting

The next GORT/Southwest Colorado Oil and Gas Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2010, at 8:30 am at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango, Colorado.

All parties wishing to be placed on the next meeting agenda should contact Karen Spray at: 970-259-1619 or karen.spray@state.co.us. Demonstrations of new technology or unique solutions to problems are always well received.



#### ◆ Fruitland Formation Outcrop Mitigation and Monitoring Projects (4M Projects)

Fruitland Formation Outcrop - 4M Pilot Scale Mitigation Projects La Plata County. The South Fork Texas Creek (SFTC) system continues to operate at 12kw and is putting electricity into the grid. Once the snowpack has melted and the ground surface is dry, activities that will be conducted this spring include the installation of well points along the creek in an attempt to capture additional gas and temporarily convey gas from an existing COGCC monitoring well to the system, which would help to evaluate the maximum sustainable output of the unit. Gas continues to be collected and vented at the Pine River Ranches (PRR) location. Implementation of gas combustion via flaring was evaluated for the PRR but was determined not to be cost or operationally effective, therefore the system will continue venting.

4M Monitoring Wells La Plata and Archuleta Installation of the 4M monitoring Counties. wells is complete and 3 new La Plata County wells have been instrumented and are in the COGCC telemetry data collection system. Final well site reclamation is scheduled for May-June 2010, once the snowpack has melted and the ground surface is dry. Souder, Miller & Associates has provided the COGCC staff a draft report for the monitoring well installation activities conducted in late 2009. The final report will not be available until final reclamation has occurred at all sites, anticipated for spring 2010 once the snow melts and mud season is over.

Norwest Applied Hydrology submitted an annual monitoring report that includes all 16 wells at 10 locations in La Plata and Archuleta Counties. The report is available on the COGCC website under Library/San Juan Basin/4M Project Reports/2009 4M Monitoring Report. Data collection issues continue to be apparent at the Fiddler, South Fork Texas Creek and Wagon Gulch locations. Norwest Applied Hydrology and COGCC staff will visit all locations and make repairs, as necessary, once the sites become safely accessible. Deep snowpack has prevented any repairs during the winter months.

One additional Archuleta County monitoring well is scheduled for installation in spring 2010. The Deep Canyon well site is located on public lands southeast of State Highway 151 just north of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe line. The well will be located on an existing plugged and abandoned well pad so little earth-moving work will be required. This well was permitted for installation during the 2008 field season, but not drilled due to seasonal closures and funding limits. Installation in 2010 depends upon seasonal conditions, U.S. Forest Service wildlife clearances, and timing within the COGCC fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2010.

#### San Juan Basin Coalbed Methane Water Quality Analysis (WQA)

The objective of this study is to assess potential long-term trends in general groundwater quality in the San Juan Basin based on data available in the existing COGCC database. Data exist for over 2,000 water wells in the San Juan Basin for a period of approximately 15 years. Statistical evaluations were conducted by the COGCC's contractor, AMEC-Geomatrix, using the Mann-Kendall trend analysis as a means to filter a large amount of data to allow staff to identify and focus on potential areas of concern. Runs were limited to those wells with at least 4 available data points (sampling events) to best delineate statistically significant or relevant trends.

Initial evaluation of available data did not delineate any clusters of significant upward trends in methane or major cation/anion concentrations within the San Juan Basin. To the contrary, just as many significant downward trends were identified as significant upward trends. Compilation of the final analysis and report generation was delayed since the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) graciously offered to share their historic water well data with the COGCC and it was hoped that these new data could be included in the assessment. Data were received from the SUIT in February 2010; upon review it was determined that few wells had at least 4 available sampling events, precluding their use in the assessment. AMEC-Geomatrix is currently preparing a draft report using the original data for review by COGCC staff and





will present it to the COGCC Board of Commissioners during today's hearing.

Further evaluation of indicated well-specific trends and/or changes in methane concentrations will be conducted by the COGCC on a well-by-well basis. Additional graphical representation using all data, not just those with 4 data points will also be developed to identify and assess potential areas of concern followed by detailed investigation and corrective actions, if warranted.

#### Fruitland Outcrop Monitoring

Copies of the 2009 Fruitland Outcrop Monitoring Report for both La Plata County and Archuleta County have been posted on the COGCC webpage under Library, San Juan Basin, 3M Project Reports, "2009 Fruitland Outcrop Monitoring Report - La Plata County, Colorado" and Archuleta County Reports, "2009 Fruitland Outcrop Monitoring Report - Archuleta County, Colorado."

### Ongoing Investigation, Reclamation, and Mitigation of Residual Methane in the Vicinity of the Bryce 1-X Well Area, Bondad, Colorado

Groundwater sampling of 4 water wells was conducted by Four Corners Geoscience on January 26, and February 2, 2010. Methane concentrations remain below 10 mg/L in all of the wells except the Middle well which measured 12.54 mg/L methane; a slight decrease from the previous sampling event. Further investigation as to why the Middle well continues to exhibit increased methane from historic data is planned for the spring. With well owner permission, the COGCC also plans to sanitize each well and the onsite water treatment system to address ongoing bacterial issues.

#### IV. NORTHEAST COLORADO

#### Wattenberg Bradenhead Testing

The Wattenberg Bradenhead Test Area approved by the Commission on December 16, 2009, ordered operators to begin testing on January 15, 2010. The test area is bounded by Townships 1 South to 4 North, and Ranges 64

West to 68 West for wells having a surface casing set at a depth above the Fox-Hills aquifer ("short surface casing"). There are 2,386 wells with short surface casing in the test area. Operators have reported to the COGCC on 491 wells (21%) with 48 (9.8%) having bradenhead pressures greater than the pressure gradient map. The 48 wells are currently under review and being monitored. Operators with the higher volume of wells to test were contacted for an update on their testing schedule. Several have completed testing and will report to COGCC within the next month. Others indicated that testing is in progress with a schedule to complete during the warm weather season.

#### V. SOUTHEAST COLORADO

#### Upper Purgatoire Watershed Study

The Colorado Geological Survey (CGS) in conjunction with the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), plan to conduct studies of groundwater and surface water quality and quantity in the Upper Purgatoire Watershed portion of the Raton Basin by the end of the current fiscal year (June 2010). Ralf Topper (CGS) and Steve Miller (CWCB) are managing the study. Available water quality and water elevation data have been obtained from COGCC, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Colorado Division of Water Resources, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, and domestic well owners.

#### Corsentino Dairy Farms Site Investigation and Remediation Workplan

The owners of Corsentino Dairy Farms, Petro-glyph Energy Inc. (PEI), and COGCC staff have reached agreement on a voluntary site investigation and remediation workplan intended to address impacts to soils at the dairy farm from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)-permitted discharge of coalbed methane (CBM) produced water by PEI into the Cucharas River upstream of the dairy's irrigation water intake. All fields at the farm have been ripped and disked. Gypsum has been applied to all of the fields and incorporated by disking into 4 of the fields. Gypsum



provides a source of calcium that should displace sodium adsorbed onto soils in the impacted fields. Irrigation water and precipitation will flush the displaced sodium from the soils. The addition of calcium to the soils and the displacement and flushing of sodium from the soils will lower the sodium adsorption ratio of the soils. A review of the current status of the remediation was held with all parties on April 5, 2010. Discussion of further steps including spring planting and subsequent irrigation to aid crop growth and reclamation were also discussed. Documents related to this remediation can be viewed on the COGCC webpage under Images, Project 4625.

#### Watershed-based Monitoring Network - Upper Purgatoire River Basin

A comprehensive watershed monitoring program was initiated this month to collect and evaluate surface water data in areas of the Purgatoire River watershed influenced by coalbed methane (CBM) operations of Pioneer Natural Resources, XTO Energy and Red River Ranches, LLC (CBM operators). Currently, the CBM operators in this watershed have approximately 2,900 operating CBM wells. Approximately 10 million gallons per day of produced water is discharged to surface waters in the basin in accordance with approved Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment— Water Quality Control Division (CDPHE-WQCD) discharge permits. The effects, if any, of the discharged CBM produced water to the surface water systems are not well understood in the Purgatoire River watershed, even though the produced water has been discharged under CDPHE-WQCD permits for more than 15 years. Results of monitoring over the next two years will be used by the operators and CDPHE-WQCD to evaluate the effects of the discharge and to adjust, if necessary, permit requirements.

## Methane Investigation Monitoring, and Mitigation Plan (MIMMP) - Huerfano County

#### Phase 1 Update

Three monitoring wells, 4 recovery, and 8 injection wells have been drilled, completed and tested by Petroglyph Energy Inc. (PEI) as part

of Phase 1 of the MIMMP. Treatment under Phase 1 consists of physically separating methane from the recovered groundwater using a vertical separator. The methane is sent to a controlled flare for combustion. Operation of the pump, treatment, and injection system started on December 8, 2008. More than 14 million gallons of water had been pumped to the surface and treated as of March 26, 2010. More than 99% of that water has been reinjected into the aguifer after treatment. PEI has added one pre-existing domestic water well to the methane and water recovery system to hasten removal of free gas from the impacted aguifer systems. The domestic well is functioning in a manner similar to the other removal wells with the water re-injected in a nearby injection well that is already part of the system.

Gas flows are monitored at 4 domestic wells by PEI or its consultant and at 2 domestic wells by COGCC and its consultant. Overall gas flow has decreased in all monitored domestic wells.

Between February 25, 2010, and March 26, 2010, PEI screened 82 domestic water wells for the presence of methane with hand-held methane detectors for changes in percent volume of methane, percent lower explosive limit, and percent oxygen. Twenty-five wellheads inside or within one mile of the remediation ring are routinely screened. Thirteen of the 25 showed no change from the previous month and no detectable methane. Four wellheads showed decreased methane. No wells inside or within one mile of the remediation area showed significant increases in methane venting from the well casing.

#### Mitigation

PEI is currently supplying water to 16 homes upon request of the well owner. Methane alarms have been installed in 15 homes. Petroglyph reports that in their opinion, no alarms have been triggered by the presence of methane inside the residences equipped with the alarms based on their on-site investigations after alarm reports.



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#### <u>Phase II</u>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a public meeting in Walsenburg on August 10, 2009, regarding PEI's applications for wells that would be used to inject Vermeio Formation water produced from coalbed methane (CBM) wells into water-bearing units in the Poison Canyon Formation. The EPA is still in the process of reviewing and addressing written and oral comments received during and after the public hearing. PEI has submitted an application to the Colorado Division of Water Resources to ask for changes to water sources and injection as part the process of initiating Phase II. Approval by the COGCC for PEI to operate some of their CBM wells will also be needed prior to initiation of Phase II.

#### VI. ORGANIZATION

An organizational chart can be found on pages 12-14. For contact information, please go to our website and click on "Contacts" on our homepage, and then "Staff Contact Information."

#### VII.PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION/OTHER

#### Public Outreach Opportunities

Director Neslin and Margaret Ash participated in a workshop sponsored by the Colorado Hazardous Waste Management Society on April 13, 2010. The workshop focused on policy, enforcement and industry perspective regarding reform of the oil and gas Industry. Margaret Ash provided a discussion on the Field Inspection Unit, COGCC's compliance and enforcement process and discussed a number of clarifications of the April 1, 2009, amended rules.

Karen Spray participated as a judge at the San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair held in Durango, Colorado on March 4, 2010. Karen was also appointed to the La Plata County Water Policy Task Force for a one-year term.

#### ♦ Training

Field Inspection, engineering, and environmental staff received 10-hour OSHA training and a 4-hour Hydrogen Sulfide awareness training class. The 10-hour class focused on hazards, hazardous conditions and safe work practices of the oil and gas industry.

#### Onsite Inspection Policy

Under the Policy For Onsite Inspections On Lands Where The Surface Owner Is Not A Party To A Surface Use Agreement Policy, which was effective for Applications for Permits-to-Drill (APDs) submitted after February 15, 2005, the COGCC has received to date a total of 135 requests for onsite inspections.

Thirty onsite inspections have been conducted, 88 requests for inspections have been withdrawn, and 17 onsite inspections are pending and will be scheduled, if necessary, after the APD is received, or after issues related to local governmental designee consultation, location change, or surface use agreements are resolved.

Of the 134 requests for onsite inspection, 73 were for locations in Weld County, 25 in Las Animas County, 9 in Adams County, 7 in La Plata County, 5 in Garfield County, 3 each in Archuleta, Boulder and Yuma Counties, 2 each in Logan and Morgan Counties, and 1 each in Baca, Kiowa, and Larimer Counties.

Where surface owners have requested Onsite Inspections beyond the 10 business-day window provided for in the Policy, and where there is a dispute between parties regarding the date of the Rule 306 consultation, COGCC staff have attended meetings between parties on location to facilitate communication between the parties and to minimize impacts to the surface owner through voluntary measures implemented by the operator.

In addition to the Onsite Inspection Policy, onsite inspections are being conducted in the San Juan Basin under Cause 112, Order Nos. 156 and 157 where an Onsite Inspection was required because an APD was submitted without a surface use agreement.



#### Plugging and Abandonment and Well Reclamation (PAWR) Fund Status

On page 15 is the spreadsheet listing PAWR projects for Fiscal Year '09-'10. The Jynnifer #1 bids are in. The Davie 1-22, Bairel #2, and Powers #1 wells are complete.

#### June 2010 Hearing Docket

A preliminary docket for the June 2010 hearing has been provided. Hearing dockets are available on our website by clicking on "Hearings." Links to the notices and hearing applications are available from the Docket Number and Applicant, respectively. To sign up for e-mail notification of hearing notices and applications, please see the announcement and instructions on the homepage of the COGCC website at: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/cogcc">www.colorado.gov/cogcc</a>.

#### ◆ Colorado Oil and Gas Information System ("COGIS")

COGIS is made up of many different components that are used by the COGCC, staff, industry, government agencies and many others.

#### Internet

The COGCC determined it was most cost effective to develop applications and information in an Internet-available format. This allows for the same tools to be utilized in different environments, thus eliminating the re-creation of applications. The Internet connection was moved to a new network structure which provides a much more secure environment. The following are tabs on the Internet menu bar:

#### \* General

This page has links to basic information concerning the COGCC, its function, and oil and gas development in Colorado.

#### \* Contacts

This page has links to people and agencies that are involved with oil and gas regulation and related issues in the state. The page also contains phone lists and geographic areas of responsibility for COGCC staff.

#### \* Library

This page contains links to documents resulting from COGCC studies, activity re-

ports, and statistical downloads. The annual statistics and the weekly/monthly statistics are available here.

#### Hearings

This page has links to the current and previous hearing schedules, which allow for review of the dockets, agendas, applications and their outcome. It also has information that is useful when considering filing an application for hearing or finding information about Commissioners.

#### \* Rules

This page contains links to the COGCC statute, Rules and Regulations, and policies.

#### \* Policies

This page contains links to COGCC policies.

#### Orders

This application provides searchable capability of the COGCC's orders. The search by location is still under construction as we create the map layers for all spacing orders.

#### \* Forms

All forms are available as Adobe Acrobat documents that can be downloaded, completed, printed and mailed; some are available as Excel and Word documents. Some example and instruction documents are viewable. The forms used by operators to submit information on location of wells and completion reports have been modified to accept latitude and longitude data. Eventually, online forms will be available here, but the exact time frame is unknown.

#### \* Staff Report

Current and previous staff reports are viewable here.

#### \* Permits

This application shows the last 12 months of approved permits and current pending permits; it may be filtered by county.

#### \* News/Media

This category provides general information to the media. It contains statistics, charts, graphs, and other items of interest.

#### \* Database

This application enables users to query well, production, and operator information. These queried databases contain the most current set of data and are updated throughout the day.



#### \* Local Gov

This application provides database searches for local government contact information and oil and gas activity within a selected area.

#### Images

This application is an interface to the COGCC's historical paper files. All well files, logs, and hearing files have been scanned. This application is not user friendly and the preferred method is to use the database queries and click on the "docs" icon for wells and other facilities, or to use the Orders application.

#### \* Maps

This interactive map application allows the user to zoom, pan, and select types of information to display. This application will also display the database information for wells by selection tools or double clicking on a single item. There are also tools to allow annotations and to save reusable map files. Three map layers were added to the COGCC Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Online main map in support of the Final Amended Rules approved in December 2008:

- Wildlife Restricted Surface Occupancy (RSO) Areas
- 2. Sensitive Wildlife Habitats (SWH)
- 3. Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area Buffers

These map layers will be used to determine if a proposed drilling location is subject to the provisions of the new rules. In addition, a second map was added, entitled "Wildlife Map." The Wildlife map displays the wildlife species-specific RSO and SWH areas. The Wildlife map data were provided by Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW). Surface Water Supply area data were provided by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The CDOW and CDPHE GIS staffs were very helpful regarding data requests.

A statewide water wells map layer was added to the Internet on August 5, 2005. Many thanks to the Division of Water Resources for allowing us to display its data.

The National Resource Conservation Service Soil Data Mart is included on our maps. Through these links the public can get reports on the soil surveys for any area of the state.

Color images obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency are included on the COGCC GIS Online map system. These images encompass the entire state and were taken in 2005. The black and white images were obtained from the same federal agency. These images were taken in the years between 1989 and 2001.

Statewide aerial photographs taken during the summer of 2009, under the National Agriculture Imagery Program, have been added to the COGCC GIS Online map. The resolution is such that well pads and related features can be easily seen.

The COGCC, in cooperation with the BLM, added map layers containing the lease stipulations from the BLM to the COGCC GIS Online site. Among the layers available include Federal Oil and Gas leases, Federal Surface leases, BLM Master Plats, and Federal Oil and Gas Subsurface Rights.

New directional survey bottomhole map layers will be added to the COGCC GIS Online map sometime in March 2010.

#### Help

In December 2008, two search tools were added to the Help menu to be used in conjunction with the map layers that were added for the Final Amended Rules.

The Oil & Gas Activity Notification Tool allows a user to enter a section-townshiprange of interest which returns a table identifying which quarter-quarter sections are subject to Rule 317B, RSO areas, or SWH requirements. The user can then click on a link, which opens the map, and zoom to the section of interest for further inspection.

The Map Temporary Coordinated Tool allows the user to enter a latitude and longitude to view on the map. The user can then turn on the relevant map layers to see which layers intersect the entered coordinates.

A tutorial document for the COGCC Interim Policy for APDs is posted in the Help area and the homepage of the website. This document helps explain the interim process



that the COGCC used for processing APDs until the Final Amended Rules took effect. Included in the document are explanations on how to use the new tools and map layers that have been developed for the Final Amended Rules.

The COGCC, with assistance from the Ground Water Quality Protection Council, has produced two Macromedia Flash movies to help users understand the many features available within the COGCC GIS Online system. The movies are located by clicking on the HELP link from the main menu or by using the following link: <a href="http://colorado.gov/cogcc/COGIS\_Help/Help.asp">http://colorado.gov/cogcc/COGIS\_Help/Help.asp</a>.

Two applications on the COGCC website are available to help operators with the entering of data relating to locations. The first, a Footage calculator, will take a new latitude and longitude and calculate new footage calls based on the location supplied at the time of permitting. The tool should only be used to compare locations where latitude and longitude were supplied on the permit as required by the December 1, 2005, rule change. The second application converts latitude and longitude as measured in degrees, minutes, and seconds into decimal degrees. The decimal degree format is what COGIS is expecting on all forms requiring lat/long coordinates.

The eForm Training Manual covers the material presented in the three training sessions that were held to introduce the new electronic form submission tool to the industry. The application has been receiving forms from the industry since July 2009.

The manual can be found at <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us/COGIS\_Help/eForm\_training\_manual.pdf">http://cogcc.state.co.us/COGIS\_Help/eForm\_training\_manual.pdf</a>. A document explaining the Local Government Designee process in eForm is now available in the Help section.

#### Local Area Network

COGCC staff are connected to services by a Local Area Network ("LAN") connection which provides email and data-sharing capabilities. The LAN is connected to the Centennial Building at 1313 Sherman Street by a wireless interface; this connection provides access to the Internet and other state services. COGCC staff utilize the same ap-

plications in their work as Internet users, in addition to others outlined below.

#### \* Database

The COGCC maintain a comprehensive database of regulated facilities (wells, pits, injection sites), incidents (inspections, complaints, spills), and affiliations (companies and contacts).

#### \* Imaging

This application provides the capability to convert the paper documents received by the COGCC to electronically available documents.

#### \* Form Processors

This set of applications allows users to input, route, edit, and update regulatory reports submitted by oil and gas operators.

#### \* eForm

This application utilizing the same code base that industry uses to submit Applications for Permits-to-Drill (Form 2) and Oil and Gas Location Assessment Form (Form 2A), is being used by staff to input, route, edit, and update these forms internally.

\* Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
These applications provide the capability to
create custom maps, convert survey calls to
geographic coordinates, and convert and
utilize geographic positioning system (GPS)
data.

The GIS Administrator creates daily updates for the Internet map data downloads.

#### COGIS Tools

This set of applications allows COGCC staff to correct data in the database in addition to performing specialized workflow administration.

#### Remote Users

This is the final component of the COGIS system. This laptop system consists of Internet applications and other report tools necessary for COGCC field staff to facilitate data collection and provide information.

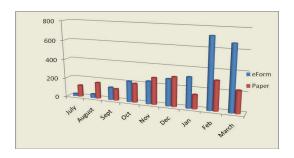
#### \* Electronic Business

There are approximately 200 operators reporting production electronically.

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#### ◆ COGIS Projects, Updates and Changes to Electronic Form Submissions (eForm)

In March the rate of eForm submittals stayed consistent at 75% of all Form 2s and Form 2As, as the following chart demonstrates.



The release of the Form 5 and 5A is planned for the end of April, which will increase the number of eForms available to five. Work continues on the design of the Form 4, Sundry Notice.

At the end of March, the COGCC held another round of training sessions on eForm to help operators become more familiar with the application and how best to use it. The morning session on both days were standing room only. Training for operators is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> in Durango. In addition to the operator training, a special afternoon session has been scheduled for the public to help them better understand how to use the COGCC website to find out information on submitted permits and other information that is available on our website.

The system allows the operator to submit the data for the form and all of the required attachments. Attachments must be in a PDF file format. Benefits of the eForm application to the operator include the ability to circulate the forms internally and check data prior to submitting to the COGCC, a decrease in the time it takes for the form to begin its regulatory review at the COGCC, and for the operators who are able to log into eForm, they can track the regulatory form as it is being reviewed within the COGCC.

Along with the eForm system, a page is available where the operators can review all known bugs within the system and report any new ones they discover.

The public can now make comments on all submitted Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) forms (Forms 2A) through the eForm system. This is accomplished by going to the COGCC website (http://www.colorado.gov/cogcc) and clicking on the menu option, "Permits", (or http://cogcc.state.co.us/COGIS/DrillingPermits.asp).

On the COGIS-Permits page, two new search options have been added for OGLA forms, "All Pending Location Assessments for" and "All Approved Location Assessments for." When the results are displayed for forms in process, the public can click on the document number, which logs the user onto the new eForm application. Once the page is displayed with the selected document, the user can select the Comment button to make a comment on that particular form. The public can use this same method to make comments on APDs (Form 2s). For any operator not currently enrolled in eForm, instructions for starting the process can found http://cogcc.state.co.us/ at Announcements/COUAInformation.pdf

#### Field Inspection Form

Work has begun on the project to create a new Field Inspection form for staff to utilize as they do their field inspections. The goal of the project is to enable a single form to be used by the different groups within the division who perform inspections in the field. One exciting aspect to the project will be the ability of the staff to complete their forms in the field and have them uploaded to the COGIS database the next time they connect to the network.

#### Rulemaking Activity Page

The Final Amended Rules (December 2008) have been published and posted to the COGCC's website homepage at: <a href="http://www.colorado.gov/cogcc">http://www.colorado.gov/cogcc</a>. The pages associated with rulemaking activity, including numerous documents filed, public comments, and audio recordings of the proceedings are still available.

#### US Standard XML Reporting Project

The COGCC, the Ground Water Quality Protection Council, and agencies from several other states have been working together to establish



an XML file format for permitting wells and reporting well completions. The working group issued a beta version to members of industry for their review and comment in February 2007. After a second review and discussion among the working group, the final version was published to the industry in June 2007. The next phase of this project is underway with the development of the application within the agencies to handle the submission of the XML files for processing. With the release of eForm, another review has been undertaken to integrate the schema with eForm.

#### LAS File Upload

All digital well logs submitted to the COGCC over the Internet are to be in LAS (log ASCII) format. In addition to the LAS file, a paper log file is still required. Additionally an operator can submit the same log file in a PDS format, but the PDS format cannot replace the LAS requirement. To submit digital well logs over the Internet, an application must be completed. The application is available from the "Forms" the COGCC website www.colorado.gov/cogcc. To utilize the system, the operator will need to submit a Designation of Agent Form, Form 1A. COGCC staff are working with operators and logging companies to gain compliance with the digital log submission requirement. The rule still requires the operator to submit a paper copy of each well log (Rule 308A). All operators are required to be in compliance with this Rule for all wells completed since July 2004.

#### **Spacing Orders Project**

The spacing orders are being evaluated and posted on the maps, with over 85% of the state having been reviewed. The Wattenberg Field in northeast Colorado is the only area remaining to be completed.

#### Mapping Directional Wellbores Project

This is an industry-sponsored project to make the directional wellbores visible on the Internet map. The COGCC, along with other states, is working with the Ground Water Quality Protection Council to establish a standard format for electronic submission of directional survey data. Many thanks to Mr. Dewey Gerdom of Petroleum Development Corporation for his insight regarding the need for such a data set.

#### VIII. VARIANCES

1. ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips") submitted Sundry Notices requesting variances to certain directional survey provisions of Rule 321 for the Animas 34-10 #36-1A well and the Animas 34-10 #36-2A well, which are both "S"-shaped wells (see drawing on the next page). The wells are located on the same pad in the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 36U, Township 34 North, Range 10 West, N.M. P.M. Rule 321 requires an as-drilled directional survey with sufficient detail to determine the location of the wellbore from the base of the surface casing to the kick-off point and from that point to total depth.

ConocoPhillips will run a directional survey up to or within 50 feet of the top of the Fruitland Formation in each well, as required by Rule 321. However, ConocoPhillips will realize significant cost savings from the use of different rigs to drill the upper and lower portions of the wellbore, and therefore, they have requested a variance to eliminate the directional survey requirement for the bottom 500 feet of the wellbore within the Fruitland Formation. ConocoPhillips will use the azimuth of the final directional survey measurement (at or near the top of the Fruitland Formation) and a single-point bottom hole inclination measurement to extrapolate the bottom hole location (BHL) of the well.

In order to estimate the potential uncertainty with this extrapolation, COGCC staff required ConocoPhillips to perform a statistical evaluation of directional survey data in nearby wells using available directional surveys from the base of surface casing to total depth. Based on the statistical evaluation ConocoPhillips contends that there would be minimal uncertainty in the extrapolated BHL footages from section lines and no violations of wellbore setbacks. BHL uncertainty was estimated to be 35 feet to 40 feet with a standard deviation of 20 feet.





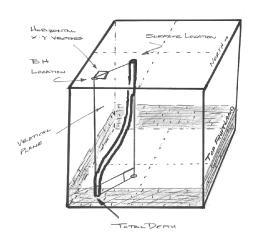
COGCC staff requested that ConocoPhillips report future variances of this nature in the "comments" section of Form 2 (Application for Permit to Drill). Form 2 conditions of approval for these wells will require that:

1) the BHL shall be located greater than three (3) miles from the base of the Fruitland coal outcrop; 2) the BHL shall be located within a 100 foot buffer inside the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit; and 3) directional surveys, inclination measurements, and BHL extrapolation calculations shall be submitted with Form 5 (Drilling Completion Report).

ConocoPhillips contends that the requested variances do not violate the basic intent of the Oil & Gas Conservation Act. COGCC Staff approved ConocoPhillips' Rule 321 variance requests for the wells listed above in March 2010.







2. A 502b Variance was granted on April 7, 2010, with the approval of the Application for Permit to Drill the EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., Andy's Mesa Federal 78 Well in San Miguel County. The well is 144 feet from a public road. The derrick height is 140 feet. The required Rule 603.A.(1) 502.b Variance Request Letter and Waiver from San Miguel County is attached to Document

- 2095488. The required CDPHE consult took place on April 6, 2010.
- 3. ExxonMobil Oil Corporation ("ExxonMobil") submitted Sundry Notices requesting a variance to the production casing compressive strength requirements of Rule 317.i. for the following planned wells, which are located on the same pad in the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 21, Township 1 South, Range 97 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.: Freedom Unit 197-21A1, Freedom Unit 197-21A2, Freedom Unit 197-21A3, Freedom Unit 197-21A4, Freedom Unit 197-21A5, Freedom Unit 197-21A6, Freedom Unit 197-21A7, Freedom Unit 197-21A8, Freedom Unit 197-21A9, and Freedom Unit 197-21A10. All of the wells listed above have federal jurisdiction for surface and minerals.

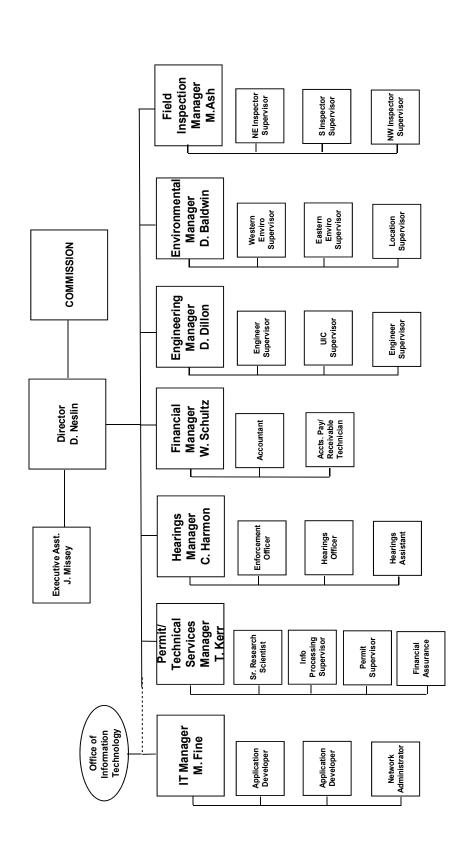
As a result of the use of high-temperaturecapable cement retarders in the cement slurry, ExxonMobil's production casing cement design for these wells does not meet the temperature requirement of Rule 317.i., which specifies that production casing cement "shall be of adequate quality to achieve a minimum compressive strength of at least three hundred (300) psi after twenty-four (24) hours and eight hundred (800) psi after seventy-two (72) hours measured at ninety-five degrees fahrenheit (95°F) and at eight hundred (800) psi." ExxonMobil's production casing cement design will meet the required compressive strengths within the required timeframes at the expected downhole temperatures.

ExxonMobil contends that the requested variances do not violate the basic intent of the Oil & Gas Conservation Act. On July 31, 2009, COGCC Staff approved ExxonMobil's Rule 317.i variance requests for the wells listed above. ExxonMobil submitted similar requests to the Bureau of Land Management in late July 2009.

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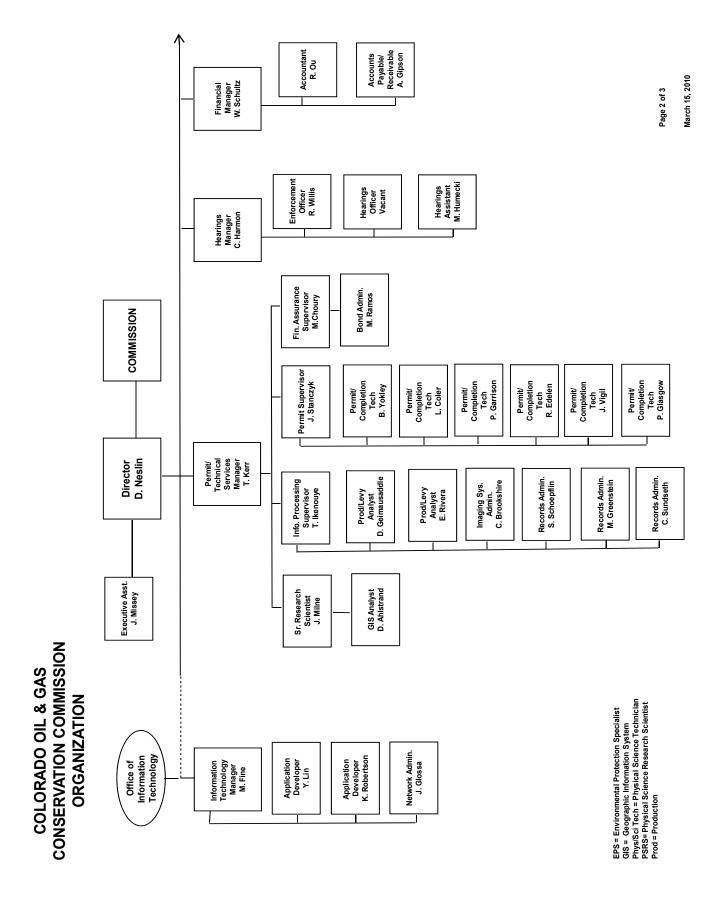


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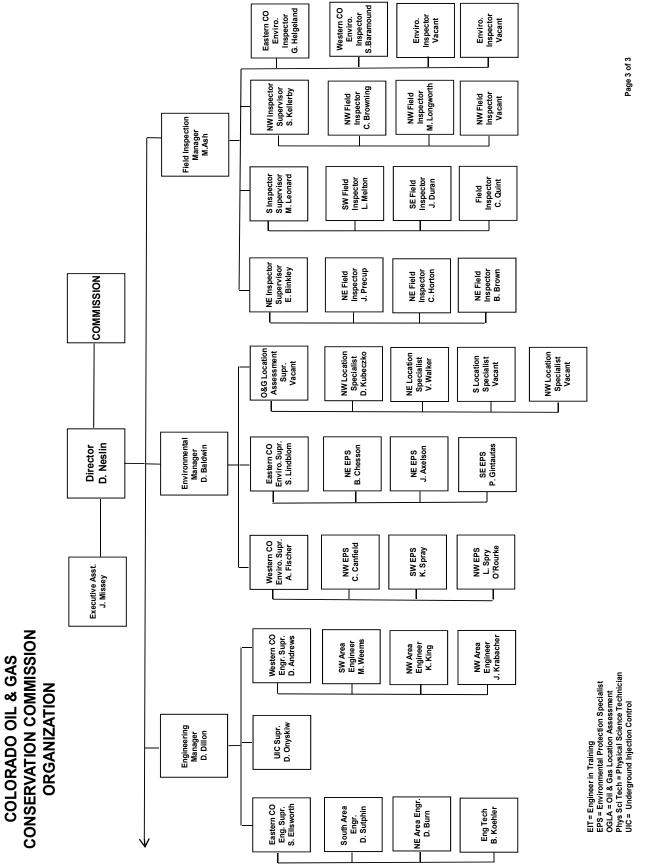




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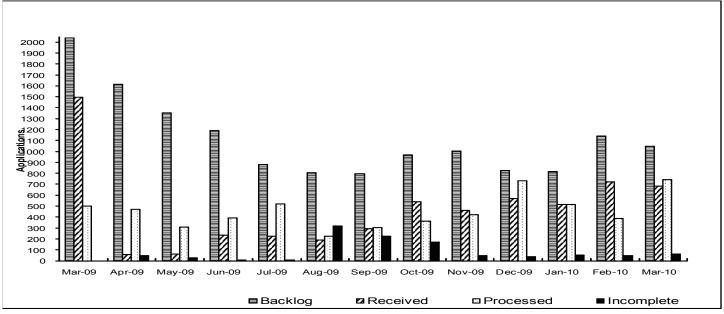
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MESA	PLUG	DEBEQUE ORPHANS ABANDONMENT	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0		\$	\$	Complaint. Plug and abandon two leaking wells.
MESA	REC.	RED OAK OPERATING RECLAMATION	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	0\$	\$0	Landowner complaint. Remove junk.
		TOTALS =>	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$	\$	0\$	
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RIO GRANDE	PLUG	JYNNIFER#1 ABANDONMENT (BOND CLAIM)	\$5,000	\$45,000	0\$	\$50,000	0\$		0\$	0\$	Plug and abandon well. Project has been posted for bids. Bids are due April 23.
		+= LOTALS =>	\$5,000	\$45,000	0\$	\$50,000	0\$	0\$	0\$	0\$	
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COUNTY	TYPE	PROJECT NAME	BOND	PAWR	SPECIAL	TOTALS	BOND	PAWR	SPECIAL	TOTALS	DESCRIPTION
ARCHULETA	PLUG	SIERRA OIL & GAS CO. BOND CLAIM	\$26,952	\$2,019	0\$	\$28,971	\$26,952	0\$	\$0	\$26,007	Plug and abandon Schick, Mizar #1 and reclaim the surface at Binkley #2. Work has been completed.
LA PLATA	PLUG	DAVIE 1-22 ABANDONMENT	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,786	\$0	\$35,786	Plug and abandon leaking well. Work has been completed.
ROUTT	PLUG	BAIREL #2 ABANDONMENT (YOAST BOND CLAIM)	\$5,000	\$40,000	0\$	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$42,734	0\$	\$47,734	Landowner complaint. Plug and abandon well. Reclaim surface. Work has been completed.
WELD	REC.	POWERS #1 RECLAMATION	\$0	\$5,000	0\$	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0\$	Well was plugged and abandoned in FYE2009. Fence will be removed in a couple of years (this task already paid for).
WASHINGTON	REC.	EGBERT#1	\$0	\$4,360	0\$	\$4,360	\$0	\$4,360	0\$	\$4,360	Landowner complaint. Clean up junk left from Bobcat Oil.
		TOTALS =>	\$31,952	\$86,379	\$0	\$118,331	\$31,952	\$82,880	O\$	\$113,887	
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		GRAND TOTALS =>	\$31,952	\$86,379	0\$	\$118,331	\$31,952	\$82,880	\$	\$113,887	
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## Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Monthly Breakout of Drilling and Recompletion Permits

	Backlog	Received	Processed Wi	thdrawn	Rejected no	omplete In	-Process R	emaining
Drilling								
Mar-09	1024	1473	483	13	0	О	2001	2001
Apr-09	2001	40	465	5	0	46	1525	1571
Мау-09	1571	54	306	18	0	26	1275	1301
Jun-09	1301	225	377	7	0	6	1136	1142
Jul-09	1142	203	487	7	0	9	842	851
Aug-09	851	135	223	33	0	315	415	730
Sep-09	730	275	277	2	0	223	503	726
Oct-09	726	467	288	3	0	163	739	902
Nov-09	902	401	382	7	0	43	871	914
Dec-09	914	543	653	11	0	37	756	793
Jan-10	793	506	483	13	0	53	750	803
Feb-10	803	686	377	12	0	46	1054	1100
Mar-10	1100	648	713	28	0	63	944	1007
Recompletion								
Mar-09	33	21	19	О	0	0	35	35
Apr-09	35	16	6	0	0	0	45	45
May-09	45	9	2	0	0	0	52	52
Jun-09	52	10	13	1	0	0	48	48
Jul-09	48	19	34	2	0	0	31	31
Aug-09	31	54	3	6	0	5	71	76
Sep-09	76	20	26	1	0	3	66	69
Oct-09	69	72	76	1	0	5	59	64
Nov-09	64	62	38	О	0	4	84	88
Dec-09	88	24	78	0	0	2	32	34
Jan-10	34	11	31	О	0	1	13	14
Feb-10	14	34	9	О	0	1	38	39
Mar-10	39	33	31	0	0	1	39	41
Total								
Mar-09	1057	1494	502	13	0	О	2036	2036
Apr-09	2036	56	471	5	0	46	1570	1616
May-09	1616	63	308	18	0	26	1327	1353
Jun-09	1353	235	390	8	0	6	1184	1190
Jul-09	1190	222	521	9	0	9	873	882
Aug-09	882	189	226	39	0	320	486	806
Sep-09	806	295	303	3	0	226	569	795
Oct-09	795	539	364	4	0	168	798	966
Nov-09	966	463	420	<u>7</u>	<u>o</u>	47	955	1002
Dec-09	1002	567	731	1 <u>1</u>	<del>o</del>	39	788	827
Jan-10	827	517	514	13	0	54	763	817
Feb-10	817	720	386	12	<u>O</u>	47	1092	1139
Mar-10	1139	681	744	28	ō	64	983	1048
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Incomplete are permits that have missing or inaccurate data and cannot be approved.





### Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission 2009/2010 Permit Applications Filed By Month 04/22/2010

#### Form 2A Location Assessment

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2009	6	39	38	1	0	0%	87	4	34
2009	7	72	71	1	0	0%	68	20	51
2009	8	60	58	2	0	0%	72	4	54
2009	9	76	75	1	0	0%	56	23	52
2009	10	126	125	1	0	0%	38	99	26
2009	11	146	143	2	1	1%	29	132	11
2009	12	218	213	3	1	0%	29	194	19
Total		765	749	13	2	0%			
2010	1	225	204	17	2	1%	29	201	3
2010	2	236	218	12	6	86%	27	172	46
2010	3	283	219	3	58	20%	26	99	0
2010	4	230	0	3	227	99%			

#### Form 2 Application For Permit to Drill (APDs)

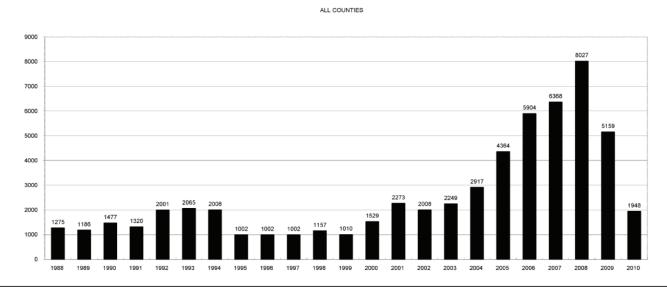
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2009	2	411	403	8	0	0%	61	229	174
2009	3	1476	1451	24	1	0%	94	369	1082
2009	4	40	38	2	0	0%	96	6	32
2009	5	54	43	11	0	0%	75	19	24
2009	6	219	218	1	0	0%	80	35	183
2009	7	122	121	1	0	0%	62	40	81
2009	8	157	148	9	0	0%	62	53	95
2009	9	231	219	12	0	0%	58	72	147
2009	10	370	365	3	2	1%	39	217	148
2009	11	427	420	1	6	1%	40	349	71
2009	12	539	533	5	3	1%	40	401	132
Total		4565	4471	84	12	0%			
2010	1	460	422	35	3	1%	37	338	84
2010	2	438	413	8	15	3%	31	389	20
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Form 2A Breakdown by County

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#### **Building Setback Review**

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission April 22, 2010

		Percent of
		Total
Location Proximity to	Number of	Locations
Buildings	Locations	Reviewed
less 150	6	0%
150 to 350	59	4%
350 to 500	75	5%
500 to 1000	249	18%
greater than 1000	998	72%
Total Locations	1387	

#### Listing of Locations Closest to Buildings

	High	New		•	
County	Density	Location	Distance	Proximity	Building Description
WELD	No	No	58	less 150	Vehicle Garage
WELD	Yes	No	103	less 150	Building to be razed
LAS ANIMAS	No	Yes	127	less 150	Operator is owner
PHILLIPS	No	No	132	less 150	Grain Storage
WELD	No	No	154	150 to 350	Livestock Enclosure
WELD	No	Yes	158	150 to 350	Shed - Loc is Battery
WELD	No	Yes	162	150 to 350	Goat Barn
WELD	Yes	No	168	150 to 350	Storage Shed
WELD	No	No	193	150 to 350	Storage Shed
WELD	No	No	199	150 to 350	Less than 1.5X rig height
WELD	No	No	209	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	214	150 to 350	
LA PLATA	No	No	221	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	224	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	226	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	230	150 to 350	
GARFIELD	No	Yes	230	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	235	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	239	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	244	150 to 350	
LA PLATA	No	No	245	150 to 350	
PHILLIPS	No	No	250	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	260	150 to 350	
ADAMS	No	No	261	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	264	150 to 350	
ADAMS	No	Yes	265	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	265	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	267	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	272	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	277	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	277	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	280	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	281	150 to 350	
WELD	No	No	282	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	285	150 to 350	
YUMA	No	Yes	288	150 to 350	
ADAMS	No	No	292	150 to 350	
WELD	No	Yes	298	150 to 350	
LAS ANIMAS	No	Yes	298	150 to 350	





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		Spills	331	06	40	26	29	24	23	26	33	30	34	31	44	430	35	25	35	34	27	23	23	10	21	34	54	20	371	38	53	29	120
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#### NORTHWEST COLORADO NOTIFICATION POLICY

#### EFFECTIVE FOR NOTICES RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010

Revised January 21, 2010 (Shaun Kellerby added as a point-of-contact to Chuck Browning and Mike Longworth notification areas for Notices of Intent and Subsequent Reports. Other minor format and editorial changes.)

#### **NOTICES OF INTENT**

Notices of Intent to: 1) construct a well pad, 2) spud a conductor, 3) spud surface casing, 4) run and cement casing (all casing strings), 5) perform a formation integrity test (East Mamm Creek Area), and 6) perform a BOP test.

Email these notices to the appropriate field inspector, based on their geographic area of responsibility. A copy to David.Andrews@state.co.us is not necessary, unless you require COGCC approval for a change of procedure. Currently, COGCC's northwest area field inspectors are responsible for the following geographic areas:

- Shaun Kellerby (<u>Shaun.Kellerby@state.co.us</u>) Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Routt, and Summit Counties
- Chuck Browning (<u>Chuck.Browning@state.co.us</u>) and Shaun Kellerby
   (<u>Shaun.Kellerby@state.co.us</u>) Chaffee, Delta, Gunnison, Lake, Mesa, Montrose (north of the 48N/49N township line, and Pitkin Counties)
- Mike Longworth (<u>Mike.Longworth@state.co.us</u>) and Shaun Kellerby (<u>Shaun.Kellerby@state.co.us</u>)
   Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties

Shaun Kellerby is COGCC's Northwest Field Inspection Supervisor, and he should be copied on the notices of intent shown above for all northwest Colorado counties. A current map showing areas of responsibility is provided at the bottom of this policy or as a separate attachment. Periodically, field inspectors and their areas of responsibility may change. An up-to-date map is maintained on COGCC's website at <a href="http://www.colorado.gov/cogcc">http://www.colorado.gov/cogcc</a>. Click CONTACTS on the left-hand side of the web page. Then click MAP OF STAFF AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

#### **SUBSEQUENT REPORTS**

Subsequent Reports of: 1) cement jobs, 2) annular fluid loss (Mamm Creek Field), 3) lost circulation, 4) gas kicks or loss of well control, 5) water flows, and 6) accidents.

Email these subsequent reports to <a href="mailto:David.Andrews@state.co.us">David.Andrews@state.co.us</a>. In addition, copy the appropriate field inspector and <a href="mailto:Shaun.Kellerby@state.co.us">Shaun.Kellerby@state.co.us</a> on subsequent reports of cement jobs and lost circulation.



#### OTHER DOWNHOLE OPERATIONS

Other Downhole Operations, including: 1) verbal approval to sidetrack, 2) dry hole plugging orders, 3) any significant downhole problem, 4) high bradenhead pressures during stimulation, 5) casing repairs, 6) gas venting, and 7) hydrogen sulfide detection.

Email requests and notices to <a href="mailto:David.Andrews@state.co.us">David.Andrews@state.co.us</a> and/or call David Andrews' office or cell phone numbers shown below.

#### **QUESTIONS**

Please direct any questions regarding these new notification procedures to:

#### David D. Andrews, P.E., P.G.

Engineering Supervisor - Western Colorado

#### **State of Colorado**

#### Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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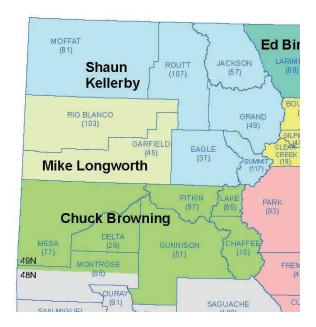
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