

OGDP Application Process: Overview of COGCC Staff Checkpoints

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- Director's Completeness Determination
- Staff's Technical Review
- Staff's Final Review
- Director's Recommendation
- Commission Hearing
- Administrative Processing Upon Approval



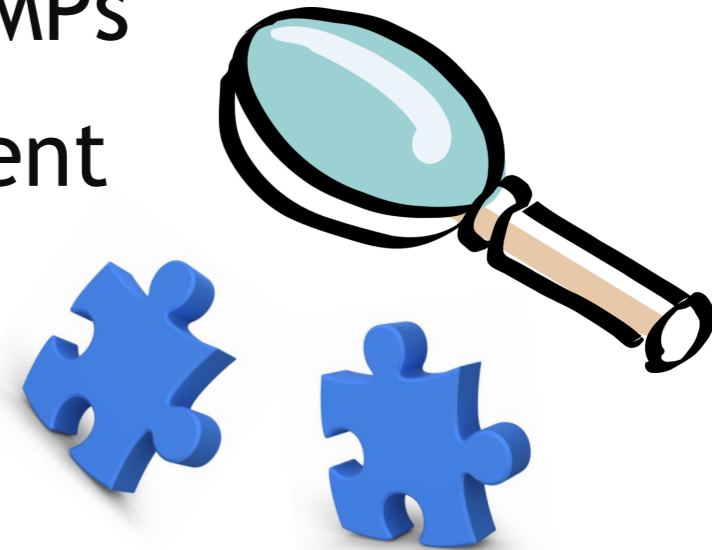
Director's Completeness Determination

- Components of an OGD application - 303.a
 - eFilings: hearing application
 - ◆ Permitting Review (500-series rules, spacing)
 - ◆ Engineering Review (geologic & engineering testimony)
 - ◆ OGLA Review (consistency with 2A, 2B, 2C)
 - Webforms: Form 2A, 2B, 2C
 - ◆ OGLA Review
- All rule-based requirements must be met
- Completeness Determination starts public comment and consultation periods - 303.b & d
- Hearings Unit notices for hearing



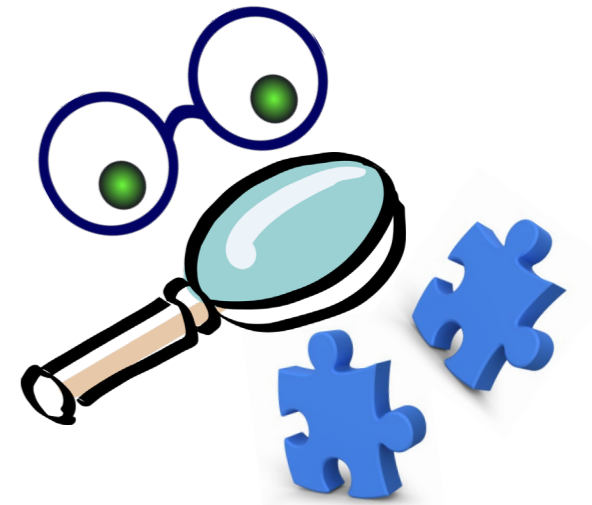
Staff's Technical Review (OGLA Team)

- Form 2A(s) - 304.b, c, & d
 - All plans, attachments, data fields, BMPs
 - Reviewed for in-depth technical content
- Form 2B
 - Reviewed for “reasonability”
- Formal/information consultations
 - CDPHE, CPW, PWS administrators, etc.
- Ongoing communication w/applicant
 - Material/multiple changes may require a continuance, or re-noticing and reopening of the public comment period per 303.c.(2)



Staff's Final Review (Senior OGLA Staff)

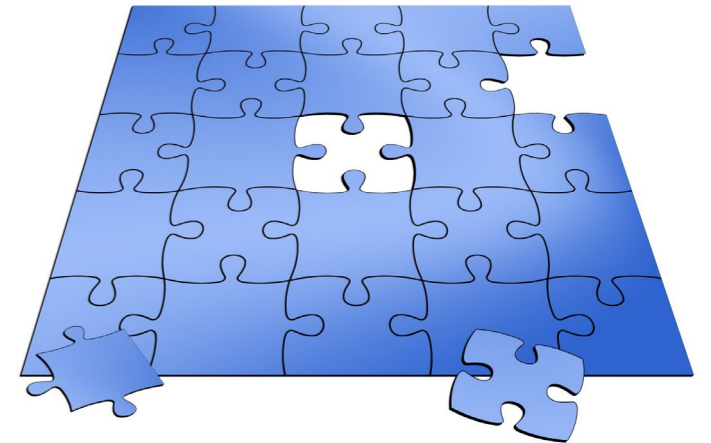
- Fresh set of eyes
- Identification of unresolved issues, concerns, updates, or questions
- **Finalize and “lock” the Form 2A - no more changes**
 - Anything the applicant wants to change after this must be introduced at the Hearing
- ~3 weeks prior to hearing



Director's Recommendation

- **Synthesis of all application materials**

- Making sure all the pieces fit
- Making sure the full picture is clearly visible



- Director's written Recommendation - Rule 306

- Conclusions from Staff's technical review
 - Public Comment Consideration Memo
 - COGCC Response to Consultations
- ~ 2 weeks prior to hearing
 - Start of Commissioners formal review



Commission Hearing

- Commissioners pre-hearing questions provided to Staff and applicant
 - Questions answered prior to or at hearing
- Applicant's presentation
- Staff's presentation (as needed)
- Commissioners' deliberations/Q&A
 - Assess the need for COAs
- Vote



Administrative Processing Upon Approval

- Hearings Unit finalizes Commission Order(s)
 - Spacing Order(s)
 - OGDG Order
- OGLAs apply COAs on Form 2A(s)
- OGLAs update OGDG scout card
 - Order numbers, expiration date, hearing date, etc.
- Approve Form 2A(s), 2B
- ~1-2 weeks after hearing



Questions?



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