

SLB Contact & Immediately Upgradient

Operator Training

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All correspondence with State Land Board (SLB):

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- Rule 303.e.(1) - OGDPA notice of Completeness Determination (SLB minerals)
- Rule 314.f.(1) - CAP notice of Completeness Determination (SLB minerals OR surface lands)
- All COGCC-related inquiries

ALA Criteria 304.b.(2).B.vii - What is Immediately Upgradient?

“The proposed Oil and Gas Location is within the boundaries of, or is immediately upgradient from, a mapped, visible, or field-verified wetland or riparian corridor”

- Obvious proximity:
 - Location encroaches into, touches, is directly adjacent to, or is situated very visibly close to a wetland or riparian corridor
- Look at potential migration pathway (without BMPs):
 - If a spill or release moves off Location will it impact a wetland or riparian corridor?
- Let common sense dictate
- Be conservative - avoid potential impacts

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- Desktop review - NWI layer, USGS topo, aerial photos, etc.
- Topography and soil type(s) - is there a clear surface pathway?
- Hydraulic, hydrologic, and soil type(s) - is there an anticipated subsurface pathway?
- Do an onsite - is the mapped feature present? Is a feature present that is not formally mapped?
- Recent photos/drone imagery if needed to show current conditions

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