

COGCC Well to Building Setback Stakeholder Review

During the 2007-2008 rule making process, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission deferred action on the well to building setback requirements set forth in Rule 603.. Since that time, some local governments, environmental groups, and individuals have continued to raise questions and express concerns about these requirements. In response to these questions and concerns, the COGCC Director recommended at the January 2012 Commission hearing that the Commission staff commence a stakeholder process to discuss this issue. The Commission agreed to the recommendation.

The COGCC staff will initiate the stakeholder process on the well to building setback issue on Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 1 to 3 pm. The initial meeting will be held at the Hunter Education Building at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO. Interested stakeholders and members of the public are welcome.

It is anticipated that this process will focus at the outset on reviewing the facts associated with this issue, including the actual setbacks between wells and buildings, variations in such setbacks between different areas, types of wells, and other circumstances, and reasons why larger or shorter setbacks are adopted. After the facts have been gathered and reviewed, the participants will have opportunities to share their perspectives on this issue. If problems are identified, then the participants will consider options for responding in a fair, efficient, and effective manner.

Because of the potential breadth and depth of the subject matter the stakeholder meetings may extend over several months. Please keep this in mind if you are interested in participating.