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# COGCC-LGD Newsletter

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## A Message From the Local Government Liaisons

Welcome to the first issue of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Local Government Designee (LGD) Newsletter.

Since we began our jobs as Local Government Liaisons in August 2012 we have met and worked with many of you. Finding the right COGCC staff to answer your inquiries about oil and gas issues affecting your community is one of our specialties.

As we held training sessions around the state this spring, we noticed that many of the LGDs faced similar issues related to oil and gas activity. We hope this newsletter will become a forum for sharing information from COGCC and ideas from other LGDs. The next issue will feature some of these ideas.

We welcome your questions, are interested in getting your feedback, and hope to meet all LGDs in person at the first available opportunity.

*Nancy Prince*

*Marc Morton*

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*Make your reservation  
today!*

*See page 4 for details.*

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## LGD Training Schedule for 2013

8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Locations to be announced

May 23	Durango
July 23	Sterling
August 21	Denver
September 24	Glenwood Springs
November 12	Lamar

### Training Topics:

- Overview of oil and gas exploration and production
- New setback and groundwater monitoring rules
- Introduction to COGCC tools: website and staff
- Effective COGCC/Local Government relationships

## COGCC-LGD Program and Benefits

The Local Government Designee program was created by Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in 1992 to provide a conduit of information between local governments and the COGCC.

The role of the LGD was expanded during the 2008-2009 rulemaking to include the opportunity to request consultation with COGCC, CDPHE and CPW.

When electronic form processing (eForms) was established in 2009, notification of pending Location Assessment and Drilling Permit applications was greatly enhanced as was the ability for local governments to provide comment on these applications

The new Setback rules will go into effect on August 1, 2013. These rules give local governments additional input into the permitting process via the LGD program.

Significant opportunities for LGDs presently include:

- LGDs receive electronic notification of Location Assessments (Form 2A) and Drilling Permit Applications (Form 2) submitted to COGCC for review.
- LGDs receive electronic notification 24 hours in advance of initiation of drilling activity ("spud") and hydraulic fracturing.
- LGDs may request extension of the 20 day comment period to 30 days.
- LGDs have standing in hearings before the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- LGDs may request consultation with COGCC and/or CDPHE regarding specific Location Assessment and Drilling Permit Applications

Additional opportunities for LGDs under the new rules will include:

- LGDs may request a community meeting with oil and gas operators for locations that are within 1,000 feet of any building unit.
- LGDs may request extension of the 20 day comment period to 30 or 40 days depending on the type, location and number of adjacent building units.

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## Does Your Local Government Have An LGD?

Registering a “Participating” LGD is voluntary, and is highly recommended. Taking this step allows the local government to provide much greater input in oil and gas operations that can affect the area. LGD registration brings with it increased rights and responsibilities, access to information, notice of proposed oil and gas activities and opportunity to provide comments to pending permit and location assessment applications.

Registration is not automatic however. Information must be provided to COGCC to initiate the registration, and must be kept current in order to maximize benefits.

All it takes for your county, municipality or special district to participate is to submit a Form 29, available at [www.cogcc.state.co.us](http://www.cogcc.state.co.us) under the “Forms” tab. Fill the Form out, sign and submit to the Hearings Assistant either by fax as directed, or as a pdf to an email to [cogcc.hearings\\_unit@state.co.us](mailto:cogcc.hearings_unit@state.co.us). If an additional, non-LGD carbon copy “cc” contact is desired, please indicate that also.

Be sure to indicate if your organization desires the opportunity for onsite consultation, would like general email notification, and would like eForm credentials. Notice that the latter is necessary to receive notification of pending applications, and the ability to comment directly on these electronic forms.

Once the Form 29 has been submitted and processed you will be contacted by COGCC to verify the information in our database. This information is viewable by the public and is an easy way people in your community can find your contact information.

**Form 29**  
**Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
 State of Colorado  
 1100 South West Salinas, Denver, Colorado 80202-3286, (303) 733-2299

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNEE**

The Local Governmental Designee is the local government officer or employee who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Local Governmental Designee. The Designee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Local Governmental Designee. The Designee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Local Governmental Designee. The Designee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Local Governmental Designee.

The  County  Municipality  Special District of \_\_\_\_\_

(Check all that apply)  
 I will participate with a Local Governmental Designee  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Number \_\_\_\_\_

DESIRES onsite consultation prior to commencement of operations per Rule 200-5-1(7)  
 (Permits are available on the COGCC web site as soon as they are processed or issued. To develop and modify permits, please contact the permit and hearing unit.)

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DESIRES e-mail notification - Receive links to the SMT Report, Hearing Notice and Hearing Applications (Approximately every five to six weeks)

DESIRES eForm credentials and notices (Please complete on Application for Oil and Gas Location Assessments and Permits to Drill (APNs) in your jurisdiction)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*COGCC Form 29 is used to register LGDs and update LGD changes and contact information. A blank form can be printed from Forms tab on COGCC home page.*

## LGD Participation is Growing

Early in September 2012 the COGCC data base indicated that there were 138 local governments participating in the LGD program. Five new local governments have registered, and updated contact information for over 20 LGDs has been received via Form 29 since then. The present list of jurisdictions represented in the program includes:

- 55 counties
- 80 municipalities
- 8 special districts

The “Local Gov” menu at [www.cogcc.state.co.us](http://www.cogcc.state.co.us) includes a link with contact information for all participating LGDs.

**NOTE:** The Form 29 is used to document any changes to the LGD database. Please submit one any time there is a change in personnel, email, phone or other contact information.

## LGD Training Registration Instructions

To register for one of the LGD Training Sessions, please send an email to both Nancy and Marc.

For questions, the COGCC main number is 303-894-2100.

[nancy.prince@state.co.us](mailto:nancy.prince@state.co.us) (phone extension 5103)

[marc.morton@state.co.us](mailto:marc.morton@state.co.us) (phone extension 5132)

Include the following information:

### Location and date of training

- \_\_\_\_\_ May 23 Durango
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 23 Sterling
- \_\_\_\_\_ August 21 Denver
- \_\_\_\_\_ September 24 Glenwood Springs
- \_\_\_\_\_ November 12 Lamar

### Names and affiliation of people planning to attend

If 2 or more people may attend, please give names and contact information - changes can be made later if necessary.

NAME

LGD: (yes or no)

NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OR AFFILIATION

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

