COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION (COGCC)

TRADE SECRET CLAIM OF ENTITLEMENT FORM 41 FILING

Introduction:

Pursuant to Rule 205A(2)(B), if the vendor, service provider, or operator claim that the specific identity of a chemical, the concentration of a chemical, or both the specific identity and concentration of a chemical is/are claimed to be a trade secret, the operator of the well must so indicate on the chemical disclosure registry form and, as applicable, the vendor, service provider, or operator shall submit to the Director a Form 41 claim of entitlement to have the specific identity of a chemical, the concentration of a chemical, or both withheld as a trade secret.

And, Rule 205A(2)(C), At the time of claiming that a hydraulic fracturing chemical, concentration, or both is entitled to trade secret protection, a vendor, service provider or operator shall file with the commission claim of entitlement, Form 41, containing contact information. Such contact information shall include the claimant’s name, authorized representative, mailing address, and phone number with respect to trade secret claims. If such contact information changes, the claimant shall immediately submit a new Form 41 to the Commission with updated information.

Submission of a Form 41 requires completion and submission of both a Form 1 and a Form 1A. Filing of a Form 1, Registration for Oil and Gas Operations, applies to any entity conducting any business relating to oil and gas operations. Therefore, each vendor submitting a Form 41 will be issued a OGCC Operator Number. The OGCC operator number is a tracking number specific to that entity, and does not imply that the entity is operating wells – only that they, or there products, are used in operations in the State of Colorado in some form or fashion related to the oil and gas industry.

Instructions for completing the Form 1 and Form 1A are below. Instructions for the Form 41 are listed last.

REGISTRATION FOR OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS
FORM 1 INSTRUCTIONS

Introduction:

Oil & Gas related operators, service providers, and vendors are required to register with the COGCC. All producers, operators, transporters, refiners, gasoline or other extraction plant operators, service providers or vendors claiming trade secret entitlement, and initial purchasers who are conducting oil and gas operations or related operations, are required to file a Registration For Oil And Gas Operations, Form 1.

If that registered operator undergoes any changes in the registration information for corporate or regional offices; i.e., company/individual name, address, telephone, fax numbers, contacts, operations, etc., such changes are required to be made to the COGCC and therefore must be submitted on a new Registration For Oil And Gas Operations, Form 1 indicating a Change in Information.

Step-by-Step instructions for completing a Form 1 are as follows:

Section 1:
Indicate whether the form is being submitted for the Corporate Office or for a Regional/Field Office. In order to file for a Regional/Field Office the corporate office must already be registered.

Indicate whether the form is being submitted to add a New corporate or regional/field office, Change in Information for a previously registered corporate or regional/field office, or is to Delete a previously registered corporate or regional/field office.

If the form is being submitted for anything other than a New corporate office then you should have already been issued an OGCC Operator Number, please include the number if you have one. If the form is being submitted for a New corporate office you will be assigned a unique OGCC Operator Number. This operator number is required on all COGCC reporting.

Change in Information can be in an address, phone number, contact name, emergency contact information or in the corporate operations information. If the notice is for a company name change it could result in the issuance of a new operator number unless it is an insignificant change.

**Section 2:**

Corporate Office information should be whichever office is submitting forms/documents and receiving notifications. Addresses, telephone numbers, contacts, and emergency contacts are required to be kept current and updated with the COGCC.

**Section 3:**

OGCC Operator Number Suffix – A suffix designation (A, B, C, etc., etc.) will be assigned for any regional or field office(s) listed on the Registration For Oil And Gas Operations, Form 1. This suffix may be used in conjunction with the operator number to identify where the report(s) originates and where any correspondence pertaining to the report should be sent. The operator number suffix is assigned by the COGCC.

**Section 4:**

Regional/Field Office(s) (if any) – Addresses, telephone numbers, contacts, and emergency contacts are required to be kept current and updated. Submit a separate Form 1 for each additional Regional/Field Office.
Section 5:

Corporate Operations –

Service Provider – Vendors
A box for “Vendors” of chemical products used in hydraulic fracturing has been added to the Form 1.

Write A to Add or D to Delete in the box to indicate if you are adding or deleting this entity as a vendor.

The OGCC requires that this information be kept current. Please send a Form 1 if your operations change at any point.

Financial assurance is NOT required for service providers or vendors.

General Mailing – The COGCC mails out hearing notices monthly to those operators that have requested to be added to the mailing. Please call the COGCC for additional information on being added to this mailing.

Section 6:

Signature Section – Registration for Oil and Gas Operations, Form 1 must be signed and dated which will include Printed Name and Title of Person.

Print Name: __________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Title: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Submit this form along with all required documentation to:

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (or COGCC)
ATTN: FINANCIAL ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Contact numbers are: Main Office: 303-894-2100 Fax: 303-894-2109

Financial Assurance Supervisor: Sharon Schoepflin, extension 5109, Sharon.Schoepflin@state.co.us
Financial Assurance Analyst: Martha Ramos, extension 5123, Martha.Ramos@state.co.us
DESIGNATION OF AGENT
FORM 1A INSTRUCTIONS

Introduction:

Any party/person(s) may be designated to act as an agent of a registered entity, provided the entity has filed a Designation of Agent, Form 1A bestowing that authority unto that party/person(s). Designated party/person(s) have signature authority on COGCC required forms, reports or logs, and will be a point of contact for any discrepancies on submitted documents or logs. The designation remains in effect until written notice is provided by the entity to terminate the authority of that designated agent or representative. It is the responsibility of the entity to maintain their agent/contact lists by submitting any deletions of designated agents or changes in designated agent’s information, including changes to their company name, address, telephone, or fax numbers on a new Designation of Agent, Form 1A.

Step-by-Step instructions for completing a Form 1A are as follows:

Section 1:

Agent Information section designates agents other than employees of the registered entity -

This section does not need to be completed for authorizing employees of the Authorizing entity.

This section is used in cases where the registered entity chooses to assign signature authority to entity other than itself, when submitting or receiving forms and notices.

Complete this section when authorizing persons who are employed by an “Agent” Company. (An outside entity.)

Section 2:

Designates Agent or Representative’s of the registering entity -

As indicated on the form, the below listed names are authorized to sign on behalf of the registering entity. Printed name (Representatives) and signature are required for all authorized signers. Use this section to designate employees of the registering entity.
Section 3:

Registered Operator(Identity)Authorization -

Authorizing Company: Fill in full name of registering entity (same as company shown on Registration for Oil and Gas Operations, Form 1).

OGCC Operator Number: Enter here from front of Registration for Oil and Gas Operations, Form 1. If Operator Number has not been assigned, leave blank.

Approval Date: This is the effective date of designation.

Authorizing Individual's Printed Name, Signature and Title of the Officer: Provide printed name of the officer of registering, authorizing company, that individual's signature is required along with the individual's title.

TRADE SECRET CLAIM OF ENTITLEMENT

Form 41 Instructions

Section 1:

Identification and Contact Information for the Entity Asserting Trade Secret Claim -

Enter the OGCC Operator Number, or leave it blank if not yet assigned. OGCC staff will enter after processing of Form 1 and Form 1A.

Complete the company name fields and contact information. The contact will be the person the COGCC Director will contact if/when necessary, as related to trade secret claim.
Section 2:

Classification of Entity Asserting Trade Secret Claim -

Indicate if you are an operator, a vendor, a service provider, or other type of entity. If “other” is selected please specify in detail the type of entity filing for trade secret entitlement.

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<tr>
<th>Classification of Entity Asserting Trade Secret Claim</th>
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<tr>
<td>☐ Operator ☐ Vendor ☐ Service Provider</td>
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<td>☐ Other - Specify in detail:</td>
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Claim of Entitlement to Trade Secret Protection -

Rule 205A requires disclosure of all chemicals intentionally added to base fluid as part of hydraulic fracturing treatment, as well as maximum concentrations and (if applicable) CAS numbers for those chemicals, except in those situations where the specific identity or concentration of a chemical are permitted to be withheld as a trade secret. For purposes of Rule 205A, the term “trade secret” is defined in the COGCC Series 100 Definitions (Nov. 2011 version).

Select what aspect(s) of the chemical qualifies as a trade secret and provide the Chemical Identifier.

Claim of Entitlement to Trade Secret Protection

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The Entity identified above claims that the ☐ identity or ☐ maximum concentration, or ☐ both, of the following chemical qualifies as a trade secret:

Chemical Identifier: ____________________________

You may use a descriptive label, such as “Company TS1,” for a chemical identifier in lieu of identifying the chemical. This chemical identifier may be used to reference the chemical in subsequent disclosures filed with the Chemical Disclosure Registry.

Check all the affirmations below and attach specific information supporting and/or affirming each statement. Specific information pertaining to each affirmation is required to be added to the form or as an attachment to this form. See examples that follow.

In order to claim that information is entitled to protection as a trade secret, you must check all the affirmations below and submit specific information regarding each of the following (can be attached on separate pages).

☐ 1. The entity holding the trade secret information has not disclosed the information to any other person, other than a member of a local emergency planning committee, an officer or employee of the United States or a state or local government, an employee of such person, or a person who is bound by a confidentiality agreement, and such person has taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of such information and intends to continue to take such measures, or disclosure has otherwise been limited such that the information is not readily available to competitors.

☐ 2. The information is not required to be disclosed, or otherwise made available, to the public under any other Federal or State law.

☐ 3. Disclosure of the information is likely to cause harm to the competitive position of the entity holding the trade secret information.

☐ 4. The information is not readily discoverable through reverse engineering.

The additional details required for the above affirmations need not be lengthy, and may fit into the form itself. The additional details may be short and plain statements made in good faith. Examples for each are included for your convenience.
Example for affirmation number 1: “Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company discloses the information at issue only on a need to know basis or when compelled by legal process in all countries and states or provinces of operation. Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company obtains confidentiality agreements to protect the secrecy of the information at issue.”

Example for affirmation number 2: “The information is not required to be disclosed, or otherwise made available, to the public.”

Example for affirmation number 3: “Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company has developed the information at issue at significant expense and it provides a competitive advantage to Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company. Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company’s customer’s choose Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company because of the superior performance of its products and the secret identity of the information at issue gives Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company an opportunity to obtain an advantage over competitors who do not know or use it.”

Example for affirmation number 4: “Operator/Vender/Service Provider XYZ Company believes that the information at issue cannot be acquired or duplicated by its competitors without great difficulty.”

The affirmations can be attached on separate pages if the specific additional information does not fit within the form itself. Each chemical identified requires a separate Form 41 and separate affirmations. If using an attachment please include the chemical identifier as submitted on the attachment(s).

A designated agent, identified on the Form 1A, needs to sign the Form 41 for submission. The designated agent must be an authorized agent of the entity making the assertion. If the individual signing the Form 41 is the same individual executing the Form 1, a Form 1A will not be required.

This form must be signed by an authorized agent of the entity making assertion.

I certify under penalty of perjury that this report has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge is true, correct and complete.

Print Name: [ ]
Email: [ ]
Signature: [ ]
Title: [ ]
Date: [ ]