



Local Government Designee Program

OIL AND GAS IN COLORADO



1864—First oil well drilled in Florence, Fremont County, CO.

1951—Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission established.

1992—Local Government Designee Program (LGD) initiated by rule at the request of local governments.

2008—New rules provide for a two-part application process. The Location Assessment requires that operators provide information to evaluate the potential impact on existing infrastructure and environmentally sensitive populations.

2012—Two Local Government Liaisons provide training to, and communication with LGDs.

2013—“Setback” rules direct operators to involve local governments and residents in certain location-related decisions.

Statewide

- Provides a point of contact between the local government and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC).
- The level of engagement is at the discretion of the local government.
- Access to a network of over 160 LGDs statewide.

Support provided to LGDs

- Two Local Government Liaisons with the sole responsibility of assisting local governments.
- Regular newsletters and communication of oil and gas information.
- Free training to local governments on COGCC rules, processes and the COGCC on-line data and maps.

Exploration and production regulation

- Provides access to the COGCC well and location permitting process.
- Allows standing in other COGCC matters.



LGD participation in oil and gas regulation



Automatic email notification from COGCC

- Beginning of Comment Period for permit and location assessment applications.
- Issuance of approved Permit to Drill and Location Assessment.
- Notice of intent to begin drilling on a well (“spud”).
- Notice of intent to conduct hydraulic fracturing.



Notification from operators

- Notice of Intent to conduct seismic operations (Form 20).
- For locations proposed to be within 1,000 feet of a building unit, operators must notify LGDs at least 30 days prior to submitting applications to COGCC.
- Notification provided to local emergency response agency prior to flaring during drilling and completion activities .
- Report to local government of any spill or releases that exceed thresholds identified in COGCC rules.

Consultation and Comment Opportunities for LGDs:

- Participate in the COGCC permitting process by placing comments on the Permit to Drill and Location Assessment applications.
- Request an extension of up to 20 days to the 20 day comment period.
- Request consultation with COGCC and the operator related to facility location and best management practices.
- Request consultation with Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) regarding public health, safety, welfare or impact to the environment.

