

# Local Governmental Designee Program Fact Sheet (2020)

## SOME KEY DATES IN COLORADO OIL & GAS HISTORY

**1951** - COGCC established

**1992** - Local Governmental Designee (LGD) Program initiated by rule at the request of local governments.

**2008 & 2009** - COGCC rules overhauled to include a two-part application process (Form 2 & Form 2A), and increased environmental protections.

**2013 & 2016** - Rule changes affecting “Setbacks” and involving local governments and residents in certain location-related scenarios.

**2018 & 2019** - Flowline rule-making completed (two phases).

**2019** - SB19-181 passes, providing local governments greatly enhanced new authority, a revised COGCC Mission is adopted, a new “Professional” Commission structure is outlined, and other protective changes.

**2020** - SB19-181 required rule-makings ongoing through at least June 2020.

### Statewide

- Provides a point of contact (Local Governmental Designee, or LGD) 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.
- Provides access to a network of over 150 LGDs statewide.

### Support provided to LGDs and Local Governments

- Local Government Liaison (LGL) staff with the sole responsibility of assisting LGDs and local governments including counties, towns, cities, and Special Districts.
- Communication and periodic updates from LGL, Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) staff, and COGCC via LGD Google Group.
- Free training offered to LGDs & local governments on COGCC rules, processes and website.
- COGCC consultation with local governments upon request.

### Exploration and Production Regulation

- Provides LGD access to the COGCC well and location permitting process.



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## *Examples of LGD Participation in Oil and Gas Regulation*



### **Automatic email Notifications from COGCC to LGDs**

- Beginning of Comment Period for Application for Permit to Drill (APD) and OGLA applications.
- Issuance of approved APDs and OGLA permits.
- 48-hour Notice of intent to begin drilling on a well (“spud notice”).
- 48-hour Notice of intent to conduct hydraulic fracturing.



### **Notification from Operators to LGDs**

- 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**

- Request GIS Flowline Data (new in 2020)
- Participate in the COGCC permitting process.
- Request extension of public comment periods.
- 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 regarding public health, safety, welfare or impact to the environment.
- Participate in Large Urban Mitigation Area Facility (LUMAF) consultations, negotiations, and mediations to discuss siting and mitigation.
- Comment on proximate LUMAF applications *prior* to their submission to COGCC.
- Enter Memorandums of Understanding with operators.

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## *Registration Information and LGD Program Contacts*

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**Is your local government interested in joining the LGD Program?**

**Registration is easy using the online COGCC Form 29.**

### **LGD Program Registration**

- 1) Complete an online COGCC Form 29 (LGD Registration Form).
- 2) LGD has the new option to request GIS Flowline Data. This option requires submittal of a signed Confidentiality Agreement as an attachment to the Form 29.
- 3) To join or maintain participation in the LGD Program and avoid missing notifications, a new Form 29 is required:
  - ⇒ To establish a new LGD;
  - ⇒ If the LGD is no longer affiliated with the local government;
  - ⇒ If the LGD email address changes or the email account is terminated;
  - ⇒ If any Form 29 required information changes.

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### **Need More Information? Contact us!**

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