

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND)	CAUSE NO. 1
ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRADENHEAD)	
MONITORING AREA IN THE DENVER)	DOCKET NO. 181201058
JULESBURG BASIN FOR ADAMS, ARAPAHOE,)	
BOULDER, BROOMFIELD, DENVER, JEFFERSON,)	TYPE: GENERAL
LARIMER, AND WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO)	ADMINISTRATIVE

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

ADAMS, ARAPAHOE, BOULDER, BROOMFIELD, DENVER,
JEFFERSON, LARIMER, AND WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO

APPLICATION

Staff has applied for an order of the Commission establishing a bradenhead monitoring area for wells drilled in the Denver Julesburg Basin ("DJ Basin") in the Application Lands, which provides:

1. Effective January 1, 2019, operators are to begin bradenhead monitoring on all wells in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Jefferson, Larimer and Weld counties of the Denver Julesburg Basin.
2. Upon completion of any well, and on wells presently completed, the operator will equip the bradenhead access to the annulus between the production and surface casing, as well as any intermediate casing annulus. The bradenhead valve is to be accessible from above the ground level with approved fittings to allow safe and convenient determination of pressure and fluid flow. This rule will apply to all wells in the field.
3. Operators are to perform an annual bradenhead test on existing wells. The results of the annual bradenhead test will be provided to the COGCC staff through the Form 17 Bradenhead Test Report, or on the Form 17 spreadsheet upload no later than December 31 of each calendar year.
4. For newly drilled wells, operators are to perform a bradenhead test and report according to the following schedule with a Form 17 submitted within ten (10) days of each test:
 - a. An initial test, within sixty (60) days of rig release, and prior to stimulation. For those wells with 200 psig or greater during pre-stimulation test, contact area engineer with mitigation plan prior to hydraulic stimulation.
 - b. If delayed completion, a second test within six (6) months of rig release and prior to stimulation must be completed. For those wells with 200 psig or greater during pre-stimulation test, contact area engineer with mitigation plan prior to hydraulic stimulation.

- c. A post production test within sixty (60) days after first production with reporting on Form 5A, Completion Interval Report.
5. The test will be performed by verifying the tubing and casing pressures and flow characteristics of the well. A pressure gauge with an appropriate range will be used to measure the bradenhead (surface and intermediate casing) pressure(s).
6. For all tests with bradenhead pressures less than fifty (50) psig and no fluid present, those results will be reported on the Form 17 spreadsheet upload. The spreadsheet upload will be submitted for any and all tests performed by the fifteenth (15) of the following month.
7. If a bradenhead pressure greater than fifty (50) psig or a continuous flow or surging of liquid at any pressure is observed. A Bradenhead Test Report, Form 17 and a Sundry Notice, Form 4 containing the bradenhead monitoring results and proposed mitigation or remediation procedure will be submitted electronically to the COGCC within ten (10) days of the test.
8. Remedial requirements and additional subsequent monitoring will be determined through coordination with COGCC staff based on the results of the annual tests.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- Rule 207.b. of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission give the Director the authority to designate specific fields or portions of fields as bradenhead test areas within which, on any well, the bradenhead access to the annulus between the production and surface casing, as well as any intermediate casing, will be equipped with fittings to allow safe and convenient determinations of pressure and fluid flow. Any such proposed designation will occur by notice describing the proposed bradenhead test area within the DJ Basin within the Application Lands.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to 130, C.R.S., and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Date: December 17-18, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately three days before the hearing.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than December 3, 2018.** Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. One electronic (cogcc.hearings_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of December 3, 2018, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant, or any person who has filed a protest or intervention.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By



Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: November 9, 2018

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