

Oil & Gas Moratorium

- On Nov. 15 the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on *DC-16-0004 Amendments to Oil and Gas Development Regulations*
- Board gave staff direction to further investigate a number of areas and pursue changes to the Draft Oil and Gas Regulations
 - The Board extended the moratorium until the end of Jan. 2017
- Today's public hearing is to determine status of the moratorium (terminate, extend, or otherwise amend)
 - Written testimony was taken and posted to Boulder County Oil & Gas website:
<http://www.bouldercounty.org/dept/landuse/pages/oilgas.aspx>

Areas to further research

- Financial statements, bonding, and other financial assurances of performance for safe operation
- Clean-up of spills or other environmental contamination
- Post-production reclamation
- Further environmental quality testing of air, water and soil, including baseline testing and more extensive testing and monitoring during production
- Requirements for management of produced water and other waste
- Inspections, particularly where leaks and violations are discovered
- Economic analysis of disruption payments to landowners affected by drilling and construction
- Pipeline setbacks
- Leak detection technology for pipelines
- Dust
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- Flares and combustion devices
- Scrubbing
- Emergency response time
- Climate impacts
- Public notification and signage
- Video recording of neighborhood meeting
- Fee updates (county road impacts and permitting fees)

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- Staff has been working on the requested research since November 15
- Need time for development of final regulations that address the issues raised by the BOCC
- Public hearing on *DC-16-0004 Amendments to Oil and Gas Development Regulations* scheduled
 - **Tuesday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m. - BOCC public hearing for review of the final regulations**
 - Additional public meeting(s) for adoption, if necessary
- Another component of the land use regulatory process is being ready to administer the regulations
 - Implementation Work Plan

Staff is recommending BOCC extend moratorium through May 1, 2017