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](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
- Odor
- 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