



June 26, 2017

VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT

Ms. Kim Sanchez
Chief Planner
Boulder County Land Use Department
2045 13th Street
Boulder, CO 80302

***RE: 8 North, LLC Request for Boulder County to Provide Notice and
Be Accompanied During Inspections of Oil and Gas Operations Areas***

Dear Ms. Sanchez:

8 North, LLC (“8 North”) a wholly owned subsidiary of Extraction Oil & Gas, is an oil and gas operator registered with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”), Operator No. 10575. 8 North operates oil and gas wells and other facilities in Boulder County. It is important that 8 North maintain the security and safety of its oil and gas wells and facilities.

As a part of this effort, 8 North has recently posted signs at its oil and gas locations advising that “Authorized Personnel Only” may access these sites. If the County wishes for its inspectors or other personnel to enter an 8 North oil and gas operations area, 8 North asks that the county first seek permission by submitting a written request to 8 North. Requests should be submitted to 8 North’s EHSR Manager. 8 North will then schedule a mutually agreeable time for the inspection and assign a representative to accompany county personnel.

As you may be aware, recent court decisions, including a decision by Boulder County District Court Judge Norma Sierra on April 26, 2017, have reconfirmed that the General Assembly has assigned the primary responsibility for regulating and inspecting the technical aspects of oil and gas operations to the COGCC. State inspectors receive specialized training unavailable to others and are fully qualified to safely enter and inspect oil and gas facilities. For all others wishing to enter and inspect its facilities, 8 North asks that they comply with the notice provisions set forth above so that 8 North may better monitor those who access its oil and gas wells and facilities.

Should the county wish to take a more direct role in inspecting oil and gas wells and facilities, it has the option of entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the COGCC pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-106(15). This statute provides that the COGCC may “assign its inspection and monitoring function, but not its enforcement authority, through

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intergovernmental agreement...” Other counties have exercised this option and the COGCC has helped train their inspectors.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Carlisle".

Josh Carlisle
EHSR Manager