COGCC’S LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNEE (LGD) PROGRAM - AN OVERVIEW!

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AN ANALOGY....

You can lead a horse (or an LGD) to water, but you can’t make them drink...

Participation in the LGD program is voluntary - Available “tools” are used at discretion of the local government.
WHAT IS THE LGD “PROGRAM”?

IT IS:

- VOLUNTARY
- USED AT LGD’S DISCRETION
- BASED IN COGCC RULES
- UNIQUE TO COLORADO

OPPORTUNITIES /“TOOLS” (EXAMPLES):

- RECEIVE INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATIONS
- OPT TO CONSULT (LUMAF)
- COMMENT ON PENDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS (APD, OGLA)
- REQUEST COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSIONS
- REQUEST CDPHE CONSULTATION ON FORM 2A OR 2 APPS
- ADD E-FORM NOTICE RECIPIENTS
- PARTICIPATE IN RULEMAKING / PROPOSE RULES
- REQUEST OPERATOR 5-YEAR PLANS (MUNICIPALITIES)
- AND MORE!

POTENTIAL LGD RESPONSIBILITIES (EXAMPLES):

- LGD TRAINING
- DISSEMINATE INFORMATION
- FACILITATE OR ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS
- INFORM CITIZENS OF THEIR VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES (COMPLAINT, COMMENTS ON PERMITS, PUBLIC COMMENT AT HEARING, & OTHERS) TO ENGAGE COGCC
- ENACT MOUS, REVISE LOCAL REGULATIONS, OTHERS
- AND MORE!!!
NOTIFICATIONS TO LGDS /LOCAL GOVT’S

Recipient and method of delivery is generally COGCC rule dependent.

VIA “E-FORMS” TO LGD
- FORM 2A POSTING
- FORM 2 POSTING
- FORM 2 DECISION
- FORM 2A DECISION
- 48-HOUR “SPUD” NOTICE
- 48-HOUR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING NOTICE
- FLOWLINE ABANDONMENT

FROM OPERATOR TO LGD / EMERGENCY DISPATCH
- REPORTABLE SPILLS
- FLARING DURING DRILLING
- FLARING DURING PRODUCTION
- H2S DETECTION
- SEISMIC (EXPLORATION) INTENT

HEARINGS-RELATED
- APPLICATIONS
- SPACING UNIT APPROVAL
- APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL WELLS WITHIN AN EXISTING DRILLING & SPACING UNIT
- MODIFICATIONS TO AN EXISTING DRILLING & SPACING UNIT ORDER
LGD PROGRAM – SOME NUMBERS (AND A COUPLE REMINDERS…)

- 165 “Participating” LGDs - (56 County; 103 Municipal [town or city]; & 7 Special Districts)
- 32 Local governments have elected to participate (joined program) since August 2012.
- There are over 100 references to the term “local government” in current COGCC rules; 336 references to the word “public” in current COGCC rules.
- Over 130 LGD “change outs” (due to retirements, departures, reassignments) since August 2012
- Local governments must submit a signed COGCC Form 29 to officially change the LGD or their contact information
- LGD appointment (via FORM 29) is completely up to the local government (not COGCC).

KEEP LGD’S E-MAIL ADDRESS CURRENT, OR RISK MISSING NOTIFICATIONS!!!!!
LGD PROGRAM - SOME OBSERVATIONS...

- There are only a handful of LGDs that work solely on oil and gas related work.
- For most LGDs, it is a duty on top or their normal job.
- There is a huge range of qualifications and experience in the LGD ranks.
- There is a wide spectrum of attitudes & perceptions towards oil and gas development among the LGD and local government ranks.
- Each local government operates uniquely with regards to their role in regulating oil and gas.
- Counties and municipalities (within that county) are not always on the same page regarding oil and gas development.
WHAT DO COGCC LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIAISONS DO?

- Offer technical training to local governments /LGDs regarding LGD program opportunities and (potential) responsibilities – (nearly 500 have participated since 2013)
- Respond to inquires and data requests from LGDs, local governments, & stakeholders
- Provide information and guidance on COGCC website, rules, policies, & initiatives
- Manage LGD registration; and track LGD participation & change out
- Coordinate public meetings; participate in operator-public meetings upon request
- Encourages pro-active communication between and amongst COGCC, local governments, operators, and stakeholders
- Encourages use of plain, easy to understand language and terms
LGD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- “Full day” LGD Training – covers use of COGCC website; database; maps; eforms / forms; rules; policies; setback scenarios; effective commenting /COAs & BMPs; LGD notifications; LGD tools; oil and gas life cycle; CDPHE Involvement; oil and gas 101.

- LGD Orientation – 2 to 3 hours for new or replacement LGDs or those that need refresher

- Topic-specific trainings

- Website use

- Offered in person or online, at your shop or COGCC’s

For more information, go to: cogcc.state.co.us/government / 2018 LGD Training Information
**TYPICAL TRAINING TOPIC – USING THE “DAILY ACTIVITY DASHBOARD”**

One key “go to” place on COGCCC website to find up to date information on several key data sets within the COGCC data system.

CHECK IT Out!!!
SO, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE????

CAN WE CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD, OR ARE WE JUST SPINNING OUR WHEELS????
POTENTIAL UPGRADES TO THE LGD “PROGRAM”

- CREATE COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT AT COGCC (WAIT, WE JUST DID THAT!)
- REVISE FORM 29 AND MAKE IT ELECTRONIC (WAIT, WE ARE DOING THAT!)
- IS IT TIME TO CONSIDER A “CLEAN UP” OF COGCC RULES THAT TOUCH ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INVOLVEMENT?
- CAN AN APP BE DEVELOPED TO TALLY NOTIFICATIONS TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT?
- CAN WE SIMPLIFY AND STREAMLINE NOTIFICATION PROCESS?
- HOW CAN WE MAKE PROCESSES EASY FOR “LAYPERSON” LGD INVOLVEMENT?
- HOLD AN ANNUAL OR PERIODIC LGD SUMMIT?
- HOLD SCHEDULED AREA-SPECIFIC LGD ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS?

Do you have any suggestions concerning the LGD program????
SOME TIPS...(BESIDES DRINKING THE WATER)

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
- CONSIDER CAREFULLY LGD SELECTION
- BE PROACTIVE! ENGAGE CITIZENS, OPERATORS, & COGCC
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES VIA LGD PROGRAM

OPERATORS (AND THEIR ATTORNEYS)
- BE PROACTIVE IN ENGAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, CITIZENS, & STAKEHOLDERS & COGCC
- COMMUNICATE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE
- CONSIDER GOING BEYOND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

COGCC
- BE PROACTIVE!
- ENGAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, STAKEHOLDERS & OPERATORS.
- COMMUNICATE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE
- EMBRACE THE MISSION STATEMENT
COGCC MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION (COGCC) IS TO FOSTER THE RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF COLORADO’S OIL AND GAS NATURAL RESOURCES.

RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT RESULTS IN:

• THE EFFICIENT EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE
• THE PREVENTION OF WASTE
• THE PROTECTION OF MINERAL OWNERS’ CORRELATIVE RIGHTS
• THE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

THE COGCC SEEKS TO SERVE, SOLICIT PARTICIPATION FROM, AND MAINTAIN WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL THOSE HAVING AN INTEREST IN COLORADO’S OIL AND GAS NATURAL RESOURCES.
THANK YOU!
ANY QUESTIONS????

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