

Current Issues Facing DNR & OGCC

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Who am I?



Alex McLean, left, a petroleum engineer, answers question proposed by Michael Wozniak, center, an attorney for J.M. Huber, during a public hearing about proposed oil wells held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds on Monday.

HERALD/Nancy Richmond

Regulatory Changes: SB19-181

What it DOES:

- Reprioritizes COGCC's mission/ approach to regulation
- Empowers local governments to exercise greater oil and gas oversight
- Changes the Commission - twice

What it DOESN'T do:

- Mandate a statewide moratorium on oil and gas development

SB19-181 - Where will it take us?

- Greater collaboration between regulators
 - COGCC
 - Local Governments
 - AQCD
- Increased certainty statewide for permitting processes
- Better planning for oil and gas development, which allows for improved infrastructure

SB19-181 - How will we get there?

- Finalize Objective Criteria with public comment
- Reschedule April hearing to May
- Continue to review and approve permits that satisfy existing rules and SB19-181
- Complete initial rulemaking by July 1, 2020, on: reprioritizing Commission's mission, alternative site analysis, cumulative impacts, and flowlines
- Create professional Commission

DNR Update: Leadership



Executive Director Dan Gibbs



Deputy Director Tim Mauck

Amy Moyer, Assistant Director for Water

Julie Murphy, Assistant Director for Energy and Minerals

Doug Vilsack, Legislative Liaison

Johnie Abad, Executive Assistant

DNR Update: 4 Priorities

- Secure sustainable funding for Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Increase access to and availability of public lands
- Implement Colorado Water Plan
- Ensure smooth, effective implementation of SB19-181



Questions?



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