



**To:** Katie Keefe, Environmental Program Manager

**From:** Domenic Martinelli, City Planner

**Subject:** PLN2019-00011: Adams County Oil and Gas Regulations

**Date:** August 5, 2019

The City of Commerce City would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation changes for Oil and Gas facilities within Adams County, and for the opportunity to attend and participate in your stakeholder meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The city has had the opportunity to review the proposed regulation changes, and has the following comments:

1. The city is generally supportive of the proposed regulations as drafted. The proposed regulations allow for reasonable and sufficient areas for resource extraction, while addressing the health, safety, and nuisance concerns of Oil and Gas facilities. The various operations requirements proposed, including quarterly leak detection, groundwater monitoring requirements, prohibited equipment and engineering controls to reduce sound levels, and restrictions on product and waste storage, should contribute towards reducing the environmental and nuisance impact of well sites that are adjacent to Commerce City.
2. For proposed wells that are plugged and abandoned under section 4-10-02-03-03 (12) that would fall within Commerce City boundaries, the city requests that the operator provide notice to the City's Local Government Designee (LGD) when such instances occur.
3. Under the alternative location analysis within 2-02-14-05 (1), the city requests that for areas within our growth boundary, the applicant also evaluate the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use plan as part of this process, and consider the evaluation criteria under subsection 4 as it applies to the city's adopted plans.
4. The city requests that the proposed setback of 1,000' from existing and platted residences, schools, state licensed daycares, or occupied buildings, would apply to similar facilities within Commerce City limits in addition to those in the county.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [dmartinelli@c3gov.com](mailto:dmartinelli@c3gov.com).

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