



COLORADO
Oil & Gas Conservation
Commission
Department of Natural Resources
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SB 19-181 Required Director Objective Criteria

- 1) Oil and Gas Locations within 1,500'¹ of a Building Unit or High Occupancy Building, which include Urban Mitigation Area (“UMA”) and Large UMA Facility (“LUMAF”) locations.
- 2) Oil and Gas Locations within a municipality.
- 3) Oil and Gas Locations within 1,500'¹ of a municipal boundary, platted subdivision, or county boundary.
- 4) Oil and Gas Locations within 2,000'¹ of a school property line.
- 5) Oil and Gas Locations within:
 - a) a Floodplain or a Floodway;
 - b) an identified public drinking water supply area (e.g., Rule 317B buffer zone, or the Brighton Public Water System); or
 - c) a Sensitive Area for water resources.
- 6) Oil and Gas Locations within a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (“CPW”) mapped Restricted Surface Occupancy Area (“RSO”) or Sensitive Wildlife Habitat (“SWH”), or locations receiving site- or species-specific CPW comments.

¹ This distance is measured from the edge of the disturbed Oil and Gas Location and not from the Well or Production Facility as in the buffer or exception zone determination. Measuring from the edge of the disturbed Oil and Gas Location is more protective of public health, safety, welfare, the environment, and wildlife resources since it is a greater distance than the buffer or exception zone.



- 7) Oil and Gas Locations within 1,000'¹ of a Designated Outdoor Activity Area.
- 8) Oil and Gas Locations with storage of hydrocarbon or produced liquid in more than 18 tanks or in excess of 5,200 barrels.
- 9) Oil and Gas Locations where the operator is using a surface owner protection bond pursuant to Rule 703 to access the surface.
- 10) Oil and Gas Locations where the Relevant Local Government, or state or federal agency requests additional consultation.
- 11) Oil and Gas Locations where the operator requests the Director grant a Rule 502.b Variance for an associated permit application.
- 12) Oil and Gas Locations with an access road (the road constructed from the public road to the Oil and Gas Location) within a RSO, SWH, 317B buffer zone, or within 200' feet of a Building Unit on lands not subject to a Surface Use Agreement.
- 13) A proposed Centralized Exploration and Production Waste Management Facility.
- 14) A Request to Vent or Flare (Form 4) from a location within 1,500'¹ of a Building Unit or High Occupancy Building Unit or within the Denver Metro/North Front Range 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area.
- 15) An Intent to Plug (Form 6) for a well that is associated with a stray gas investigation.
- 16) Oil and Gas Locations proposed by an Operator who is subject to additional individual or blanket financial assurance requirements pursuant to Rule 702.a.