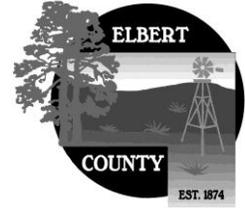




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TO: Elbert County BOCC

CC: County Attorney, Alex Beltz

FROM: Kyle Fenner, Director CDS

RE: Neighboring County Oil and Gas Regulations

November 25, 2013

Dear Commissioners:

I thought you might be interested in what Elbert County's neighboring counties are doing in regard to Oil and/or Gas Regulations.

1. **Douglas County** Zoning Resolution (DCZR) establishes the land use process for oil and gas drilling in Douglas County. All permitting of oil and gas wells in Colorado is the jurisdiction of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), per Section 34-60-105(1) Colorado Revised Statutes. Douglas County receives notice of pending applications for wells in unincorporated Douglas County from the COGCC.
  - a. Douglas County has substantial resources to manage multiple SUR applications at a time. Elbert County does not.
2. **El Paso County** Treats All Oil and Gas applications administratively unless the Director has reason to believe that the proposed site presents material danger to the public health, safety and welfare, the Director shall confer with the County Attorney, County Engineer prior to making the decision to elevate the application process before the planning commission and the BOCC or before making the decision to administratively deny the application.
3. **Lincoln County** Requires only a one page application. They ask for a road access map. They ask for a site location map for OEM and the Assessor. Last year the county received \$1.9 million from a single operator in severance taxes.
4. **Arapahoe County**. Treats All Oil and Gas applications administratively unless the Director has reason to believe that the proposed site presents material danger to the public health, safety and welfare, the Director may elect to elevate the application process before the planning commission and the BOCC or before making the decision to administratively deny the application.