

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION	)	CAUSE NO. 1
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO	)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN PORTIONS OF THE	)	DOCKET NO. 0910-GA-09
GREATER WATTENBERG FIELD, ADAMS,	)	
BROOMFIELD AND WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 207.b. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“OGCC”) provides that the Director has the authority to designate specific fields or portions of fields as bradenhead test areas within which, on any well, the bradenhead access to the annulus between the production and surface casing, as well as any intermediate casing, shall be equipped with fittings to allow for safe and convenient determinations of pressure and fluid flow.

Portions of the Greater Wattenberg Area (“GWA”) are underlain by the Laramie-Fox Hills Aquifer (the “Aquifer”), which comprises approximately 6,700 square miles and is generally between 250 feet and 300 feet thick. At present, the OGCC has confirmed twenty water wells in the area, consisting of those lands from Townships 1 South through 4 North and Ranges 64 West through 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., inclusive, have been impacted by thermogenic gas. OGCC Staff alleges that establishing a bradenhead testing area, for those lands described above for all wells wherein the Aquifer is exposed, will help prevent further impacts to the Aquifer and will be in the best interests of the public and oil and gas operators.

Accordingly, the Director requests that the Commission establish a bradenhead testing area for those lands from Townships 1 South through 4 North and Ranges 64 West through 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., inclusive, and that all wells in said area having exposed Aquifer below the surface casing setting depth should have a bradenhead test performed and recorded with the OGCC, in accordance with established bradenhead testing procedures. Further, the Director requests that the OGCC Staff be granted the authority to approve any bradenhead testing schedules submitted by an oil and gas operator, and that the OGCC Staff be granted the authority to devise any necessary remedial requirements for wells tested with high bradenhead pressures and any additional testing that may be deemed necessary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date:	Monday, October 26, 2009 Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Place:	Greeley, CO (Location to be determined and will be posted to the website)

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

Any written comments on the proposed bradenhead testing area to be considered are requested to be submitted by October 13, 2009 for more complete consideration by the Commission. Opportunity for testimony from any interested party will be provided at the hearing, however, the time in which to present testimony may be limited and parties sharing similar viewpoints are requested to appoint a spokesperson to present their testimony at the hearing.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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Denver, CO 80203  
September 30, 2009

Submit written comments to:  
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