

Public Comments

The following comments were provided by members of the public and were considered during the technical review of this application.

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05/13/2016

Please be advised that the following comments are from the Town of Windsor.

The subject property is located within the Town of Windsor Growth Management Area (GMA). The Town's Comprehensive Plan states, "The GMA is intended to define those specific areas within the planning area where it is most logical to extend urban services in the near term, that is, within the next five to ten years."

Below please find the conditions of approval that are typically applied to conditional use grants for oil and gas operations located within Town. Therefore, the Town recommends the following conditions be placed on the subject oil and gas facilities:

CONDITIONS:

1. Prior to the commencement of drilling, the applicant shall submit comprehensive "Drilling and Site Improvement Plans" for review and approval by the Town. Such plans shall address initial drilling activities, initial installation of site improvements and details, and on-going perpetual maintenance of the subject site including, but not limited to, the following:

a. Site access plan. The Drilling and Site Improvement Plans and supplemental information shall address site access points and haul routes for review and approval.

b. Public street clean-up and tracking prevention. The Drilling and Site Improvement Plans and supplemental information shall include a tracking pad for review and approval.

c. Site grading. The Drilling and Site Improvement Plans and supplemental information shall address site grading, including any earth berms for emergency containment.

d. Site lighting. The Drilling and Site Improvement Plans and supplemental information shall include details regarding site lighting fixtures and locations. Security and other site lighting shall utilize full cutoff light fixtures to mitigate light pollution.

e. Temporary screening. The applicant shall install a buffer to screen the initial drilling activities and installation of site improvements from surrounding neighborhoods and streets. The temporary buffer shall include hay bales to enclose the drilling operations to provide noise mitigation.

f. Permanent screening. Given the close proximity to residential neighbors, the Drilling and Site Improvement Plans shall depict proposed long-term screening materials including landscaping, earth berms and any other screening methods to mitigate visual impacts.

g. Fencing. The Drilling and Site Improvement Plans shall depict fencing of the perimeter of the site. Fencing materials shall be reviewed for approval by the Town based upon the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

h. Oil and gas equipment.

(1) The applicant shall utilize electric motors in order to mitigate the noise impacts to the neighboring properties.

(2) The applicant shall ensure that the wells and tanks are of the minimum size required to satisfy present and future functional requirements to mitigate visual impacts.

(3) Low profile tanks shall be utilized and shall be installed in the least visible manner possible.

(4) All tanks and equipment shall be painted to blend-in with the surrounding landscape.

i. Air quality.

(1) The applicant shall participate in any required Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air quality

monitoring and/or testing by allowing EPA to install equipment on site for said monitoring and testing.

(2)The applicant shall install and operate an emissions control device (ECD) capable of reducing Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions on the subject oil and gas equipment in accordance with Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) and/or the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) rules and regulations.

(3)The applicant shall submit to the Town copies of all air emissions reporting as required by the COGCC and/or the CDPHE's Air Pollution Control Division.

j. Water quality.

(1)The applicant shall ensure that any hydrocarbon discharges from the site comply with all state and federal water quality requirements.

(2)The applicant shall provide test results from Groundwater Baseline Sampling and Monitoring required by COGCC Rule 318A.e(4) to the Town. (Condition updated 10/28/13 to reflect updated COGCC rule)

k. Emergency containment. The secondary containment berm surrounding all storage vessels shall be designed and constructed to contain a minimum of 110% of the volume of the largest vessel located within the containment area or to State of Colorado standards, whichever requirements are more stringent.

l. Waste disposal. The applicant shall submit to the Town copies of all waste management reports as required by the COGCC and/or the CDPHE rules and regulations.

m. The following certification blocks shall be included on the Drilling and Site Improvement Plans:

(1) A signed owner's acknowledgement certification block.

(2) A signed drilling operator's acknowledgement certification block.

n. The following notes shall be included on the Drilling and Site Improvement Plans:

(1) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC).

(2) The applicant shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

(3) The applicant shall maintain on-going compliance with all conditions of the Town and Windsor-Severance Fire Rescue.

(4) The facilities shall be kept clean and otherwise properly maintained at all times.

(5) If access to the site is proposed from a Town of Windsor street, such access point(s) shall require approval from the Town of Windsor Engineering Department and any required access improvements, street clean-up, tracking pads, etc., shall be addressed accordingly.

2. The applicant shall address and comply with the conditions of Windsor-Severance Fire Rescue.

ACCESS COMMENTS:

If access to the site is proposed from a Town of Windsor street, such access point(s) shall require approval from the Town of Windsor Engineering Department and any required access improvements, street clean-up, tracking pads, etc., shall be addressed accordingly.

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