

Public Comments

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

No.	Comment	Comment Date
1	<p>Kerr McGee Oil & Gas has applied for a permit to construct a drilling pad and a number of wells in Section 26, T1N, R66W of the 6th PM. This well is identified as "Beirele" 26-4, 6, 17, 16, 15, 14, 9, 8, 7, 5, 3 HZ. Like a similar wells Extraction Oil and Gas, Inc.(Extraction) has constructed at the Mile High Duck Club Site, this well lies within the Source Water Protection Area of the East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District Northern Water Supply Project (ECCV). ECCV owns and operates a large municipal well field just north of Barr Lake. The District has 17 wells penetrating the shallow and highly transmissive Beebe Draw Aquifer. These wells vary from 70 to 120 feet in depth and are at risk from surface or shallow contamination of the aquifer. The Beirele Pad site lies in the recharge area of this aquifer immediately up-gradient of our field. The District wells feed 100,000+ customers in the ECCV and Arapahoe County Water and Waste Water Authority (ACWWA) service areas located in Arapahoe County. As such, protection of the aquifer from surface and shallow contamination sources is critical to these municipal water providers.</p> <p>ECCV has amended its Regulations to regulate oil and gas operations within its boundaries, and is working with COGCC on an Intergovernmental Agreement to acknowledge ECCV's siting, inspection, and monitoring authority with COGCC as a referral agency. Until these changes in authority are finalized, ECCV requests that COGCC provide additional scrutiny under SB 19-181 and the Director's Objective Criteria, No. 5(b). In addition, we request that COGCC not approve any final permits within ECCV's boundaries until ECCV and the operator can agree on protective measures and BMPs by separate contractual agreement.</p> <p>This comment applies to all the wells to be drilled on the County Line 3130 pad site as identified in COGCC forms: 402363093, 402363095, 402363098, 402363099, 402363100, 402363101, 402363104, 402363108, 402363110, 402363113, 402363096, & 402363094.</p>	07/31/2020
2	<p>We have the property directly to the north east and have many concerns over the drilling of this pad. Already we have endured the noise, smell, lights and vibration of another pad close in proximity to that area.</p> <p>First, what do you plan for access to that particular pad? Entering off CR 6 or Tate will potentially cause multiple challenges for area residents. This is a residential neighborhood whose families need to be respected. There may be alternative routes for access that will prevent disruption to the area families.</p> <p>Which direction are the laterals going to be running? In that area many of us have livestock in addition to our homes that are a concern with drilling operations.</p> <p>In spot checking permits, I saw that several were denied before due to a dispute with Raisa; has that issue been satisfactorily resolved?</p> <p>Finally, the 20 day comment period was cut short. The letters were dated the 20th. Though they were posted on the 17th, that was a Friday. Constructive receipt at the earliest would have been the 20th which makes it 18 days to the 8/6/20 deadline. And this website shows the close for comments as being 8/5/2020.</p> <p>My neighbor and I have discussed these issues. She indicated she has spoken with Stephanie and there was a willingness to meet with us on those concerns. I feel most of the neighborhood is in favor of the industry, however I am also aware of some who are not. Given the traffic and other concerns we have dealt with, it behooves the Company to work directly with us and be respectful of our concerns. Given our close proximity to this pad, we have the many concerns for air quality, smell, traffic and noise. And on the other side of of my neighbor there is a couple with a young child. Additionally, there are several elderly people in the area so air quality, noise and traffic control are critical.</p> <p>This was sent as an email to Oxy on July 30, 2020 and Stephanie replied she was conferring with other teams. We have yet to hear back from her as of 8/4/2020. Given the number of wells already in the area and the failure of the company to adequately address our concerns, permit should be denied.</p>	08/04/2020
3	<p>I am writing about my concerns for the drilling permits on the site known as Beierle 2-26 HZ Colorado</p>	08/05/2020

and WOGLA 18-0099 for Weld County.

Having just been through Crestone drilling on a pad in the most northwest corner of the Town of Lochbuie last spring, these are my primary concerns: air quality, noise, lights, and traffic during drilling of these wells.

What we previously experienced included the outside the air at times smelling bad, even with closed windows. The lights and the noise at night could be heard but more so at night as noise carries in open spaces louder. This was more pronounced when the wind blew toward the homes. Also at times vibrations from the drilling.

I would like to see this site, since drilling has not begun, held to the new standards of passed in 2019 from

Air Quality Control Commission. Weld County lost their court challenge over this last week. That said, who from the state will monitor this site during drilling and how often?

We are told by Occidental that they monitor sites 24/7 for problems. However, there is also a pipeline underground that will need to be crossed to access the site. Damage occurred to a nearby pipeline located at WCR 4 and WCR 31 from all the heavy vehicles driving over it repeatedly which resulted in a break. And we have already had one tank blow in this area on a location.

There are at least two home within approximately 1,000' of where the wells will be located and several more homes close to that footage. Tank location is also a concern. This site is right on the edge of Country Estates subdivision.

Additional concerns are these:

Speed is a main concern since some companies pay the load. This is a residential area where people, including children, ride bicycles and horses. Many people walk and we have one elderly neighbor who is hearing impaired who walks his dogs daily. This occurs daily on the section of RD 6, right where the proposed entrance is.

Traffic with all the trucks and rigs coming in at all hours "Jake Brakes" will most likely be used to enter the site on the route that has been indicated. We request that jake brakes not be used. Houses along proposed route are less than 500 feet from the road. In the winter when the road gets wet, the surface gets slick and sloppy as Mag-Chloride is used to hold them together. The possibility of trucks getting stuck or sliding into the bar-ditch becomes a real possibility which could potentially block one of main roads out of this area. Weld county does a good job of maintaining the roads however in the winter often it is one lane in certain areas. Oil field traffic has a huge impact on all road's, and we would like to know who will take care of those damages when they occur. Do you have an agreement with Weld county for this?

Is there another possible access to this site from WCR 4? There is already a retention pond not far from this proposed drilling site and an access road could continue to the site from the south. That is already and established route as Crestone made that revision to their traffic flow. Even with that, there was still a great deal of heavy traffic trying to utilize RD 6 which caused challenges and tore up our neighbors' drive.

Another concern is that property values will go down with these wells so close to the homes. If this is the case who is going to pay us the difference of this discrepancy when we go sell? For some of us this is our retirement payout after years of fixing up our properties. Having a well site this close does turn off potential buyers. Having said that, can a solid fence be erected on the north side of the pad to prevent this site from being an eyesore and to protect the wells and workers from the high winds we experience here? I certainly do not wish to look at twelve wells from my home. I moved here in 1982 to enjoy the quiet life this area has provided so close to cities.

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