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Arapahoe County considers oil and gas regulations Jan. 3 *Commissioners consider draft regulations as recommended by the Planning Commission*

Littleton, Colo. – The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners will consider proposed oil and gas regulations at a public hearing, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 3, 2012 in the East Hearing Room, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

Earlier this month, the Arapahoe County Planning Commission held a public hearing to review Version 3 of the draft land-use regulations which establish rules that provide reasonable limitations and safeguards for the exploration and production of oil and gas resources within Arapahoe County and the impact it has on natural resources, public health, safety and County infrastructure such as roads, etc. After reviewing and hearing public testimony and input from staff, the Planning Commission recommended a revised version to go before the Board.

A copy of the Planning Commission's recommended oil and gas regulations and a report stating County staff's suggested revisions are available online at www.co.arapahoe.co.us under *What's New*.

Since October, Arapahoe County has hosted two open houses and multiple public hearings to gather public input on proposed draft regulations on oil and gas exploration within Arapahoe County.

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (an agency managed by the State of Colorado) oversees statewide oil and gas regulations and is responsible for issuing state drilling and oil and gas exploration permits. Arapahoe County's role is limited to the oversight of local land-use issues.

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