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Arapahoe County holds public hearings on oil and gas regulations *Residents are invited to attend Nov. 29 and Dec. 13 hearings on proposed rules*

Littleton, Colo. – Last week, Arapahoe County hosted two open houses to gather public feedback on proposed draft regulations on oil and gas exploration within Arapahoe County. Representatives from the County and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission were on hand to answer questions and provide information to attendees. More than 100 citizens attended the meetings.

The County is still accepting comments and suggestions on the draft regulations, which must be received by Nov. 17, 2011. The public can access the draft regulations and comment form online at www.co.arapahoe.co.us. Just click on the oil and gas link under “What’s New” on the home page.

Starting in late November, Arapahoe County will host two public hearings where the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners will review the draft regulations and proposed changes based on the feedback from the community. These meetings are open to the public.

- **Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.** – Public Hearing with the Arapahoe County Planning Commission: Lima Plaza, Arapahoe Room, 6954 South Lima St., Centennial
- **Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m.** – Public Hearing with the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners: East Hearing Room, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton

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. The purpose of the land-use regulations is to 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.

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