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## **Arapahoe County to host Open Houses on draft Oil and Gas regulations** *Residents are invited to attend Nov. 8 & 10 meetings to comment on proposed rules*

**Aurora, Colo.** – Due to the increasing demand for oil and gas exploration in Arapahoe County, the County has drafted regulations to more thoroughly address the land-use impacts of oil and gas exploration within its boundaries.

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.

Residents are invited to provide their feedback at one of two open houses held 6 – 8 p.m.

- **Nov. 8: Byers High School Commons Area, 444 E. Front St., Byers, CO**
- **Nov. 10: Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora, CO**

Representatives from Arapahoe County and the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be on hand to answer specific questions. There will be no formal presentations, but citizens will be able to ask questions and comment on the draft regulations.

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (an agency managed by the State of Colorado) currently 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.

If you are unable to attend, you may view the draft regulations and provide your feedback online at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us). Click on "Oil & Gas Regulations" under *What's New*. Comments must be returned to the County by Nov. 17, 2011.

Feedback will be collected and presented to the Planning Commission in late November. The Commission's recommendations along with any proposed changes to the regulations will be presented to the Board of County Commissioner for formal adoption at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Dec. 13.

For more information:

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