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Workshop

on

DIRECTIONAL DRILLING

in the

Rocky Mountain Region

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University of Colorado School of Law and
the Colorado School of Mines

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Lindsley Memorial Courtroom

Fleming Law Building

University of Colorado, Boulder

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AGENDA

8:30-8:45 Introduction and Welcome

8:45-10:15 Directional Drilling: The Promise and the Peril
What is it, where can it be done and how does it fit into full field
development for oil and gas? This segment will set the founda-
tion and bring everyone up to a basic level of understanding of
the technology of directional drilling.

Speaker: Dr. Bill Eustes, Colorado School of Mines

10:15-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Deciding When to Utilize Directional Drilling
For companies doing directional drilling, what are the direct and
indirect costs and benefits? When is it economical and what
factors does industry take into account in making the decision to
utilize directional drilling?

Speakers: Rusty Riese, BP

Erik Molvar, Biodiversity Conservation Alliance

John Moran, Encana Oil & Gas

12:00- 1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00-2:30 Legal Considerations of Directional Drilling
When does the State require directional drilling? Can land
owners require it in Surface Use Agreements? What does
Colorado's version of the accommodation doctrine mean for
directional drilling? (2 hours CLE credit)

Speakers: Carol Harmon, Colorado Attorney General's Office

Erika Enger, Temkin Wielga & Hart

Lance Astrella, Astrella & Rice

2:30-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00 Environmental Analysis of Directional Drilling
What are the environmental considerations involved with
directional drilling? How should the NEPA analysis take this
technology into account? When should it be analyzed as an
alternative to conventional vertical drilling?

Speakers: Kent Hoffman, BLM

Mike Chiropolos, Western Resource Advocates