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Comprehensive Drilling Plans

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RULE 216

COMPREHENSIVE DRILLING PLANS

THE COMMISSION'S VIEW (SBP at 21)

- “[A] flexible planning and permitting tool, which operators can tailor to their needs and circumstances.”
- Intended “to encourage landscape level planning and regulatory review as contemplated by HB 07-1298.”
- Anticipated “to better address cumulative effects, promote efficiency, and facilitate more win-win situations.”
- “[T]he opposite of a one-size-fits-all approach.”



RULE 216

COMPREHENSIVE DRILLING PLANS

A PRIMER

- Voluntarily initiated by operator (Rule 216.a.)
- More than 1 location (Rule 216.b.)
- Information decided by operator in consultation with participants.
Certain information suggested. (Rule 216.c.)
- Must invite CDPHE, CDOW, LGDs, and surface owners to participate
(Rule 216.d. (2))
- Shall consider proposed operations and effects and identify conditions to
minimize adverse impacts (Rule 216.d. (3) & (5))
- May incorporate variances (Rule 216.e. (1))



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COMPREHENSIVE DRILLING PLANS

A PRIMER (Cont'd)

- Must be accepted by Commission (Rule 216.d. (4))
- CDP Conditions included in Form 2/2A approvals (Rule 216.e. (2))
- Depending on information included, and procedures followed, may eliminate need for Form 2A or certain Form 2A requirements (Rule 216.f. (1) & (2))
- Results in expedited processing of Form 2s and Form 2As (Rule 216.f. (3) & (4))
- CDP conditions presumed to be sufficient in hearings on Form 2/Form 2A approvals (Rule 216.f. (5))
- Good for 6 years (Rule 216.g.)
- Subject to modification (Rule 216.h.)



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COMPANIES PURSUING COMPREHENSIVE DRILLING PLANS (JANUARY 2009)

Antero Resources

Bill Barrett Corporation

BP America

Chevron

Conoco Phillips

DeJour Energy

Delta Petroleum

EnCana

Energen Resources Corp.

Exxon/Mobil

Gunnison Energy

Laramie

Marathon

Noble

Orion

OXY USA

Petroleum Development Corporation

Pioneer Natural Resources

Questar

SGI Interests

Williams



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COMPREHENSIVE DRILLING PLANS

POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR OPERATORS

- Eliminate all or part of Form 2A requirements
- Expedite COGCC processing and permitting
- Increase efficiency by “bundling” applications and consolidating regulatory reviews
- Increase predictability by defining mitigation requirements at the outset



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COMPREHENSIVE DRILLING PLANS

POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR THE STATE

- Increase efficiency by “bundling” applications and consolidating regulatory reviews
- Better address cumulative effects
- Facilitate more win-win solutions that achieve both energy production and environmental/wildlife protection



OTHER PLANNING TOOLS

- Geographic Area Plans (Rule 513)
- Wildlife Mitigation Agreements (Rule 1202.d (2))
- Pre-Application Consultation with CDPHE, CDOW, and Surface Owner

