AGENDA: Workshop on Directional Drilling in the Rocky Mountain Region

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Workshop on Directional Drilling in the Rocky Mountain Region

November 13, 2003, 8:30am - 4:00pm
Lindsley Memorial Courtroom
Fleming Law Building
University of Colorado, Boulder

To register or to receive more information, please call 303-492-1286

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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 foundation 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