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Comprehensive Drilling Plans

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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 then 1 location (Rule 216.b.)
• Information decided by operator in consultation with participants. Certain information suggested. (Rule 216.c.)
• Must invite CDPHE, CDOV, 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))
RULE 216
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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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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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