

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT - March 18, 2002

I. STATISTICS

Our monthly statistics report is attached. ([Page 1](#), [Page 2](#), [Page 3](#))

Our monthly statistics report is attached. From January 2002 through mid March 2002, drilling permit levels are running just 4% behind the record level of 2273 permits approved in 2001. The firming of natural gas futures prices last week may contribute to continued high drilling permit levels in 2002.

II. NORTHWEST COLORADO

.. Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum

The next meeting of the Forum, which is co-chaired by COGCC Deputy Director Brian Macke and Garfield County Commissioner Larry McCown and consists of representatives from federal, state and local government, the oil and gas industry and all interested citizens, is tentatively schedule for September 12, 2002 in Rangely from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Chevron Rangely Field Office. The forum is being held at Chevron staff's request in conjunction with a presentation and field tour of the Rangely Field operations. Please contact Brian Macke at 303-894-2100 x122 or brian.macke@state.co.us to submit agenda topics for the next meeting.

The last meeting of the forum was held on February 14th in Rifle and was attended by approximately 40 people. Updates were provided on local oil and gas activity by COGCC, BLM, and industry representatives. A presentation was given on the Colorado Geological Survey Coal and Coalbed Methane educational interactive CD ROM. A discussion of upcoming Petroleum Technology and OSHA Certified Safety Training at Mesa State College in Grand Junction was held by Craig Meis, President of the West Slope Chapter of the Colorado Oil and Gas Association. A Severance Tax Employee Reporting update was provided by Jim Evans, Executive Director of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado, and Brian Macke provided information about new COGCC Commissioner appointments and made an announcement about nominations for the COGCC 2001 Outstanding Operations Awards. There were no local complaints or concerns raised during the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Larry McCown posed the question of whether the frequency of the meeting should be changed for more efficiency given the reduced number of complaints and shortened meeting agendas. After discussion by the forum participants, it was agreed that it would be more efficient to conduct two longer meetings per year instead of four shorter meetings because of the time and effort that is devoted by the participants in traveling to the meeting locations in Northwest Colorado and in attending the meetings. One meeting will be held in the spring sometime during the Legislative Session and the other in the fall. Co-chairs Brian Macke and Larry McCown assured the forum participants that additional meetings could be scheduled during the year if changing circumstances create a need to do so. It was acknowledged by several in the group that the reduced number of complaints is largely due to the industry working closely with citizens and local governments to prevent problems from occurring.

Attached are newspaper articles related to oil and gas activity in Northwestern Colorado and to the February 14th meeting. ("[Gas Drillers Busiest in 20 Years](#)", "[Banner Year for Natural Gas Production](#)")

.. Parachute Area Air Quality Monitoring Meeting

Brian Macke attended and spoke on behalf of the COGCC during a public meeting on March 6, 2002 in

Battlement Mesa that was organized by the Grand Valley Citizen's Alliance ("GVCA") to discuss the need for an air toxin monitor at the Grand Valley High School in Parachute. The GVCA is concerned with the practice of flaring gas wells that are being completed in the area and with what is perceived to be emissions from producing wells. Presentations were provided by representatives from the State Air Pollution Control Division (APCD), the EPA and Williams Production Company. The meeting was also attended by Garfield County Commissioner John Martin. Before the meeting there was a field tour of producing wells and wells being completed and flared in the Rulison Field. The meeting concluded with a proposal by the APCD and the EPA to begin to study the option of initiating a "Community Based Program" to address the community's air quality concerns that could potentially include the installation of air toxin monitoring in the Parachute area. Attached is a newspaper article about the meeting. ("[Air Monitoring Asked Due to Worries Wells are Emitting Gases](#)", "[Citizens Concerned About Air Quality Near Gas Wells](#)")

Williams Production Company ("Williams") Increased Well Density Application

COGCC staff continues to work with Williams (formerly Barrett) to process Applications for Permit-to-Drill ("APDs") for new wells within lands subject to the Commission order adopted during the October 2000 hearing for 20-acre density in Garfield County. To date, the COGCC has received 69 APDs submitted by Williams for the increased well density area.

Since the February 2002 hearing, the COGCC has received ten new APDs for the 20-acre infill area. Two of the APDs (Savage RWF 313-28 and Savage RWF 343-29) are for a new surface well site location south of the Colorado River on Specified Surface Wellsite Lands. One APD is for a vertical well (Savage RWF 313-28) and one APD is for a directional well (Savage RWF 343-29, with the bottom hole location in Section 29). This location is an exception location for a new surface location not specified in the Commission's order. An onsite inspection was conducted on November 15, 2001 and was attended by COGCC staff, the landowner, and representatives of Williams and Garfield County. There were no special permit conditions placed by any of the parties.

The remaining 8 APDs are for new surface wellsites located north of the Colorado River in the Rulison, Grand Valley, and Parachute Fields. All 8 APDs are vertical wells on new surface wellsites. Two of the APDs (Chevron GM 34-20 and Puckett GM 343-29) required onsite inspections because of the proximity of the proposed wells to Parachute Creek and riparian vegetation. The Chevron GM 34-20 onsite was conducted on December 18, 2001 and COGCC staff, representatives of Williams, Garfield County and DOW attended the inspection. As a result of the inspection, a special permit condition was also placed by the COGCC staff on the APD for additional erosion control for the new wellsite. The Puckett GM 343-29 onsite was conducted on February 14, 2002 and a landowner representative, COGCC staff, representatives of Williams, Garfield County, and DOW, attended the inspection. As a result of the inspection, a special permit condition was also placed by the COGCC staff on the APD for additional erosion control for the new wellsite.

COGCC staff continues to work closely with Williams permitting staff and Garfield County to ensure that the requirements of the 20-acre density order are met in an efficient manner.

III. NORTHEAST COLORADO

® K. P. Kauffman Complies with Order No. 1V-207

Order No. 1V-207 adopted by the Commission at its February 2001 hearing required K. P. Kauffman to 1) reestablish production, 2) perform mechanical integrity tests, or 3) plug and abandon 50 wells within 12 months of the date the order was approved. K. P. Kauffman has accomplished this requirement. Of the 50 wells covered under this order, 25 were returned to production, 13 passed mechanical integrity tests, and 9 were plugged and abandoned. Two of the wells were located on federal lands and have met the BLM requirements for shut-in wells. One of the wells was listed twice to bring the actual total to 49 wells.

IV. SOUTHWEST COLORADO

® La Plata County GORT Meeting

The last GORT meeting was scheduled for March 14, 2002 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

® Fruitland Coal Annual Drilling Plan

Order Nos. 112-156 and 112-157 require the Director to survey operators as to their Fruitland Coal drilling plans for 2002. It has been reported that an estimated 104 Fruitland Coal wells will be drilled in the San Juan Basin during 2002.

V. SOUTHEAST COLORADO

® Raton Basin Project

Phase III of the Raton Basin Project began in December. The Seacrest Group won the bid for the final phase of the study. The third phase consists of sampling water and gas from one hundred (100) water wells in the Raton Basin. The composition of the water and the gas from the water wells will be compared to the gas wells that were sampled in Phase IV.

® Water Quality and Coal Bed Methane Development Workshop

The Colorado State University Cooperative Extension in Las Animas County is conducting the workshop on March 20, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Sullivan Multipurpose Room, Sullivan Student Center, Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad.

Workshop organizer and CSU Extension staff representative Dean Oatman has stated that the objective of the workshop is to provide education on techniques of coal bed methane development and it's effects on water resources in south central Colorado and on local landowners and stakeholders. The program will provide local history of CBM development, as well as a perspective on CBM development in nearby states. A roundtable discussion with local citizens and interested parties will be held later in the evening after the workshop.

COGCC Environmental Protection Specialist Loren Avis will attend the workshop to discuss the COGCC Raton Basin Project.

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

.. Quarterly WQCC/WQCD/COGCC Meeting

Future meetings of the Water Quality Control Commission, Water Quality Control Division, and COGCC will be held on a semi-annual basis. The last joint meeting was held on March 12, 2002.

VII. ORGANIZATION

® Staff Organization

Our [current organization chart](#) is attached.

VIII. PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION/OTHER

® COGCC Success In Passing the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission National Inspector

Certification Program Exam

COGCC staff members participated in the IOGCC National Inspector Certification Program written exam that was given in Denver last November. Twenty COGCC employees passed the exam, and are now recognized as Certified State Oil and Gas Field Inspectors. This number represents a remarkably high percentage of the staff, and is something that we are very proud to report. Those who passed the exam are as follows:

Engineering: Morris Bell, Dave Dillon, Ed DiMatteo, Larry Robbins, Dave Shelton, Mark Weems, Ed Binkley, Linda Pavelka, Jaime Adkins, Jay Krabacher

Environmental: Debbie Baldwin, Loren Avis, Randall Ferguson, Bob Chesson

Permitting: Bill McCaw, Jeff Glossa

Computer Information System / GIS: Thom Kerr, Jim Milne

Administration: Rich Griebing, Brian Macke

® 2001 Outstanding Oil & Gas Operations Awards

The deadline for nominations for the COGCC 2001 Outstanding Oil and Gas Operations Awards is May 17, 2002. This will be the 6th year of this very successful program that recognizes extraordinary efforts of oil and gas operators in a variety of categories. It is planned that the awards will be presented at the COGA Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Strategy Conference in August of this year. All parties are encouraged to provide nominations by the deadline. We will be submitting a list of nominations to the Commissioners for your approval after the nomination deadline. [Attached is the nomination form for the awards.](#)

.. NGPA Well Determination Process Resumed

On October 1, 2000, the COGCC began accepting applications for determination of coal seam gas and tight formation gas for wells spudded after December 31, 1979 and before January 1, 1993 for which determinations were never requested. In addition, applications may be filed for determination for wells recompleted for coal seam gas and tight formation gas commenced after January 1, 1993, in wells drilled after December 31, 1979 and before January 1, 1993 for which determinations were never requested. Further, gas producers may wish to file applications with the COGCC seeking designation for new tight formation areas previously undesignated.

Operators must submit FERC Form 121 and the COGCC Form along with the required materials to the COGCC for processing for well determinations. FERC Form 121 is available in hard copy at the COGCC. The COGCC form is available on the website by clicking on "Natural Gas Category Determination". Additional information is available on the website including a list of tight formation area designations and a list of all previously approved well determinations provided by the FERC. To date, 586 applications have been filed and processed, with 511 sent to FERC recommending approval. A regularly updated listing of all applications received and their status is available on our website at http://cogcc.state.co.us/General/NGPA/ngpa_determination.htm. For additional information, contact Tricia Beaver at (303) 894-2100 x115 or tricia.beaver@state.co.us.

.. Penalties Status

Attached is a [revised table](#) showing the status of penalties paid and penalties pending collection. COGCC staff is working closely with State Central Collections to attempt more timely collections.

April Hearing Docket

A preliminary [docket](#) for the April 22nd hearing has been provided. Hearing dockets are updated on the COGCC website by clicking on "2002 Hearing Schedules, Dockets, Agendas and Minutes".

Monthly Report of Operations - Form 7

Beginning with the January 2002 Monthly Report of Operations, due March 15, 2002, the COGCC will require all production reports to be submitted either in hardcopy on the new Form 7 or electronically. The new Form 7 can be identified by the four black squares on the corners of the form. The squares are reference data blocks which are utilized by a software package to optically resize the form to allow for computer conversion of the data; this will eliminate manual data entry of paper forms. The COGCC website has these forms in PDF and JPG formats for downloading and printing. The form is letter size (8.5" x 11") and the PDF form can be completed on a computer and then printed. Adobe Systems, Inc. sells Acrobat Approval (<http://www.adobe.com/store/products/acrapproval.html>) for \$39. This application allows the data to be saved to a computer. In the very near future, the PDF Form may be completed and submitted online to be automatically uploaded to the COGCC database.

Well Log Imaging

The division's open hole well log electronic imaging project approved for the fiscal year 2000/2001 budget is completed. The goal of this project was to image all of the historically submitted well logs. A total of 100,707 well logs have been scanned.

Internet viewing of the logs follows the procedure outlined in the "Tiff Image Viewing Information" document on the COGIS main menu at <http://cogccweb.state.co.us/>. Additional information will be added to the document as we gain experience. Viewing the logs is very memory intensive; it is best to save the document to your hard disk and then open it later.

The imaging system has been reconfigured to provide better access time and additional storage capacity. Additional traffic and the time taken to download the well logs appears to be causing some performance problems with the images on the Internet. On February 18, 2002, the imaging system software was updated and the system appears to be much quicker and more stable. We have seen some performance gains but due to the size of the well log files, downloading remains slow.

Image Indexing and Data Cleanup

Image Indexing is a new COGCC project for fiscal year 2001/2002. The goal of Image Indexing is to go through all imaged documents to input the name and received date of each document for easy selection of a desired document image. This will greatly enhance functionality and decrease the time needed to search for any document image. Over 16,000 of the 63,000 well files have been fully indexed and rescanned where necessary. There are currently five people working full time on the project.

The goal of Data Cleanup is to review well file records to verify and update all records in the new database, supplying information that was not migrated or available in the old database system. The project is fully staffed with four people editing and reviewing records. There has been intensive training and production levels will begin to increase dramatically as the people become comfortable with the data and the software application.

Production Reporting by E-mail

There are currently more than 80 operators reporting electronically, accounting for 80.6% of the production reported in the month of October 2000. This is an increase of twenty operators, or 7.3% of

production reports, since June of 2000. This significantly reduces the manual data entry volume. Thank you to all of the operators who are reporting electronically.

Sharon Tansey has been distributing an Excel spreadsheet that lays out the electronic format for the production report. Electronic submission may be made by e-mail attachment to ogcc.eforms@state.co.us, or by mailing a 3.5-inch diskette or CD. To assist operators in understanding the new production reporting form, the codes used on the form, and the data format for reporting electronically, COGCC staff has prepared an instructional document available on the COGCC web site at <http://www.cogcc.state.co.us/forms.html>, or from the COGCC office. Questions should be directed to Sharon Tansey at (303) 894-2100 x128.

The COGCC is currently testing a production reporting application for Internet filing of the Monthly Report of Operations. This should be available in the next sixty days as testing is concluded and procedures and documentation are finalized.

Electronic Levy Reporting

Levy reporting was suspended for the first and second quarters of 2001. Reporting resumed for the third quarter of 2001. The new form and the electronic reporting format are available for download from the web at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/forms.html>. Please contact Sharon Tansey at (303) 894-2100 x128 with questions concerning new format requirements.

Data Entry

The volume of data entry has increased significantly over the past year. With the current oil and gas prices, we are seeing an increase in drilling and completion activities and the 1999 production reporting requirements significantly changed the number of lines of data submitted. In addition, the new COGIS database allows for storage of a more complete data set than the previous database for wells and other oil and gas operations. In order to facilitate faster turnaround time of approvals and earlier data access to submitted data, all operators are being encouraged to submit their production and levy reports electronically. The COGCC is exploring ways to make forms available for submission on the Internet so that all forms can be submitted electronically.

All operators who are generating paper reports for Levy and Monthly Report of Operations from their computers are requested to submit the data electronically.

Colorado Oil and Gas Information System (COGIS)

The COGCC information system has been named the Colorado Oil and Gas Information System (COGIS). COGIS is made up of the database management system, the Geographic Information System (GIS) and the document imaging system. All of these systems are available on the Internet and in the public room.

The database application consists of a form processor that stores entered data for review by appropriate technical staff for quality control and compliance. Data access is provided by an online query to view individual records on the computer screen. Reports are being developed to provide access to multiple record data sets.

The GIS is made up of two parts. The plat mapping tool spots wells, pits, and other associated facilities. The Internet available GIS tool is the Autodesk Mapguide application that displays statewide data including wells, pits, land ownership, spacing, surface water, surface geology, municipalities, roads, etc. Autodesk Mapguide allows for zooming, panning, printing and redirection to the database queries.

The document imaging system contains digital images of all paper records of the COGCC. The

historical records, including well logs and oversize hearing exhibits, are available on the Internet. The impact of these new systems substantially affects the processes that COGCC staff uses to complete its work. Work continues on program fixes (bugs), training, documentation, and modifications to the workflow to fit the new methods of data processing. As these issues are worked through, delays in form approvals and data distribution experienced by COGCC customers should be resolved. Data migration and cleanup continues. Although this will be a long-term project, the results will be well worth the effort.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

The current GIS project involves inputting spacing orders to show the cause number, unit size and well density of any given area, accurate to the section level. This will enable the reviewer to know which orders should be consulted for further detail. This is a large project that will take quite a while to complete. The data will begin showing up on the Internet as each spaced area is finished, beginning in southwest Colorado and working clockwise around the state.

A new tool has been developed and will be available in the very near future. This tool will allow the user to add points, lines, polygons, symbols and text to the viewed map. The user's data can then be saved to their hard disk and re-accessed later. Please report any problems with the new tool so they can be corrected.

COGCC on the Internet

The COGCC continues to expand its Internet presence at www.cogcc.state.co.us. Access to the COGIS database, GIS, Document Images and Commission orders are available via the "Info Systems" button on the COGCC homepage. Commission orders may also be accessed from the homepage.

The COGCC homepage is undergoing a major redesign, which will provide improved navigation and information organization. Look for these changes in the next two months. The public is invited to leave comments or suggestions for improvements of the COGCC Internet site at dnr.ogcc@state.co.us.

Feedback on Web Site

The comments we receive are encouraging and continue to deliver the message that we are on the right track in providing our customers with the right product. Our goal is to continue to improve the website and the data contained within.

COGCC FY 02-03 Budget Change Requests

The following change request is still moving through the budget process. Other change requests for Permit Coordinator/Conflict Ombudsman and Remote Staff Decision Support appear dead at this time.

Data Clean-up Project, Year 2

\$126,415, 0 FTE

This request is for funds from the Severance Tax Operational Account to review, verify and correct data files migrated from COGCC's old computer system to the new computer system, COGIS (Colorado Oil and Gas Information System). These files include 12,000 of the 22,000 active and recently plugged oil and gas wells and 34,000 older historic plugged and abandoned wells. The first year (FY 02) portion of this project was approved by the legislature last year.

Local Government Information

The new local government program is now available on the COGCC website. Letters (approximately

300) were sent to all Colorado counties, cities, towns, municipalities and special districts advising them of the site, along with a new Local Governmental Designee form for those local governments who wish to participate under Rule 214. To date, 115 forms (43 counties and 72 cities) have been returned with 100 (42 counties and 58 cities) wishing to participate as Local Governmental Designees. To access the local government information, go to the COGCC website at www.cogcc.state.co.us and click on the "Local Government" button. At the Local Government Search screen a local government name may be entered and searched for approved permits, pending permits, operator changes and plugged wells within that governmental area. In addition, statewide searches for the same information may be conducted from this screen. There are links to the hearing schedule, COGIS and the current list of participating Local Governmental Designees.

Commission Policy for Plugged and Abandoned Wells and Exploration and Production Waste Encountered By Surface Development Projects

At its December 3, 2001 hearing, the Commission adopted a Policy for Plugged and Abandoned Wells and Exploration and Production Waste Encountered By Surface Development Projects. The policy requires that either the surface developer or its designee be registered as an operator in the state and provide financial assurance to ensure the proper final re-abandonment of the well. The policy specifies requirements for notice to the previous well owner and approval from COGCC staff of the operational procedures to cut off and re-abandon prior to conducting operations. The policy also specifies requirements for the remediation of exploration and production waste encountered during surface development activities including reporting, sampling and analysis, and remediation workplans. The policy is available on the COGCC website under "Rules and Regulations".

IX. VARIANCES

Amoco Production Company was granted a Rule 502.b. variance to the unit boundary setback requirements established by Order No. 112-157 for the Moffat Gas Unit B #1A. This is to be a Fruitland coalbed methane recompletion in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. This exception location was requested in order to utilize an existing wellbore and location pad. The well is approximately 376 feet east of the drilling window.

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation was granted a Rule 502.b. variance to the drilling window described by Rule 318A. This is to be a "D" Sand and "J" Sand test in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 61 West. This exception location was requested for geological reasons and is approximately 540 feet from the nearest drilling window.

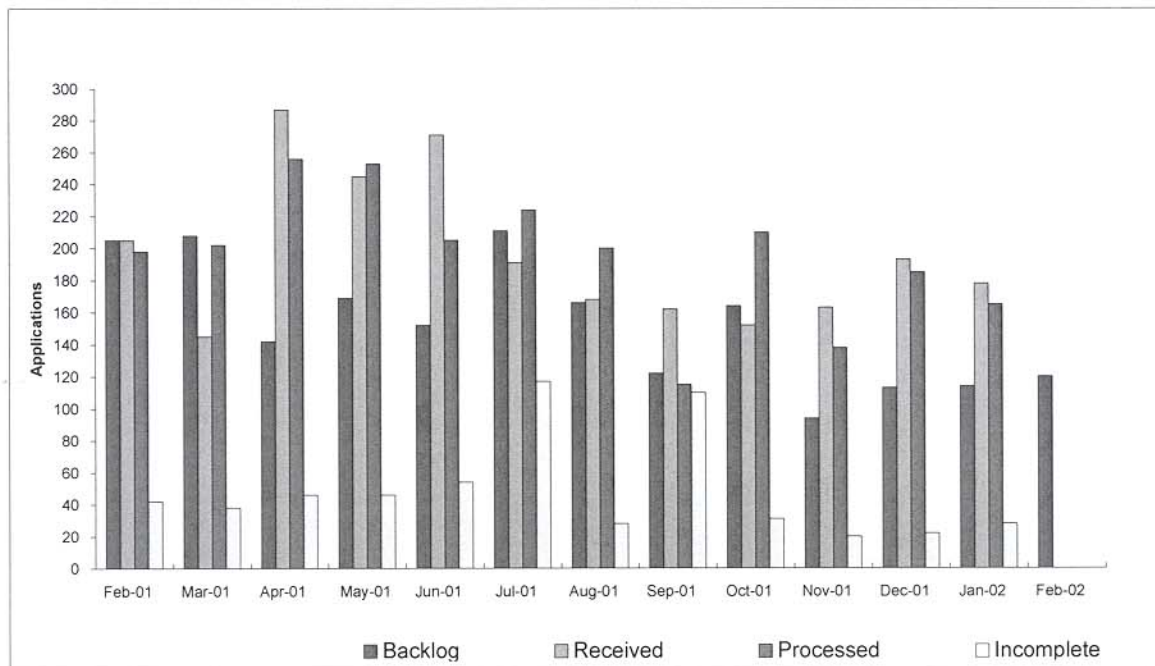
Mesa Hydrocarbons was granted a Rule 502.b. variance to Rule 603 for minimum setback distance from a surface property line for the Buzzard Creek 14-8 Well. This location, as proposed, is 140 feet from Mesa County Road 330E in Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 93 West and has been selected in order to utilize an existing wellsite. Mesa County has declined to sign waivers but does not object to this location.

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

Monthly Breakout of Drilling and Recompletion Permits

	Backlog	Received	Processed	Withdrawn	Rejected	Incomplete	In-Process	Remaining
Drilling								
Feb-01	194	195	193	4	0	40	152	192
Mar-01	192	137	192	8	0	34	95	129
Apr-01	129	275	241	3	0	44	116	160
May-01	160	238	245	8	0	44	101	145
Jun-01	145	257	193	7	0	52	150	202
Jul-01	202	182	217	12	0	107	48	155
Aug-01	155	151	178	12	0	25	92	116
Sep-01	116	149	109	5	0	108	43	151
Oct-01	151	144	202	11	0	30	52	82
Nov-01	82	155	122	6	0	19	90	109
Dec-01	109	188	182	7	0	22	86	108
Jan-02	108	175	160	7	0	26	90	116
Feb-02	116	204	164	4	0	32	120	152
Recompletion								
Feb-01	11	10	5	0	0	2	14	16
Mar-01	16	8	10	1	0	4	9	13
Apr-01	13	12	15	1	0	2	7	9
May-01	9	7	8	1	0	2	5	7
Jun-01	7	14	12	0	0	2	7	9
Jul-01	9	9	7	0	0	10	1	11
Aug-01	11	17	22	0	0	3	3	6
Sep-01	6	13	6	0	0	2	11	13
Oct-01	13	8	8	1	0	1	11	12
Nov-01	12	8	16	0	0	1	3	4
Dec-01	4	5	3	0	0	0	6	6
Jan-02	6	3	5	0	0	2	2	4
Feb-02	4	6	8	0	0	1	1	2
Total								
Feb-01	205	205	198	4	0	42	166	208
Mar-01	208	145	202	9	0	38	104	142
Apr-01	142	287	256	4	0	46	123	169
May-01	169	245	253	9	0	46	106	152
Jun-01	152	271	205	7	0	54	157	211
Jul-01	211	191	224	12	0	117	49	166
Aug-01	166	168	200	12	0	28	95	122
Sep-01	122	162	115	5	0	110	54	164
Oct-01	164	152	210	12	0	31	63	94
Nov-01	94	163	138	6	0	20	93	113
Dec-01	113	193	185	7	0	22	92	114
Jan-02	114	178	165	7	0	28	92	120
Feb-02	120	210	172	4	0	33	121	154

Incomplete are permits that have missing or inaccurate data and cannot be approved.



Backlog = Incomplete + In-process = Remaining permits from previous month

Colorado Oil Gas Conservation Commission
Monthly Statistics

YEAR	MO	Baker - Hughes rig count	Permits								Active Wells	Unedited Historic Records	Public Visits			Well Oper Change
			Drilling		Recompletion		Injection		Pits				Data	Office	Internet	
			Apvd	Rcvd	Apvd	Rcvd	Apvd	Rcvd	Apvd	Rcvd						
1999	Total		1010	1057	86	87	10	7	158	146			1624	2840	15239	2186
2000	JAN	18	71	99	7	7	0	0	3	6			140	92	3025	291
	FEB	17	114	152	16	22	2	2	16	15			123	126	3432	245
	MAR	18	116	130	17	12	1	1	5	17			126	172	3611	192
	APR	18	103	133	4	3	2	2	5	54	21989		108	169	3219	357
	MAY	17	129	128	14	17	0	1	71	34	22098		131	218	3664	158
	JUN	16	122	198	14	20	0	0	18	10	22103		106	117	3391	394
	JUL	19	148	123	9	6	4	8	35	30	22190		100	172	3384	225
	AUG	16	107	154	7	16	1	0	22	40	22247		103	75	3759	198
	SEP	16	138	140	37	34	1	4	51	37	22175		66	208	4941	348
	OCT	19	155	145	11	13	0	0	42	22	22224		99	205	4863	294
	NOV	22	135	181	7	10	1	1	51	34			82	155	4704	183
	DEC	24	191	162	9	14	0	2	9	6	22228		80	135	4143	217
2000	Total		1529	1745	152	174	12	21	328	305			1264	1844	46136	3102
2001	JAN	26	203	217	48	40	5	2	26	8	22240		89	136	6974	279
	FEB	29	193	195	5	10	0	0	16	18	22225		75	113	4900	511
	MAR	26	192	137	10	8	0	1	3	41	22487		78	107	6448	200
	APR	32	242	275	16	12	1	2	4	5	22714		87	143	6110	692
	MAY	36	241	238	8	7	0	2	0	7			72	157	6693	537
	JUN	36	194	257	12	14	2	3	10	49	22712		65	106	6090	656
	JUL	35	216	182	8	9	4	2	23	3	22742		81	116	10473	479
	AUG	37	177	151	22	17	3	4	25	18			67	75	12727	1327
	SEP	38	108	149	6	13	2	0	83	27	22795		60	69	10416	169
	OCT	36	201	144	8	8	3	2	2	3	22824		84	105	11943	197
	NOV	33	123	155	16	8	0	0	18	24			63	78	11542	159
	DEC	24	183	188	3	5	2	1	25	43	22879		104	101	10508	155
2001	Total		2273	2288	162	151	22	19	235	246			925	1306	104824	5361
2002	JAN	25	161	175	3	4	2	0	43	24	22873		73	95	11673	183
	FEB	27	164	204	5	3	1	0	9	2	22911		76	68	13679	125
2002	Total		325	379	8	7	3	0	52	26			149	163	25352	308

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YEAR	MO	Bonds															Remediation		
		Operators		Release		Replace	Claim		Hearings		Violations			Cmplt	Spills	Projects		Field	
		New	Inactive	Ind.	Blnkt		Ind.	Blnkt	Apps.	Order	NOAV	AOC	OFV			Rcvd	Comp		
1999	Total	55	41	45	25	61	1	2	31	36	196	8	12	123	211	83	24	7627	
2000	JAN	4	8	3	6	5	1	0	1	1	34	0	1	8	36	5	0	782	
	FEB	7	5	7	0	6	0	0	1	3	10	6	4	38	22	9	2	731	
	MAR	4	6	6	2	3	0	0	5	2	15	0	0	24	27	17	10	638	
	APR	5	12	11	4	2	0	0	6	4	15	0	0	29	22	12	8	674	
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	AUG	7	10	8	2	7	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	9	23	14	15	653	
	SEP	10	7	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	15	2	0	10	17	20	31	593	
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	NOV	6	5	2	5	6	1	0	NA	NA	8	NA	NA	16	34	12	13	658	
	DEC	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	13	9	5	1	0	10	13	2	8	481	
2000	Total	76	89	65	45	55	2	0	47	35	244	13	7	246	283	21	140	7697	
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	JUL	5	2	1	2	14	0	0	9	7	14	4	0	13	16	5	10	576	
	AUG	4	6	1	3	10	0	0	4	3	25	0	0	45	19	3	3	759	
	SEP	10	8	7	4	3	0	0	2	NA	41	0	0	14	20	8	10	307	
	OCT	5	6	5	3	9	0	0	5	4	41	0	0	22	17	7	11	716	
	NOV	5	0	0	0	12	0	0	NA	NA	14	NA	NA	19	12	6	8	407	
	DEC	8	2	0	3	10	1	0	7	1	17	0	0	13	16	1	9	385	
2001	Total	77	57	33	28	104	2	1	53	40	252	9	2	215	201	87	120	7216	
2002	JAN	7	9	3	3	6	0	0	6	7	9	1	2	14	20	4	0	338	
	FEB	10	4	1	0	5	0	0	6	4	13	0	1	8	26	1	1	373	
2002	Total	17	13	4	3	11	0	0	12	11	22	1	3	22	46	5	1	711	

Gas drillers busiest in 20 years

By MIKE McKIBBIN
The Daily Sentinel

RIFLE — Natural-gas producers had a banner year in 2001, but it's unlikely they'll repeat it this year, an official with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission said Thursday.

Brian Macke, commission deputy director, presented the end-of-year drilling-permit numbers at the quarterly Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum meeting. "We had just a banner year,

our highest since 1981, brought about mostly by very firm (commodity gas) prices at the time," he said.

A total of 2,273 permits were issued statewide last year by the commission, compared to 2,400 in 1981, Macke said. The 2001 figure was about 700 permits above the previous year.

However, 2002 started off with a below-average 161 permits in January, he said.

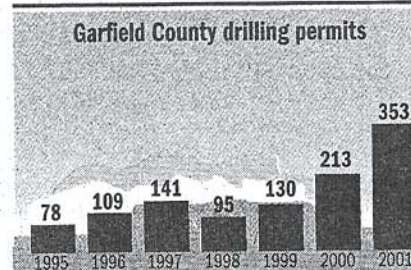
"I'm kind of surprised it's even that high, given the current

price," Macke said.

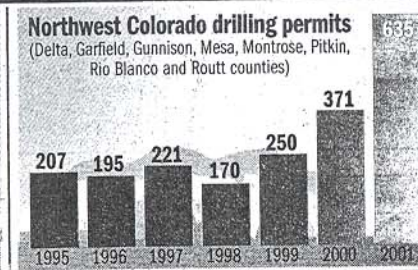
The Northwest Colorado Gas Price Index reached a peak of \$9 per 1,000 cubic feet for a short time last year, Macke said, compared to a current price of \$1.73.

"That's really quite low and some operators have had serious discussions about drastically changing their production plans for this year," he said. "But the low price is also why people are seeing much lower home-heating

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Source: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission



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Resources forum to cut back on meetings

By MIKE McKIBBIN
The Daily Sentinel

RIFLE — A decline in the number of citizen complaints — and forecasts of decreased natural-gas drilling activity in 2002 — has prompted the members of the Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum to plan semiannual meetings rather than quarterly.

Co-chair and Garfield County Commissioner Larry McCown posed the question at Thursday's meeting.

"I know the county is not getting the number of complaints we used to, and with the activity down, do we need these meetings?" he said. "There's always some repetition and we've already cut back from four hours to two."

Co-chair Brian Macke, deputy director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, agreed.

"Most of the effort involved is getting everyone here to Rifle," he said. "I think we could have two real good meetings a year and accomplish just as much as four mediocre ones."

Last year, the Commission recorded 187 complaints, down

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bill.

Macke estimated between 1,500 to 1,900 permits for 2002.

Macke expected the number of permits for Garfield County wells to remain flat. Last year, 353 permits were approved in the county, trailing only Weld County's 702 and Las Animas County's 400 permits. Garfield County's 2001 figure was the highest since at least 1990 and 140 above the previous year.

Yuma County had 205 permits last year, Rio Blanco County 187

and La Plata County 156 permits.

Macke called the natural-gas-rich Piceance Basin of northwestern Colorado "one of the most attractive strategic reserves in the U.S. and it's one of the least developed."

Yet he said wells in northwest Colorado produce less gas on average than those in the San Juan Basin.

He said the Piceance Basin supplies less than 20 percent of the state's total natural-gas production of 2 billion cubic feet a day. In contrast, La Plata County's coal-bed methane wells produce about 50 percent of the

state's total production.

Northwestern Colorado producers said their 2002 plans called for between 52 percent to 100 percent of all new planned wells to be directional off existing well pads rather than vertical from new locations.

Close to 20 drilling rigs were operating this month in Garfield, Rio Blanco and Mesa counties, and the two largest, Williams Production and Alberta Energy Co., said they plan to reduce their rigs and drilling activity this year.

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from 246 a year earlier. Jay Krabacher said eight complaints had been received at the agency's Battlement Mesa office in the last quarter.

One area natural-gas related group, the Battlement Mesa Oil and Gas Committee, has also begun meeting quarterly instead of

monthly.

The Grand Valley Citizens Alliance, often the most vocal against the negative impacts of natural-gas development, favored three instead of four meetings a year.

McCown said other meetings could be scheduled if needed.

The next regular forum

meeting will be in September in Rangely, where tours of the Chevron oil field and other activities will be held.

Originally designed to be all-encompassing, energy-related meetings, the forums have focused on Garfield County issues the past several years.

Banner year for natural gas production

By Theresa Hamilton
Telegram Staff Writer

Last year was a "banner year" for natural gas production state wide and especially in Garfield County.

The number of permits to drill topped out at 2,273, the highest level since 1981. Last year, 1,529 permits were issued. The sharp increase was driven by record natural gas prices, said Deputy Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Brian Mackey.

Prices hit \$9.00 per MCF (thousand cubic feet) in Dec. 2000 before bottoming out to \$1.73 last month.

The number of permits in gas producing counties in northwest Colorado also grew at a record

pace.

Garfield County saw 353 new natural gas well permits for 2001 up from 213 in 2000 and 130 in 1999. Moffat County and Río Blanco County nearly doubled their permits for new gas wells at 52 and 187 respectively.

Though Garfield County has nearly 25 percent of the well permits in the state, it provides just 10 percent of the natural gas distribution according to COGCC numbers. Nearly half of the natural gas in Colorado comes from La Platta county and their 2,306 wells.

But projections for 2002 are not as good, with the COGCC optimistically estimating 1,900 new well permits this year.

"That number is optimistic.

Operators are telling us the number could be as low as 1,500," said Mackey.

But developers continue to operate as many as 19 drilling rigs in northwest Colorado. Williams has the most aggressive program with seven drilling rigs and five completion rigs in the area. They are currently operating two drilling rigs in the Grand Valley field, two in the Parachute field, north of Interstate 70, and three in the Rulison field. They anticipate moving to a six-rig operation soon.

Williams does have a geographic area plan submitted with the Bureau of Land Management for drilling an

additional 160 wells on 39 new locations on federal leases.

In addition, Williams is working with the BLM on a 20-inch pipeline from Parachute to DeBeque to connect to the TransColorado gas line.

Steve Soychak with Williams said the line will help transmit local natural gas to larger markets.

"Obviously, if we keep with a six rig program, we'll ramp up production," said Soychak. "It would provide more flexibility to transmit gas to the TransColorado."

Williams has an application in with Garfield County to construct a processing plant north of American Soda in Parachute.

Complaints over drilling appear to be heading down

By Theresa Hamilton
Telegram Staff Writer

Though production numbers statewide hit a record high in 2001, complaints seem to be down.

Just a handful of complaints were registered for the last quarter at the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission office in Parachute.

The Battlement Mesa Oil and Gas Committee, a committee that formed to address natural gas drilling issues specific to Battlement Mesa, now meets quarterly, rather than monthly.

"I don't know that you are going to see any more production than this last year," said Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas team co-chair Larry McCown. "The companies are doing what they do better and the complaints are down."

"There is a much lower level of complaints and concerns because the operators are working hard to keep them down," added COGCC deputy director Brian Mackey.

In response, northwest gas team meetings will be held twice a year now, rather than quarterly.

"I think two good (meetings) are adequate. I think we will accomplish as much in two good meetings than four mediocre ones," added McCown.

The meetings will be moved to one in the spring to address legislative items and one in the fall. Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary.

The next Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas team meeting will be held in September in Rangely.

Air monitoring asked due to worries wells are emitting gases

By Donna Daniels
Staff Writer

Some Parachute residents are wondering if the bad odor they smell is just that, or something more ominous that is causing kids to suffer headaches.

Janey Hines Broderick urged the Garfield County commissioners Tuesday to support the Grand Valley Citizens Alliance in its effort to install an air toxin monitor at Grand Valley High School to determine if natural gas wells in the area are emitting hazardous gases.

The alliance has set a public meeting on the subject for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, in the Battlement Mesa Activity Center.

Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment are also expected to attend.

Broderick, president of the alliance, asked the commissioners to come to the meeting.

Poor air quality has been on the minds of alliance members since 1998.

"With the increase in (natural) gas development, we thought we'd like to have air quality analysis," Broderick said.

Of concern to the group is the practice of flaring gas wells, or

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— Janey Hines Broderick,
Grand Valley Citizens
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setting fire to the vented gas.

In 1998, the group contacted the health department, which installed a monitor on top of Grand Valley High School that registers the amounts of particulates in the air.

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Air pollution testing sought

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In 2000, gas well spacing regulations in some areas were changed to allow a well for every 20 acres, putting wells in close proximity to homes in the Parachute area.

That year the alliance also took its own air samples at a natural gas wellhead. The toxic chemical benzene was identified in the two samples tested, Broderick said.

"We did the sampling because no one else would," Broderick said.

Now the group would like to install an air toxin monitor at Grand Valley High School to identify if such chemicals are in the town's air.

"We smell things. People have called (us) saying their kids are complaining about headaches," she said. "Whether we can link them to a nearby gas well, we don't have enough data, but we

perceive a problem."

Broderick has also contacted the EPA, which has a grant program that could pay for an air toxin monitor.

For a request to win merit with EPA, "it has to be community based," Broderick said. The March 6 meeting is a first step in gathering support for the project.

"We're also hoping industry will step up as a good neighbor" and help fund the monitor, she said.

Although she does not know the cost of the monitor, it will be pricier than the particulate monitor, she said. In addition, sampling will also have to be included in the cost. As a comparison, the two air quality samples taken by the alliance in 2000 cost \$1,000 to process, Broderick said.

"If there is a problem, it would be wonderful for the data to reflect that. And if there isn't, it would be wonderful if the data reflected that," she said.

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03.12.02 Citizens concerned about air quality near gas wells

By *MIKE McKIBBIN The Daily Sentinel*

BATTLEMENT MESA — Efforts are under way to establish an air toxins monitoring program in the Battlement Mesa area to determine if the area's natural-gas wells and other emission sources pose a health concern.

The Grand Valley Citizens Alliance wants to find out if harmful emissions are present in amounts that might potentially lead to health problems. The group, formed in 1997 to monitor natural-gas development in western Garfield County, has heard many complaints about odors and respiratory problems from area residents.

Secretary-Treasurer Shirley Willis said monitoring is needed "because we have had good air in the valley and we want to know if it's changing."

The group met last week with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to discuss concerns and explore funding options for such a monitor.

Williams Production, the largest producer in the area, also gave a tour of several gas wells and production facilities.

Ray Mohr, an air quality planner in the state air pollution control division, said the health department awards \$10,000 grants to help establish air monitors.

Williams Environmental Manager Duane Zavadil was confident area gas production emissions are very low.

"Williams is not interested in hiding any problems," Zavadil said. "We think the chances are pretty low that gas drilling and producing is contributing a great amount to the air."

Zavadil acknowledged "barnyard" smells from evaporation ponds for water used in the drilling and fracturing processes. He said the company is investigating various methods to reduce those odors.

Zavadil said Williams would support toxins monitoring, including

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financially, "because we can't do it ourselves; it probably wouldn't be seen as objective. But if you can get community support, we would be involved, too."

Deputy Director Brian Macke said the oil and gas commission would support a program based on good science and data. A small environmental response fund might help with the costs, he said.

Charley Yates with American Soda, a soda ash and baking soda producer just outside Parachute, said his company would participate. That may include financial aid, too.

County Commissioner John Martin said he was concerned about the valley's air quality.

"You see clouds of haze all up and down the valley that were never there before," he said. "I get calls about the black gook, the smoke, burning eyes and asthma attacks. We have the industry ready to help do something and we need to step up."

Martin also wondered if contaminated groundwater from uranium mill tailings sites in Rifle that had leached into the Colorado River could potentially be released along with natural gas.

Macke and Zavadil strongly objected and called that statement "irresponsible."

Williams now uses a quieter flaring process. Instead of burning gas over reserve pits full of water used in fracturing, the pipeline is just below the water's surface.

The gas is ignited and released under high pressure, so the flame appears from underneath the water.

That reduces the roaring sound, said Parachute District Manager Steve Soychak.

Zavadil said while no actual monitoring of flaring emissions had been done, he believed they would be about 95 percent the same as those that result when natural-gas is burned to heat a home.

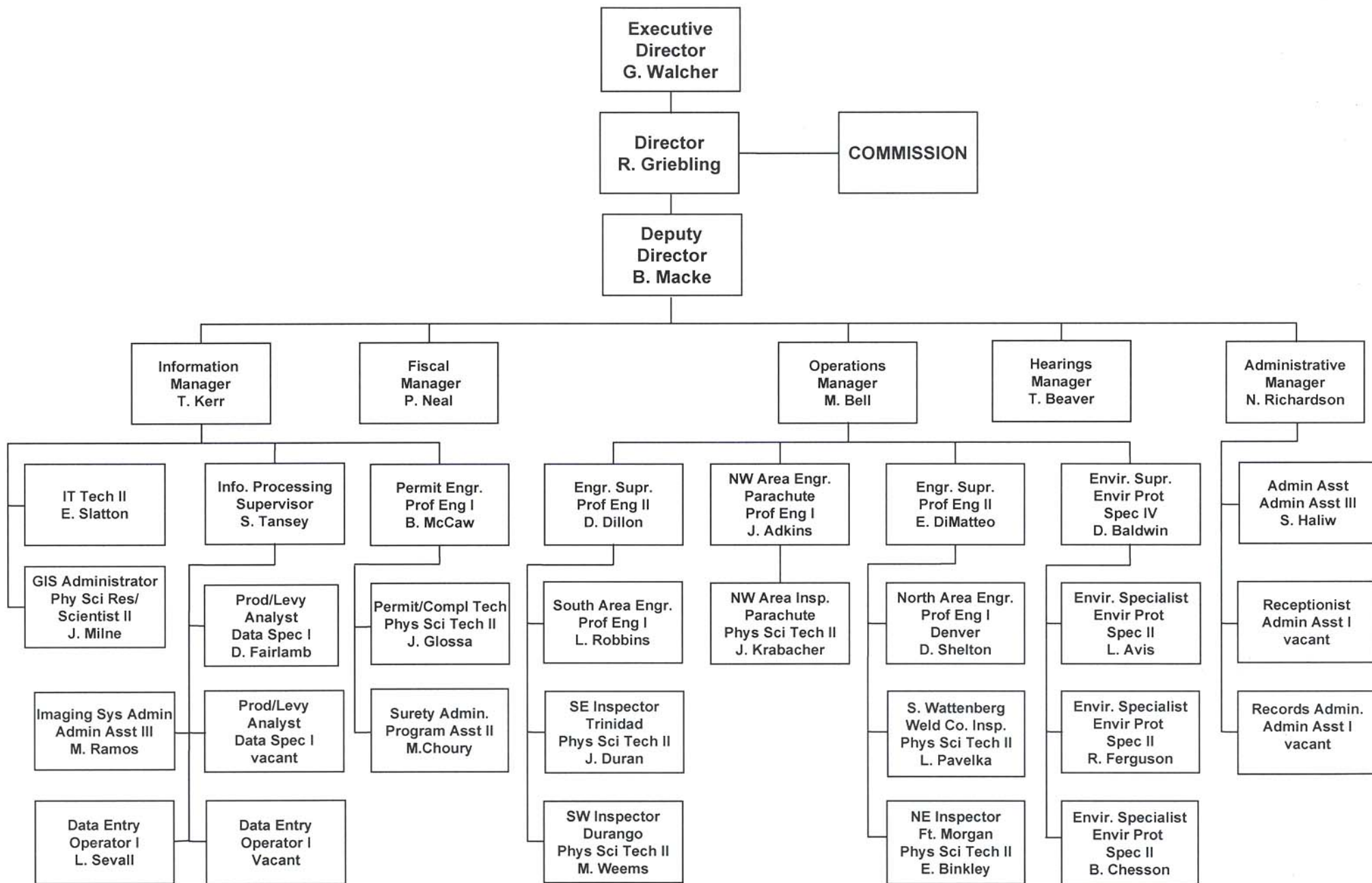
Macke said Williams, formerly Barrett Resources Corp., won an outstanding operator award from the commission for installing 20 odor control devices on production facilities that were within 1,000 feet of a residence.

Each unit costs about \$13,000, Soychak said, but he also said odor complaints had dropped significantly since the units were installed.

The company has also changed its fracturing process, which now uses a mixture of sand and two nontoxic chemicals that is injected into a well bore under high pressure. That causes underground cracks and allows the gas to escape to the surface.

Previously, several other chemicals used would "jellify" the sand mixture, Zavadil said, and was a more costly and time-consuming process.

COLORADO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION ORGANIZATION





COLORADO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2001 OUTSTANDING OIL & GAS OPERATIONS AWARDS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (Due May 17, 2002)

CATEGORIES:

Exploration	Water Quality Protection
Production Enhancement	Surface Owner Impact Mitigation
Enhanced Recovery	Noise Impact Mitigation
New Technology Application	Visual Impact Mitigation
Well Completion/Stimulation	Reclamation
Horizontal Drilling	E & P Waste Management
Optimization & Cost Reduction	Local Government Coordination
Pipeline/Gathering System Projects	Community Relations
Environmental Protection	

⌘ Other categories selected by the Commission ⌘

PROCESS:

Nomination Any oil & gas operator or other interested stakeholder may nominate a 2001 Outstanding Oil & Gas Operation by submitting the below nomination form to the COGCC, Attention Brian Macke, 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, CO 80203, no later than May 17, 2002. Some phase of the nominated operation should have occurred in 2001.

Review COGCC staff will review all nominations, collect relevant data, make field inspections as appropriate, and provide comments to the Commission by June 3, 2002.

Selection The Commission will coordinate selection of award recipients by July 12, 2002.

Presentation Awards will be presented by the Governor or a Governor's Representative.

NOMINATION FORM

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

OPERATION LOCATION: _____

OPERATION DESCRIPTION: (attach detailed narrative, photo, diagrams, data and other appropriate information)

PENALTY PAYMENT STATUS

UPDATED:

03/13/02

I. Penalties Assessed/Paid

Fiscal Year	Number of Orders Issued	\$ Amount of Penalties Assessed	Number of Orders Paid	\$ Amount of Penalties Paid	Number of Orders Waived	\$ Amount of Penalties Waived	Number of Orders Paid Through Collections
90-91	4	\$32,300	4	\$32,300	0	\$0	n/a
91-92	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	n/a
92-93	6	\$10,000	2	\$6,500	0	\$0	n/a
93-94	12	\$263,608	7	\$105,000	0	\$0	n/a
94-95	10	\$83,817	4	\$21,805	4	\$139,000	n/a
95-96	29	\$238,250	19	\$154,000	3	\$20,750	n/a
96-97	13	\$79,500	8	\$29,500	0	\$0	n/a
97-98	30	\$140,500	22	\$74,750	0	\$1,000	n/a
98-99	19	\$74,000	18	\$66,500	2	\$25,000	n/a
99-00	23	\$110,500	12	\$59,460	0	\$3,000	2
00-01	18	\$85,500	16	\$30,500	0	\$6,000	0
01-02	4	\$17,000	1	\$10,000	0	\$0	0
Totals	168	\$1,134,975	116	\$590,315	9	\$194,750	2

II. Penalties Pending Collection

Order Number	Date Issued	Violating Entity	Penalty Assessed	Violations	Status	Referred to Central Collections
1V-58	03/15/93	Gear Drilling Company	\$2,000	Rule 305, 319.a.(2)		Yes
1V-73	08/23/94	Western Oil Company	\$2,500	Rule 317.a.8.	Work completed per order	Yes
1V-82	06/19/95	Joseph V. Dodge	\$14,000	Rules 210.b., 305., 307., 317.b.(3), 604.a.(4)	Bond forfeited 11/01/95	Yes
1V-93	11/21/95	Tipps Drilling Co.	\$60,000	Rules 604.a.4., 902.e.&f.	\$30,000 bond claimed 11/96/penalty unpaid/No assets.	Yes
1V-110	05/21/96	Kana Resources, Inc.	\$3,500	Rules 303.a., 306., 317.b.1.	AOC negotiated	Yes
1V-114	09/04/96	Mr. Jim Snyder	\$10,000	Rules 308., 317.i., APD	District Court decision entered/\$10,000 bond claimed 12/96/	Yes
1V-124	07/01/97	Nerdlihc Company Inc.	\$9,000	Rules 326.b.1., 319.b., 210.b.		Yes
1V-132	11/24/97	Eros, Inc.	\$24,000	Rules 319.b., 326.b.	\$30,000 bond claimed 5/98	Yes
1V-167	01/05/99	Pacific Midland Production	\$1,000	Rule 326.b.	Bond claimed	Yes
1V-170	03/25/99	Allen Oil & Gas, LLC	\$12,000	Rules 904, 905, 603.g., 906, 909.b.(2) &(5), 910	Work to be completed by July 1, 1999.	Yes
1V-173	07/12/99	J. Magness, Inc.	\$9,000	Rules 207.b., and 326.b.	Bond claimed	Yes
1V-175	08/19/99	McCormick Oil & Gas Co.	\$18,000	Rules 1004, 319.b.(3), 326.b., 206., 309.	McCormick in bankruptcy-Bond claimed	Yes
1V-177	08/19/99	Faith Energy Exploration, Inc.	\$3,500	Rules 308A., 308B., 326.b.	Bond Claimed	Yes
1V-183	12/02/99	Gopher Drilling Company	\$2,000	Order No. 1C-3	Bond claimed	Yes
1V-191	02/15/00	Cascade Oil	\$1,000	Rule 326.b.(1)	Bond claimed	Yes
1V-202	11/30/00	Robert Ziegler	\$2,000	Rule 326.b.	Bond claimed	Yes
1V-204	12/19/00	Allen Oil & Gas, LLC	\$60,000	Rule 326.b., 324A.a., 904., 905., 906.b.(1), 906.e.(Bond claimed	Yes
1V-212	05/31/01	Sierra Production	\$500	Rule 302.a.		Yes
1V-213	05/31/01	Caprice Oil & Gas Co.	\$500	Rule 302.a.		Yes
Total penalties pending collection			\$233,500			

III. Penalties Uncollectable

Order Number	Date Issued	Date Entered	Violating Entity	Penalty Assessed	Violations	Status
1V-56	07/20/92	08/25/92	The Meyer Oil Company	\$1,500	Rule 329, 323, 604	Penalty included in Order 1-186
1V-62	11/22/93	12/14/93	Richmond Petroleum Inc.	\$47,608	Rules 317.f., 902.g.1., 908.b., Order #112-85	District Court entered judgement. Referred to State Central Collections who recommends write-off
1V-75	08/23/94	09/23/94	The Meyer Oil Company	\$18,247	Rules 317.a.8., 305., 308., Order #1-132 & 178	No Action Taken/Penalty discharged in bankruptcy
1V-123	05/20/97	05/30/97	Planet Associates, Inc.	\$4,000	Rules 319.b., 326.b.	\$10,000 bond claimed 5/97. State Central Collections recommends write-off. Company is out of business
1V-127	08/04/97	08/13/97	Point Lookout Drilling	\$28,750	Rules 210., 308., 312... et al	\$30,000 bond claimed 9/97. State Central Collections recommends write-off
1V-134	02/09/98	03/10/98	Centennial Petroleum Inc.	\$2,000	Rules 1004., 1103.	\$30,000 bond claim commenced 3/98. Bonding co. did work/ State Central Collections recommends write-off
1V-161	10/19/98	11/19/98	Black Thunder Marketing, Inc.	\$2,000	Rule 326.b.	Bond claim underway. State Central Collections recommends write-off
Total uncollectable penalties				\$104,105		

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No.	Cause	Applicant/Attorney or Representative	Date Rec'd	Field Formation County	Matter	Remarks
0202-AW-01	191	Calpine Natural Gas Co./ Stephen Sullivan	12/21/2001	Mam Creek Mesaverde Garfield	Request for an order to allow additional wells on the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.	Continued from February
0204-UP-03	112	Markwest Resources, Inc./ Glenn Theriot	2/7/2002	Ignacio-Blanco Fruitland Coal La Plata	Request to pool unleased interests in the E1/2 of Section 25, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, N.M.P.M.(SUL)	
0204-AW-02	331	Rosewood Resources/ Mike Wozniak	3/8/2002	Buckboard Niobrara Yuma	Request for an order to allow additional wells on the 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of certain lands in Township 3 North, Range 46 West, 6th P.M.	