



Proposed Oil and Gas Moratorium Fact Sheet

On March 28, the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to approve or deny a moratorium for up to six months on accepting any applications for a Use by Special Review for an oil and gas facility. The request comes after a review of the first full year of recently approved Oil and Gas Regulations. The following are important to consider:

- The current Oil and Gas regulations were approved in November 2021. You can review the current regulations [here](#).
- Since the regulations were approved, there have been two new pad sites and four amendments to existing sites.
- The County is constantly evaluating its regulations based on industry best practices and experiences that have been presented since the Oil and Gas regulations were approved.
- To better align with neighboring municipal jurisdictions and industry best practices, Public Works and Development Planning staff are proposing a moratorium up to six months on accepting any application for a Use by Special Review approval for an oil and gas facility.
- The moratorium would **pause any new submittals** and allow time to develop appropriate amendments to further protect public health, safety, welfare, and the environment.
- Planning staff has scheduled study sessions with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on March 20 and March 21.
- Public comment is not taken at Study Sessions, but the public is welcome to listen via a [live stream](#). Agendas and times of the BOCC sessions are posted [here](#).
- A public hearing for the proposed moratorium is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. March 28, 2023, in the Arapahoe County Administration Building, East Hearing Room, 5334 S Prince St., Littleton, 80120. The hearing will include time for public comment, which can be done in person or via telephone.
- If the BOCC approves of the proposed moratorium, a BOCC study session is scheduled for April 10.
- Potential regulations could include the following standards and requirements:
 - Handwashing equipment and supplies for portable restroom facilities
 - Clarify fire road access and construction requirements
 - Additional wildlife protections
- Any amendments to the current regulations would have to be approved by the Planning Commission and the BOCC following public hearings.