

Public Comments

The following comments were provided by members of the public and were considered during the technical review of this application.

No.	Comment	Comment Date
1	<p>Please do not approve this permit application.</p> <p>Consider a compromise of drilling 84 wells on two pads instead of six...</p> <p>At one point in this process Extraction proposed about 140 wells on four pad sites (Livingston, Sheridan, United and Huron) with two of those sites located very close to existing residential development and one close to I-25). Now they are proposing 84 wells on six alternative pad sites (Livingston, Northwest A, Northwest B, United, Interchange A and Interchange B) with five being very close to existing residential developments and five straddling the Northwest Parkway and I-25, a 1.3mile stretch. Common sense dictates there will be more negative environmental impacts and safety concerns with more well pads and when well pads are located closer to existing homes and so close to highways, especially when emergency conditions arise.</p> <p>Maybe a better compromise for maximum environmental integrity, psychosocial well being and the safety of all concerned would be to locate and develop two well pad sites instead of six, each with 42 wells. One pad would be on the northwest corner of 160th and Huron (the original United Pad) and the other pad would be located in the area of land southwest of the intersection of I-25 and the Northwest Parkway (the original Huron Pad). Both pads will be further away from residential development and no new roads will have to be built. Only one will be close to I-25 and the fire department is closer and has better access to both sites in case of an emergency. These sites were given a very high rating in an alternative site analysis by McCartney Engineering, LLC. (http://broomfieldconcerned.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/June-7-blog-McCartney-Engineering.pdf)</p> <p>Extraction could still drill their 84 wells with less environmental disruption and keep within current industry standards by clustering more wells on a site rather than drilling a smaller number of wells onto more sites spread over a larger area.</p> <p>Fortunately Broomfield has not yet approved Extraction's Comprehensive Drilling Plan, so maybe there's still time to adopt this compromise. In addition, Broomfield recently submitted an application to COGCC to create a Designated Outside Activity Area (DOAA) to exempt an area from drilling called the Broomfield County Commons, or open space just west of Lowell and north of Midway, close to homes, parks, and a body of water. I'm not aware that they submitted a similar DOAA application for the currently proposed Livingston Pad to exempt that area from drilling, as it is also close to homes, parks and a reservoir. If they didn't, by supporting this compromise Broomfield would have an opportunity to correct this oversight and COGCC could be consistent with their DOAA designation rulings. In other words, If COGCC approves Livingston, how can they justify exempting Broomfield County Commons from drilling. Last but not least, further support for this compromise can be found during a Broomfield City Council study session when a Broomfield councilman alluded to the fact he believed that Extraction would've kept the original United and Huron well pad sites if citizens had not pushed for change (visit the Broomfield Concerned website blog "The Implementation of 301:" Presentation and Council Comments at the Feb. 6 Study Session). To hear this councilman speak, click on the link at the bottom of the article and fast-forward to about 1 hour and 5 minutes in. I've also included the link here: http://broomfield.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=1398</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p>	03/14/2018
2	<p>With respect to all of the Extraction permits currently being applied for and considered, the entire area should be a non-starter for oil & gas development. One only needs to look at the current North Park development plan being undertaken by McWhinney to see what the future holds for this area. It's a future with a profound mix of commercial and residential uses, all of which will broaden the tax base and the desirability of the area. The North Park project will ramp up the density of the area and therefore the associated risks brought on by nearby oil & gas operations. The future of the area will be defined by a well thought out long term plan of development and growth - not by a short term (and dangerous) use of valuable land for the benefit of very few. Our city, county and state leaders must have the vision and courage to look to the future to see what's best for the community. The current plan and state of action lacks both.</p>	03/25/2018

3	Please do not approve these permits. Extraction has not proven that their operations are safe.	04/01/2018
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