COGCC Rulemaking Statements

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510 Statements Submitted

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Rita Clagett—Where is home?

“These lands border our farms, orchards, vineyards, ranches, homes, schools, playgrounds; they include sheep and cattle grazing permits; they contain our watersheds; they are home to favorite hunting and fishing grounds, hiking and biking trails; these are lands we see and love every day, live our lives on, and earn our livelihoods adjacent to and among.”
Impacts

- Rosemary Bilchak—After the promises...
- As one who has lived through the experience, I can say that drilling took away everything—our property values, our livelihood, our health, our retirement—everything we came to expect from a rural life.
Marilyn Stone—on health
TEDX (The Endocrine Disruption Exchange)

- Of the 60 chemicals found in Garfield County near gas drilling operations:
  - 25 caused skin, eye, or sensory organ irritation
  - 36 caused brain or nervous system effects
  - 28 caused immune system effects
  - 30 were endocrine disrupting chemicals
  - 18 were carcinogens
  - 14 affected the gastrointestinal tract
  - 23 affected the kidneys
  - 27 affected the cardiovascular system and/or blood
  - 23 were genotoxic (damaging to DNA: pertaining to agents known to damage DNA, thereby causing mutations, which can result in cancer)
  - 33 affected the liver and/or metabolic processes
Brenda Miller—my land and adjacent
Phyllis Swackhammer—one on science
Trust and Property Rights?

--Bill Mann
Colorado The Beautiful

• Katie & Kevin Reily—Economic Impact
Ed Marston—on strong regulations
It is simply irresponsible to drill in certain areas—in neighborhoods, outside a playground, near schools, in a watershed, in a foodshed...where people congregate.

The draft rules as written allow the siting of oil and gas facilities in neighborhoods and communities, which effectively sanctions the poisoning of thousands of Coloradans.

Respect the intent of the Task Force and site these facilities away from homes, schools, and communities, and treat urban and rural Coloradans equally.
“As a small farmer I depend on clean water to grow my organic fruits and veggies. As a frequent cyclist I would be hugely impacted by an increase in the heavy truck traffic that accompanies this industry. And as a citizen I understand that the detriments to the environment and quality of life for all in our beautiful home far outweigh any unlikely economic gains that might come our way.”

--Kay Hannah