



## Weld County Oil and Gas Energy Department

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Energy and Carbon Management Commission  
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Via E-Mail to [julie.murphy@state.co.us](mailto:julie.murphy@state.co.us)

Re: November 26 Presentation to the Energy and Carbon Management Commission

Dear Director Murphy:

On behalf of Weld County, we were disappointed to hear your presentation to the Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) regarding incorrect information submitted on remediation forms. Our most pressing concern however is the vague nature of the limited information that has been released. Not getting any actionable information eliminates our ability to assess the situation on any potential public health risks in Weld County and keep our citizens informed on what is going on in their community. It is unconscionable for a state agency to sit on a land use and environmental issue such as this for at least four months without any communication with the relevant local government. It essentially makes a mockery of the dual regulatory authority and protective responsibilities of ECMC and local governments over oil and gas activities.

We believe we need at least the following information to assess the situation and inform our own response:

1. A copy of all data integrity notifications received by the ECMC regarding incorrect information submitted to the Commission on Form 27s in Weld County between 2021 and 2024.
2. If they exist, a copy of any spreadsheets, tables, or lists that describe the locations that are affected by the incorrect information as well as what the discrepancy is.
3. A copy of any analysis performed on potential negative health impacts or additional remediation measures required due to the disclosures and investigation.

We hope you are willing to work with us as partners to help fix this situation by giving us the above information. We are of course willing to share what information we have as well as contribute staff time from the Oil and Gas Energy Department, Office of Emergency Management, and Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment as needed, but we need to have a complete picture of what is going on to be of any assistance. If there is any other information you and your staff think would be beneficial to us in understanding the situation, please pass that along as well.

If the ECMC is not willing to work as partners on this matter, please consider this a Colorado Open Records Act (C.R.S. § 24-72-201 *et seq.*) request for the three categories of records listed above. Given the uncertainty around potential public health impacts, we believe a response on an expedited basis is necessary. Feel free to give me a call at 970-400-3579 if you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett A. Cavanagh", written over a horizontal line.

Brett A. Cavanagh  
Director, Weld County Oil and Gas Energy Department

cc: Kevin D. Ross, Chair, Weld County Board of County Commissioners  
Jason Chessher, Executive Director, WCDPHE  
Roy Rudisill, Director, Weld County Office of Emergency Management  
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