

Name	Comments
Sean Dunn	I encourage you to approve The Regional Operator Agreement with Extraction.
David Bennett	I fully support the Extraction of Oil and Gas in Commerce City as well as all of Colorado. We keep letting the narrow minded people govern what is done in the state and there are already too many restrictions.
Jim Travis	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>As a lifelong resident of Colorado and a long time resident of Commerce City, I write these comments in complete support of the Regional Operator Agreement between Commerce City and Extraction Oil &amp; Gas, LLC.</p> <p>We have witnessed what happens to communities when the door is slammed in the face of Oil and Gas. We need look no further than 2014 when Brighton, CO placed a moratorium on Oil and Gas activity within city limits. Brighton literally went from boom to bust overnight when many companies instructed their employees to leave Brighton and not return under any circumstance. It took the Brighton city council about 3 weeks to correct their catastrophic error. Ultimately it turned out to be too little too late.</p> <p>If Commerce City denies the ROA with Extraction, I am afraid Commerce City might suffer the same fate. You cannot drive through Commerce City without seeing the impact of Oil and Gas. Slamming the door in the face of Extraction would send ripples through the industry with potentially devastating effects. I own a 100 year old fabrication company and a significant portion of our employees live in Commerce City. There is no doubt many of these employees would lose their job in the face of a downturn. A downturn that would most assuredly happen if the ROA with Extraction is denied.</p> <p>Please, protect Commerce City and approve the ROA with Extraction.</p>
	I think that this fracking site is too close to residential areas
Nichole	I do not want these fracking sites in or near my neighborhood.
Liana Mclsaac	I call for considerations of public health. No new permitting on oil and gas. We do not need an increase in usage. We need a decrease in usage of oil and gas, and an increase in usage of renewable energy.
	No fracking. Period.
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	<p>We are completely against bringing all of this fracking into our community. It's only going to make property values go down and cause more congestion. Who knows what the affects will be on our kids in the next 10-15 years as well. No thank you!</p>
Scott Cowger	<p>I'm against this! We can't put fracking wells close to our schools and residential neighborhoods. The safety for our children is at risk, especially placing a methane burning well within close proximity of the elementary. Property value will tremendously decline. We've worked hard to get to this point and it's unfortunate if an agreement as such brings us down. The city should be working within the interest of its people. Looking out for the health and welfare of each community. The people who pay 9% sales tax, high property taxes, and those apart of the "American Dream" community. Teachers, officers, medical professionals, those who serve our local communities.</p>
Madalene Booker	<p>I do not want new fracking sites so close to our neighborhoods, on the same block as our elementary schools. This is unsafe, and driving down our property value. This must be stopped.</p>
	<p>This operator agreement is not in line with SB181. Please hold this permit until COGCC rule making is complete. There is no consideration of cumulative impacts and this does not prioritize public health and safety. Traffic, air quality and water quality/quantity impact analysis should be completed prior to any consideration of this OA. It is unfair to tax paying citizens to have no public forum as part of the process. The health risks are too great with this OA and it is against the core values of SB181. Please do not move forward with this application as written. It prioritizes the operator over the community.</p>
Lisa Gudmundson	<p>Please review the attached letter regarding our opinion on the ROA/BMP Agreement.</p>

Susan Noble

Dear Mayor and City Council —The draft Regional Operator Agreement and Best Management Practices show no evidence of current or proposed risk analysis regarding known threats and cumulative impacts. A signature on this agreement flies in the face of good governance. To realize our motto, Quality Community for a Lifetime, I urge you to assess these known risks, in particular, earthquakes, ground subsidence, and cumulative impacts. I also submit the Oil and Gas Focus Group meeting of July 24, 2019, Earthquake threat for THIS REGIONNo risk analysis for earthquake potential in the ROA or BMPs, despite our region’s history. While quakes were once solely associated with injection wells, that is no longer the case. Injecting hundreds of thousands of gallons of water (including sand and chemicals) into the earth’s subsurface through fracking/completion process is causing earthquakes. This has led to moratoriums. Surely, with 1200 earthquakes in the 60s, this threat must be assessed. Seismic activity unleashing the deadly chemicals buried at the Arsenal is plausible.“According to Oklahoma Geological Survey records, recent stronger earthquakes have affected two areas in Kingfisher County — the area near the Newfield/Encana well west of Kingfisher, and another about four miles north-northeast of Loyal. Both appeared to be associated with well completion work.” [Completion = horizontal fracking] July 27, 2019<https://oklahoman.com/article/5637126/encana-stops-hydraulic-fracturing-on-kingfisher-county-well-after-earthquakes-thursday><https://www.pbs.org/newshour/amp/science/earthquakes-triggered-by-fracking>“ ... strongly supports the hypothesis that fluid injections are causing potentially damaging earthquakes further afield by the slow slip of pre-existing fault fracture networks, in domino-like fashion.” Includes Colorado. May 2019<https://m.phys.org/news/2019-05-earthquakes-triggered-fluid-zones.html>[https://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2019/04/26/New-research-links-fracking-to-earthquakes-in-central-eastern-US/6661556294511/](https://www.upi.com/Science_News/2019/04/26/New-research-links-fracking-to-earthquakes-in-central-eastern-US/6661556294511/)Both wastewater disposal and fracking have induced earthquakes in the south Sichuan basin, say Xinglin Lei of the Geological Survey of Japan and colleagues. In their new study in SRL, the researchers present "a full chain of evidence" to show that the December and January earthquakes were induced by fracking operations. April 2019<https://m.phys.org/news/2019-04-sichuan-earthquakes-linked-fracking.html>Residents of Blackpool have reported feeling the tremors of an earthquake from nearby fracking operations that started two months ago.The minor earthquake was not only the biggest yet but was on a par with one in 2011 that led to a moratorium on fracking.<https://amp.theguardian.com/environment/2018/dec/11/fracking-blackpool-tremor-cus>Drilling <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/cuadrilla-puts-fracking-on-hold-after-strongest-earthquake-yet-5dvlrw0f0>Colorado seeing earthquakes where they’ve never happened before. April 2018<https://kdvr.com/2018/04/04/colorado-seeing-earthquakes-where-theyve-never-happened-before/>Liberty Oilfield Services CEO at North Metro Chamber of Commerce energy breakfast said “We cause earthquakes.”<https://youtu.be/mby1Xl8s6T4><http://www.cpr.org/news/story/worries-grow-over-man-made-quakes-50-year-old-colorado-temblors-reverberate>[http://coloradogeologicalsurvey.org/geologic-hazards/earthquakes/maps/Evidence of quake activity stopping and starting from injection wells at Rocky Mountain Arsenal](http://coloradogeologicalsurvey.org/geologic-hazards/earthquakes/maps/Evidence%20of%20quake%20activity%20stopping%20and%20starting%20from%20injection%20wells%20at%20Rocky%20Mountain%20Arsenal):[https://scits.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/evans\\_0.pdf](https://scits.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/evans_0.pdf)“Since the start of fluid injection, 710 Denver-area earthquakes have been recorded. The majority of these earthquakes had epicenters within a 5-mile radius of the Arsenal well. The volume of fluid and pressure of fluid injection appear to be directly related to the frequency of earthquakes. Evidence also suggests that rock movement is due to the increase of fluid pressure within the fractured reservoir and that open fractures may exist at depths greater than previously considered possible. (19 refs.)”<https://www.osti.gov/biblio/6805542>Final Report on Drilling of Pressure Injection Well RMAClay soil swells, fractures occur leading to loss. Wells lined with concrete. Depth of over 11,000 feet. Scanned report.<https://apps.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/667358.pdf>“The disruptive technology of hydraulic fracturing and the underground injection of the wastewater it produces have reactivated faults and triggered earthquakes almost everywhere it has been used, including China, England, Ohio, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas.“Industry-made quakes behave like natural quakes and pose a hazard to public safety, infrastructure and groundwater. They can also cause gases in the earth such as radon, carbon dioxide and methane to migrate.“... 4.7 magnitude

	<p>destroyed 600 homes.”<a href="https://thetyee.ca/News/2018/12/31/Oil-Gas-Commission-Confirms-Earthquakes/https://www.libarts.colostate.edu/polisci/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2017/02/Chuck-Davis_fracking-and-earthquakes-2017.pdf">https://thetyee.ca/News/2018/12/31/Oil-Gas-Commission-Confirms-Earthquakes/https://www.libarts.colostate.edu/polisci/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2017/02/Chuck-Davis_fracking-and-earthquakes-2017.pdf</a>Ground subsidence threat IN THIS AREA“Such activities include temporary or permanent stream channel changes, irrigation ditches, land irrigation leaking or broken pipes, temporary or permanent ponding of surface waters, the mining of soluble minerals by means of forced circulation of water within the earth.”<a href="http://coloradogeologicalsurvey.org/geologic-hazards/ground-subsidence/Hazardous%20soils%20in%20Colorado">http://coloradogeologicalsurvey.org/geologic-hazards/ground-subsidence/Hazardous soils in Colorado</a><a href="https://youtu.be/KBqrlqqC3ow">https://youtu.be/KBqrlqqC3ow</a>Two massive and unstable sinkholes are yearning to unite, and their consummation could be catastrophic in West Texas. <a href="https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/wink-sink?utm_source=facebook.com&amp;utm_medium=atlas-page">https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/wink-sink?utm_source=facebook.com&amp;utm_medium=atlas-page</a>Cumulative impacts IN THIS AREAThese eight sites (disregarding the other three proposed sites, Antelope, Sparrow and Edmundson) as shown in exhibit maps are a prime example of cumulative impact: intensity + concentration + proximity + past + present + foreseeable future. That the city views these sites regionally, yet will approve singularly, without additional regard of Suncor or the Arsenal or our non-attainment air quality, is a failure to consider cumulative impacts and the health, safety and welfare of your constituents, the environment, and wildlife. Please take the time to assess all risks before proceeding with an agreement that ties the hands of Commerce City. Our fate is your legacy.Sincerely,Susan NobleReunionCommerce City, CO</p>
	<p>This producer has failed many times to limit emissions at thier well sites, and they have gotten variances to avoid using BMPs that they promise to neighbors before drilling.</p> <p>They are not to be trusted and should not be given permits unless they are closely monitored. Commerce City is already dealing with air toxics from Suncor. They cannot sustain further degradation to their air quality</p>
	<p>This agreement is shameful as it gives Commerce City residents no say when it comes to activities that directly affect our neighborhoods - our families' health and safety. Has the City Council ever thought how they would defend this agreement if a fracking-related accident happens? Would the Council have the courage to face the citizens in such a situation? Moreover, this agreement puts a financial burden to us as taxpayers - instead of investing our taxpayer' money in our roads and neighborhood schools, regular safety and health inspections associated with the fracking operations will be forced on our own backs! And not only that the citizens have no say regarding this devastating agreement but it prohibits our city government from protesting or calling for a hearing on any of these wells, and any additional drilling sites in the city's boundaries. Is this how Commerce City Council members care for the citizens that elected them to represent and protect their rights and interests; it rather seems they represent and care for their very own interests. Do you really call this a 21st century democratic process? Our founding fathers could give you a lesson on how democracy should work and how it is to be conducted. Hopefully the City Council will make the right decision and reconsider this agreement. Thank you</p>

Jan Rose

Comments re the ROA for Commerce City

Colorado requires new carbon reduction and pollution control, as imposed by SB19-181 and SB19-1261, as well as the EPA. Therefore, this ROA should minimize to the greatest possible extent possible any GHGs and toxic pollutants emitted during the course of operations, by meeting the following goals:

If you're going to drill, do it as cleanly and with as minimal disruption to residents as possible. Several opportunities to ensure this are readily available in Colorado, but not included in the ROA. These include:

- Using synthetic drilling mud like Neoflow 4633, which has the additional benefit of offering lower odor emissions
- Using Tier 4 engines for drilling. Cummings has produced Tier 4 engines for the last several years and they are currently being mandated by Broomfield's ROA.

Requiring electric equipment whenever such alternative exists.

- Ensuring that pipelines for operations—rather than vehicle transport—are utilized wherever and whenever possible including water, produced water, and any ongoing multi-ton additive/export needed for the drilling process..

- Requiring on-road vehicle emissions standards be applied to all drilling operations vehicles.

Requiring that all but production operations be temporarily halted during ozone alert days.

- Close the Clean Air Act loophole allowing lack of permit during completions operations, and insist on enhanced monitoring during the completions process, where the highest concentration of air pollution occurs.

Budget for increased radon testing, paid for by permit and inspection fees. Fracking releases far more than oil and/or gas. Radon incidence is a known consequence, and the city needs money to address it.

Require the best available pollution-reduction equipment/technology. You are subjecting the residents of your community—the people you've pledged to serve—to public health hazards for decades to come. Don't make 2-5 year decisions without giving paramount importance to that fact.

Adhere to the requirements mandated by HB19-1261 to reduce GHGs by 26% (over 2005) by the year 2025, it is incumbent on any ROA to require offsetting carbon credits and net zero operations to satisfy those goals.

The proposed ROA will emit pollution in the equivalent of thousands of cars per year to the city's—and the Front Range's—carbon footprint for the life of the wells. Therefore, the ROA should require offsets of a similar amount.

Continuous monitoring of leaks/emissions, and scheduled reporting to the city. As noted above, both SB19-181 and HB19-1261 require monitoring of carbon emission reductions. HB19-1261 requires reduction of GHGs by 25% by the year 2025. Commerce City is one of the most polluted zip codes in the country, and borders other communities that can say the same. Commerce City has a legacy of high levels of pollution: the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, the Suncor Refinery, and the I-70 Ditch to name a few.

These are areas of drilling operations that have a high incidence of leaks/spills/accidents:

- Explosive vapors from liquid leaks and spills
- Circulation systems, enclosures, fuel storage/transport lines, pressure relief valves
- Lubrication oil leaks through seals and gaskets
- Leaks associated with transfer of flowback, water/sand/fracfluid delivery, temporary tank storage, vehicle transport etc.

	<p>In short, every part of the process emits pollutants. The city must require personnel, software, and sensors to continuously monitor operations.</p> <p>Address cumulative impacts. As stated above, current GHG emitters include Suncor, brown-fields, coal trains' dust, the I-70 ditch, the city's existing wells, other forms of heavy industry, etc. This ROA should conform to 26% pollution reductions mandated by law.</p> <p>Assess the loss of home property values, as well as quiet enjoyment. Who will buy their homes, and for what price? Who will choose Commerce City as their business HQ?</p> <p>In summary, your obligation to the people of Commerce City takes precedence over such a heavy industrial process when the city is already burdened with too many. Impose the maximum amount of control, oversight, and accountability. Require the highest fees to pollute, and enforce them. Otherwise Commerce City will sacrifice long-term successes in favor of short-term revenue. To the detriment of the people who elected you, and who are your neighbors.</p>
Laurie Anderson	<p>As a resident of Broomfield living near the Extraction 84 well development, I offer the following advice based upon the Broomfield OA as compared to the Commerce City ROA:1. The Broomfield OA was signed prior to SB181. Therefore, the Commerce City ROA can and must be protective of public health, safety, and the environment and should be superior in those aspects as compared to the Broomfield OA. This includes the ability to remove all qualifiers and base the ROA on health studies and with the legislative intent at the fore front of all decisions which includes the use of the precautionary principal.2. Enforcement is critical. All aspects of the ROA must be clearly defined including methods of enforcement such that this agreement can be upheld. Language in the Broomfield OA is often not clearly defined and therefore makes enforcement more difficult, such as "commonly available" for Tier 4 frac pumps. Despite the seemingly clear intent, upholding this requirement was complex.3. The protection of health and safety is paramount. However, once it is determined that the protection of public health, safety, and environment will be accomplished, the project should also be reviewed to ensure it is a wise economic decision for Commerce City and the residents. Based upon the 84 well Broomfield plan by Extraction, the City and County of Broomfield estimates a net loss of \$3 million over the period from 2004 to 2041. It is imperative that the revenue and expenditures be reviewed to ensure that the project is economically beneficial -and- protective of health, safety, and the environment.4. The nondevelopment of minerals is no longer considered waste. 5. Rulemaking will not be complete until July 2020. Perhaps it is best to wait until more of the work at the state level is complete which will help guide and inform decisions at the City level.</p>

Staff, Council and Special Counsel,

An extreme amount of effort has gone into this Agreement. You should be commended, although you likely won't be often, for the efforts you have put into the negotiation, vetting, and citizen collaboration that has gone into this Agreement.

As you know, and will hear/read countless times, we citizens are concerned most with health and safety. Visual esthetics and mitigation are a distant third, but still important. Section 5.5 is comprehensive and provides significant air, water, waste, and visual quality/mitigation measures. Many of which could potentially leave our neighborhood in a better position than it began. This seems like the gold standard of protections.

To me, my family, my neighborhood, and countless in the community that have been bullied out of their voice (and know, without a doubt, that many have been bullied out of their opinion), this Agreement is very impressive. What Staff, Council and Special Counsel have been able to achieve is, well, amazing. The protections, concessions, and money that is wrapped up in this agreement is encouraging and fruitful for our community. I monitor next door, and have been a part of discussions on occasion, but have realized it is the same minority group pushing the same innaccurate content. I also know that this same group of people has bullied supporters from getting involved, being a voice, and helping provide truth. I encourage you, no, plead to you, to not allow these antics to have the pedestal and outvoice the majority.

There are numerous reasons that I believe this agreement is good for the community. However, Section 4.2 is possibly the most important. You all have successfully negotiated an agreement that creates several insurances, financial and economical protections, and a high bar (blueprint) that any operator shall abide by to proceed with a permit application. Yet, this agreement makes no guarantees, and in fact serves as the highest of floors. This is encouraging, as the landscape of the COGCC rulemaking is lagging, and the City code is not yet updated. If the city is able to agree to a framework, secure numerous financial benefits, and not sacrifice the unknown (what will code/COGCC end up being), then it should quickly take advantage of it. You may hear from a loud few that you have a fiduciary duty to your constituents that you should not approve this until the COGCC rules are established, or code is adopted. This is ironic, as it seems these few have not read 4.2. At the last Oil and Gas Focus Group the question was presented to a some of the oppostion "why would adopting this agreement, having read 4.2, be a negative thing?" The asker opened the question to all, but specifically those who stated this agreement should be scrapped. Those individuals were non-responsive. While their opinions were strong, they were non-responsive. It appeared as they were dumbfounded. Of course, some are just so whole-heartedly against oil and gas that they will ignore all discussion to the contrary. I encourage you to avoid the same ineptitude. Should you hesitate on voting this in, I ask you the same questions--why would it harm or be against public policy? With the skill and detail that this was written, do you think there is a better result for the city? I assert, with experience and professional knowledge (humbly, albeit) that there is not.

Additionally, we citizens don't want to be stuck in a perpetual state of operations. Section 10.2 addresses this. 5 years, and probably 4.5 by the time operations begin, is a short amount of time to fullydevelop the city. This protects the community from continual burdens and allows the proverbial "in and out" to take place. This protection is applauded. If we, as a city, can establish benefits, but not be indefinitely burdened, then this should be pursued. Without this agreement, those safeholds are gone.

Exhibit B "BMPs" is very comprehensive. My concern is thoroughly enforcing and regulating the BMPs. This is a question of resources. I think the Agreements lays out an acceptable plan to finacnce the resources to regulate the plan, but I would encourage said regulation plan be outlined

	<p>moreso. The state agency and COGCC have much better resources to regulate, however, where this Agreement surpasses those regulations, I would like to see more information and a better plan to regulate and enforce the BMPs. However, again, the city should be commended on the breadth of BMPs it was able to negotiate. I do worry it will eliminate most competition in the area, which could have it's own downfalls, but I think the community benefits outweigh those concerns.</p> <p>Exhibit G also ranks high on the list of achievements here. Yes, this infrastructure is good to have with these operations. However, the percentage of accidents is at an all-time low. We can't rest on that alone, so having the protections and equipment necessary is key. But, this agreement creates a vehicle to better the city for decades to come. Not just the 4.5 years that operations will be here, but for decades. It will assist in saving lives, it will assist in making Commerce City more attractive, and it will assist in bringing more jobs to the emergency response teams. It's incredible, really. I am impressed that Extraction would agree to that. I, again, commend the city, but also applaud Extraction for being willing to oblige. If this area is going to be developed, that is the type of partner we should wish for.</p> <p>The legislative dialogue with 181 was to get the local government more involved. Not only is this being achieved, but it is providing a vehicle to bring operations into the city that will be far safer, far less invasive, and far more economically beneficial to the community. For Extraction to come to the table over the last year, make these concessions, commit this amount of money, and to demonstrate this level of collaboration, that should be commended. This is what we wanted. We didn't want to be left out of the process with out any transparency. We wanted to be compensated for our inconvenience, through mitigation and financial benefit. We wanted safety. This is precisely what Gov. Polis was alluding to with the intent of the Bill. Commerce City has achieved that 10-fold.</p> <p>Just as other cities have done, I encourage you to approve this agreement. I congratulate you on your ability to draft and negotiate the gold standard of operating agreements in the entire country. Commerce City, and you all individually, have an opportunity to be in the conversation of precedent-setting, and this is something our community is proud of--whether or not we are the loudest ones.</p> <p>My family approves the agreement, and I hope you all will to. Our community needs it. Our fire department needs it. Our schools need it. Our police department needs it. Our infrastructure needs it. And many of our neighbors need it.</p>
Derek Seifried	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>We have lived in the Turnberry Neighborhood since 2005. We have seen our share of positive changes in this community since 2005. We love where we live. Bringing 70 + Fracking Wells into our backyards is NOT a positive change. The Regional Operator Agreement is a sweet deal for Oil &amp; Gas operations. We are asking Council to Delay and/or Deny all Commerce City Permits until the all Rulemakings regarding Health and Safety, Pipelines, Cumulative Impacts, and Alternate Siting are completed and implemented. As an area Public School Teacher, we will have another School Drill for our kids to prepare for...Hooray! God-forbid some explosion or leak could happen. *Plenty of examples to cite. We don't want Fracking Rigs near our homes, schools and playgrounds. Plus, we are groundwater in this area. Groundwater contamination from fracking operations is bound to happen. You have a right and a responsibility to protect our kids. These are your kids.... The kids in the neighborhoods. The kids at the area schools. You have a responsibility to the future generations. Don't let this tremendous privilege of protecting the kids health &amp; wellness go to greedy corporate extraction companies whose stock has been declining rapidly. If isn't broken, why fix it? The positive growth and the positive transformation in the northern Commerce City neighborhoods with new schools, restaurants, recreation centers, etc. will be negated by families leaving this area in droves if fracking rigs and drilling operations take place in their neighborhoods.</p>

	<p>Please, we are praying for you Council Members to make the right decision which in your hearts know is protecting this community from the fracking onslaught. Thank you.</p>
David Zeutzius	<p>HALT on approval of the regional operator agreement.</p> <p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p>
	<p>I am definitely disappointed that commerce City is considered 8 Wells. I honestly don't believe my voice matters much but from what I have read, fracking wells that are close to houses are dangerous to humans. Y'all are trusted to so what is best for us and I don't believe our best interest is at heart. Please be good humans and do what is right.</p>
P L Raff	<p>Please STOP The Regional Operator Agreement between Commerce City and Extraction O&amp;G.</p> <p>As a resident and home owner, I am strongly opposed to the proposed agreement. My opinion the agreement is strongly favoring Extraction and holds few solid safeguards for the homeowners in Commerce City.</p>
Mirjana Hilderbrand	<p>Please halt this agreement! It is not in the best interest of Commerce City Residents. You are putting lives of 30,000 humans at risk.</p>
Earl Bryant	<p>This is not something we want in our neighborhood. The oil and gas industry simply outspent the voices of us in this area.</p> <p>We have no mechanism to stop this. No drilling in our neighborhood</p>
Johnna	<p>I move to Commerce City thinking I was moving to a safe place for my family. Now I have to be concerned about drilling under my home, my family is at risk, our health is at risk, our water is at risk or land all at risk for the sake of Commerce City making money from big oil and gas companies. This is very saddening and concerning. And I strongly disagree with this agreement between Commerce City and Extraction Oil &amp; Gas. This is making me rethink my decision to live in Commerce City. If this continues I will be forced to sell my home as I cannot and will not support ANY Oil &amp; Gas company.</p>
	<p>Please don't ruin our neighborhood!!! We all have children that we want to see grow up without getting sick due to the pollution this causes!!! Please go farther out east. Don't do this by our city. You will ruin the thousands of dollars that people have invested to help their family!!! Please don't ruin our homes!!!</p>
	<p>Stop this immediately you are not considering the health or welfare of your citizens. Was driving into Erie today and it smells near the wells. So scary. Needs due process</p>
	<p>Huge Oil &amp; Gas Fracking Sites have NO place in and around densely populated residential neighborhoods. They are dangerous for our health, children, and grandchildren. It is totally unacceptable for these massive O&amp;G sites in or anywhere near Commerce City. SB-181 was passed into law to protect our health, safety, welfare and the environment. These proposed wells have NO place here in Commerce City. The residents and citizens must be the priority!!!!</p>
	<p>Very, very much against oil and gas coming to my neighborhood, Potomac Farms. I don't need this kind of future for my family and especially for my children.</p>

SARAH S MOTICHKA	We are residents in Turnberry. Our home does back to 104th Ave and Highway 2. We are worried for ourselves and our children. Both of our children have special needs. Our life is hard enough without increased lights, trucks and noise. If you choose to use thw land, we want ro be paid for the loss of property value. Our family will have to move. This move will involve a entire year of transition. Our kids cannot even go to the store without meltdowns. The train is noise enough. I am begging you to please not use the land across from our home.
Wendy from CO	This is a terrible plan: no city oversight??? You think O&G will regulate themselves? Commerce City is already hugely polluted from O&G! Who is going to protect the earth and local inhabitants in this plan? NO ONE! That's why it stinks.
Helen Poelker	No to this bad agreement that fails to protect the health of local Commerce City and surrounding residents. Shame on the Regional Operator and shame on Commerce City and Extraction Oil & Gas, LLC. Enough of the greed and madness of the oil industry.
John Myers	This ROA was negotiated in a public policy environment that no longer exists. There is no longer an advantage to the City of Commerce City in the adoption of this agreement. New State Law provides for cities to have municipal code that will address Oil and Gas Best Management Practices. The State of Colorado is working on new regulations that will require change to this premature effort.  The City was right to work on this agreement when the City was in a subordinate position to the COGCC. Now it would be inappropriate to adopt this agreement without recognition of the new public policy environment.
Richard Poelker	You need to HALT this agreement!  There needs to be protection for the residents and their property and health. The companies extracting the oil & gas should not be allowed to do as they please without regard to public safety and the safety of the environment. You must develop rules regarding health, safety and the environment.
	Imagine what will happen to the property values of the citizens of Commerce City when the groundwater is polluted by oil and gas exploration. What redress will they have to recover from this loss?

Sonia Skakich-Scrima

Dear Commerce City Council Members,

Three important reasons to reject the Extraction drilling proposal:

Per SB181 you have the authority and indeed the responsibility to ensure that oil and gas development in your purview ensures the highest standards of mitigation of adverse impacts to public health and safety, the environment, and wildlife.

1) THREATS TO PHYSICAL SAFETY:

Current setbacks listed in COGCC regs and proposed by Extraction are not fully protective of public safety. High volume slickwater horizontal hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is a heavy industrial activity that known to pose serious risk of fires, explosions, blowbacks and spills. A fire and explosion in Weld County last year ejected toxic petroleum product and other hot debris 2000 feet, which is not unusual. Fires at well sites burn at 3,300 degrees F., causing 2nd degree burns in 30 seconds at 350 feet. Fires at well sites are often accompanied by explosions, which are known to cause craters 750 feet in diameter (and eject debris well beyond that, including equipment, storage tanks, toxic chemicals, etc.). Neither Colorado neighborhoods nor local firefighters are prepared for such industrial fires. There is a reason you don't allow fireworks factories or other high risk industrial activities near neighborhoods. Oil and gas development poses even higher risks to suburban communities and cities.

References:

The rising risks of the West's latest gas boom: An explosion in suburban Colorado raises questions on safety and accountability, D. Glick and Jason Plautz, Colorado Independent, Oct. 19, 2018 <https://www.hcn.org/issues/50.18/energy-industry-how-site-workers-and-firefighters-responding-to-a-2017-natural-gas-explosion-in-windsor-colorado-narrowly-avoided-disaster>

Adequacy of Current State Setbacks for Directional High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing in the Marcellus, Barnett, and Niobrara Shale Plays, Haley, M., McCawley, M. Epstein, A.C., Arrington, B, and Bjerke, E.F., Environ Health Perspect. ,2016 Sep; 124(9): 1323–1333.

2) RISKS TO PUBLIC HEALTH, especially for the most vulnerable populations: children, developing fetuses, the elderly:

Scientific studies assessing the health risks of living near fracking operations show increased risk of childhood asthma, asthma and other respiratory problems, cardiovascular incidents, neurologic problems, reproductive failure, low birth weight, spina bifida and neural tube defects birth defects and, most recently, an up to 70% increased risk of death or lifelong disability for infants born to mothers who lived within 1 mile of a fracking well in Colorado, due to congenital hear defects.

Unless you have required Extraction to use ONLY non toxic chemicals in their fracking fluid mixture, only electric for all power (rather than diesel) and require monitored zero emissions of VOCs or chemicals that produce ozone, you have not fulfilled your duty to mitigate adverse impacts to health in a "reasonable and necessary fashion". The death or lifelong debilitation of infants due to their mother having lived within 1 mile of a wellsite during the first 2 months of pregnancy is not reasonable nor necessary. Your vote can prevent that.

References:

Proximity to oil and gas sites makes pregnant mothers up to 70 percent more likely to give birth to a baby with congenital heart defects, according to a new study. Led by Dr. Lisa McKenzie at the University of Colorado, researchers found that the chemicals released from oil and gas wells can have serious and potentially fatal effects on babies born to mothers who live within a mile of an active well site....

The researchers studied more than 3,000 newborns who were born in Colorado between 2005 and 2011. The state is home to about 60,000 fracking sites, according to the grassroots group Colorado Rising. In areas with the highest intensity of oil and gas extraction activity, mothers were 40 to 70 percent more likely to give birth to babies with congenital heart defects (CHDs).

"We observed more children were being born with a congenital heart defect in areas with the highest intensity of oil and gas well activity," said McKenzie in a statement.

The study was more precise than previous reports about the link between oil and gas extraction and CHDs. The researchers studied families in which the pregnant mother lived near an active oil or gas well up to the second month of pregnancy, when fetal cardiac development takes place.

	<p>They also estimated the level of intensity of the oil and gas activity, determined exactly how close the pregnant mothers lived to the well sites, and ensured there were no other significant air pollution sources which could skew their results.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cuanschutztoday.org/greater-prevalence-of-congenital-heart-defects-in-areas-with-high-intensity-of-oil-and-gas-well-activity/">https://www.cuanschutztoday.org/greater-prevalence-of-congenital-heart-defects-in-areas-with-high-intensity-of-oil-and-gas-well-activity/</a>  Greater prevalence of congenital heart defects in areas with high intensity of oil and gas well activity - CU Anschutz Today  Evidence of relationship between birth defects and oil, gas activity Greater prevalence of congenital heart defects in areas with high intensity of oil and gas well activity  www.cuanschutztoday.org</p> <p>3. Increased risks to a viable future for the next generation, due to oil and gas large contribution to breaching irreversible climate chaos tipping points and leading the planet to civilization ending catastrophes (of collapse of agriculture, water scarcity, collapse of infrastructure, etc per the International Panel of scientists on climate change, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff reports, the Rand Institute, U.N. assessments, etc). Fracking also threatens to exacerbate the primary impact of climate instability on Colorado, namely increasingly severe draught, since it uses up tremendous quantities of water and renders the water so toxic that it has to be sequestered in a well and capped, to prevent that water from entering the hydrologic cycle. Rendering toxic Colorado's most precious natural resource and exacerbating climate instability is not reasonable nor necessary, rather a threat to Colorado's security, especially since scientific assessment of the window of time left to address climate change before breaching irreversible tipping points grows smaller and smaller:  Reference:  12 Years to Save the Planet? Make That 18 Months , by Matt McGrath, BBC, Thursday, July 25, 2019.  "The climate math is brutally clear: While the world can't be healed within the next few years, it may be fatally wounded by negligence until 2020."  THANK YOU FOR PRIORITIZING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT OVER OIL AND GAS PUTATIVE REVENUES.  Sonia Skakich-Scrima, Aurora Resident (my husband works in Commerce City)</p>
Paula Denissen	There is enough production in Colorado. The corporations can't have it all
Judy A. Myers	<p>Extraction is taking my rights away by taking my mineral rights without my consent.</p> <p>Our air quality is already horrible, giving them rights to so many new well will it impossible for me to even be able to walk down the street, will my health issues.</p> <p>I think we need to hold off on the ROA (we don't need contracts anymore) and put in city codes (management practices) so everybody knows how we will enforce Health, Safety and Air Quality Practices.</p>
Joel Minor	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>Attached please find comments submitted by Earthjustice, the League of Oil and Gas Impacted Coloradans, and North Range Concerned Citizens on Commerce City's draft Regional Operator Agreement with Extraction Oil and Gas. We look forward to answering any questions you might have about these comments.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Joel Minor  Senior Associate Attorney  Earthjustice Rocky Mountain Office  633 17th Street, Suite 1600</p>

	<p>Denver, CO 80202  T: 303-996-9628  F: 720-550-5757  jminor@earthjustice.org  Pronouns: He, him, his</p>
Cindy van der Wyk	<p>No drilling in the Dunes until air quality, safety rules in place and noise abatement in place along with another notice to home owners No more permits until our concerns are dealt with!</p>
Nikki B	<p>First and foremost, oil and gas has no business in residential areas. I specifically researched this issue when moving to Reunion 3 years ago and there were no indications that unconventional fracking techniques were going to be utilized near the neighborhood we moved in to. Since City council refuses to take into consideration the health and well being of each and every citizen, we are stuck with this sham of a ROA. This ROA waives the right for the city to protest any future developments in the future. City council would like to claim how safe this drilling will be, but then only requires water testing once a year and the report of all spills, accidents and other violations only twice a year. If City council wants to put their money with their mouth is as far as safety, the ROA needs to be rewritten with more stringent testing and monitoring standards, including surprise inspections. Fees and fines should also increase in order to discourage O&amp;G from cutting corners and not following said ROA. Further, it does not appear that the cumulative effect of all these pads and Wells will have on the health and well being of it's citizens. Hell, one pad is located adjacent to a Superfund site. What genius thinks that is a recipe for success? One suggestion if we must move forward with this atrocity would be live air monitoring at each pad, setup and maintained by a neutral 3rd party. That way citizens can keep an eye on the amount of poison O&amp;G will be exposing us to on a daily basis. The ideal solution would be to tell Extraction and other O&amp;G companies that unconventional fracking cannot coexist in residential area and to look elsewhere for pad locations. It would be also beneficial to wait and entertain this ROA after the upcoming Commerce City elections are held and COGCC has had an opportunity to rewrite the current laws governing O&amp;G.</p>
	<p>Commerce City has already been overloaded with industrial waste and air pollution. Time to respect the land and peoples...and animals... of this area. They , by their existence, deserve a clean and healthy environment. Please do not continue the pollution of their home town.  I know, and I think you know that there are a number of ways to tap into clean energy sources.</p>
Carol Taylor Boyd	<p>I am very concerned about any oil &amp; gas extraction within urban areas and near any existing populated areas. I am sceptical that extracting oil and gas can be accomplished without some danger to people, wildlife and the environment. Water is one of our most precious resources. There will be water pollution due the chemicals used to get the oil. The process requires a lot of water. It is wasteful to spend so many resources to get oil when it is better for the environment, air and water quality to focus on cleaner, renewable sources of energy like solar and wind technology. I believe that climate change is real and fueled by our use of fossil fuels. Allowing oil extraction in Commerce City will further encourage the use of fossil fuels, and delay the development of safer, cleaner sources of renewable energy.</p>
R	<p>PLEASE STOP! HALT THIS AGREEMENT!  Im not going to bore you with all the safety implications all of already know. My 5 year old daughter needs a safe place to grow up!</p>
Chris Moore	<p>The Commerce City Operator Agreement is bad for the metro area because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</li> <li>2. Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</li> <li>3. Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of the city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</li> </ol>

	<p>4. Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</p> <p>5. Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback."</p> <p>6. Forces the city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</p> <p>7. Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</p> <p>8. Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p> <p>We the people pf Colorado deserve better control on this oil and gas wild west.</p>
Devon Reynolds	<p>As long as the rulemaking on SBS181 is still going on, these kinds of agreements and all fracking should be put on hold. We do not have the proper regulations in place yet and cannot yet account for new air pollution standards, setbacks, or other regulations related to health and safety. How can you sign agreements that allow these companies to poison Commerce City when you don't know if what they're doing is safe--if, in fact, evidence points to fracking causing low birth weight, cancer, and higher risks of heart defects? Keep it in the ground!</p>
	<p>Our household that resides at 9904 E.113th Ave. in Henderson oppose the amendment and are against any oil or gas extraction close to our Dunes park and Belle Creek communities. Please do not allow fracking/gas &amp; oil drilling so close to our homes. If signatures are required, please let us know what will be necessary and we will make our opposition by signature if required.</p> <p>Joseph Cerullo</p>
	<p>Extraction Oil &amp; Gas LLC has agreed to numerous best management practices in other communities in the Denver area that are not included in your planned agreement in Commerce City. Why give away the store and negatively impact the health and safety of your citizens when you don't have to? Bargain for the same kind of protections Extraction agreed to in Broomfield, where I live. You can get these protections. Don't be foolish in your negotiations. Protect all of us who live in the Denver metro area! Thank you.</p>

I oppose the execution of the ROA/BMP. The following lists only my major concerns:

1.Entering into an agreement prior to rule-making under SB 19-181 and confirmation by the legislature is not in the public's best interest. It does not satisfy the City's duty to exercise its authority to regulate the use of land and the location and siting of oil and gas facilities on the basis of the impact of the use on the community or surrounding areas. COGCC hearings are scheduled for March and April 2020 regarding the issue of cumulative impact. According to the COGCC GIS Online map on 7/28/19, Commerce City was a CDPHE 8 hour Ozone non-attainment area. Clusters of mega well sites, proposed drilling of 190 wells in a 30-mile radius, the presence of Suncor Refinery and the Arsenal are critical factors in determining the impact of land use for fracturing operations on public health, safety and welfare. It is in the public's interest to wait for the results of the COGCC hearings.

2.The City has a code for circulars and printed materials yet has abdicated under ROA Article XIV 14.1 codifying rules for an industrial business operation in close proximity to residential communities. "Traditional contractual remedies can be costly, slow, and inefficient" does not outweigh protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

3.Enforcement of Best Management Practices via ROA Article XIV, 14.1.b utilizing fines and penalties for violations under the Neighborhood Services Division of the City is not commensurate with the magnitude of possible violations under the ROA/BMP (leaks, spills and emissions of toxic materials). According to the Commerce City website Neighborhood Services, "addresses nuisance concerns like junk, trash, weeds and junk motor vehicles" with fines ranging from \$100 (1st violation) to \$999 (4th violation) with a maximum fine not to exceed \$2,600 (adjusted annually beginning January 1, 2014). SB 19-181 29-20-104(b) grants the City the authority to impose fines for leaks, spills and emissions yet these are not specifically addressed in the ROA/BMP.

4.ROA Article XIV 14.6 further negates meaningful enforcement by waiving all enforcement or civil infraction fines and fees on the Operator if the Operator conducts a self-audit and through that process identifies a potential violation, regardless of the magnitude of the violation.

5.Public transparency:

a.BMP 1 K, the Operator is required to submit annual reports to the City certifying compliance with air quality requirements and documenting any periods of material non-compliance, including the date and duration of each such deviation and a compliance plan and schedule to achieve compliance. Annual reporting/disclosure is not timely and disclosure to the public is not addressed.

b.BMP Section 7,B "The Operator shall provide a formal written update to the City Council on a Bi-Annual basis, including but not limited to, (1) any reportable spills or reportable accidents at locations, (2) any notice of alleged violations from the City or COGCC, and (3) summary of complaints to the Operator and COGCC." As this data is readily available to the Operator, at least quarterly reporting should be required and disclosed to the public.

c.SB 19-181 Section 2 25-7-109 (C) requires oil and natural gas operators to install and operate continuous methane emissions monitors at multi-well facilities. What is the method and timing of disclosure to the public?

d.BMP Section 2 Water Quality requires the Operator to make available to the City the chemicals to be used on the Well Sites, yet makes disclosure by the City to the public discretionary ("may").

e.ROA Article VII, 7.2, implementation of new technology proposed by the City, does not require a public hearing if the Operator declines to employ the proposed technology.

6.Tax-payers subsidization?

a.What financial assessment was performed to validate that the \$3,000,000 surety under ROA Article XII 12.3 (\$15,800 per proposed well) is sufficient?

b.ROA Article XIII, 13.3 provides an annual inspection fee of \$500 per new well to cover all

	<p>inspection costs. ROA Article XIII 13.1 stipulates the right to enter by a City-approved inspector. The average hourly consulting rate is \$100 which equates to 5 hours of inspection per well per year. What is the City’s inspection plan?</p> <p>c.ROA Article XIII, 13.4 Ambient Air Sampling Payment of \$250 per new well to the City to use for sampling at their discretion. What study did the City perform to determine the cost of ambient air sampling analysis and what are the results of the study? Is the fee sufficient?</p> <p>d.BMP Section 12 states that the City will assist Operator in obtaining an expeditious approval of the Emergency Response Plan from the South Adams County and Brighton Fire Department of the Emergency Response Plan. Why has the City assumed this responsibility?</p> <p>e.ROA Article XII, 12.2 the Parties agree that there “may” be a cost reimbursement agreement entered for any reasonable emergency response costs. All emergency response costs shall be borne by the Operator.</p>
Lori Sprague	<p>My lungs already can't handle these summer days. I can only spend mere minutes outside early in the a.m. to water my garden. To allow more carbons in the air for us sensitive to the already air quality bad days where are told to stay inside is just cruel and dangerous. I have asthma and born with advancing lung disease. I cough up so much phlegm all day one would think I puff on a cigarette all day lung but no I live in what should be beautiful blue Colorado. I spend many days a month at age 48 at National Jewish Health seeing lung specialist testing new medications instead of breathing and hiking mountain air. Commerce City, please don't choke me out even more by creating this town to be known as an oil/gas extraction town, I beg you! This is a community of people. Please listen to what your people say and want. Thank you, Lori Sprague</p>
Genny Colby	<p>I believe that drilling and fracking operations do not need to be located in or around residential areas or areas where our families work and play We do not know the long term impacts of these methods on our soil, our ground, our water, and our environment overall. We should not risk the potential health risks of our elderly and young just for few dollars. The financial impact could way out weigh any gain if we find that fracking and other drilling methods have serious health consequences. Aslo, we do not to have our beautiful landscape littered with eye sores of drill pad after drill pad. Commerce City is a great place to raise a family, let's keep it safe, healthy, and beautiful for many years to come.</p>
Stewart and Christine Nyholm, ACCDAN	<p>See attached file.</p>
Matt, Commerce City Citizen	<p>This is a terrible agreement for the citizens of Commerce City that both hurts us on our taxes and will hurt the value of our homes.</p> <p>It is completely unfair that the citizens of this city will have to suffer from oil companies who could care less what this does to our homes and community.</p>

	<p>Please DO NOT allow the citizens to suffer due to this horrendous proposal that puts drilling so near our homes and families.</p>
<p>Debbie Shannon</p>	<p>PLEASE DO NOT approve the Regional Operator Agreement between Commerce City and Extraction. I am truly afraid for my health and safety and I have a brand new grandson who I am also afraid for. If this agreement is approved and these wells are put in my grandson will never come to my house. I will sell my house and move. Please take the health and safety of us residents into consideration.</p> <p>The Regional Operator Agreement is a sweetheart deal for operator that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Grants major loopholes that put our families' health and safety at risk</li> <li>· Fails to give Commerce City residents any say in what is happening.</li> <li>· Puts Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for the cost of oil and gas development and basic public safety protections.</li> </ul> <p>A DOZEN REASONS TO STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ignores new state law that prioritizes our health, safety and welfare.</li> <li>2. Compels our city to accept and approve ALL 8 of Extraction's proposed sites for 190 new wells without considering the negative cumulative impacts on our community.</li> <li>3. Leaves Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars, potentially, if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback."</li> <li>4. Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</li> <li>5. Prohibits our city from protesting or calling for a hearing on any of these sites AND any additional well sites within the City's growth boundary.</li> <li>6. Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for oil and gas, frackwater ("produced" water) and water pipelines on city land.</li> <li>7. Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement Best Management Practices.</li> <li>8. Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the so-called Best Management Practices.</li> <li>9. Rushes the Agreement and BMPs through so as to keep the Operator from having to comply with new public health and safety requirements with the State or the City.</li> <li>10. Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</li> <li>11. Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit. Developments.</li> <li>12. Gives operator concessions and Best Management Practices options, rather than exercising City's authority to write undeniable City Code requirements.</li> </ol>

<p>Rev. Amy Petre Hill</p>	<p>The Commerce City Council should vote down the Regional Operator Agreement with Extraction Oil &amp; Gas, LLC to ensure the health and safety of all its residents and to properly abide by Senate Bill 181.</p> <p>A December 2016 report from the EPA (<a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/hfdwa_executive_summary.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/hfdwa_executive_summary.pdf</a>) clearly states that many of the chemicals used for fracking are carcinogens and that these carcinogens can impact the health of living near a fracking site. The Colorado Legislature acknowledged the potential harm inherent in fracking and passed Senate Bill 181 to ensure the COGCC considers these facts in creating regulations around oil and gas extraction. This Regional Operator agreement for 11 heavy-industry sites with pipeline infrastructure for 254 horizontal wellbores fracked under our homes and schools will impact the 30,000 individuals living within Commerce City.</p> <p>Commerce City Council need to reject this agreement in its current form and allow the COGCC to complete its rulemaking and then redraft such an agreement in compliance with the new COGCC regulations.</p> <p>The well being of our community depends upon each Council member putting the health and safety needs of residents before profits</p>
<p>Mark Koritz</p>	<p>Why is the Commerce City Operator Agreement SO bad?</p> <p>Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</p> <p>Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</p> <p>Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</p> <p>Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</p> <p>Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback."</p> <p>Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</p> <p>Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</p> <p>Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p>
<p>Larry Kimball</p>	<p>It sounds like the Operator calls the shots with little or no oversight from Commerce City.</p> <p>Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</p> <p>Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p> <p>These two items alone should doom this process!</p> <p>Commerce City is giving the Operator permission to create a disaster, large and loud or slow and deadly with no input from it's citizens.</p> <p>Commerce City needs to start over and come up with something that protects the people and their property, like no drilling in the city.</p>
<p>Tina Shepard</p>	<p>Residents of Commerce City and adjacent areas would get a bum deal as things stand now.</p> <p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as</p>

	permitted under new state law. Thank you.
Jeffrey Gross	Refuse to allow any drilling or extraction until COGCC finalizes their statewide regulations.
Paul Lindgren	Please don't allow expansion of fracking in Commerce City. I live in the area & this will affect my property value as well as compromise the safety of myself, my family, my neighbors & friends with no benefit to the community. Please don't put oil company ahead of the interests & safety of residents. Thank you.
L Biernacki	Please do not allow the creation of more oil extraction for Commerce City. Oil extraction is polluting the water; the production and use of fossil fuels is driving climate change. Colorado is blessed with copious sunlight. We need to capitalize on this and switch to solar. Moreover, ozone levels are through the roof and one of the major contributors to ozone levels are Oil and gas extraction in Colorado.
Stewart Guthrie	When summers are hotter than ever, sea-level rise and salt-water intrusion are accelerating, and ecosystems are failing, it's time to rein in fracking. In fact, it's time to ban it, as it releases toxins both above ground and below, which will harm us either eventually or immediately.
Carol Holly	The residents of Commerce City and Denver should stop this major drilling agreement for several reasons: 1. The operation of 190 wells will put a minimum of 2 lbs of ROC/NOx PER WELL into the local airshed. That is almost 400 lbs a day of reactive organic compounds that include toxic chemicals such as benzene and toluene. These compounds are pre-cursors to smog. Smog in the greater Denver area is already a serious problem. 2. Studies regarding the health of residents living with one mile of oil and gas production facilities show that they suffer from low birth weight babies, asthma, and increased rates of heart disease. This project should not go forward until the oil and gas operator can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the residents that there will be no potential harm to their health. 3. Fracking is necessary in gas wells and fracking is harmful to human health. Dr. Seth Shonkoff and Physicians for Social Responsibility have compiled a list of at least a dozen health studies completed since 2014 that demonstrate the negative health effects of living in proximity of fracking.  This project must be studied for potential health impacts to the residents of Commerce City and the possibility that the approval of this project represents a key example of environmental racism.
doris lackner	this is not what i've been reading . has Governor Polis been contacted? the newspapers claim he is all about homes being too close to the oil sites and the lack of safety.
Sara B McMechan	Don't cede our environment to the Oil and Gas industry- don't let the fox in the henhouse unfettered!
	This needs to be stopped now!!!
	Our state has a long history of damage and pollution from extractive industries -- mining and petroleum development. Mining companies have repeatedly walked away from their messes, leaving the citizens of our communities to clean up after them. At a time when our society should be moving away from petroleum, which is dirty at every stage, from extraction to combustion, allowing drilling without adequate protection for the community and the environment is risky and careless. I strongly oppose subjecting the community to this kind of risk.
	While Coloradans deserves well-paying jobs, I also know that our economy and way of life will suffer greatly if we don't do you more to curb greenhouse gas emissions now. Furthermore, more studies need to be done about the safety of fracking on our water and air. Fracking should happen far away from residential communities and alongside increased renewable energy production. This is not the right energy project for Commerce City or Colorado.
Mary Fitzgerald	How dare you destroy residential neighborhoods by poisoning them with oil and gas drilling. Especially heinous because renewable energy is our future. Why doesn't Extraction Oil and Gas change their business plan to sustainable energy?!

Patience Carter	I'm fully against allowing extraction of oil and gas under Commerce City. This is not good for the environment or people's health. As someone who lives nearby I'm fully against this! Please don't let them drill in our neighborhood.
Dr GB Wagner	the classic CORPORATE GREED vs PUBLIC HEALTH debate. If you own property which is being paid for by gas extraction, you may totally go for the money. Money is good for the short term, but if you really own up you will realize that your kids and grand kids will bear a horrible brunt-- to their livelihood and to their health and perhaps even existence. Wise up...
	Oil and gas??? With the available knowledge to everyone about what is happening to our climate, it now all boils down to those who don't really give a damn so long as they can put money in their pockets. I am not a Coloradan, but I have visited the state. It is one of our most beautiful states, and it should stay that way. In my travels, I also passed many of those horrid oil derricks, despoiling the landscapes. In no way should we be pursuing oil and gas anywhere in the country if we have a shred of intelligence and concerns for the country's, and the planet's, future.
	Against drilling. Too close to where I will be living. Harmful to all living things, take drilling elsewhere please.
Phil Noble	<p>The following URL  <a href="https://www.psr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/compendium-6.pdf">https://www.psr.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/compendium-6.pdf</a>  is the definitive voice; it is the literature search; it is the sought after scientific evidence. And, it puts the lie to once relied upon (but unpublishable as scientific) CDPHE compilations based on cherry picked studies. It is essential reading for anyone making decisions about fracking. Selected excerpts from the document follow:</p> <p>Rapid declines in the cost of wind, solar, and battery storage prices have now made renewable energy a cheaper alternative than coal and gas in most major economies. Note (25), Lazard: A leading financial advisory and asset management company, 2018.</p> <p>Even as oil prices have rebounded somewhat during the past two years, fracking companies are, collectively, still spending more on drilling than they receive by selling oil and gas. (100, 101), NY Times, 2018; Reuters, 2019.</p> <p>A new analysis shows that a 100 percent renewable energy system in the United States would reduce electricity costs. (26), "Renewable and Sustainable Energy", 2019.</p> <p>New gas and oil infrastructure projects are now at risk for becoming stranded assets. Evidence shows that, even in the absence of new climate policies, continuing investments in fossil fuel exports may substantially harm the U.S. economy. (31), "Nature Climate Change", 2018.</p> <p>Over 90 percent of all original research studies published from 2016-2018 on the health impacts of fracking found a positive association with harm or potential harm. (35).</p> <p>Examination of the peer-reviewed medical, public health, biological, earth sciences, and engineering literature uncovered no evidence that fracking can be practiced in a manner that does not threaten human health.</p> <p>By April 2019, the amount of natural gas burned off via flaring in the Permian oil fields had reached a record high and exceeded the amount of gas needed to power every residence in Texas. (107).</p> <p>People living within setback distances are potentially vulnerable to thermal injury during a well blowout, and they are also susceptible to exposures of benzene and hydrogen sulfide at levels above those known to cause health risks.</p> <p>In 29 out of 76 samples, toxin concentrations far exceeded federal health and safety standards, sometimes by several orders of magnitude. (170).</p> <p>Over 300 water wells have been contaminated near pads.</p> <p>About 10% of oil wells report spills each yr. About 5% of fracking fluid is lost to spills. Toxicity peaks during first days of flowback. Toxins from a leaking well can migrate 1 km/wk. Need tracers to demonstrate.</p> <p>Water withdrawals for fracking can deplete water levels by 51% in nearby streams. Streams near drilling and fracking activity had significantly higher numbers of methane-metabolizing and methane-producing microorganisms.</p> <p>In just one Oklahoma county alone, there were 400 cases where frack fluid from horizontal oil wells flooded nearby vertical wells. (284, 285).</p>

For a treatment plant that was specially designed to treat fracking wastewater, researchers found contamination for many miles downstream with fracking-related chemicals that included radium, barium, strontium, and chloride, as well as endocrine-disrupting and carcinogenic compounds. Effluents were so radioactive that they approached levels that would, in some U.S. states, classify them as radioactive waste and necessitate special disposal. (291, 292)

EPA Deputy Administrator Tom Burke said in a statement to American Public Media, "We found scientific evidence of impacts to drinking water resources at each stage of the hydraulic fracturing cycle." (307)

High salinity of fracking wastewater minimizes its recycling options and thus contributes to the need for disposal wells.

The steady rate of well contamination over time...suggests that well failures, rather than the process of hydraulic fracturing itself, was the mechanism that created migration pathways for the stray gas to reach drinking water sources. Of the 42 affected wells, 11 had already been identified by state regulators as suffering from "barrier failures."316. Fracking wastewater has contaminated surface water and soils throughout North Dakota.

Chemical products are formed during the process of fracking and its aftermath. Hence, non-toxic additives could potentially react with other substances to create harmful byproducts. The authors conclude that a comprehensive assessment of risks would require an unabridged list of the chemical additives used for fracking, and they call for full disclosure. (331, 332).

Fracking fluid was found to contain arsenic, benzene, cadmium, formaldehyde, lead, and mercury.336.

Laboratory coding systems were used by design to obscure possible detections of certain chemical contaminants in residents' drinking water.

Spraying of oil-field wastewater has contaminated groundwater in Kern County, California.

Wastewater samples collected from 329 fracked oil wells found that virtually all—98 percent—contained benzene at levels that exceeded standards for permissible concentrations in drinking water. Cows in PA wandered through a spill of drilling wastewater. Of the calves born to the 28 cows, only six survived. (939).

A drilling company could follow procedures -- cementing and casing below the local aquifer — and still create a potential pathway for gas to migrate into drinking water." (38).

A review of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection files on fracking-related damage to drinking water revealed that 243 private water supplies in 22 counties had been contaminated or had lost flow and dried up as a result of nearby drilling and fracking operations in the past seven years.

The percentage of wells with some form of well barrier or integrity failure is highly variable and could be as high as 75 percent. Methane flow rates from plugged wells measured in this study were not consistently lower than unplugged wells and indeed were sometimes higher, even though wells are plugged for the precise purpose of limiting the escape of gases. P. 214

A draft report from the Pennsylvania DEP described a 2008 incident in Pennsylvania in which a person died in an explosion triggered by lighting a candle in a bathroom after natural gas had seeped into a septic system from an abandoned well. P. 214

Data from the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission showed that fracking-related chemical spills in Colorado exceed an average rate of one spill per day. Of the 495 chemical spills that occurred in that state over a one-year period of time, nearly a quarter impacted ground or surface water.

A USGS study of pollution from oil production in North Dakota, where horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing are heavily used, identified two potential plumes of groundwater contamination covering 12 square miles.

State data in Colorado showed more than 350 instances of groundwater contamination resulting from more than 2,000 spills from oil and gas operations over the past five years.

Improper cementing and casing in one of the company's gas wells allowed methane to migrate underground and contaminate 16 private drinking water wells in Bradford County, PA. (460).

The chemical composition of fracking fluid and its interactions with black shale during the fracking

process combine to make fracking waste radioactive. Explaining this finding in a news article, Makul Sharam said, “Radium is sitting on mineral and organic surfaces within the fracking site waiting to be dislodged. When water with the right salinity comes by, it takes on the radioactivity and transports it.”(499).

Even if you take away the spill water, you’ve still left behind the legacy of radioactivity in the soils” where it can linger for thousands of years. (506).

Radium-226 concentrations increased when flowback water was being reused for additional fracking operations. Also, radium-226 tended to accumulate in the bottom sludge. This sludge could be classified as radioactive solid waste because it exceeded the radium-226 limit for landfill disposal.

Researchers found that buildings in counties where the most fracking has taken place in the past decade have had significantly higher radon readings compared with those in low-fracking areas, a difference that did not exist before 2004.

Once you have a release of fracking fluid into the environment, you end up with a radioactive legacy.” (519).

if a million gallons of Marcellus Shale wastewater contaminated with the median level of radium found in New York were to spill into a waterway, 1.1 billion gallons of water would be required to dilute the radium to the maximum legal level. (525).

According to multiple studies in multiple states, the oil and gas industry’s promises of job creation from drilling for natural gas have been greatly exaggerated. Many of the jobs are short-lived, have gone to out-of-area workers, and, increasingly, are lost to automation. Fracking is unlikely to be a panacea for economically marginalized rural, suburban, or urban areas, and economic optimism regarding fracking tends to be overgeneralized, according to a study analyzing national data on socioeconomic wellbeing for the years 2000 to 2011.

Economists at Colorado State University quantified the “substantial environmental costs associated with hydraulic fracturing” as part of an analysis of the market and non-market costs and benefits of fracking in 14 U.S. states. These costs were “dominated by \$27.2 billion (\$12.5–\$41.95 billion) health damages from air pollution.” They also found costs including “\$3.8 billion (\$1.15–\$5.89 billion) in greenhouse gas emissions, \$4 billion (\$3.5–\$4.45 billion) in wildlife habitat fragmentation, and \$1 billion (\$0.5–\$1.6 billion) in pollution of private drinking water wells.”

In northeastern Colorado, ambient levels of atmospheric hydrocarbons have continued to increase even with stricter emission standards.

With increasing volumes of wastewater now exceeding the storage capacity for underground injection wells—and with underground injection linked to earthquake risk—Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico are now petitioning the EPA to allow release of fracking wastewater into rivers and streams and to allow its use for irrigation and watering livestock. These practices further imperil drinking water sources. (57).

Pollution near drilling and fracking operations is high enough in some Colorado communities to raise cancer risks, according to a 2018 study. (See footnote 145.)

A 2014 Colorado study found elevated incidence of neural tube defects and congenital heart defects. New studies in Texas and Colorado likewise found associations with infant deaths, high-risk pregnancies, and low birth weight. A 2017 pilot study in British Columbia found elevated levels of muconic acid—a marker of benzene exposure—in the urine of pregnant women living near fracking sites. (See footnotes 625, 627, 642, 664.)

Benzene has been detected in the urine of wellpad workers in Colorado.

A 2019 analysis of socio-demographic characteristics of people living close to drilling and fracking operations in the states of Colorado minorities, especially African Americans, disproportionately live near fracking wells.(111).

The rapidly expanding body of scientific evidence compiled and referenced in the present volume is massive, troubling, and cries out for decisive action. Across a wide range of parameters, from air and water pollution to radioactivity to social disruption to greenhouse gas emissions, the data continue to reveal a plethora of recurring problems and harms that cannot be sufficiently averted through regulatory frameworks. There is no evidence that fracking can operate without threatening

public health directly and without imperiling climate stability upon which public health depends. The only method of mitigating its grave harm to public health and the climate is a complete and comprehensive ban on fracking.

KEITH & MARILYN AYERS

We stand with our friends in Commerce City, and we tell their local government to HALT on approval of the regional operator agreement.

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Why is the Commerce City Operator Agreement SO bad?

Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don’t have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.

Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.

Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city’s wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.

Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.

Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a “Financial Setback.”

Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.

Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.

	<p>Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p>
Susanne Varlese	<p>Stop the drilling. Oil and gas only pollute and cause serious health problems. This is especially concerning because there are now cheaper non-polluting alternatives. We do not need more fossil fuel extraction.</p>
Al	<p>Commerce City should NOT be pushing forward with drilling in the Reunion area when they do not have the support of the residents. Other areas are not in such a hurry. Move the drilling from under my house to an uninhabited area. Proceeding will cost all of you my VOTE!</p>
Mackenzie Carignan	<p>Chances are good: You have no idea what you're getting yourself into. As a highly impacted resident in Broomfield, having the Livingston pad in my neighborhood has transformed my life from happy and content to now living in fear and feeling like a hostage in my own home. My family, including my three children, were the victims of a chemical exposure from the Livingston pad in our own home. One evening we had all of the windows open and our whole-house fan running, and within minutes, my house was filled with a chemical that burned our eyes and throats. My daughters were gagging in their beds. It was horrifying, and quite frankly, still is. We were so concerned that we called the fire department. We live about a half mile from Livingston, and the chemical we were exposed to was identified as a carcinogenic drilling mud, Gibson D822. The worst part? Other impacted residents, even the whole community of Erie, had been complaining about this drilling mud and the adverse effects for over a year. There are a hundred stories like mine. They used it anyway. Why? Because Extraction doesn't care about the communities it impacts-- it's all about profits for them. Your community, children, home values-- all of these things will pay the price-- a price that's not worth it. Since the chemical exposure, I've filed several more complaints related to environmental impact, water, and noise. Our neighborhood is under attack by this industry. Did you know that these operations are allowed to operate at an industrial level of noise, even in the middle of the night, and even if they are in the middle of a neighborhood? Can you imagine what kind of impact that might have on your community? Continuous noise can cause physical and emotional harm-- it can drive people out of their houses. It happened in Erie, unincorporated Adams county, and it'll soon happen here in Broomfield. The residents are paying the price. I think if you were to ask Broomfield city council and mayor if they would approve the MOU again, they would absolutely say NO! It has caused a rift in our community that will be difficult to repair. It will cause valuable citizens to move and find a safer place for their families. I would never buy another property in Broomfield-- is this how you want your residents to feel? Like they are under attack? Do better than Broomfield. Say no to residential oil and gas development so close to homes and neighborhoods. It doesn't be long here.</p>
Lindsey Paquette	<p>Please do not approve the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites in Commerce City until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment, and until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law. The public needs to be educated on this plan as well and be allowed input into 190 wells in their community.</p> <p>Please do not approve the operator agreement until the following have been addressed:  Over 30 loopholes for the operator to not have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.  Failure to specify required Best Management Practices and include them in City Code.  Allowances for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's</p>

	<p>wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.  Putting the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.  Leaving Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for possibly millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a “Financial Setback.”  Forcing Commerce City to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.  Denying a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.  Failure to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p> <p>Our Broomfield Community has learned the hard way how difficult it is to make changes after an operator agreement has been signed. Many communities have passed moratoriums until the protections allowed by SB181 can be fleshed out and implemented. Please do not make the mistake of signing this agreement under pressure from Extraction - there is no going back once you do.</p>
Robert Adler	<p>Just another example of big oil and gas putting their purely financial health and greed without regard for the rights of our planet and the people living there. Just look at north central New Jersey (My home state!) Closer in, look at some areas along the northern boundaries of I 70!!!!At least all EPA rules need to be enforced as well as health and wellbeing of pur pweople and the place we call home!  Eobert Adler</p>
Francisco Huitron	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>As a worker in the oilfield industry I would like to mention that the industry as a whole is pushed everyday to be safe. The feats achieved are the sum of talents of thousands of people and the dedication of millions of hours to refine processes and immeasurable effort to perform our best.</p> <p>It is my consideration that the Jacobson, Harlo and Heron pads are located extremely close to existing and planned residences and cannot be at this time, guaranteed to be completely safe and match the rules and requirements set by the government SB181.</p> <p>For the rest of the pads please take into consideration the following:</p> <p>Best Management Practices:  7A Outreach - 100 barrels is too lenient (spill kits usually can contain less than 1 barrel). Any spill no matter the size should be communicated and adequately remedied.  7B Biannual Updates - Wells are drilled in their entirety between 14 and 28 days on average (data from Weld County) and multiple rigs would drill multiple wells and legs at the same time. At least a weekly update should be kept by the city (operationally the rigs reports every 12 hours - API logs).  8 Reclamation - Request operator to wireline log the well after each section is completed. While drilling the use of the latest surveying techniques for well placement shall be used (IFR1 or better). This benefits the operator as the wells can be placed closer to one another as the anticollision risk is minimized by using smaller ellipses of uncertainty. It could benefit the local companies if wireline and survey correction services are contracted in Colorado.</p> <p>Exhibit G  Training - Operator should train all personnel and request a certification be obtained prior to entering the site. This should include Emergency Response Plan, Kick and Blowout, H2S, Spill Response, Fire prevention and mitigation, radiation (if applicable) and role specific training such as forklift operator, casing inspector, etc. The certifications need to be approved by Emergency Response department and logs of training and re-certification should be available for inspection by the city.</p>

	<p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>Kathy Kaiser</p>	<p>The installation of any new wells and wellpads in Commerce City must be put on hold until the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission adopts new standards that put health, safety and the environment on equal footing with the production of oil and gas. Health and safety must be our priority.</p>
	<p>STOP THE DRILLING!!! HATE TO VISIT PLACES TURNED IN TO COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR WORKS! DRILLING?!! YIPES! PROJECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!!!</p>
<p>Deborah McNamara</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a concerned mother of three young boys living along the Front Range. I'm beyond concerned - horrified, actually - about the declining air quality we are all breathing in large part due to the fracking and oil and gas operations in our state. I'm also concerned about the impacts of neighborhood drilling on health and safety, as well as the fact that these permits should not be moving forward under the new SB 181 law.</p> <p>By law the industry and our leaders are supposed to be prioritizing health and safety first - and thus far the criteria approved by the COGCC are not objective by any means and not based in scientific study. These subjective decisions that affect families and children must halt while we re-shift our priorities in our state.</p> <p>Please do not move these permits forward. Take the time needed to properly study impacts related to health and safety.</p> <p>Furthermore, I'm horrified about the impending climate crisis and the fact that most humans, including many of you, are moving forward with business as usual even though we are hearing over and over again that we must reduce our emissions and transition to new forms of energy.</p> <p>Please take a stand for health, safety, and our future.</p> <p>With gratitude, Deborah</p>
	<p>This Agreement will be the end of Commerce City. No amount of potential jobs or taxes is worth risking the health of safety of the people you are supposed to represent. If your goal is to decrease the population of the city, then this agreement will certainly help you achieve that. The links between oil extraction and congenital heart defects and asthma is not something to take lightly. Nor is the potential for disastrous explosions or other accidents. With this agreement you are telling the people you are supposed to represent that money is more important than our health and safety. You are telling us you would rather we go bankrupt trying to afford medical costs or move away than remain here and live safely within our own community.</p>

Cheryl	<p>I STRONGLY encourage you to NOT APPROVE this Operator Agreement which would add 8 large scale well pads and 190 new wells in Commerce City.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration of road impact fees however, the greater and longer lasting impact is on the health and well-being of the tax-paying occupants, all the people that live in Commerce City and their families as well as adjacent neighbors in Denver and elsewhere.</p> <p>Private developers/companies/corporations do not have the right to harm our natural environment and the health of people in the community. There exists substantial facts, evidence that this development of oil and gas extraction creates more problems, short term and long term for the communities that they have been allowed into.</p> <p>Please do your job in protecting the ecosystem of your city for this generation and seven more.</p>
Lisa Butler	<p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>This Agreement;</p> <p>Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</p> <p>Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</p> <p>Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</p> <p>Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</p> <p>Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback."</p> <p>Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</p> <p>Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</p> <p>Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p>
	Denying public input??? NO!!!!
Kim Conrad	<p>I am not able to drive through Commerce City because of the smell already. The health and welfare of your community and it's residents is at stake. It sounds like from what I have read you Have Not Done your due diligence as has been done in other parts of the state. Are you will to be responsible for the health challenges and even deaths in your community that have occurred in other parts of the state with what you are potentially allowing to put through?If it was your family would you risk their health and well-being?I am not against oil and gas. I am FOR the health and well-being of our residents and our state. There is documented evidence of the toxic chemicals in people's blood and urine. There is documented evidence of house value's plummeting and people being put in tremendous financial loss and risk. Would you want to have put your life's savings in a house as an investment to have your city destroy your financial well-being that you worked years to create?Is this what you want to live on as your legacy?Yes or No.Thanks for your consideration.</p>
Sandy Reavey	<p>We cannot afford to have more hazardous materials affecting our air and quality of life. Colorado cannot afford to have so much water used/wasted as it is not usable after they fill it with harmful ingredients. These sites are a health risk to people and wildlife and should we have an earthquake, fire, or flood, they pose even more risk.</p>

	We need to approve more renewable energy instead! approve windmills, solar, etc. Oil and gas is a dying industry and we must move to cleaner, safer means of energy!
Dave Garfield	This is just a handout to Big Oil! Drilling in close proximity to residences is bad enough, but there are so many safety loopholes in this agreement that the oil companies could get away with murder (literally) and not be held accountable. Just another example of Corporate GREED running roughshod over the consumer! DO NOT PASS THIS!
Nicole Soos	Building in 30 loop holes for the operators to avoid using the safest and latest technologies, leaving best management practices in the hands of the operator and not written into City Code is not at all good for our state, let alone Commerce City. Leaving Commerce City on the hooks for health and safety inspections is financial idiocracy along with emergency situations if the operator suffers a financial setback. The allowing of variances leading to potential destruction of wetlands is not looking forward for our future generations. This Regional Operator Agreement between Extraction Oil and Gas LLC and Commerce City should not be approved in its current form. This is a set-back and detriment to those who call Commerce City home.
Clay	Why does this government always side with the money. It is corrupt. This is no longer a democracy, it is economic fascism! This country belongs to the people, not corporations!!!
Dr. Anne Dawid	Please don't take these actions. Respect the human beings who live there.
	This will create pollution and chaos in what residents thought a peaceful, healthy area. This will be an eyesore and should not impact Coloradoans' health for profit.
	As a citizen I do not feel this agreement is strong enough. We need to wait for the new cogcc regulations/recommendations and we need to raise the money extraction needs to lay down upfront. It needs to go from 3 million to 6 million per site and we need more detailed procedures for citizens to report violations.
Carole Mock	HALT on approval of the regional operator agreement.
David Gurarie	Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.  The Commerce City Operator Agreement is bad. 1. It gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices. 2. It leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code. 3. It allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary. 4. It puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers. 5. It could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback." 6. It forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land. 7. It fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.
John Dulles	This is a very weak and potentially dangerous agreement, as it does little to protect the residents of Commerce City from any adverse impacts resulting from this large-scale industrial project. In light of new legislation enacted by Colorado this year, it is especially unconscionable not to take much more stringent action to assure public health and safety and the protection of wildlife and the

	environment. This will impact everyone on the Front Range. Major revisions are certainly required before allowing this to go forward.
Lisha Doucet	Please HALT on approval of the regional operator agreement allowing more oil and gas wells near Commerce City. We don't need to be drilling for oil and gas any longer with our current climate crisis.
	True, I do not know all the intricacies of this arrangement. nor do I live in the area. But on its face, the agreements benefits to the extraction operators seem to be far in excess and appropriateness than the benefits to the People of Commerce City, who are left with basic rights stripped! All to the advantage and \$\$\$\$\$ of the clever, high-powered, and savvy company. The Commerce City council should exercise more vigilance and control for their citizens' benefits...
N. Hartman	<p>Please halt the approval of the regional operator agreement.</p> <p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>I believe the the Commerce City Operator Agreement bad because of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</li> <li>2. It leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</li> <li>3. It allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</li> <li>4. It puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</li> <li>5. It could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback."</li> <li>6. It forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</li> <li>7. It denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</li> <li>8. It fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</li> </ol> <p>This issue is fundamentally important to me as well as to tens of thousands of our fellow Coloradans. Therefore I trust that my comments regarding this critically important issue will be addressed and thoughtfully considered. Thank you for your time.</p>
Amie King	I've seen the numbers on asthma and other ailments for those who live near O&G drilling and they are appalling. You are sacrificing people's health and well-being for money. Clean air, water and land is worth so much more than a corporation's bottom line but you'd never know it in today's USA.

	<p>This crap gets old. Whose pockets are being lined on this one. For decades safe-water was an issue. I worked at Shell Chemical at the Arsenal and saw the crap that went on there with 'spills.' I imagine this is fracking, again water issues. Hell no. Do you want it in your backyard? I didn't think so.</p>
Susan Lea	<p>Oil and gas drilling causes earthquakes--undisputable. Why would any city allow this level of pollution and harm without, at a minimum, requiring Best Practices??? Oil and gas drilling only profits one party. It is not a win for the locals, so why harm the locals???</p>
Diane Molter	<p>Earthquakes, chemical migration, toxic saturation, slipping faults and damage to foundations ?  Drilling and forced fluids , pumping and unknown chemicals migrating through the water tables ?  PCB's, PVCC, Nerve Gas, Ricin, - what will get turned loose, from the legacy of the RMArsenal  previous pumping ?WW1,WWII , Korean and VietNahm Chemical Warfare agents unleashed ! ?  How many people have to die of cancer, how many children will have birth defects, leukemia,  shortened life spans so some one can make more money at the cost of our quality of life and our  children ?  Of course Fracking makes jobs , just think of the doctors, medical staff, pharmacy folks, who will  have endless jobs taking care of the ill.  And of course , for generations there will be clean up jobs for hazardous waste, mitigations for  polluted ground water and municipal water supplies.  And consider of course that millions of gallons of drinking water contaminated with undisclosed  chemicals that will be taken totally out of circulation for each well drilled and millions more to force  product up.  I do NOT support ANY drilling or fracking operations anywhere within a five mile radius of the Rocky  Mtn Arsenal and Commerce City.</p>
Kelli McCleskey	<p>Please stop the fracking under the Outlook and surrounding neighborhoods.</p>
Carol Cantrell	<p>I am opposed to the draft Regional Operator Agreement between Commerce City and Extraction Oil &amp; Gas, LLC. It leaves too many loopholes for the operator to avoid best practices, and it is generally very one-sided. The community of Commerce City should not be an afterthought at best in this kind of agreement.</p>
E. Candela	<p>E. Candela</p>
Wayne Wathen	<p>This is a bad agreement all around from what I read. Destroying wetlands will lead to more flooding. Of course bad air pollution leads to more medical problems for us and our children and is not just limited to Commerce City. Getting a little payoff from the oil industry cannot buy back our health. Thanks you.</p>
CJ Noblitt	<p>Air pollution is increasing along the front range as evidenced in the many Red Air Alerts we've had this summer. Oil and gas extraction add to the declining air quality in our area....through volatile gas leaks at well sites and the extra traffic on the roads needed for extraction and retrieval.  Neighborhoods in Commerce City do not need to be exposed to the negative impacts that large well pads and multiple wells bring to the community. We know this first hand in Greeley. Say NO!! Please!!</p>
James Peloquen	<p>This is a [REDACTED] of the inhabitants and their environment</p>
D Cook	<p>In Colorado, we enjoy more than 300 days of sunshine during the year, so solar energy should be our first choice in filling our energy needs. Why isn't the city council of Commerce City exploring ways to use the sun instead of continuing to suck oil out of the ground? The answer is a combination of oil money in politics, lack of leadership on the part of the city council, and unwillingness to explore new ideas. There is no need to depend on gas and oil, especially in a climate like Colorado. Every year the summers get hotter, water becomes less available and climate change is escalating. What are we leaving to our children and future generations?  Seriously. . . . . THINK BEYOND TODAY.</p>

Philip Maloney	<p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas’s proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>The draft Regional Operator Agreement is badly flawed:</p> <p>It gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don’t have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</p> <p>It leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</p> <p>It allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city’s wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</p> <p>It places the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</p> <p>It could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a “Financial Setback.”</p> <p>It forces Commerce City to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</p> <p>It denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the Best Management Practices.</p> <p>It fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p>
Marcia Henning	<p>Please protect childrens' health and stop this project. I worked for toxicologists for five years as an outreach specialist for the Washington State Department of Health in a cooperative agreement with the CDC so I know of the health effects this endeavor will have on local children. Again, please protect the children of Commerce City and stop now. Thank you!</p>
Karen Y Hall	<p>To the Committee:</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the approval of the regional operator agreement and urge you to HALT this approval for the reasons listed here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don’t have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</li> <li>- Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</li> <li>- Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city’s wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</li> <li>- Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</li> <li>- Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a “Financial Setback.”</li> <li>- Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</li> <li>- Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</li> <li>- Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned</li> </ul>

	<p>Unit Developments.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Karen Hall</p>
Holly Beaver	<p>HALT approval of the regional operator agreement...</p> <p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas’s proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>Why the request to halt? The agreement (would):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don’t have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</li> <li>- Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</li> <li>- Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city’s wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</li> <li>- Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</li> <li>- Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a “Financial Setback.”</li> <li>- Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</li> <li>- Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</li> <li>- Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</li> </ul>
Edward Arnold	<p>I honestly cannot BELIEVE that an oil+gas extraction burden on the environment is being added to the gross pollution put out by the Suncor refinery. For decades, I have had to close my windows and turn off exterior ventilation, on those rare occasions when I have to drive I-270 past Suncor. This is an attack on the health of the low-income people who have to live in Commerce City ... are you at Extraction LLC going to pay their medical costs? Furthermore, the timing of this is flaunting your opposition to SB19-181, for which rules have not been completed. The Commerce City Council needs to halt approval of the Regional Operator Agreement NOW.</p>
p. s. wright	<p>with all the climate changes just in our state, can we agree to not do any further drilling.....please</p>
Norman Lane	<p>I am shocked that Commerce City living in the shadow of Suncor would allow more petroleum contamination of the air without firmer guardrails against a new source.</p>
Linda H Thompson	<p>I object to this Agreement on the following grounds:</p> <p>This Agreement gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don’t have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</p> <p>It leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</p> <p>It allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city’s wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</p>

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	<p>You sacrifice clean air and water that we need to survive for monetary gain. You sacrifice the health of children. Vulture capitalism.</p>
Gerard Gilliland	<p>You state: Commerce City strives to balance municipal growth and development with the needs of industry. There is NO balance here. This is Oil and Gas -- How will this enhance municipal growth? Don't confuse needs of the industry with greed of the industry. This draft reads like the fox guarding the hen house. This is privatize the profits. Socialize the costs. It does not fit in your motto: Quality Community for a Lifetime. Please slow down, take a breath (while you still can), wait for the COGCC rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment. Ask yourself, "Why isn't the city council voting on the agreement?" Thank you and Peace.</p>
	<p>Do not put this agreement into place, it robs the local population of input, but leaves them holding the bag when things go wrong (&amp; even if they don't, on so many levels).</p>
Carole Hossan	<p>Residents of Commerce City are already impacted by major sources of air pollution. Commerce City residents should not have even more sources of air pollution thrust upon them.</p>
	<p>Once extraction begins and has effects on the health and environment, the effect are irreversable. Commerce City needs protections to ensure that the safest technologies are used, and the way the draft agreement is written, that is not a guarantee. There is no requirement for an Alternate Site Analysis for areas near neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p>
	<p>Please wait wait to give you approvals until COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment.</p> <p>Also, wait until Commerce City can adopt new regulations that would prioritize the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Linda Curtin	<p>Don't make Commerce City pay for the oil companies greed.</p>
Nate Stone	<p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p>

Elizabeth Watts	<p>I urge you to deny approval of the regional operator agreement.</p> <p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas’s proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment</p> <p>AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>Why is the Commerce City Operator Agreement SO bad?</p> <p>Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don’t have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</p> <p>Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</p> <p>Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of the city’s wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</p> <p>Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</p> <p>Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a “Financial Setback.”</p> <p>Forces the city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</p> <p>Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</p> <p>Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p>
Diane Birmingham	<p>Fracking is like playing a game of Russian roulette with our precious drinking water and public health.</p> <p>Physicians, Scientists &amp; Engineers for Healthy Energy released an analysis of the 400 peer-reviewed studies on fracking -- nearly all of them indicating dangers and nearly all of them published since 2011. Among the key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 96 percent of all papers on health found signs or risks of sickness;</li> <li>· 95 percent of studies on air found evidence for air pollution;</li> <li>· 72 percent of studies on water found signs or risks of water contamination;</li> </ul> <p>Rising with these growing signs of trouble is another trend: the increasing numbers of people who oppose fracking. many other countries are as well, and already many have put in place bans including Australia, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands and parts of Canada, Spain and Switzerland. Additional countries are banning this industry every month as they see it clearly as poisoning the environment. We will be paying for the impacts of fracking like we are with mining. To continue to allow fracking operations to expand in our city and state is immoral and certainly not supported by the people who live and are affected by the toxic legacy.</p>
Fred Shook	<p>I'm absolutely opposed to further converting Commerce City neighborhoods into oil fields, in which fracking heightens the likelihood of noise, air and water pollution, road damage, and even earthquakes. I've seen negative outcomes from similar activities in Greeley and the widespread</p>

	<p>damage from extraction activities in Oklahoma. Let's work toward a more vibrant CC lifestyle and plan for a quality of life we can all be proud of and grateful for.</p>
AJ	<p>This is a bad deal for Commerce City, because of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.</li> <li>• Leaves Best Management Practices as options for the Operator, rather than writing them as undeniable City Code.</li> <li>• Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</li> <li>• Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</li> <li>• Could leave Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback."</li> <li>• Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for pipelines on city land.</li> <li>• Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the BMPs.</li> <li>• Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</li> </ul> <p>Please rectify these shortcomings, and make sure environment and health are considered prior to approval of the regional operator agreement - and if the issues aren't addressed, please deny the agreement.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Chas Griffin	Chas Griffin
THOMAS	<p>Commerce City needs to set its regulations in city code before signing any extraction deal. City wetlands need to be protected and are part of the valuable front range migratory flyway. Do not allow your wetlands to be despoiled for an oily buck.</p>
	STOP this public health crisis!
Sandra S Newman	<p>It is premature to approve these wells before the state oil and gas rules are finalized. These wells impact the health and welfare of neighbors. As a former chemical company environmental manager with injection well experience I am concerned about this rush to approve. Do not approve this agreement at this time..</p>
Mary Jo Lorenz	<p>With all the evidence of climate change, it is unpardonable to access more fossil fuels and to do so in the middle of a city. Methane leaks, and releasing the carbon into the atmosphere by its use, is a death sentence. for the planet. Too many are taking the path of the quick dime at the expense of neighborhoods and the world around us. Do not allow for the Regional Operator Agreement to go forward. If climate disasters to date have not convinced you, then look at the faces of your children and think of the legacy of planet disruption you leave them. My daughters of 27 and 30 wonder what the world will hold for them Now think of those even younger. How will you explain to your children and grandchildren what you did this day? Please stop!</p>
	<p>This area is densely populated. The people's health and safety should always take precedence over greed!</p>
Catherine M Jayne	<p>Too often a company's profits come before a community's health and our environment. I implore the city to require complete studies before granting an agreement with Extraction Oil &amp; Gas, LLC. And with our essential focus on renewables do we even want or need more petroleum products extracted? I think not!</p>
Craig James	<p>Corporate greed needs to be kept in check. These oil and gas executives are happy to destroy everything and anyone who they see as standing in the way of their next dollar. This must end.</p>
elena goldstein	<p>I live near a community threatened by fracking and fully understand the multiple threats fracking poses to the economy, health and safety and to all of life on the planet.</p>

	<p>It would be irresponsible, short sighted, and ignorant to move ahead on this project before the COGCC updates its regulations.</p> <p>Stop, breathe, read science - not industry pamphlets - and wait.</p>
Carole Bayer	No more drilling or fracking n Colorado. Support solar and wind power NOW
Marco Pardi	There is no logical rationale for exposing populations to the toxic off-gassing common to these kinds of activities.
Joel Weissman	Greetings-how are we going to stop climate change and continued dependence on oil if we continue to allow more fracking? Commerce City can afford to get away from its past reputation of being the 'armpit' of Denver by changing focus on choosing cleaner healthier choices. That fracking will only worsen the air we breathe . I hope you vote 'no' and join more progressive cities along the Front Range (Lakewood, Lafayette, Littleton, Longmont etc) instead of backwards aurora where our corrupt city council just approved 70 more drilling sites. Please think-this is the AIR we ALL breathe!
	Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment and until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.
Tom Stumpf	Please halt consideration of Extraction's operating agreement with Commerce City!
Brandon	<p>Hello Commerce City Council members and constituents,I appreciate the fact that you opened up a forum for CC residents to speak on behalf of their thoughts about the ROA and the rules and guidelines being set forth in it. I think that the city has done good research into this and put quite a bit of thought into this ROA. However, there are a few things that I would like you all to think more about and add to the ROA. First, I understand that for the constituents within our local government that support hydraulic fracturing are trying to help in make fracking feasible within the city limits. However, the use of "practable"Second, absolutely no use of Benze or other known carcinogens. Make all chemicals to be used known to the city government and also in the community outreach. There should be no "proprietary information" when partnering with our city. If Extraction can't handle that language then it is absolute they do not have the residents interests at heart and should have no right in looking out for the public/ general welfare. Third, they will have continuous IR usage on all well pads and equipment for 10 years. This should include LDAR to be monitored for the entirety of the life of the systems under use in our community. Safety shouldn't be spot monitored but more importantly continuously monitored. Fourth, Financial setback at 3 million dollars is way to low! Think about it! Recent reports have shown that the City of Broomfield has paid over 5 million dollars in the past 2 years for issues that arose that wouldn't be if fracking never took place within the city limits. The worst part extraction want's to implement three times the amount of wells that Broomfield has. We should expect the worst to happen and have our asses covered in case it does. Thus, add another 0 into the financial setback and mandate they put a bond up of 30 million dollars prior to any commencement of operations. Once they have completed their work and properly plugged all those wells will they get their funds back.Fifth, "NOTICE OF VIOLATION". This section needs to be thought out entirely again! This is way to lenient on an Extraction. I understand that when it comes to any other business that taking the stance of how they will be fined is consistent with say an automotive shop. However, this industry is known for causing long term health issues in individuals that work on these sites and around these sites. Since not every resident that lives near these proposed wells are excitedly inviting them to frack near them, it should be considered a privilege to do business near us not a right. Thus it is only fair to instill a tougher stance on them doing operations. Once an inspector has given them written notice of violation they MUST CEASE ALL OPERATIONS". Pay their fines then they can continue operations. However, if they want to abate and fight the NOV in court then they can do so as long as operations are ceased. Not all violations should be left up to the city inspectors either. If a resident see's, hears, or smells them committing a violation there should be a 24hr # to call to prove they are not violating a BMP less they cease their operations.WAIT to furnish this ROA to them until SB 181 has</p>

	<p>fully been implemented and the new COGCC can set new regulations, guidelines, and laws. Some of these regulations the city is trying to enact may seem like thoughtfully applied regulations however, they may be stricter under new legislation. If that is the case, why should our city be letting them get by with old regulations or provisions. We need to make sure that whatever the new COGCC enacts that we can enforce those new standards or even more implement stricter versions so that our community stays safer. I truly feel that our affected neighborhoods won't get safer, and healthier, richer, or better education by having these wells drilled so close to our homes. Evidence in the state doesn't support this and thus we shouldn't be so quick to allow them to take from us something they so desperately want not us. Know that Extraction is a 7 year old company that has only in just the last year been able to post a profit. This may not sound important to you but it should. All the financial gains coming from a company that is allowed to do this will not be feasible when they currently are overspending and overproducing. It is a matter of time that their way of doing business will catch up to them and they will end up going bankrupt and I surely hope it is not while they are just under us. They should be a much more soluble business that we as a community are allowing our citizens to endure with. The EV revolution is upon us and 70% of all oil production goes to the production of transportation fuels. Look every auto manufacturer is producing or will soon be producing a vehicle that is all electric. By 2025 the auto landscape will be noticeably different. Most auto manufacturers will have one of their best selling vehicles as an electric vehicle. With almost 20% of the American transportation landscape shifted to EV's by 2025 demand for internal combustion engines will drop drastically. It'll be shortly there after that the demand for oil and natural gas will plummet drastically in comparison to what is already doing globally now. We as a community need to stand together make Extraction wait a 3 – 5 years to drill here and if they still absolutely need to then let them do so under the guidelines you have set forth in this agreement form with my ammendments. It makes no sense to let a shady company come in do business in our community when the economy here in the state and in the nation don't really need more to be done.</p>
Amy Hayutin	<p>Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, oil and gas development has no place in a city and no place near any surface water or wells or springs. There is a guarantee there will be toxic pollution from any drilling sites, air, noise, and light pollution.</p> <p>CO Senate Bill 181 prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, welfare, the environment and wildlife, over oil and gas development.</p> <p>Best Management Practices should be city code, not left up to the operator whose main focus is profit maximization.</p> <p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritize the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments, Amy Hayutin, 30 year Colorado resident, mother of 2 adult daughters, land owner, educator, conservationist, organic farmer. Paonia, CO</p>
Michael Latta	<p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>The agreement must make operator liable for all environmental clean up, and heath related impact to the community.</p>
Lisa Hanckel	<p>Commerce city is toxic enough with industrial waste. No new wells!</p>
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Laura Schaub	Please do not subject our children and our residents to drilling, fracking or extracting oil and gas from our area. I came from Oklahoma where they have earthquakes almost every day due to the fracking in that state. People's homes have been damaged and residents' health is at risk due to these unacceptable operations. I moved to this area because it was quiet and safe. I can't believe our community leaders would subject us to this unsafe and unhealthy practice. Please vote no!
	This agreement seems to be a "dream agreement" from the perspective of the oil and gas companies. Commerce City residents have no protections from the pillaging of air, water and natural resources, and are slated to absorb financial burdens rightfully belonging on the oil and gas companies. Commerce City should not approve this agreement, but delay any agreement until the state has completed the new regulations for oil and gas and until Commerce City staff and elected officials have formulated citywide standards for controlling oil and gas development for the good of the citizens. Please do not approve this agreement but wait until a better one can be devised with public input.
Claire Amanda Phillips	The way colorado has been putting unsafe, hidden, aggressive companies that will destroy communities and the environment ahead of local communities' interests and desires is absolutely outrageous. Politicians blatant disregard and disrespect of their citizens is outrageous. Companies are short teen profits with long term damage. No. No more.
Earl E Stevens	Given the growing dangers of Climate Change I would strongly oppose more drilling for oil and gaso products.GREED is not the answer.
terry Greenberg	Stop using oil and gas. Expand solar be and wind power. We can do it. We have the choice. Stand up to the greedy profiteers at the expense of our beautiful earth. Be strong Commerce city.
Julie Buck	Fracking wells do not belong in our neighborhoods. The residents of Commerce City will face increased health risks and decreased property values and quality of life. No amount of risk for human health, especially for children, is acceptable for profits.
Dave Easley	We definitely should not have these well pads so close to populated areas. First of all, in order to meet the global climate challenge of less than 2° C, we need to stop all extractions, especially the more dangerous and difficult to regulate methods. And second of all, if these things do continue, they shouldn't be anywhere near populated areas. The chemicals introduced into the environment at well pads should not be anywhere near developing children.  Also the Four Corners region has abnormally high levels of methane in the atmosphere overhead. This is a far more powerful greenhouse gas than CO2 and is already too prevalent in the air due to the arctic feedback loops which have already started.
Deb Nicklaus	Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the EnvironmentAND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law. You have marred the look of an important part of Denver as well as created smells that no one should breathe -- NO MORE!
Tom Hutcherson	Keep the corporate masters out of here.
Gregory Esteve	HALT approval of the regional operator agreement.  Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment; AND, until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.  Why is the Commerce City Operator Agreement SO bad?

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	<p>The residents of Commerce City deserve to have a right to read all safety reports as issued by an independent party. Operations such as this proposal have been proven to have negative effects on the environment and the local s; what funds are going to be in place to cover lawsuits from said citizens when cancer and other illness rates rise? Not everything has to be about the almighty dollar. Who is this Operator the people are being sold out for?</p>
	<p>This will poison the city. It must be stopped.</p>
<p>Jolayne Keller</p>	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>Consideration of the Draft Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas's proposed sites MUST be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment AND until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritizes the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jolayne Keller</p>
	<p>The draft ROA with Extraction will expose community members living near this residential fracking to health-harming VOCs and reduce the quality of life with additional air pollution, truck traffic and safety risks. Extraction has consistently resisted listening to concerned community members and disregards complaints filed by impacted individuals, This ROA does not provide the assurances or requirements to guarantee that Extraction will keep the Commerce City community safe. For the health and safety of this community, please do not approve this agreement.</p>
<p>Lynn S.</p>	<p>We need to protect the folks living in this neighborhood from cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic air pollution.</p> <p>I urge you to turn down this new construction of more pads and wells, and put the community health first, before profits.</p>

	<p>The 2019 Colorado legislature passed bill 181 to assure that citizens of the state have their health and safety protected first and foremost over the profits of a private oil and gas company. Commerce city is putting money first. That was not the intent of Bill 181 and they know it. Assure the citizens of commerce city that the local government is not going to let oil and gas put their safety and health behind profits and campaign donations. Wait to approve this operator agreement until the COGCC finalizes the rules that oil and gas must comply with. Always look to alternative sites as a requirement before approval. That's best practice!</p>
Edward J Laurson	I may live in Denver but this affects the whole community
Kurt Moore	I've never seen such a good deal for the extraction industry, nor such a lousy deal for the citizens. I urge you to reject the agreement as currently written. Commerce City has to be able to get a more equitable deal.
	I support oil and gas development. Lease do too!
Karen Jarman	We need to stop endangering the health of our people for profit. Children and the elderly are particularly at risk for airborne pollutants. We are Polluting our air and water to develop oil to be sold overseas. This needs to stop now !
N. M.	Stop the approval of oil drilling in Commerce City CO until the city council and its citizens have had a chance to speak!
	I want you to know how shameful and irresponsible it is to even consider allowing fracking / drilling under our homes,schools,and neighborhoods. Please get serious about the health and safety of the people in our community instead of becoming part of the blind greed trend.
Casey Gau	<p>I strongly oppose any and all oil and gas development in Commerce City. Especially anything that is proposed so close to established neighborhoods!</p> <p>Drilling and fracking has been shown to cause numerous adverse health problems across all populations, fetuses and children are highly susceptible to the toxic chemicals that are used in the process. Recent peer reviewed studies, most recently by the University of Colorado showed that babies were 40-70% more likely to develop congenital heart defects if their mothers lived near oil and gas sites during pregnancy. I do not want to risk the lives and health of my children or the families in my community.</p> <p>We all saw what happened to the home that exploded in Firestone, there are already over 60,000 oil and gas wells in Colorado. This is not a long term solution there are better alternatives. This city has a chance to lead change and become a leader in renewable energy.</p> <p>We simply can not risk our safety, our homes, our clean water and our environment so a few people can line their pockets. It is time to put our community first.</p> <p>We need to respect our communities and the common good of our health and environment. Oil and gas drilling does not take our most precious interests into consideration. If it did it would not force itself into our neighborhoods.</p> <p>I urge you all to stop fracking from entering our community and our homes.</p> <p>Greater prevalence of congenital heart defects in high intensity oil and gas areas Study provides further evidence of a relationship between oil and gas exploration, birth defects Date: July 18, 2019 Source: University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Summary: Mothers living near more intense oil and gas development activity have a 40-70% higher chance of</p>

	<p>having children with congenital heart defects (CHDs) compared to those living in areas of less intense activity, according to a new study.</p>
	<p>This Regional Operator Agreement is not robust enough to protect the citizens of the city and highly favors the operator, Extraction.</p> <p>There are problems with the plans themselves. It moves forward with 190 wells with no regards to the cumulative effects of these wells in terms of air quality and the danger to neighborhoods and the land that these sites are located in.</p> <p>The Heron pad is located right against Rocky Mountain National Arsenal. The toxic chemicals in that area aren't aware of the borders. Drilling that close to the arsenal could cause further leakage and spread of those chemicals.</p> <p>Harlo and Jacobson pads are less than a mile away from an elementary school. This puts children near industrial areas every day, exposing them to pollution of the wells themselves and the pollution produced by the construction and operation of those wells.</p> <p>The wording of the ROA is also problematic, putting the city at a disadvantage going forward when it comes to working with Extraction. On the first page:</p> <p>"WHEREAS, Operator identifies the Well Sites listed in Exhibit A as the Oil &amp; Gas Locations it intends to develop under this Agreement within the City without impairing Operator's ability, but not requirement, to add additional future Well Sites within the City at a later date under this Agreement implementing all terms and conditions of this Agreement including BMPs and the Commerce City Land Development Code;"</p> <p>This appears to say that this agreement is the rule going forward. Does this put the City in a position where it loses the ability to negotiate any stricter BMPs or requirements in the future?</p> <p>On the same first page:</p> <p>"Operator commits to plug and abandon certain older wells in the City that are described in Exhibit D;"</p> <p>What does commits mean? What guarantee do we have that they will do this? What if they go bankrupt and can't do this? This will put the city in the position of having to pay to plug these wells.</p> <p>On page 11:</p> <p>"...the City agrees that it shall not protest, request a hearing, oppose or object to COGCC or CDPHE permits, orders, and approvals that Operator is required by law to seek from these regulatory agencies; and (b) the City also agrees to not protest, request a hearing, oppose or object to the approval process for any gathering facility or pipelines outside the City's jurisdiction, that are not inconsistent with the City's alignment of approved pipeline, as necessary to implement the BMPs listed in Exhibit B."</p>

	<p>Why is the city limiting its ability to speak up against Extraction in the future? Why would you tie the hands of elected officials for years going forward?</p> <p>On page 12, the ROA mentions liability and insurance to cover certain events. Will the required insurance from Exhibit C cover the event of bankruptcy? If the wells are sold? Will the 3 million dollar LoC or Bond cover plugging 190 wells in the event of a "Financial Setback"?</p> <p>On page 14  "Operator agrees to reimburse the City for all inspection costs reasonably incurred to inspect the Well Sites to determine compliance with this Agreement and any OGP."</p> <p>What does "reasonably incurred" mean? This gives Extraction a position to dispute any inspection costs over the definition of "reasonably incurred."</p> <p>On page 17, the ROA mentions promoting self-audits. Promoting self-audits will in turn discourage the City from doing audits and inspections. Where are the requirements for these self-audits?</p> <p>On page 18, the ROA attempts to define subjective words like "Maximum Extent Practicable" and "Practicable." However, in those definitions, it uses more subjective terminology like "undue or unnecessary operational or economic hardship." This subjective terminology will slow down any enforcement of notices of violations made by the city. Even if a third party opinion is obtained, there's nothing in here that enforces that third party opinion.</p> <p>This ROA is rife with problems and I hope the city does not move forward with an ROA. SB 181 gives the city the ability to codify requirements instead of negotiating them. Oil and gas does not belong near neighborhoods and schools at all, countless studies support that idea. But if the city insists on moving forward with the industry, then the council should at least codify requirements the put the safety and welfare of citizens first, regardless of the operator.</p>
M.R. Swenson	<p>I urge rejection of the misguided Regional Operator Agreement between Commerce City &amp; Extraction Oil &amp; Gas, which ignores the input of the people, and prioritizes oil &amp; gas extraction over the health and safety of the population and the environment. The proposed massive drilling incursion into our neighborhoods places at risk the quality of our air and water, and ultimately our health. Ultimately, the people will pay for the failure to prioritize health and safety in favor of the bottom line of industry.</p>
Jesse	<p>The addition of fracking and more well pads should not be allowed in Commerce City near residential properties. The proposed location for the additional pads and fracking sites are too close in proximity to residential homes, and schools. This area has been expanding since the early 2000's. We moved here to start our family in a new up and coming area. The addition of these fracking site is not safe for our unborn children and born. If you reference the attached files. There are studies that show that families that live in close proximity to oil sites are at higher risk for birth defects such as neural and spinal defects, along with congenital heart defects. Not only that, but our children are at higher risks for respiratory problems from the additional air pollution from more oil wells. The studies also show that people are at higher risk for cancers from the byproducts used to produce oil. Bottom line, it is not safe for these new oil sites to exist in such close proximity to this residential area. These homes were here first, and we should not have to worry about our health from the addition of these oil sites.</p>
	<p>I'm highly oppose the agreement. I do not support it. It is a health risk to be this close to any residential neighborhoods. They are not abiding to laws put in place to protect us. Do not allow this to happen.</p>
	<p>This is a terrible plan please keep fracking away from residential areas. Not only is this dangerous to people it is dangerous to our homes as it will cause foundation issues that won't be covered by the companies or our insurance. This will also cause us huge losses in equity and higher insurance</p>

	<p>rates raising an already ridiculous cost of living. It will be impossible to sell our homes as no one would move to a fracking area and the unsightly drilling enclosures spouting out their poison.</p>
<p>Thomas Senger</p>	<p>The Regional Operator and Extraction Agreement between Commerce City and Extraction Oil &amp; Gas, LLC must be stopped. Industrial development and activity are incompatible with residential areas anywhere.</p> <p>I strongly oppose this agreement, fractal drilling and extraction of oil and gas, frackwater production, and water pipelines to support this activity on City land and anywhere near residential development.</p> <p>This project is not in the best interest of the public and must be stopped.</p>
<p>Alexander C</p>	<p>My understanding is that if approved, this will be the largest neighborhood horizontal drilling project in all of Colorado and the agreement will allow the creation of 8 new industrial-scale sites, with 190 wells extracting natural gas beneath our homes and schools.</p> <p>We have an existential crisis of air pollution producing deleterious health effects on residents in this part of the Denver metro area, and the CO2 generated by this project will only serve to exacerbate a rapidly warming planet with increased water vapor in atmosphere that will contribute to the growing unpredictable nature of weather patterns including droughts, floods, increasing heat-induced vector-borne diseases, decreasing crop yields and a host of other damaging effects.</p> <p>In an economy with a glut of oil and gas in a state that highly values our unique and irreplaceable natural resources, the decision to approve this project makes no sense except for those directly profiting from it.</p> <p>Colorado can and needs to do better by our people and our environment.</p>
	<p>Ignores new state law that prioritizes out health, safety, and welfare.</p> <p>Compels out city to accept and approve ALL 8 of Extraction’s proposed sites for 190 new walls without considering the negative cumulative impacts on our community.</p> <p>Leaves Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars, potentially, if an emergency is caused by the Operator or it the Operator suffers a ‘Financial Setback.’</p> <p>Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers.</p> <p>Prohibits our city from protesting or calling for a hearing on any of these sites AND any additional well sites within the City’s growth boundary.</p> <p>Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for oil and gas, frackwater (‘produced’ water) and water pipelines on city land.</p> <p>Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don’t have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement Best Management Practices.</p> <p>Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the so-called Best Management Practices.</p> <p>Rushes the Agreement and BMPs through so as to keep the Operator from having to comply with new public health and safety requirements with the State or the City.</p> <p>Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city’s wetlands-so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary.</p> <p>Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas- even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Developments.</p> <p>Gives operator concessions and Best Management Practices options, rather than exercising City’s authority and power to write undeniable City Code requirements.</p>

	<p>First and foremost our health should be top priority. With placing all these wells (around 180) not only are you placing my health at risk, but you are placing my 2 year-old daughters health and my unborn child's health/life at risk. Studies have shown that living near active wells unborn children are at 70% change to have Congenital Heart Defects and children that grow up near wells are at an increase risk for respiratory problems. My families health is really less important than your money?!? If there wasn't a health concern why would countries such as France, Iceland and Germany ban fracking and drilling? Oh because they care about their environment and well-being of their people!</p> <p>You are ignoring MAJOR health risks that one day you will be sued for. You are going to bring down market value and revenue to the city. I will be selling my house and absolutely will tell everyone I know not to go to or buy in Commerce City. You are ignoring stat laws that prioritize our health, safety and welfare, you are putting the financial burden of regular health and safely inspections of the backs of taxpayers, prohibits our city from protesting or calling for a hearing on any of these sites and any additional well sites within the city's growth boundary. Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implements best management practices (once again no consideration for our health)</p> <p>Do you live in Commerce City, does your friends or family? Do you want to subject yourself or them to this? If so, you're heartless and do not care for the people who make to your town. and Hopefully soon lack thereof.</p>
Mike Van Dyke	Please don't o.k. fracking near or under any developments for homes or near the Arsenal. Adams County is gigantic and they can go way away from developments.
Bill Cox	This doesn't do nearly enough to protect the residents of Commerce City. I am completely against this agreement and will campaign against and vote against any city official who votes for it.
James Demmitt	<p>How are residents compensated for loss of home value that are shown to be caused by the fracking process or the starting up of these wells. I've read various articles about some areas are losing a significant amount of their property value.</p> <p>That's great if an oil company gets to bring in jobs, but we just purchased a \$400K house in our area. To lose 10% of that value would be an \$40K hit to our property value. No amount of tax write-off is going to make that up, especially if we can't sell our house to get out of the area if we so choose.</p> <p>So, my question is, who makes up for that loss? Or does the city and oil company get to reap the benefits while the residents pay the price?</p> <p>So, what if any recourse do we have? My guess is none. I am not in favor of allowing this to happen unless there is some sort of funding that the residents have access to that allows us to recoup our losses from the installation of those wells.</p>
Brian Loma	<p>As a regional consumer I value the quality of the Metropolitan area's air supply. I'm concerned that the scale of extraction proposed will present long term air quality of the community over the next 100 years. In addition, the permanent long term impacts on Colorado's soil, water and energy independence will be greatly impacted. Development of this level is not designed for local consumption purposes. By extracting for export, we are reducing access to these resources for future generations.</p> <p>Please deny this application based on the industrial levels of extraction that would occur inside large neighborhood swatches.</p>
	Please stop O&G in our Commerce City neighborhoods for the sake of our health and safety!! PLEASE!!
	Please don't bring fracking practices so close to residential areas. Please move them to open space that can be used for fracking that won't be developed that is far from homes and schools. This is not the city i want to live in or love if i am co tending with fracking walls across the street from my neighborhood. Please reconsider the locations and strive to bring business to commerce City that helps grow family community.

CONNIE BEACH	Please halt the Regional Operator Agreement with Extraction. This agreement makes Commerce City taxpayers responsible for the cost of oil and gas development if Extraction suffers a "financial setback". This is a VERY likely situation since the Oil and Gas industry as a whole is operating at a deficit. Please see attached Huffington Post article on the financial burden of orphan wells. This article accurately describes the financial burden associated with Oil and Gas operations and should be carefully considered before executing any agreement with ANY operator.
Sister Margaret Elizabeth Fuhr	I think that the health and safety of the citizens of Commerce City and the surrounding area will be endangered for the years to come if this agreement is signed. Already the pollution of Commerce City is unacceptable. Extraction Oil & Gas is a bad actor in the Greeley, Colorado, Romero Middle School 24 fracking wells less than 1000 ft from the playground. With the planet endanger of exceeding 1.5 deg C with the risk of millions of lives in danger this is not the time to increase me oli and gas extraction. This is the time for renewable push only.
	Why are seismic studies not included in this agreement? Both prior to and during? Concern for earthquakes! Concern for my home and lack of insurance coverability if this were to occur.
Susan Noble	<p>There is NO reference to earthquakes or the risk in the draft Regional Operator Agreement. Given the 1200 earthquakes that occurred in this region in the 60s when this was farmland, you're putting tens of thousands of residents at risk. Another example of the city ignoring safeguards for our health, safety and welfare and the cumulative impacts that are allowed under new state law. You may think that earthquakes are only associated with injection wells. That is old thinking. There is recent proof linking fracking and quakes.</p> <p>Earthquakes on 7/27/19 shut down hydraulic fracturing: "According to Oklahoma Geological Survey records, recent stronger earthquakes have affected two areas in Kingfisher County -- the area near the Newfield/Encana well west of Kingfisher, and another about four miles north-northwest of Loyal. Both appeared to be associated with well COMPLETION work." [My emphasis. Completion = fracking]  <a href="https://oklahoman.com/article/5637126/encana-stops/hydraulic-fracturing-on-kingfisher-county-well-after-earthquakes-thursday">https://oklahoman.com/article/5637126/encana-stops/hydraulic-fracturing-on-kingfisher-county-well-after-earthquakes-thursday</a></p> <p>4/26/19 "At the 2019 Seismological Society of American meeting, held this week in Seattle, researchers detailed the connection between hydraulic fracturing wells and some 600 earthquakes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Texas."  <a href="https://www.upi.com/Science_News/2019/04/26/New-research-links-fracking-to-earthquakes-in-central-eastern-US/6661556294511/">https://www.upi.com/Science_News/2019/04/26/New-research-links-fracking-to-earthquakes-in-central-eastern-US/6661556294511/</a></p> <p>04/05/19 "Damaging Sichuan earthquakes linked to fracking operations" "Both wastewater disposal and fracking have induced earthquakes in the south Sichuan basin, say Xinglin Lei of the Geological Survey of Japan and colleagues. In their new study in SRL, the researchers present 'a full chain of evidence' to show that the December and January earthquakes were induced by fracking operations.'  <a href="https://m.phys.org/news/2019-04-sichuan-earthquakes-linked-fracking.html">https://m.phys.org/news/2019-04-sichuan-earthquakes-linked-fracking.html</a></p> <p>12/11/18 "Fracking paused in Blackpool after biggest tremor to date" "Residents of Blackpool have reported feeling the tremors of an earthquake from nearby fracking operations that started two months ago. The minor earthquake was not only the biggest yet but was on a par with the one in 2011 that led to a moratorium on fracking".  <a href="https://amp.theguardian.com/environment/2018/dec/11/fracking-blackpool-tremor-cusDrilling">https://amp.theguardian.com/environment/2018/dec/11/fracking-blackpool-tremor-cusDrilling</a></p> <p>This draft ROA is inadequate and puts residents at risk in innumerable ways. You and your constituents will not be covered if there is damage to your home. We have checked with our insurers. Check with yours. Here's the opinion of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners:  <a href="https://www.naic.org/cipr_topics/topic_hydraulic_fracturing.htm">https://www.naic.org/cipr_topics/topic_hydraulic_fracturing.htm</a></p>

JoAnn Vondracek	Please think about the health and safety of those living in Commerce City. Think about my granddaughter who lives in Reunion. Think about your own children and grandchildren. Would you want them close to such an industrial development. These types of activities do no belong close to homes Please do not allow this to happen
Cora	I am Cora. I am six years old and starting first grade at Turnberry Elementary. our family really doesn't want to move, we would be really upset if we had to move. This house is wonderful, so please stop the fracking so we can be safe.
Ivy	My name is Ivy Anderson and I am 10 years old. I go to Turnberry elementary school and am on the Destination Imagination team, I've took notice to the locations of your fracking sites, the majority of them are at a completely unreasonable distance from my home, therefore unsafe for me and my family to live here without the risks of fracking. I've been upset lately because we have lived here for a year and a half, and the thought of having to move is unpleasant, and so is the idea of having to risk getting cancer and or growing up and having babies with congenital heart defects, though these are just risks they aren't small things going on ( <a href="https://www.cuanschutztoday.org/greater-prevalence-of-congenital-heart-defects-in-areas-with-high-intensity-of-oil-and-gas-well-activity">https://www.cuanschutztoday.org/greater-prevalence-of-congenital-heart-defects-in-areas-with-high-intensity-of-oil-and-gas-well-activity</a> ) . I think that the fracking companies just want money and are not considering, that even if a smaller amount of people live here, than Denver, or other cities, does not mean that their safety and lives are worth any less. Not to mention that Colorado, and Commerce city are extremely gorgeous places, to put huge ugly towers blocking the mountain view is horrible and also, how would you all like to be living next door to a loud noisy and ugly building, that is not just an eyesore, but it is also dangerous and risky to live near one. Even just at 10 years old I can see the risks and problems with fracking here. As Commerce city government you are responsible for keeping our city a safe and happy place to be, and with fracking going on everywhere, I don't feel safe or happy, and neither does my 6 year old sister, or the rest of my family. Commerce city was already looked at as sort of a place were there was a lot of chemical dumping and such, and your job is to try to turn it into a more happy place, but instead of doing that you decided to approve fracking where people were able to call a safe home but now it's not as safe to be here with the fracking going on. My perspective on this situation is that if you approve fracking in the area, and house rates go down, some people will try to find a new place before they go down too badly, but a lot of people may end up either being stuck here or losing lots of money, there is no benefit to fracking for us or you, only the fracking companies, you might say that you will also benefit aside from the companies, because you will get more money for "the city" but people wont be able to enjoy anything, if residents can't be safe here, please take my thoughts into consideration. -Ivy
Anonymous	We the people will investigate everything you do, and will find out that financial incentive outweighed human health. Think about what you are agreeing to. It's insanity to have these operations literally in top of the people and families you supposedly promised to protect and serve.
	Please do not allow.fracking in Commerce City. It is disastrous for the environment and human health.
Leslie Weise	THIS AGREEMENT FAILS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE (or even close) IN NEW STATE LAW AND THAT THEY MUST NOT APPROVE THIS REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT.  This Operator Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grants major loopholes that put our families' health and safety at risk</li> <li>● Fails to allow Commerce City residents any say in what is happening</li> <li>● Puts Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for the cost of development and basic safety</li> </ul> Consideration of the DRAFT OPERATOR AGREEMENT for EXTRACTION O&G's proposed sites must be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment and until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritize protection of public health, safety and welfare including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.

	It is irresponsible, and misguided to accept this Operator Agreement. Do the right thing and take action for public health and safety, not corporate greed.
Nick J	Please halt this agreement. It places immense power over our communities in the hands of Extraction Oil & Gas, LLC, giving them the profits while putting the risk (for health, safety, financial setbacks, wetland destruction) squarely on our shoulders.
	Gives operator concessions and Best Management Practices options, rather than exercising City's authority to write undeniable City Code requirements, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:40 AM
	Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit. Developments, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:38 AM
	Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary. RIDICULOUS!!! Thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:36 AM
	Rushes the Agreement and BMPs through so as to keep the Operator from having to comply with new public health and safety requirements with the State or the City, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:35 AM
	Denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the so-called Best Management Practices, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:34 AM
	Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement Best Management Practices, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:33 AM
	Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for oil and gas, frackwater ("produced" water) and water pipelines on city land, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:31 AM
	Prohibits our city from protesting or calling for a hearing on any of these sites AND any additional well sites within the City's growth boundary, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 4:30 AM 7/ 28/2019
	Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers , thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:28 AM
	Leaves Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars, potentially, if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback", thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:26 AM
	Compels our city to accept and approve ALL 8 of Extraction's proposed sites for 190 new wells without considering the negative cumulative impacts on our community, , thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:25 AM
	Ignores new state law SB 181 that prioritizes our health, safety and welfare, thus the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas LLC should not be signed. 7/ 28/2019 4:24 AM
Cleo Dioletis	The proposed draft Regional Operator Agreement between Commerce City and Extraction Oil and Gas, LLC is a dangerous one for the citizens of Commerce City. I am asking City Council to halt the agreement and to consider the long-term health and environmental impacts of this drilling. There is enough scientific evidence out there to show the dangers that fracking will cause. Why then would the Commerce City Council which is there to protect the citizens of the city allow this agreement to occur? Not only are there health risks but the cost to tax payers and the distruction of your infrastructure will fall on the city. SB 181 sets standards of health and safety of the citizens of any township and this agreement is not within the scope of the new law.

	Please reconsider what this means for your communities, home values, health, safety and your children's future.
Eileen Hyatt	Sounds like a cozy \$\$\$ relationship between CC and EO&G. And what do your constituents think? Do any EO&G families and their schools lie within this proposal?
	I am a single mother of three children and we reside and attend the schools in the community you are proposing new oil wells and drilling be done on. I am very concerned for the health and safety of my family and am pleading with you not to put our community and children at risk! Please take in to consideration the many many families that reside in this community and what you would want for your own children and families. Thank you!
	Please halt this agreement until proper notification of those impacted can occur. There have been no mailings or otherwise to residents. If not for Facebook, we'd have no knowledge of this project. Not all are on Facebook. Would like well publicized community meetings so we can understand the impact and have questions answered in a non-intimidating environment.
Pat Dunn	Are you aware that Extraction Oil and Gas is 1.4 billion dollars in debt? They have a negative cash flow of 94 million dollars this year, and lost 52 million dollars last year.  How can you responsibly vote to do business with a company with this financial situation.  To do so would be a huge gamble.
Stephanie B.	We moved to Reunion 3 years ago and don't want to have to move out. This area is continuing to grow and develop at a fast pace. Why then, would you put the residents of all these new homes at risk with agreeing to let in an industry whose long term effects are not well enough known. You can continue to grow this neighborhood with residential and business areas or you can drive everyone out and halt the progress with oil and gas initiatives. You can't have it both ways. Please I beg you, choose what is best for the human beings living in this neighborhood.
Sonya	I am truly heartbroken. My husband and I worked so hard for our dream home and I am now afraid of the future for my family, the investment we have made, and the quiet peaceful neighborhood we craved. So sad that this is even on table. I feel in so many ways Commerce City and Adams County only cares about about the mighty \$\$ and not about the people who have made this area their home.
	This has become a densely populated area! The health and safety of the people must take precedence over drilling. This is not 1850 anymore in Colorado!
	Any further extraction of fossil fuels can only add to the climate crisis we are all facing. Please think of the kind of world that our children will inherit if you add to the damage already done. Water used in this extraction process can never be made potable again.
Eric Hartman	It is well past time to get off Fossil Fuels. The arctic is melting at unprecedented rates.
Laura Harper	I strongly urge you to halt the Regional Oil & Gas Operator Agreement. This agreement ignores a wise and reasonable new state law prioritizing citizens' health, safety, and welfare, denies the public transparent information and opportunities to provide its input, and at the same time, puts taxpayers on the hook for inspections, emergency response, and obtaining of rights of way for oil/gas production, not to mention the adverse effects of increased air pollution and greenhouse gas release inherent in the expansion of oil and gas production. This seems absurdly against the interests of Commerce City residents. Please stop it.
Mary Koltze	I'm writing to voice my opposition the Regional Operator agreement. The establishment of more large scale wells endangers the health of humans, animals, air quality and the environment in general. Resources need to be directed toward clean energy jobs, which can replace oil and gas in this region and be profitable to companies and individuals with a view to the future. Let's not

	continue to beat a dead horse. This Agreement will not benefit the region in the long run and that's where we must have our sights set on.
craig petersen	Commerce City should not sign an agreement with Extraction Oil and Gas to drill under the city. There are too many safety and health issues to be considered. Make the decision that would most benefit the residents of Commerce City and don't sign the agreement.
Concerned Resident	Any agreement with Extraction Oil and Gas is an agreement with the Devil. What right do the board members of Commerce City have deciding to put all of us at risk. We already pay extremely high property taxes and now you want to allow oil companies to steal our minerals out from under our homes. We are already living next to a superfund cleanup site and a large international airport. But that isn't enough. You want the citizens of North Range to be surrounded by mega drilling pads including all of the associated industrial activity. Would anyone like to buy my house? Now would be a good time for me to get out, before it is so unpleasant that no one wants to live here. Ask yourselves is this going to be the kind of place you want to live.
Karen Kalavity	<p>Karen Kalavity- We are at a point where we should be getting off fossil fuels - not making a grand spectacle out of extracting them.</p> <p>Get off the fossil fuels!</p> <p>Stop the drilling...horizontal, vertical, or otherwise.</p> <p>Stop raping the planet and stop subsidizing fossil fuels. Period. NOW!</p>
Shelly Gerhardt	<p>I urge you to halt the Regional Operator Agreement with Extraction Oil &amp; Gas for the following reasons, among many others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It ignores new state law prioritizing health, safety, and welfare of all Coloradans</li> <li>b) Puts the financial burden of inspections on taxpayers</li> <li>c) Denies public input in the Agreement and Best Management Practices</li> <li>d) Forces the city to assist the operator in obtaining rights of way for oil and gas, frackwater, and water pipelines on city land</li> </ul>
	I am asking City Council to halt the agreement and to consider the long-term health and environmental impacts of this drilling. Please do the right thing and protect your constituents. Thank you.
Chris Kermiet	This agreement fails to give Commerce City residents any real say, while putting taxpayers on the hook for the cost of oil and gas development? Why are you doing this?
Britt	Unbelievable Commerce City!! I moved out here thinking I found a high quality neighborhood to raise a family. I do not appreciate the city ignoring the health and safety of its residents while also burdening us with funding this awful project. It's pathetic that the city has chosen to fatten it's pockets while harming its residents. I don't want the pads in my neighborhood and I don't want drilling happening under my home. Not to mention the water out here is already awful enough without the added effects of fracking. What a joke shame on you Commerce City!!!
	I am vehemently oppose to any horizontal drilling anywhere close to homes and schools. I have also witnessed the results of lightning strikes on drilling pads and know the extreme dangers they present to nearby homes and businesses.
	In light of new state laws, drilling should not occur anywhere near homes or schools. For the sake of curtailing the negative effects of the climate crisis, no new fracking sites should be developed. We need to be moving in a vastly different direction!!
Theron Hreno	Commerce City should wait until rule making at the State level is complete before reaching a ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas. As a Boulder County resident, I have watched as Broomfield has had a difficult time doing business with Extraction. They are an operator that will look to exploit every weakness in an Operator Agreement to their benefit and to the detriment of the citizens in the communities they operate in. There is no rush to enter into an agreement of this magnitude without properly looking to protect the health and safety of Commerce City residents FIRST.

Kevin Tong MD	Let's out the health and safety of citizens first. Reject the Regional Operator Agreement.
Lee Stark	We need renewables - not more drilling and polluting!
Peter Fessenden	You are going in the wrong direction! We must REDUCE the # of oil and gas wells. Also keep in mind that fracking/natural gas is WORSE than coal with respect to greenhouse gas emissions. True, the combustion of natural emits 45% less CO2 per unit of energy than combustion of coal BUT when you factor in all the methane(CH4) released during fracking operations and that methane is 20-80 times as bad a GH gas as CO2, the result is worse than coal. Also, keep in mind that each day the world emits 100 million metric tons of greenhouse gases and since we are about on the point of no return, this insanity must stop and the transition to 100% alternatives is a must ASAP.
Dr. (Mrs.) Pushpa S Mehta	We are witnessing the disastrous effects related to toxic emissions from drilling and fracking . It is affecting the Health of Our Planet . So let us be logical and Caring Citizens of Our Planet and invest in Renewable Energy .
Joseph Marr	The proposed Commerce City O/G agreement will permit expensive drilling and development in a highly urban setting. There are significant health and welfare risks to the people of Commerce City if this goes forward. These risks are certainly not worth whatever funds the O/G interests are offering.
Lyric McKnight	Evidence is increasing daily that these systems are jeopardizing our health, not to mention our earth, water and air. We need to stop putting large business profits over health and safety!
Bridget Walsh	<p>Bridget Walsh</p> <p>There are many health risks from fracking. Babies who are born near fracking wells have a much higher risk of heath issues. <a href="https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/07/19/babies-born-near-oil-and-gas-wells-are-70-more-likely-have-congenital-heart-defects">https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/07/19/babies-born-near-oil-and-gas-wells-are-70-more-likely-have-congenital-heart-defects</a> That is why so many states, counties and countries have banned it. <a href="https://www.asmaa-algarve.org/en/blog/fracking/list-of-worldwide-fracking-country-bans">https://www.asmaa-algarve.org/en/blog/fracking/list-of-worldwide-fracking-country-bans</a> ; <a href="https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/energy/ireland-becomes-the-fourth-eu-country-to-ban-fracking-61091">https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/energy/ireland-becomes-the-fourth-eu-country-to-ban-fracking-61091</a></p> <p>There are many dangerous chemicals involved in fracking that threaten our health and the health of our children and future generations. <a href="https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/07/19/babies-born-near-oil-and-gas-wells-are-70-more-likely-have-congenital-heart-defects">https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/07/19/babies-born-near-oil-and-gas-wells-are-70-more-likely-have-congenital-heart-defects</a></p> <p>Please do not approve fracking in your area. you may get paid off in the short term but you and your family will suffer long term consequences.</p>
Merrill A. Carter	Merrill A. Carter
Alison McGinty	I'm concerned that this agreement compromises the health and wellbeing of citizens of Commerce City, while also creating a huge tax liability for those people, with the burden of cleanup and safely inspections faking on the community. We need to prioritize the long term health of our citizens and communities, which necessitates a healthy environment, over that of short term profits for gas and oil companies.
Andi Shotwell	I wish to strongly discourage the Regional Operator Agreement for Extraction Oil and Gas. This is a terrible move for the environment and the citizens. The size of this is horrific. It is unsafe. I implore you to end this disaster before it starts.
	Stop endangering human beings' health and safety because of greed. Stop polluting the air, water, and soil because of greed. In the pursuit of almighty profits there must be a balance between citizens' rights to a healthy and safe environment and making money. It is immoral and unethical to endanger human beings and the environment in the pursuit of making money. Greed cannot overrule health and safety. We the people, we the citizens, we the voters, we the taxpayers, should be the decision makers. The government works for us and answers to us. Present actions create our children's future. So listen to the people, the citizens, the voters, the taxpayers.
William Pryor	We need to consider the long-term health and environmental impacts of this drilling. I have worked with many families in commerce city and many of them don't have the time or resources to learn

	more and protect themselves. Do not put the hard working citizens of Commerce city at risk and please fight to preserve their environment.
Paula Seifried	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>We are absolutely against this ROA between Commerce City and Extraction. We live in Turnberry Subdivision. We have the Antelope pad but there are two sites proposed near I76, Harlo and Jacobson (nearly 70 wells) near us. Plus, a brand-new one south of Nativity Lutheran. Now that's cumulative impact!</p> <p>We need local governments to put in stronger regulations and Commerce City could use land use authority of zoning, CUPs, and denying uses detrimental to our health, safety and welfare.</p> <p>Please LISTEN to our voices and do what is right. The ROA is a sweet deal for Extraction and a Raw deal for us citizens.</p>
	Do NOT approve this project. You are literally poisoning the people, water, air, and earth to wring a little profit out of our health before we're all killed by climate change. Stop being selfish and shortsighted.
	If this agreement was the best Commerce City could get after a year of "negotiating" with Extraction Oil & Gas then it is all the more reason for the city to wait for the rules and regulations from SB 181 to come out because as it stands the people of Commerce City are going to be the losers..
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: It gives operator concessions and Best Management Practices options, rather than exercising City's authority to write undeniable City Code requirements. 7/27/2019 6:23 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: It fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit. Developments. 7/27/2019 6:20 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: It allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of our city's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove it is necessary. RIDICULOUS!!! 7/27/2019 6:13 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: It rushes the Agreement and BMPs through so as to keep the Operator from having to comply with new public health and safety requirements with the State or the City. 7/27/2019 6:00 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: It denies a public input process in the Agreement and in the so-called Best Management Practices. 7/27/2019 5:57 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: 7. Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they don't have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement Best Management Practices. 7/27/2019 5:54 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: 6. Forces our city to pave the way and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways for oil and gas, frackwater ("produced" water) and water pipelines on city land. 7/27/2019 5:51 AM
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	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: 4. Puts the financial burden of regular health and safety inspections on the backs of taxpayers. 7/27/2019 5:45 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: 3. Leaves Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars, potentially, if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback." 7/27/2019 5:41 AM
	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT: 2. Compels our city to accept and approve ALL 8 of Extraction's proposed sites for 190 new wells without considering the negative cumulative impacts on our community. 7/27/2019 5:37 AM

	STOP THE REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT: 1. Ignores new state law SB 181 that prioritizes our health, safety and welfare. 7/27/2019 5:32 AM
	REVISE the DRAFT ROA to include ALL the protections and rights now granted to Commerce City per Senate Bill 181. 7/27/2019 5:19 AM
	An UPGRADED version of the BMP's, to ensure conformance with ALL aspects of SB 181, should be codified into law and become the REGULATOR of interaction with ALL operators such as EXTRACTION Oil & Gas, LLC. 7/27/2019 5:16 AM
	A 5 MONTH DELAY in signing the current DRAFT ROA is needed to allow time for the entire contract revision. Per SB181 the City has the RIGHT to make every surface aspect of Extraction's operations ensure the Public Health, Safety, and Welfare of its environment. 7/27/2019 5:06 AM
	EDIT THE current DRAFT ROA! The BMPs, which are to be INCLUDED IN THE BODY OF THE ROA, need to be purged of all nebulous language such as maximum extent practical,etc. HARD STANDARDS must be used instead 7/27/2019 4:56 AM
	DISCARD THE DRAFT ROA! It was written (per City Attorney Matt Sura) PRIOR to the passage of Senate Bill 181. The current DRAFT ROA needs to be REWRITTEN since: SB181 affirms that local governments indeed have the authority to exercise the right to refuse; the right to regulate oil and gas operations above the surface in a manner that protects public health, safety, and the environment; and the right to enforce those regulations. 7/27/2019 4:49 AM
	REVISE THE DRAFT ROA! It does not include any wording on how Extraction will deal with the CUMULATIVE IMPACT of ALL their drilling and related activities. 7/27/2019 4:38
	DO NOT SIGN THE DRAFT ROA. The BMP's need to be stated as ENFORCEABLE in any contract. 7/27/2019 4:34 AM
	DO NOT SIGN THE ROA! Because it LEGALLY RIPS away the protection of the rights of Commerce City residents On page 21, section 15.11: the clause, "The City & Extraction will fight together any 3rd party objections . . .", needs to be purged. 7/27/2019 4:20 AM
Linda Hinds	I am not at all pleased about anyone drilling under my home. There is so much open space away from homes that could be drilled!
Kayla Gau	Please do not allow for any new oil and gas drilling or fracking in Commerce City, especially in residential areas. My family does not want the oil and gas encroachment of our neighborhood, and other established neighborhoods. These residences were here first. We as a family purchased our home based on the fact that there was no activity of this kind nearby. The biggest reason for opposing new wells is the health of our family, and those in our community. University of Colorado just released a study of pregnant women who live within one mile of oil and gas wells. It shows that they are up to 70% more likely to deliver a baby with a congenital heart defect. 70%! I should not need to consider the distance of wells near me when planning my family with my husband. I do not want to worry that my infant and toddler will grow up in a toxic environment, and develop asthma, allergies, or other health issues associated with oil and gas wells. The company says it will operate safely, but promises are already not kept. Suncor has spewed pollution into the air far beyond regulations. We do not need any new wells if we cannot guarantee safe air quality with existing industry. We also have concerns about who is responsible for damage to our house, extra traffic and wear on our congested roads, and the destruction of the natural environment. No amount of income from taxes, etc is worth the safety and quality of life for my family. New oil and gas wells are not conducive to a "Quality Community for a Lifetime".
	I took two days to read through this Regional Operator Agreement and as far as I can see it does not even come close to providing the protections for the public that I thought were being covered by the new state law. Why is Commerce City going ahead with this agreement without even considering what new regulations could be coming?
	Not in my area!

<p>Margaret Anderson</p>	<p>My house and family will be directly impacted by these pad sites. The antelope pad will literally feel like I have a fracking site in my backyard. I bought my house partly because of its glorious mountain view. If the antelope pad is put into place, not only will I lose my gorgeous mountain view, I will be at an even higher risk of developing health consequences because of our proximity to the site. And that is to say nothing of the property value I will lose because of this eye sore/health hazard. My kids deserve better. They are young and deserve to have healthy air to breathe and clean water to drink. They both attend Turnberry elementary and are high-achieving students. I don't see how driving out people like me who care about my health and the health of my family above all else, is going to be good for the city in the long run. I do not think the current proposed ROA provides nearly enough protects for me and my family (Commerce City RESIDENTS who you are charged to protect...not oil and gas interests). I have options of where to live, and I have chosen to call Commerce City home. But something is incredibly wrong when "home" does not feel healthy nor safe. Please HALT this agreement, especially until we have a fuller understanding of the health consequences of fracking and a stronger idea of what protections need to be in place if fracking is ever to be "safe" in a community like ours. I would really like to see the future of Commerce City as being on the forefront of clean energy production (wind, solar), rather than the future of our city being full of eye sores that represent the last vestiges of a technology that ultimately has no long-term value.</p>
<p>Charles L. Barrett</p>	<p>At this time the only prudent action, is to reject the current ROA and set, at least, a 1 year moratorium to learn and fully understand the new rules of SB181 along with a NEW understanding of 'cumulative impact' of so many wells in such a small land area near residential neighborhoods. I believe Commerce City needs to do more research on this and not just utilize the 'reports' supplied by the Oil and Gas industry. The Dept of Colorado Public Health and Environment, as well as those similar departments in other states have a vast amount of information to be reviewed. Today has been declared an 'Ozone Alert' day for the front range of Colorado. ANY plans for future industrial development, especially Oil and Gas construction and operation, near ANY residential areas would add to this 'air quality' problem that we incur quite often. It would be irresponsible to approve this ROA without the additional information necessary when considering future air quality effects. Additionally, the increased truck and equipment traffic required, as well as the possible, or more likely probable, negative effect on property values need to be considered. Please understand this is not a statement against the Oil and Gas industry as a whole. It is however a statement of concern for the lack of knowledge regarding ALL the possible impacts on residential neighborhoods where this ROA is allowing the industry to operate . We have many zoning laws in this state regarding several different industries as to where they do business, none of which was designed to negate those industries completely. They were enacted to PROTECT the people, with the primary understanding that some industries, especially industrial activity, is not compatible with residential areas.</p> <p>Thank You</p>

Tamara Graff

Please HALT on the Oil and Gas Regional Operator Agreement!

Commerce City faces 254 new wells within Commerce City on 11 sites, including at least two well sites adjacent to our City's borders.

Large-scale oil and gas sites (such as these that have been proposed) are massive industrial sites with significant impacts that only a few operators would ever bring to our City's neighborhoods.

I oppose this Operator Agreement because:

- Grants major loopholes that put our families' health and safety at risk
- Fails to allow Commerce City residents any say in what is happening
- Puts Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for the cost of development and basic safety

Consideration of the DRAFT OPERATOR AGREEMENT for EXTRACTION O&G's proposed sites must be HALTED until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment and until Commerce City adopts new regulations that prioritize protection of public health, safety and welfare including our environment and environmental resources, as permitted under new state law.

Do not make our neighborhoods an industrial oil and gas zone!

Why are the Draft Operator Agreement along with Best Management Practices SO bad? Here are 12 reasons:

- Compels Commerce City to accept and approve ALL 8 of Extraction's proposed sites for 190 new wells.
- Prohibits Commerce City from protesting or calling for a hearing on any of these sites AND any additional Well Sites in the City's growth boundary.
- Forces our city to pave and assist the Operator in obtaining right of ways to lay pipelines on city land.
- Denies any public input process in Agreement and BMPs.
- Fails to account for the impact of 190 wells and concentration and intensity of sites as a sum total to our community.
- Gives the Operator over 30 loopholes so that they do not have to use the safest and latest technologies or implement best management practices.
- Rushes the Agreement and BMPs through so as to keep the Operator from having to comply with new public health and safety requirements.
- Allows for variances to develop oil and gas in floodplains and for the destruction of Commerce City's wetlands – so long as the Operator can prove its necessary.
- Fails to require an Alternate Site Analysis for the sites closest to neighborhoods if oil and gas development becomes part of the zoning for those areas – even if they are Residential or Planned Unit Development.
- Leaves Commerce City taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars, potentially, if an emergency is caused by the Operator or if the Operator suffers a "Financial Setback".
- Puts the financial burden of regular and intermittent inspections on the backs of taxpayers.
- The Best Management Practices in the Agreement should be written as undeniable Code and not as options for the Operator.

Commerce City has major additions, revisions and updates it MUST make to its code to protect public health and safety when it comes to this massive number of oil and gas wells proposed in and immediately surrounding our community. The COGCC must complete its implementation of SB181 in its revised mission to protect public health, safety, and welfare, including the environment and wildlife resources. Hold a process that is actually transparent and accountable to Commerce City neighborhoods.

THIS AGREEMENT FAILS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN NEW STATE LAW AND THAT THEY MUST NOT APPROVE THIS REGIONAL OPERATOR AGREEMENT.

<p>Charles Anderson</p>	<p>I live at the corner of highway 2 and 104th, in the turnberry neighborhood. My understanding is that they plan to build a pad right across highway 2 from me and frack directly under my house. The research is clear that cancer risk, congenital heart defect risk, and many MANY other adverse medical outcomes increase when living close to fracking sites. Property values are also damaged substantially by proximity to fracking. When considering health and safety, it's clear that fracking this close to a residential area is a terrible idea. When considering private property rights, it's clear that this benefits powerful industry over the rights of residents and homeowners. I fear this will force me to have to uproot my family and move, and that's the last thing we want to do. I'm a nurse, I'm active in the community, and the research is overwhelming that this is a bad idea. Please do the right thing and stop fracking in residential areas. Go frack undeveloped areas. Oil and gas is a dying technology anyway, invest the money in renewables instead. This is a no brainier situation. Please protect my family and protect our city!</p>
<p>Katie Sanchez</p>	<p>As an 11-year resident of Commerce City, I am heartbroken to think we may lose our community to fracking. On a personal level, I have severe lung issues and with the air pollution associated with fracking, it could take a serious toll on my health. We do not have the means or desire to want to leave our home we've established in Commerce City, but for my health we may not have a choice.</p> <p>On a community level, what fracking could do to our neighborhoods and roads is terrifying. We just survived major road work on Highway 2, and in the last decade we watched 104th be transformed from a 2-lane dirt road to a 4-lane busy thoroughfare. With an estimated 15,000 truck trips during fracking development and up to 50,000 more thereafter, what toll will this be paying on our roads that our already high taxes have paid for?</p> <p>It's a known fact that property values decrease in areas being fracked. Our community is up and coming and growing by leaps and bounds, why would we want to punish residents by decreasing their home values?</p> <p>Our schools are already suffering as we've had to go to a four day a week schedule. As a parent I worry every day I send my child to school about gun violence. With the added dangers of fracking, we'd also be introducing disaster drills, as we've seen so frequently recently the explosions near oil wells.</p> <p>So many other disasters have been linked to fracking - earthquakes, sink holes, and climate change. Colorado already has dangerous air quality levels as we've seen so much this summer, but releasing benzene and other chemicals in the air will just make it worse. Add in the fact that the Suncor plant is polluting our air, this is a disaster in the making for any residents with fragile lungs or health issues.</p> <p>If fracking wasn't dangerous, why would so many communities in the US be taking a stand against it and so many restrictions have been imposed? I urge you to please do what's safest for ALL of our communtiy and please don't allow our community to be destroyed by fracking.</p>

<p>Shelleen Salazar-Figueroa</p>	<p>Fracking issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TRAFFIC-Fracking Increases Truck Traffic- More volume on busy neighboring roads. Before/after school traffic with this can be a possible nightmare, we will have industrial equipment visible, water pits and these sites emit smog-forming volatile organic compounds and benzene.</li> <li>2. LIGHTING-Bright light flares as this site will have a constant flare emitting (methane leaking, etc.)</li> <li>3. PROPERTY VALUES-Property Values will decrease↓- Example: All the houses on the market at HWY 7 &amp; I-25 and Erie/ N. Broomfield since the Great Walls of Fracking went up they have decreased. Who will want to buy our homes with noise pollution, Mountain View obstructed by Fracking Towers/\$125,000 2 month wall, next to the “Frack Freeway” when they know the risk factors to their health nearby them.</li> <li>4. SCHOOL DRILLS-Safety- this will be another School Drill for our kids to prepare for if there was a leak or explosion that happened.</li> <li>5. WATER-Chemical-laced wastewater can spill and pollute drinking water. If there is a leak this can contaminate our water which we already know Commerce City struggles with and create harmful health issues. Water mixture that pumped into the shale rock during the fracking process contains carcinogenic chemicals, these escape fracking boreholes and pollute the local water supply near the fracking site which is our homes! Also Fracking requires more water than conventional gas drilling generally 1-8 million gallons of water, this can cause increases on our rates and decrease us having life giving water to survive from due to the supply and demand.</li> <li>6. CHEMICALS-The mixture used in fracking often includes additives of biocide, polymeric lubricant, surfactant, and stabilizer. But because companies are not required to disclose any information about the chemicals they use, they have the freedom to change the ingredients. This is especially true because they are exempt from the Safe Drinking Water Act of 2005.</li> <li>7. CLIMATE-Fracking also misshapes dangerous climate changes</li> <li>8. AIRBORNE CHEMICALS-The dust from the sand used by fracking fluid can become airborne and is dangerous to breathe. Hydrocarbons such as Benzene and toluene get into the atmosphere and can cause leukemia and other types of cancers and health problems. Methane is one of the most potent pollutants in our atmosphere today and it is a byproduct of the fracking process. Obtaining oil or natural gas creates a methane leak from under the ground. Distributing the harvested energy resources creates methane leaks all the way down the supply chain. Research from Cornell University suggests that the amount of methane produced by fracking, from start to finish, could negate the benefits that occur from switching to natural gas instead of coal. There are several health threats which are created by the fracking process. This includes respiratory problems, nervous system impacts, possible birth defects, blood disorders, and carcinogen exposure. These pollution events are in the highest concentrations for those who live near a well or work at one, but there are also regional and global impacts that must also be considered.</li> <li>9. SINK HOLES-Sink holes</li> <li>10. EARTHQUAKES-Earthquakes have been linked to fracking. Colorado doesn't have earthquakes but can, From 1967-2000, there was an average of 21 earthquakes per year in the United States that were 3.0 or greater on the Richter scale in the central and eastern states. Since then, when fracking became a priority in the US, the number of earthquakes at this level have increased by a factor of 4. In 2011, there were 188 earthquakes registered at 3.0 or less. In 2015, there were more than 1,000 earthquakes that the USGS believes were artificially induced. In 2014, a 4.9 earthquake struck in Kansas and was directly linked to localized fracking operation. A 2016 earthquake in Oklahoma registered at 5.6.</li> <li>11. FRACKING UNDER OUR HOMES- This means a fracking operation can be approved on someone's property without their permission because the company bought the oil and gas rights that are beneath the ground. If there is a large enough supply, the lives of that family could be disrupted for months or years without any compensation.</li> </ol>
<p>Dan B.</p>	<p>Response #1 from Dan B.:  Category: BMPs (Best Management Practices) Monitoring/Inspection  The City needs to incorporate in the Monitoring/Inspection sections the mechanism to provide any Commerce City residents the opportunity to purchase a (at cost, say, equivalent to the cost of a</p>

	<p>good smoke alarm/CO2 detector) HOME pollution monitoring device for outside their window. (Accompanying rebates-to-the-customer from the Extraction company or any operator are required as well.) These monitors can have as simple a message as: Close all windows and doors. Bring pets and children inside. Turn on inside air purifiers. (Similar to the: IQAir [AirVisual Pro Air Quality Monitor]</p> <p>Bulk purchasing by the combined efforts of the City and the extraction companies should lower the cost considerably.</p>
	Do not frack around our homes and schools.
	This seems to be a wonderful deal for Extraction Oil & Gas with little safeguards for the citizens of Commerce City. No where in the agreement is anything laid out what the taxpayers of Commerce City are going to be saddled with.
Bruce B. Hendry	I am in favor of granting the ROA to them.
	Please don't frack in our neighborhood or near our schools
Karl A. Innes	In favor of granting ROA to Extraction Oil & Gas, LLC.
David Sanchez	<p>Mayor and city council members</p> <p>Through your actions, you are creators of history. You have the ability to shape the future of this community that will affect not only the near future, but potentially for generations to come. Don't trade short-term gains for long-term losses. This ROA is permitting a large number of wells in a concentrated area of people and the health and safety consequences of this type of industrialization in a neighborhood is not known.</p> <p>Casually known as the armpit of Colorado, Commerce City has been making advances in changing the perception of the city. Don't push us back into earning that reputation again.</p> <p>I've heard a council member's response to a citizen's plea is that we already have the arsenal and DIA to the east. That does not justify making things worse.</p> <p>Make sure that when your grandchildren and great grandchildren read about Commerce City's past that you are not on the wrong side of history.</p>
Aden Roucloux	<p>Dear council,</p> <p>In your deliberations, I beg of you to please consider the residents' feelings regarding oil and gas in our community. SB 181 gives local gov a say and the ability to deny permits. You no longer have to be rubber stamp for the state.</p> <p>Please consider that Extraction Oil and Gas has a plummeting stock price. What happens when we have an inevitable drop in the oil market? The city will be left with the bill and the mess. This is not a sure business deal.</p> <p>After speaking with experts, I do not believe the ROA is adequate. It falls short in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Putting first the public health, safety, and welfare of the people. 30k resident homes will be fracked under. The water is already subpar, now it could be impacted by an inevitable accident.</li> <li>-Allowing oil and gas production in close proximity to marginalized citizens who don't always have the infrastructure to speak up for themselves or the money to move elsewhere. The proposed Heron Pad is right next to a future lower-income oakwood homes neighborhood for first responders, teachers and military. This is not the first time we have seen this. Suncor is in the middle of a predominantly Hispanic area of the city. It is surrounded by schools, and is negatively impacting them, as we see in their performance. According to National Jewish Health, the leading respiratory hospital in the nation, pollution and chemicals cause major health problems in kids and adults, which leads to lower performance in school and work. The Pelican pad will be near a school, and all pads are uncomfortably close to buildings and/or homes. If we put these wells across our city, we are effectively limiting the success of our residents.</li> </ul>

	<p>The ROA also falls short in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examination of cumulative impacts of 254 new wells. Please look at the wells in total, not just by individual permits. In just one example, the Harlo and Jacobson pads are close together and near homes.</li> <li>-Minimizing the adverse impacts of fracking</li> <li>-Testing soil, water, crops and livestock in the area...even if citizens don't live close by. We do eat the crops and livestock that could be impacted negatively.</li> <li>-Considering the impacts of the arsenal. The Heron Pad will be right next to an arsenal which is already a precarious area. Condor pad is close. What happens if there is an accident? Nothing is keeping arsenal contaminants within arsenal borders.</li> </ul> <p>Ultimately, Industrial operations and neighborhoods don't mix. Please reconsider the ROA and the feelings of residents.</p> <p>Thank you, Aden Roucloux</p>
Lyndsey Collins	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Regarding the oil and gas operator agreement: It provides loopholes which will put our health and safety at risk, including our children and sensitive populations such as pregnant women and people with health concerns, not to mention all the people who will be forced to live within a certain proximity of wells It also does not allow Commerce City Residents and say in what is happening around them (that is not democratic in any way, shape or form) It causes residents (taxpayers) to eat some of the cost of development, and our safety Please HALT the consideration of the DRAFT OPERATOR AGREEMENT for EXTRACTION O&amp;G's proposed sites, until the COGCC develops its rules regarding Health, Safety, and the Environment. The oil and natural gas will STILL be there if you take the time to do this correctly. Please take our health and safety into consideration.</p>
Amanda Ulmer	<p>Dear Commerce City City Council,</p> <p>I am concerned this ROA is being rushed and does not contain all the necessary pieces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limiting the density of wells within about a mile of neighborhoods/ definitely schools (turnberry elementary school will have about 116 wells within a mile)</li> <li>- the studies of living this close to a dense amount of Wells are raising concerns</li> <li>-I know you cannot trust every study and there is not currently a lot of facts out there for the percentage of risk but it is high enough for my doctor to recommend we move if we choose to have another baby (if the permits go through)</li> <li>-Air quality screening (if our air quality is already rating poorly it does not make sense to add another source of pollution)</li> <li>-there should be a public vote on if we as a city approve wells, now that SB181 passed we have more of a voice and as representatives of the public you should want to act on our behalf, a city vote should happen to decide the future of our city</li> <li>- the risk to benefit of these wells is difficult to determine and I do not believe you can gamble with our communities health.</li> <li>- broomfield has had a difficult time with enforcement of the ROA we should have a moratorium until we see how new rules can benefit us and protect our citizens and have a public vote so we can choose as a people what risk we are willing to take.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Amanda Ulmer</p>

	<p>I have several concerns related to this agreement.</p> <p>I am most concerned with the health risks associated with oil and gas fracking. I do not think it is wise to sign an agreement without knowing the effects of so many wells in such a concentrated area. 200 wells in our neighborhood seems very excessive and the combined impact should be studied before approval is given. Have you thought about less wells farther away from neighborhoods?</p> <p>Since 181 passed, despite what city council has said at meetings, they are under no obligation to approve these wells. The state will not sue them and Extraction does not have an automatic right to drill.</p> <p>This agreement gives the operator loopholes using terms like "reasonable" and "necessary".</p> <p>It puts the financial burden of regular and intermittent inspections on taxpayers.</p>
	<p>This agreement fails miserably to fully protect the public's safety, health and welfare as mandated by the recently passed state law. It a sweetheart deal for the operator and shows that city council is failing its citizens. If you were really concerned about Commerce City citizens you would wait until the state has finished its rules and regulations through the COGCC.</p>
	<p>These rules and regulations are not strict enough and do not fully comply with SB 181. These wells are far too close to a large number of homes and schools. The proximity to railroads and the Arsenal are very concerning. The health and safety of your residents are at stake. Take care of us! Commerce City needs to stand up for its residents and say no to all oil and gas development in the city. Bring us up, don't let us down.</p>
Ashley	<p>People will never agree and a small but delusional group of people around here use insane scare tactics. Please remember that oil and gas is a huge part of Colorado! The economy, people's livelihoods! You will get backlash from a few but please stand your ground!</p>
	<p>I think the city should charge a fee per barrel extracted. Lower our taxes</p>
Donna Johnson	<p>Go ahead and do fracking just do your true diligence.</p>
Ash	<p>I don't think we should be drilling anywhere in city limits. It's harmful to the animals at the refuge and we already live on a nuclear dumping ground. Why are we trying to make things worse than they are. We also have a power plant here already. I think the company needs to move along and let commerce City at least heal up enough to grow grass naturally. This is a giant dust pan because we keep harmfully dumping and pulling out the natural resources. Fix some roads and use all this tax money we pay you to fix up old commerce City that has been left neglected.</p>
Christopher Tyler	<p>I'm against fracking in the Commerce City Outlook Neighborhood (North Commerce City).</p>
	<p>There is no recognition or amelioration of the cumulative impacts of these eight sites and horizontally-fracked wells, let alone all proposed wells and sites affecting Commerce City.</p> <p>"Cumulative impacts" is defined as past, present, and future. It is not merely one site-one set of wells at a time. Phasing the sites does not absolve the city of its responsibility for the cumulative impacts on our health, safety and welfare.</p>
	<p>This is a bad thing. Please wait until SB18 goes into effect.</p>
	<p><b>The ROA MUST INCLUDE A PROHIBITION ON ANY DRILL PADS OR HORIZONTAL DRILLING IN ANY RESIDENTIALLY ZONED AREAS.</b></p>
	<p>Please don't frack under our neighborhood.</p>
	<p>The ROA needs to be <b>COMPLETELY REVISED</b> to bring it into conformance with SB 181. Public , Health, Safety and Welfare is <b>NOT</b> the priority in this current agreement. That <b>MUST</b> be <b>CHANGED!!!</b></p>
Monica Mendoza	<p>Please do not allow oil and gas extraction in our community. My family and I live in Turnberry and there are many families here, an elementary school in the neighborhood.</p>

	<p>These extractions should be done far from residential areas. They are dangerous, affects our quality of life and lowers our property values.</p> <p>Many are unhappy about this and Commerce City needs to listen to the residents!</p>
	<p>I attended a presentation last night by Senator Mike Foote on SB 181. It is clearly evident that the Regional Operator Agreement favors Extraction Oil and does not advocate in any measurable way to protect the public's safety, health and welfare the way the law was written.</p>
	<p>Transparency by the City and all oil and gas companies operating within Commerce City in regard to all quality testing (water, air, etc.), identification of whom and what company completed the testing and associated certifications on file, for interested parties to review, if interested. The City must include notifications with emergency notices- i.e. if air quality, water quality, etc. is compromised, timely notification to citizens must occur.</p>
	<p>Seismic studies must be required prior to any drilling, etc. as well as seismic levels monitored and if elevated, pause drilling/fracking to minimize the chance of an earthquake. If any material is left behind post completion, continue to measure seismic levels.</p>
	<p>Concerned that the city does not have adequate subject matter experts on the oil and gas initiatives currently employed to help navigate, implement, and hold accountable the rules and process that are being developed. Must have defined overall costs with cost limitations for the City.</p> <p>Inspections (inspector[s]) to ensure compliance should begin prior to the wells, in fact they should be included as early as the pre-application and follow the project throughout. Total transparency of fines and actions is required to the citizens - transparency goes a long way! Transparency should include what the fine was for, the number of fines, the corrective measures that occurred, post inspection to ensure corrective action is adequate and complete.</p>
	<p>The entire process should be specific to the area and nearby development. Not all sites are created equal. Apply applicable/similar lessons learned from other municipalities/counties.</p>
	<p>Bottom line: We demand our City Council to enact regulations and land use, zoning and building codes that prioritize health, safety and welfare of their constituents and address cumulative impacts before any oil and gas drilling and fracking operations take place in Commerce City.</p>
	<p>Are lessons learned being sought and considered from other local municipalities and/or counties where fracking has been occurring being applied? Is Commerce City employees/City Council in contact with these other entities to seek out and apply lessons learned, where applicable for Commerce City? No need to reinvent the wheel, nor not gain insight from others that have already and/or currently gone down this path.</p>
	<p>Inspection types initial enforcement vs scheduled inspection vs annual inspection vs complaint inspection. Different levels of inspection. Ensure inspections that are done by 3rd party(s) be allowable to submit to City- rather than multi (same) reports describing same things. Make sure inspections are timed during critical stages of life cycle of well, including safety operators during construction.</p>
	<p>How will the cumulative impacts of all the wells and drilling be assessed and communicated (water, air, health ,infrastructure, health of well/pad, etc.)? What will the process be for reporting, fining, follow up, etc.?</p>
	<p>What specific chemicals will be identified (in writing and with direct responsibility) that specifies chemicals that will not be authorized for use. Who will be responsible outside of oil and gas to ensure this is adhered to? City inspectors? 3rd party, non-conflict company(s)? Timely transparency is a must.</p>
	<p>Post closure care and associated monitoring and assurance that the well/site/pad, etc. is followed through, reported on with transparency.</p>
	<p>Concern of the pipelines durability, maintenance, care and degrading pipes &amp; issues throughout the lifecycle and post lifecycle. Timely and adequate regulation of each agreement throughout the process.</p>
	<p>The citizens are concerned that the city does not have currently employed subject matter experts in regard to the oil and gas industry to help navigate, implement, and hold accountable the rules and process that are being developed (especially technical data- air and water quality, being able to review technical reports, etc.). The citizens need total transparency of fines and actions as well as</p>

	the action that required such (what the fine [or lack of fine] was for, number of fines and any associated corrective measures that happened and what the restitution was and any follow up action necessary).
	Commerce City staffing capacity, specifically in its ability to review, monitor, and analyze some of the more technical components of the BMP's (such as air quality and water quality samples, etc.). Oil and Gas must be required to pay for additional costs to city services that well sites generate (including road impacts, additional staff resources, etc), an appropriate number of inspectors and inspection frequency per well site should be evaluated (maybe dedicated city staff), and that all community members (regardless of location) should be notified and made aware of operator violations. A 3rd party inspection company with an ironclad contract for transparency to the citizens is preferred. The cost of either of these options must be paid by the industry through fees direct to Commerce City - not to the 3rd party inspection company. Ensure all inspectors certifications are verified and recertification's kept up to date (no expiry) and verified/validated to be factual.
	Reciprocal setbacks regarding not only setbacks from new wells to existing houses, but from existing wells to newly constructed homes. Define and distinguish in the LDC whether setbacks apply from the property line, or building/structure. Disclosure for new homebuyers, notifying them of mineral right ownership (if present), potential wells, pipelines, flowlines, etc.. Have a greater setback (at least 1,000') for parks and other "healthy uses" – recreation centers, food production, etc.
	Pipeline utilization for all new application(s) to reduce truck traffic, wear on roads and infrastructure, air quality. Standards on pipeline durability, maintenance, and care, if not already handled through a state or federal agency. Testing of air quality and water quality (testing SHOULD occur at time of construction, all through production, after production, to include during the 90 day period that is not currently required for construction activities). Real time air monitoring with associated real time notification to citizens of real time adverse events, regardless of location. Appropriate management and removal of all trash to include left over oil and gas supplies. Post closure care and continued monitoring of all wells, to include capping and orphan wells.
	Significant concerns: air quality, water quality, pipeline utilization, transportation and circulation, noise mitigation, community outreach, reclamation, and visual mitigation, water usage, potential contamination of water resources, damage to home infrastructure, loss of home value, health risks, lack of transparency, adequate and timely notification of issues, etc. Why is Commerce City Council in such a rush, when it's clear that the State of Colorado feels that SB 181 should be implemented?
	Updating regulations to reflect greater protections of health, safety and welfare that new state law (SB 181) offers is one reason to approve a moratorium. This would allow the City Council to exercise its right to set regulations and codes for oil and gas activity during a pause in the permit process. There is NO reason to rush this process, unless the city is being lead by revenue to the city!
	We request Commerce City Council to enact a moratorium and wait a year or 2 to allow the State of Colorado to implement new SB 181. What is the rush? Money? Let's do this right the first time. There is no need to rush other than the need to gain an additional revenue source for the City! If we rush, mistakes are made and where this is concerned could be a harmful and permanent mistake. Look at the loss of control over the 120th and Chambers Indoor Storage Facility. The City Council had their votes forced to approve the PUD change or risk the City being sued! A true travesty to all citizens of Commerce City, regardless of this significant error occurring outside of the City Council, it still effects the city as whole and especially the citizens that live close by! We can't make errors when making decisions in respect to oil and gas!
	Drilling should not occur in residential areas, after homes have been built. We should not feel that we are forced to sell our homes and move due to the interest of the Commerce City and oil and gas to drill under/near our homes and near our communities. I've lived here since 2004 and would have never even considered building a new home here had we known this would occur later on.
	Drilling should not occur in residential areas, after homes have been built.

	Setbacks should be reciprocal, i.e.- new well sites to existing residential, but also new residential to existing well sites.
	Are all of the comments that are submitted for this comment period and the associated answers/comments associated to these comments going to be provided to the public? If not, why? If so, what is the method to obtain both the originators comment as well as the response?
	No fracking under/near our homes, nor under/near our schools and public parks.
	Commerce City already has a black eye and seen negatively in the greater metro area – why add to that negative reputation by going down the road with oil and gas and allowing wells/drilling/fracking in existing residential areas? Fracking doesn't belong under our homes, nor under our schools, nor public parks, etc. What happened to City accountability to the citizens that have purchased homes here PRIOR to oil and gas expressing interest to do business such as this?
	The potential of physical home damage caused by oil and gas where home owners insurance policies will deny coverage if an incident occurs due to oil and gas is a concern. This is most individuals/family's largest investment that they have. How is the Commerce City Council ensuring that homeowners are financially protected, if damage to our homes occur due to oil and gas? What is the Commerce City Council going to do to compensate the homeowners for loss of home property value, should something occur due to oil and gas?
	Commerce City Council is entering into negotiations with Oil and Gas when they have neglected the Board for the South Adams County Water & Sanitation District (SACWD)? How can this not be seen as a significant oversight on Commerce City Councils part? The meeting was cancelled and another one is not scheduled until October, yet the City is forging ahead? This makes zero sense! Regardless of SACWD having the jurisdiction over water, the Commerce City Council should not negate their responsibility in regard to citizens having adequate and safe water! One should not be making decisions on behalf of the other; they should be working in concert with one another!
	We have a shortage of water currently and oil and gas industries are also going to tap into our water to utilize during and for there operations? Water usage application fees do not alleviate these issues! The citizens of Commerce City will be paying even more for our water once the water softening project is complete; more cost to the citizens, yet, it doesn't appear that the water department is working directly with Commerce City staff/City Council with the oil and gas initiatives – where is the accountability for our water resources? Does the City Council realize that if the water here is not adequate or contaminated that they will have a huge black eye locally and potentially nationally? Without a city having adequate quality water, citizens will have no other solution other than to move!
	Lack of water resources/water quality (already have water quality issues when dirt is flushed through our pipes when construction is occurring in the area, regardless of it being commercial industries or home building). The water hydrant fee does nothing to stop the dirt from coming out of our faucets and driving the citizens to seek bottled water resources, in addition to what we already pay SAWSD for clean water to drink.
	Ground water contamination – this cannot be assured that this will not occur. How is the city going to ensure this does not occur? Leave it up to SAWSD? City Council - we implore you to work with SAWSD! Without adequate and quality water, is there really a city? Water is a precious resource and our households will cease to exist in Commerce City should this occur.
	Air quality emissions coming from the wells. Is air quality monitoring to occur in real-time? How will citizens be notified in real time of any air quality issues. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN!!!
	Ozone action alerts already a regular occurrence in Denver. What is Commerce City doing to mitigate contributing to this? THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN!!!
Samantha Stevens	<p>Good Afternoon -</p> <p>Commerce City has been doing such a wonderful job at attracting new residences, growing new businesses, and creating an amazing community that we are proud to call our home!</p> <p>We tell everyone to move out to Commerce City to get back to one of the last great suburbs of the city.</p>

	<p>I believe the inclusion of the proposed oil and gas wells right in the middle of this community will stop all growth and will hurt all the hard work we have done to make this an established community. The property taxes out here are already substantially higher than the rest of the city and the addition of these fracking sites will make our houses undesirable and make this an area where people do not want to live.</p> <p>Please reconsider allowing oil and gas companies to buy our communities and think of those of us who have lived here and have worked hard to make it a wonderful place to live it is today.</p>
	<p>We do not want the noise or safety concerns associated with this project near the residential neighborhood of Turnberry. We like our mountain views and we want our kids to be safe.</p>
	<p>I am against this. Fracking is dangerous and we did not move to this community to live in fear.</p>
Rodolfo Alcaraz	<p>I do not agree and do not want my neighborhood to be a fracking site. The site will cause the neighborhood to depreciate house value and the health issues in case of accidents are huge. Please, DO NOT approve this to Turnberry!</p>
Stephen Serna	<p>Our family recently learned about the planned two plan placements. Our homes are now centered between these two options for pads. The thought of one, let alone two pads in proximity to homes, schools, and recreation centers show the willingness of Commerce City and Extraction Oil &amp; Gas to pursue gas exploration at the expense of home values and more importantly, the residents health. Recent studies have show the pollutants are growing in the front range due to gas exploration activities. Now the city is inviting this threat into our neighborhoods without regard. Please consider that if this pad placement moves beyond the planning stages that the reputation of our town is damaged by unnecessary industrial growth.</p>
J Serna	<p>I'm a resident of Commerce City whose home is located between two of these proposed fracking pad sites. That is also where my sons school is located. I do not support fracking in residential areas and am very concerned about the oil and gas industry's growing presence in our neighborhood. I know these operations are dangerous and should not be happening close to our homes, schools and drinking water. Further the noise pollution, increased traffic and eyes sore of a pad in residential areas is a scourge on communities. Please do not allow this to happen in our community! Protect our families !</p>
	<p>I'm deeply saddened and frightened.</p> <p>I grew up by rocky flats. Yes, this is not nuclear weapons, however, it is chemicals.</p> <p>I had Hodgkin lymphoma, my sister has MS, and all three of us (mom, sister and myself) have auto immune disorders.</p> <p>Why is this important? Because the government told us that it was safe. Living downwind was safe.</p> <p>Now look at the fallout. I'm 15 years cancer free. I do not care to expose my children, or myself, to breathing harsh chemicals daily. We won't be able to get away from it. Additionally my daughter has asthma. Our friends who live closer to drill sites and have asthma are experiencing issues breathing. It's just too much of a coincidence.</p> <p>You're considering putting this just west of thousands of families. And darn close to a school.</p> <p>Additionally, this is going to negatively affect our property values. You can not argue otherwise because the data is there. Then what? Will the city subsidize our living? Will our taxes continue to rise not accommodating the fall in value? Given the history of the past 9 years living here and our payments going up each year, this is a real concern.</p>

	<p>I will say, if our voices aren't heard over profit, I will get involved in the next election to help replace those responsible for making these decisions.</p>
<p>Fab</p>	<p>NO. I read and reviewed enough of this project to understand that Extraction O&amp;G knows what is doing HOWEVER, accidents happen, spills happen, H2S happens, it doesn't matter how much insurance or how much we fine them, it will ruin the community forever. DO NOT DO THIS SO CLOSE TO MY CHILDREN, Commerce City can grow to be beautiful but this will guarantee it will remain threateningly industrial going forward.</p> <p>Fab. Turnberry</p>
<p>Fuamatala Waterhouse</p>	<p>My VOTE IS NO!! Please do not hinder our community when we are finally Thriving.</p>
<p>Trisha Lucero</p>	<p>This is a detriment to all in our community! Please reconsider contaminating our air and driving our home values down. We have a wonderful community and the influx of traffic and pollution will destroy it for our children and our community.</p>
<p>Kathleen Cleveland</p>	<p>Despite the efforts on the part of Commerce City to control noise, light, and traffic, the drilling is going to be a major inconvenience for our area. We live near 112th and Peoria, very near the proposed Jacobsen and Harlo Pads. I've been against the drilling from the start but I continue to feel like I have no choice in the matter, despite voicing my concerns on a few occasions. I haven't even received options for drilling rights from the oil and gas companies like so many of my neighbors have.</p> <p>We purchased a brand new home here in north Commerce City 10 years ago and loved the area, the lower cost of living, and the quiet proximity to our places of employment, places of convenience, and the farms that represent the heritage of this area. Slowly, we've watched the area develop and due to immense inflation, it is now very expensive to live here. There are increasingly fewer farms and more development and there has been a SIGNIFICANT increase in traffic in the last few years.</p> <p>Some of us have been through the noise and light pollution issues before, when the Peoria bridge over I-76 was replaced several years ago. That was a closure that lasted over six months and the noise and light pollution affected our daily lives, not to mention the traffic detours mandated by the road closure. We often couldn't sleep because of the nighttime noise and the bright lights that shined right into our bedroom windows. It took longer for us to get to work because, our access to Highway 2 was cut off. Fortunately,, however, this was only a six month period of time.</p> <p>The result of bringing in the drilling companies to our way of life and that of most of my neighbors will be devastating and have many of the same effects that the bridge closure had, but on a greater scale. It will lower our property values. It will add noise to an environment that has become increasingly noisier due to the increased traffic and especially trucking in the area in recent years. It will add light pollution to our previously dark skies that allow us peace, quiet, and calm in our home and neighborhoods. Perhaps the greatest impact of all of this will be the traffic from the trucks going to and from the pad sites. 112th and Peoria are two-lane streets. There is no passing anywhere along either road between Hwy 85 and I-76 and 120th and 104th. In the last year or so, there has been a vast increase in the number of large dump trucks and semi trucks coming down 112th and Peoria, which have caused many traffic headaches. Adding drilling trucks to this situation will only ignite more anger and malcontent among north Commerce City residents.</p> <p>We have some of the highest property taxes in the state, and our area definitely has the highest</p>

	<p>taxes in Commerce City. By moving forward with the oil and gas drilling, you are disrespecting the citizens that live in this area. The north is the newest part of Commerce City and we provide a great deal of the income for the city through our taxes and our local commerce. By making us unhappy and adding in all of these factors, you will be truly living up to the name "Commerce City" and instead of improving the city by keeping some areas of it nice, you will be bringing down the quality of life in the north end of the city to match that of much of the rest of the city.</p> <p>Please don't allow the drilling to commence in our area. You are only hurting the city, its image, its reputation, and the happiness of its citizens.</p>
	<p>Our air quality is already bad. With so many wells proposed close to my home (turnberry) and my kids elementary school I am very concerned. I am considering having another child and with the problems broomfield has endured with chemicals being released and being exposed to dirty air it is concerning we are trying to pass this ROA before we can solve the air quality problems we already have. One of our family friends works for Extraction in accounting and warned us that they are not the operator you want in your city. I will probably move if this passes. My neighbors and soon to be neighbors (people who are building and haven't yet moved in) are livid. We do not feel like city council is doing what's in the best interest of the people. It does not make people comfortable when they feel some of city council is choosing what health risks are acceptable. Can we vote? We don't know the long term effects of this and even the short term. Is it responsible to gamble the health of a baby in utero when some studies have shown it is hazardous? Why are we rushing to approve this? SB181 gives us some power to wait. Do what's in the best interest of the citizens! People are getting very antsy in Turnberry. I spoke to a group of moms to see how they felt and a few of them were so anxious they couldn't even think about it. Please consider a way to ensure clean air and fix our already bad air quality.</p>
	<p>The map shows that NE Commerce City will be surrounded by oil and gas wells. Representatives at Bison Ridge last December said that drilling could extend for 3 miles in any direction which would effectively cover all of the North Range. This is irresponsible from a safety and health point of view for city council to even consider allowing this densely populated (and growing) community to be subjected to this type of industrial development.</p>
	<p>I think the Operating Agreement between Commerce City and Extraction Oil &amp; Gas, LLC is great! Aurora just approved theirs and I think it would be beneficial and smart for Commerce City to follow suit.</p>
Daniel Bruce	<p>Fracking ONLY in Industrially Zoned sites, NOT in Residential Areas - at all!!</p>
	<p>The word mitigate is used too often. It should be replaced with eliminate. For example, mitigating noise and light is not helpful since the ROA states that the o and g company should not have their work impeded. For example, it says light should be mitigated, but it seems as though if the operator says it is necessary, they don't really need to mitigate It says to mitigate traffic patterns but if they still interfere with local traffic it will still be allowed. It also says the operator needs to provide plans for emergencies and other items- who gets to decide what is an adequate plan? Instead of minimizing dust, how about no dust? Visual mitigation is a joke- everyone has seen those brown fences that hide absolutely nothing all over northern Colorado.</p> <p>Why is the city giving away all its rights to protest anything? This is ludicrous! What are they hiding? Strike this entire paragraph: There has been substantial engagement between the Parties in entering this</p>

	<p>Agreement. Therefore, provided the Operator complies with the terms of this Agreement, and provided the application complies with federal, state, and local law and regulations: (a) the City agrees that it shall not protest, request a hearing, oppose or object to COGCC or CDPHE permits, orders, and approvals that Operator is required by law to seek from these regulatory agencies; and (b) the City also agrees to not protest, request a hearing, oppose or object to the approval process for any gathering facility or pipelines outside the City's jurisdiction, that are not inconsistent with the City's alignment of approved pipeline, as necessary to implement the BMPs listed in Exhibit B. interest Nothing in this provision is intended to limit or impair the City's ability to defend an action against it related to this Agreement or Operator's Project. The City may provide official comment on Page 12 of 26 any permit for which the City has jurisdiction or a right to comment through a referral process.</p> <p>This agreement favors the operators over the residents. So unfair.</p>
AnnMarie Cleary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a resident of Broomfield and I am writing to inform you that our city's experience has not been anywhere close to the promises, contracts and agreements made by the oil and gas industry. With the recent passage. of SB 181 your city will have more power to truly protect your citizens. We the people of Broomfield have diligently been monitoring and documenting the issues and reporting. Some issues include using one of the most carcinogenic drilling muds . Our citizens have experienced health related issues that parallel the toxic exposure symptoms on the drilling mud company website. Just recently we also realized that XOG has violated our agreement to use Tier 4 engines in lieu of Tier 2.</p> <p>I urge you not to bind yourself and your citizens to this company and to instill a moratorium until the rules of SB181 are complete. I urge you to do better than Broomfield because those so called protections of the past haven't worked and the people are suffering. This is your moment to use the law in your power and protect the health and safety of your citizens.</p>
Todd Olk	<p>Please put all Commerce City, Metro Denver, and Colorado residents safety and health first. Please put our air, land, and water first. Without these, what's the point? Thank you.</p>
LeAnn	<p>The oil and gas industry has made many changes to provide safe air quality for the state of Colorado. In watching the comments made against this agreement I am seeing a lot of emotion brought out by those opposing. On the other hand I witnessed the oil and gas professionals bring facts to the table. I would like to believe that elected officials base their decisions on the facts. Please, allow the oil and gas industry to continue to do their jobs, keep local people working.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Mary Jane Scherdin	<p>Please slow down. The decisions that need to be made are not the kind that can be changed down the road. Talk to the communities here win Colorado as well as in other states that have already run into problems. The damage to our environment and our water supply cannot be undone. Thank you.</p>
	<p>Do what Broomfield is doing - declare a moratorium until the state regulations are settled.</p>

Ryan Bertram

1. Several articles and research I have read indicate that a large percentage of problems/pollutants/spills are associated with the operator, and not always the fracking process itself. Therefore, shouldn't we be extremely diligent with our testings and inspections to ensure everything is in compliance?  
-BMP, section 7(A) requires bi-annual updates for any spills, violations and complaints. This hardly seems sufficient. This should, at a minimum, be a monthly update. I shouldn't have to wait 6 months to find out about that toxic waste spill just down the road.  
-BMP, section 2(J)(i)(C) requires only an annual groundwater sampling. Again, this is not frequent enough. For this instance, quarterly seems more reasonable.  
-ROA, Article XIII section 13.1 states the city should provide reasonable advance notice to operators for inspection. While this seems fair, we all have work experience and know what happens with advance notice of upper management or inspectors coming to our job. All the bad stuff magically gets fixed or stuffed in a closet until the inspection is done. I believe that each site should be subject to a minimum number (at least 2/year) of drop in visits to ensure compliance.  
-ROA, Article IX section 9.1 waves the city's rights to protest literally anything. Whoever drafted this amendment and agreed to it should no longer have a job with the city. Nobody cares how "substantial" the engagement between the parties was. To render the city powerless to object to anything that O&G may want to do in the future is short-sighted and foolish, regardless of how long your conversations and meetings were.

2. Without referring me to SACWSD, where will the 400+ million gallons of water be permanently removed from our ecosystem? Where will the millions of gallons of toxic waste water be disposed of? I believe it to be your responsibility to have this information on hand in order to make an informed decision on this matter. It would be irresponsible to allow these drilling operations if the water is being permanently removed from our city's own water sources.

3. What was the purpose of the Oil and gas focus group? It would seem to be a waste of time and resources considering the fact that apparently none of their feedback made it to council before this BMP was drafted and released to the public.

4. Commerce City already has a less than favorable reputation. The faces I get when I tell people where I live is very telling. I always have to clarify that I am on the newer north side of Commerce City, as if that makes it better. Would you not agree that there is a negative stigma associated with fracking? Look at Greeley, for example. No one travels to Greeley to check out the newest restaurant or spend a day at the park for a festival. Do you not think all of this O&G activity will have a similar negative effect on Commerce City? With the exception of those who already live in the city, I cannot see anyone going out of their way to visit our city or spend any of their money within our city limits. Will outside money ever be spent in the north range again? What will bring them in? Surely not view of 11 fracking pads and the lovely aromas that come with it. On top of that, do you expect an outflow of people from the Northern Range moving to somewhere they deem safer?

5. The BMP requires the use of pipelines. This is an issue that obviously has not passed yet, but it reads as if that is the intent of the city and council. Will citizens be able to vote on this issue or have any input? This would seem to be yet another layer of massive risk the city is undertaking with little to no benefit for the city.

6. From what I understand, it can be very expensive to plug and decommission a well. Often times, O&G companies skip town and leave the city with the bill of cleaning up their mess. What assurances do you have (specifically financial) that will not be the outcome here? Should Extraction not be required to put up the FULL cost of decommissioning each well prior to the start of drilling?

7. Council appears to argue the SB181 language of "reasonable and necessary" to weaken what it

	<p>can do. However, the ROA and BMP is littered with "where possible", "reasonable efforts" and similar. language Does this not have the same effect and weaken the enforceable of these documents?</p> <p>8. As far as pad locations, two seem poorly planned. One butts up against the Arsenal, and again increases the amount of risk involved. Though it sounds like you are convinced it is not a problem, why assume the risk? It is a Superfund site and is on a list of the most contaminated areas in the United States. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out it's not the best idea to drill miles underground right next to it. The second location is right across from the brand new rec center. What a mixed message. I get to run around the track to improve my health and get a great look out the window flaring, wastewater storage, trucks and all the other eyesores that go along with a pad. Then I get to walk outside and breathe in that downwind methane infused air? Wow, lucky me.</p> <p>9. What are the possibilities of attaching a Metro District fee or tax to each well? With high taxes being a main source of complaints from residents, and the metro district bonds being the main source of said high taxes, maybe more residents could get behind the idea of O&amp;G taking over the entire northern range of Commerce City if they at least make a contribution that positively effects all of us?</p> <p>10. Why? What is the city getting out of this? You seem to lean very heavily on the jobs argument, but the majority of the jobs are short lived and only necessary during the drilling phase. That is the reason you see so many O&amp;G trucks in Commerce City with Texas license plates. Jobs keep moving to where new drilling sites are and will continue to do so. It is not sustainable. The oil under our houses is not the last available in the world. There's more where that came from. We will get by without it. We will continue to advance our renewables. We will soon no longer be slaves to the O&amp;G industry. This seems like a risk/reward situation where the risk is not being taken seriously, and the reward (whatever that may be, jobs? taxes?) is not worth the risk you are putting families through. Our health, our environment, our air we breathe, our water we drink is not replaceable (like jobs are). Please stop acting like they are.</p> <p>Please enact a moratorium until the COGCC has had an opportunity to re-write and enact the laws that will allow us to properly govern and/or restrict oil and gas activity within our city.</p>
Gina Nichols	<p>I fully appreciate the work that City Staff did in coming up with what I believe to be one of the better regional operators agreements in the state. It balances community needs along with the oil and gas industries needs. While there are quite a few loud naysayers that will never want any type of oil and gas industry near their backyards, this agreement strikes a pretty good balance. You're never going to make everybody happy and this agreement gets pretty close.</p> <p>Well done Commerce City, the effort is appreciated!</p>
Karl A. Innes	<p>Please for in favor of the agreement to allow extraction.</p>
	<p>No drilling in Commerce City communities! This industrial activity has no place in neighborhoods. Abide by SB181 and put health and safety first over corporate profits and naked greed.</p>
	<p>I support oil &amp; gas operations in Commerce City! Colorado has benefited greatly from a partnership with the oil &amp; gas industry - tax revenues and the jobs the industry brings to this area are crucially important to our local economy. Colorado also has some of the strictest regulations in the country for these operations. My family depends on income from oil &amp; gas and without these jobs, my family, and many others in our area, will be forced to relocate. Even those opposed to the industry activity still benefit from and consume the production of these activities but want to maintain the 'do it somewhere else' attitude. Oil &amp; gas operated here before the Denver population encroached on the area, people opposed to facing in this area should've done their research prior to moving.</p>

	Your opening statement about oil & gas that "Commerce City strives to balance municipal growth and development with the needs of industry" entirely misses the point that SB 181 corrected. Your priority as city council is to protect and advocate for public safety, health and welfare. The fact that you are even considering signing a Regional Operator Agreement shows that you are placing "the needs of industry" above the constituents you were elected to protect and represent.
Domenic	Test
Jeffrey Annable	I want to support safe and responsible oil and gas development within our city. Oil and gas has personally given me the opportunity to build my first home in the Belle Creek Neighborhood which supported local jobs throughout the building process. Not only do I support Oil and gas development, I feel 100% safe with the development in our city. I can say this because I plan and permit oil and gas developments in the State of Colorado which provides me knowledge of the rules that govern oil and gas. With this knowledge, I know the rules in place protect my air, water, and safety. In fact, I see how our industry often goes above and beyond regulations. Employees in this industry live and work here and we want nothing more than to protect the air we all breathe and the water we all drink. Safety is the cornerstone of our operations and we, as an industry, have made it an integral part of our culture. I hope that the Council continues to work with oil and gas companies to provide our city with safe and affordable energy for years to come. I am in full support of the ROA with Extraction Oil & Gas, LLC.
Colin	I think Commerce City is an example of how the rest of Colorado should be dealing with oil and gas in a post 181 world! I think the operator agreement you have put together by working with and having construction discussions with Extraction is a perfect example of how cities should be dealing with oil and gas. Outright bans/moratoriums is not the right way to deal with anything, let alone something as important and something that has so many positive impacts like oil and gas production does. I am 100% in favor of this agreement getting passed. This should serve as an example to every other city!
	As a resident of Commerce City and Reunion , the location of proposed fracking site, I ask for a MORATORIUM and to postpone all plans to move forward with the fracking operations. Thank you
	The agreement does not provide where and what direction the actual wells will be drilled. People ought to know where the drilling is going to occur underneath their homes.
DM	I do not agree with with action, I feel, and I'm sure many others feel that if this action was to go forward, it would not look good for our neighborhoods and would be harder to sell our homes due to the eye distraction, the smell, and the overall Heath of us and our pets. If this action was to move forward yes it may be a good thing in some cases but to put these wells by and around our homes is not the moves(.) like I said it would be very hard for us to sell homes and not want newcomers to move over here due to the fact that the air quality would be poor. (.)
	Why is Commerce City conducting an agreement with Extraction without taking into considerations the recently passed SB 181 and the priority of public safety, health and welfare? This reeks of city council trying to circumvent SB 181.
Megan Wilder	Reject the ROA between Commerce City and Extraction. Drilling and extraction should not occur so close to communities. It is irresponsible to continue to destroy our lands, pollute our air and water - just for short term industry profit. SB181 requires that health and safety be paramount, and this ROA does not comply with this new law. Better to leave this oil and gas in the ground, and preserve the climate for future generations.
Amanda Boldenow	Fracking and human health are incompatible, and its irresponsible of the city to allow any oil and gas company to take up operations near residential areas. Commerce City needs to join the numerous cities (Broomfield, Erie, etc.) that have enacted moratoriums on fracking (this is especially noteworthy as Broomfield and Erie both allowed fracking, and are now walking back that decision since fracking began).  Commerce City promises "healthy community for a lifetime," but fracking emmissions are toxic to everyone, ESPECIALLY infants in utero, infants, young children, and the elderly.  Fracking causes in utero harm: <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/12/data-from-">https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/12/data-from-</a>

	<p><a href="https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/06/19/new-analysis-fracking-science-1500-studies-finds-serious-harms-public-health">11-million-infants-suggests-fracking-harms-human-health/548315/</a></p> <p>New Analysis of Fracking Science (~1,500 Studies) Finds Serious Harms to Public Health, Environment, and Climate (press release):  <a href="https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/06/19/new-analysis-fracking-science-1500-studies-finds-serious-harms-public-health">https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/06/19/new-analysis-fracking-science-1500-studies-finds-serious-harms-public-health</a></p> <p>Research referenced above: <a href="https://www.psr.org/blog/resource/compendium-of-scientific-medical-and-media-findings-demonstrating-risks-and-harms-of-fracking/">https://www.psr.org/blog/resource/compendium-of-scientific-medical-and-media-findings-demonstrating-risks-and-harms-of-fracking/</a></p> <p>The city is ignoring all of this research for money and it's short-sighted and selfish, putting residents at extreme risk for the promise of a few more dollars in the city's accounts.</p>
	<p>The cumulative impacts of so much fracking in a small area such as this will be devastating. The air quality will be as disgusting as the water, which by the way will only get worse. The closeness to the Arsenal is a huge concern. Why are you turning "Reunion- a hometown Community" according to Oakwood, into an industrial jungle? I am appalled that you don't care about your own families and would subject them to this. Also, why are 3 city council members not getting cracked under their homes? Coincidence? I think not.</p>
	<p>We do not want this in our Turnberry neighborhood or anywhere close. Please keep it away from north commerce city! Thank you.</p>
	<p>Commerce City SHOULD NOT be conducting any negotiations with Extraction Oil &amp; Gas until SB 181 is fully implemented and until Commerce City Council fully commits to PROTECTING PUBLIC, HEALTH AND WELFARE.</p>
Ryan Kish	<p>While I don't consider myself anti oil and gas, this well heads are in my neighborhood. This is too close for comfort, and will impact the quality of life and the home values here. This effort should not proceed.</p> <p>The fact that this proposal has made it this far is one of the many examples of Commerce City ignoring the voices of the citizens in her northern suburbs. Please vote against allowing this to proceed and prove me wrong.</p>
Mike Kelley	<p>I, Mike Kelley, am not opposed to extraction as long as it is reasonable and in the communities best interest.</p> <p>Evidently Heron Pad is located near 96th and Potomac which is the location of soon to be developed homes. Drilling for Heron is planned for 2023.</p> <p>Meanwhile Pelican Pad is East of E470 near 96th. Homes are not yet planned for that location. Drilling for Helican is planned for 2021.</p> <p>Please consider swapping the two dates so drilling at Heron Pad can be done in 2021 and the aftermath can be resolved before houses are built near it.</p> <p>I would also like to draw your attention to an article about extraction profitability and ask if it is worth the risks.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/30/business/energy-environment/oil-companies-profit.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/30/business/energy-environment/oil-companies-profit.html</a></p> <p>Thanks</p>
	<p>Please do NOT allow fracking in our community. This is a residential community with expensive homes. Please do not turn us into an oil field. We don't want or need the extra traffic, noise, or smell. Also, too many things can go wrong and cause explosions, earthquakes, and sinkholes. I know they said they would fill the empty spaces with concrete, but if our driveways are anything to go by, the concrete will break down and things can collapse.</p>

	<p>Hello I am a Southlawn Reunion home owner and resident. I vehemently oppose plans for fracking in Reunion. The Pelican pad proposed by Oil and Gas will directly affect my right to peacefully , quietly and safely enjoy the environment that I live in. It has been proven that dangerous gases and byproducts of fracking and toxic and unsafe for the public. These invisible gases cause cancer and affect people's health. The drilling process destabilizes home structures, causes sinkholes, breeches gas lines, and contaminates the water tables that reside below the surfaces where the fracking will take place. 30 thousand residents live in Reunion , there are schools , businesses , parks and homes here. We as home owners have made life investments here and it is not appropriate for our backyards to be turned into an industrial Oil and Gas operation. Any such allowance will devalue our homes, our safety and our health. I am asking our City Council to stand up for your citizens and city and deny such permits and operations to take place in our neighborhoods. PLEASE deny these permits 254 wells and 11 new pads , it is clearly an onslaught that will turn our neighborhoods into a toxic zone. Oil and Gas should not be allowed to frack existing neighborhoods.</p>
Heather	<p>it is concerning that the Heron pad is right off of 96th Ave which is already congested with multiple passenger vehicles and semi trucks. Many of these vehicles travel the road at a minimum of 15 miles per hour over the posted speed limits! Now to add oil and gas traffic on an already congested 2 lane road??? 96th Ave needs to be widened to accommodate the growing population in the area along with the increase in semi traffic and oil &amp; gas traffic. Designated turn lanes need to be lengthened to accommodate more than 3 vehicles and the Heron pad will need designated turn lanes. It is also concerning that H2S monitoring will only take place during flowback. As a person who works in and supports the industry I know the significant dangers of H2S and the importance of frequent monitoring as well as testing of wells that may show low H2S. What is the city and police plan to handle the increase in traffic, housing needs, crime, and accidents that will take place on or near 96th Ave. / Hwy 2 / Tower Rd?</p>
Elton Rosaa	<p>This is a mistake, if the people in charge of the city actually cared about the city they wouldn't put its residents at risk.</p> <p>You're all blinded by the monetary benefits while ignoring the secondary permanent effects this will have. I'm an insurance adjuster and I talk to homeowners all the time and every single homeowner I've ever spoken to that is near a pad has water contamination.</p> <p>The oil companies will lie to you in your face and tell you that they will follow those regulations, however once they violate those regulations all they have to do is pay a fine and keep going on their merry way. They don't really care about the fines because the amount of money that they're making easily surpasses all fines the city charges them.</p> <p>Meanwhile the residents and the City will be damaged forever. Also if you look at Oklahoma, it is now the most seismic active place in the world, why? because of fracking even though they told them it's safe.</p> <p>It will also introduce carcinogens in the water supply. Come on use your head and don't be blinded by the money.</p> <p>If you do this you're a bunch of sellouts! It would show that you don't care about the city or the health of it's residents and you should not be in charge.</p>