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**Statement by
Tisha Schuller, President & CEO of the Colorado Oil & Gas Association
praises the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission hydraulic
fracturing disclosure rule**

“The Commission’s unanimous support for the new hydraulic fracturing disclosure rule is great news for Colorado. The Hickenlooper Administration, environmental groups, and the oil and gas industry have agreed upon a rule of which all Coloradoans can be proud.

The Colorado Oil & Gas Association’s (COGA) work emphasizes protecting groundwater in our operations. This new rule, combined with COGA’s baseline water sampling program (www.coga.org/index.php/BaselineWaterSampling), will provide our communities with the tools they need to ensure groundwater is protected. Should the public want to review hydraulic fracturing fluids, they do not have to wait for this rule to go into effect but can view well-by-well information right now at www.fracfocus.org.

Colorado has some of the most comprehensive oil and gas regulations in the country. Every aspect is regulated including site selection, permitting, down-hole activities, hydraulic fracturing, and final site reclamation.

Colorado now has the strongest hydraulic fracturing rule in the country. But more importantly, we have gained a model process to bring together industry, environmental advocates, and regulators to ensure energy development continues in keeping with protecting the environmental resources of our state.”

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