

Press Release



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Hydraulic Fracturing: Safe and Critical to Nation's Energy Supply ***Western oil and natural gas producers present at BLM public meeting***

(Denver) – Western Energy Alliance staff and members will confirm to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today what state regulators across the country already know – hydraulic fracturing (fracing) is a safe and well-regulated practice essential for domestic oil and natural gas production. This afternoon, BLM will hold a public meeting to discuss the use of fracing on federally managed public lands. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Boulevard in Golden, CO.

State regulators across the West, including the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), have confirmed that there have been no cases of drinking water contamination caused by hydraulic fracturing. In an effort to help dispel misinformation about the use of fracing, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) and the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) launched FracFocus.org, a searchable disclosure website that allows users to view existing state oil and natural gas regulations and chemicals used on a per well basis.

“BLM is considering additional regulations even though there have been no problems with hydraulic fracturing on public lands,” said Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance’s Director of Government and Public Affairs. “Western Energy Alliance believes it is unwise for BLM to impose new, redundant regulation when the states have been successfully regulating hydraulic fracturing for decades.”

Western Energy Alliance members Dave Cesark, Vice President Environmental and Regulatory Affairs, Mesa Energy Partners, LLC and Mike Eberhard, Rockies Technical Manager, Halliburton will present to the BLM today about the process of hydraulic fracturing and the environmental safeguards in place that protect our drinking water.

Western Energy Alliance staff will be available to answer questions from the media.

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About Western Energy Alliance

Western Energy Alliance, founded in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the West. More information on Western Energy Alliance and its members is available at www.westernenergyalliance.org.