

Data Centers / Cryptocurrency Mining – Stakeholder Outreach event

Meeting Notes

1. Stakeholders worry that Environmental could create additional barriers to development of crypto mining sites in oil and well facilities
2. Study sessions April 13th and April 25th to discuss findings and preliminary discussions. Stakeholders would like to attend and hear from the BOCC
3. Emergency respond needs to be applied to any potential regulations
4. How can stakeholders provide suggestions to guide future recommendations?
5. According to Stakeholder, Caruso is using off-grid sites to provide data center services big chain players (Microsoft, Amazon)
6. Will serve letters from emergency responders might be required as part of the review process to make sure off-grid sites can be serviced in the event of an emergency.
7. Stakeholder would like clarification on how inspections will be performed on off-grid sites.
8. How close together will regulations be to what COGCC currently requires?
9. Noise regulations, how will it be regulated? KW based? # of Generators? Proximity to certain uses (Residential, agriculture, commercial, etc.)
10. Cost prohibitive – can that be scaled based on the level of operation?
11. Mobile Vs. Permanent operations – Flexibility in equipment approval based on the needs of the operator. KW outputs? How would that affect the permitting process.
12. Expansions on established Oil and Gas Sites? How would that be reviewed?
13. Emission will need to be addressed as part of the permit process. CDPHE Permits?
14. Orphan well brought back online for crypto operations. How would emissions be reviewed as part of the operations? What type of Improvements will be required? How would emissions be reviewed? What type of improvements will be required to show efficiency enhancements to the site?
15. What types of offsets could be considered as part of any site? Ex: Constructing pipelines, truck traffic? Inspections? Production checks? Benefits that an operator can provide. No compressors on site? Staff on site?
16. Seek information from counties that are pro-active towards this type of use? Attendees suggest reaching out to counties in Wyoming and Northern Montana because they encourage this type of use.
17. Stakeholder feels that this use should be considered an accessory use and not a separate principal use on an oil and gas site.
18. Could regulations be based on the west and east part of the state?
19. Stakeholders are giving advice on how to properly show information (Studies, video, documentations, etc.)
20. Consideration of financial burden to small business.