



Tebo Well Pad Expansion – Areas of Concern

Arapahoe County Public Comments are accepted [here](#) through December 23.
You can view the final application documents [here](#).

Consider including within your response: The ongoing addition of oil & gas locations in close proximity to the Lowry Ranch CAP will contribute to dangerous cumulative impacts. It is also completely appropriate to call out the lack of Public Hearings on all applications within Arapahoe County.

1. No Guarantee of Electrification of the Well Pad

The county gives free passes for drilling without electrification if it is “too hard” to get power in a timely fashion. This does nothing but compound the problem of cumulative impacts because it implies the use of diesel drilling and fracking equipment. Despite the fact that the emissions created are not “permitted,” they are extensive and will add to the ongoing ozone issues along the front range and in SE Aurora.

2. Cumulative Impacts of Multiple Wells Within 5 Miles

Compounding the impact of the expansion of Tebo are the 7 already permitted well pads containing 151 wells that are within 5 miles of our community. Each will release significant pollutants that will compound together, severely deteriorating the air we breathe and will place our families at severe health risks. Tebo only compounds these issues.

3. Six-Year-Old Cumulative Impact Studies Acknowledge Uncertainties

Study 1 Summary

This study has major limits. It did not measure all dangerous chemicals, including some known or suspected carcinogens. Cancer risk estimates are based on incomplete data, meaning true risks may be much higher. The combined effects of multiple chemicals were not included, even though they can worsen health impacts. In short, the dangers from oil and gas emissions are far more serious than reported — putting communities at much higher risk of cancer and long-term health harms.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10962247.2019.1680459>

Study 2 Summary

No epidemiologic study has ever established a truly “safe” distance between oil and gas sites and sensitive places like homes and schools. What studies do show, consistently, is clear evidence of harm within 1 km (3,280 feet) — and in some cases, harm beyond that distance. *Response to CalGEM Questions, California Oil and Gas Public Health Rulemaking Scientific Advisory Panel, October 2021*

4. New Research Study – CU Anschutz School of Public Health – The Science is Clear

In March 2025, CU Anschutz researchers published a study showing that Colorado children living within 3 miles of oil and gas activity face a significantly higher risk of developing acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Current setbacks between well sites and homes are not sufficient to protect children's health. The study shows that not just distance, but also the intensity of activity and density of well sites around a child's birth residence, increase the risk of ALL. Remember, there are 7 more wellpads with 151 additional wells within a 5-mile radius. (Research was funded by the American Cancer Association.)

The studies show the combination of proximity (distance) and density (#'s of wells) is very hazardous to children, pregnant mothers and anyone with lung issues. At 8 miles, they still measured some effects from oil & gas.

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/coloradosph/oilgas-study-lisa>

5. Chevron Well Pad Eruption in Galeton, Colorado

On April 5, 2025, an explosion at a Chevron well pad in Galeton, CO caused an uncontrolled release of more than 3 million gallons of oil, gas, toxic water, and chemicals for over five days. Homes within a half-mile were evacuated, residents were exposed to hazardous substances, and entire properties were sealed off. Benzene, a known carcinogen, was detected more than 3 miles from the site.

An explosion at Tebo, like Bishop, would massively impact our communities and water.

6. Civitas/Crestone filed Falsified Data – Undocumented Emissions

The state of Colorado recently reported that several oil and gas operators—including Civitas/Crestone—have falsified data on an outrageous scale: **3,275 falsified remediation reports at 404 sites in just four years**. Many of these sites belonged to Civitas. We're talking about **hundreds of spills—and those are only the ones we know about**. **Why is Arapahoe County trusting Civitas in our community?**

<https://www.denverpost.com/2025/07/23/oil-gas-companies-issued-notice-false-data-ecmc/>

Earthworks investigators went so far as to name Civitas "Polluter of the Month." From January through June 2025 alone, they documented **nine separate pollution events across eight different Civitas facilities** in Colorado's Front Range. This company's track record is disturbing: **\$7,781,841 in fines since 2007—and counting**.

<https://biggaspolluters.org/polluter-of-the-month-civitas-resources/>

There is real reason for concern with this operator. If the State of Colorado continues to allow a repeat violator to continue to operate, perhaps it's time for Arapahoe County to increase its standards. How many "strikes" is an operator allowed?