

Introduction to the Energy and Carbon Management Commission work on Renewable Energy and Senate Bill 24-212

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Energy & Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) Overview



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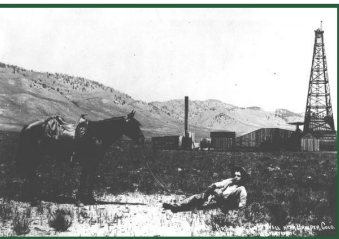
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ECMC's Mission

To regulate the development and production of oil and gas, deep geothermal resources, the capture and sequestration of carbon, and the underground storage of natural gas in a manner that protects public health, safety, welfare, the environment and wildlife resources

COGCC/ECMC Regulatory Timeline



1862

First commercially successful oil well was drilled near Cañon City



1927

Colorado's Gas Conservation Commission established



1951

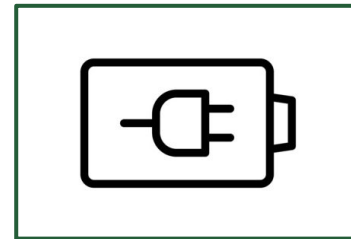
Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) was created with 5 volunteer Commissioners



17+ Rulemakings from 2017-2025!

2019

SB19-181 changed agency mission to “regulating in a manner that is protective of public health, safety, welfare, wildlife and the environment.”



2023

COGCC's expanded regulatory oversight of energy and carbon management led to designation as Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC)



ECMC Efforts Related to Renewable Energy and Senate Bill 24-212



Passage of Senate Bill 24-212, July, 2024

Passage and Provisions of Senate Bill 24-212, July, 2024

- Legislation designed to provide State assistance to fill gaps and needs for local and tribal governments in the development of renewable energy projects.
- Specific to ECMC, a Renewable Energy Program Coordinator was hired in January, 2025, to provide outreach and response to technical assistance needs on solar, wind, and battery storage projects.
- Position designed to act as liaison or “point person” for local/tribal government requests for assistance.
- Technical assistance in solar, wind, and battery storage development may include siting, planning, permitting, public process, due diligence, environmental review, referrals, or assistance with code development covering any of these areas.
- Note: ECMC regulates Oil/Gas and Geothermal projects, but does not regulate solar, wind or battery storage projects.

ECMC Implementation of SB24-212 objectives to date:

- Hired a Renewable Energy Program Coordinator (position filled in January 2025)
- Developed an Outreach Plan to connect with local and tribal governments
- Created a new ECMC website for solar, wind, and battery storage project information and technical assistance requests.
- Began receiving and responding to technical assistance requests for local and tribal governments.
- Assisted CEO staff in the review, public process, and publication of the recent Code Repository and Siting Report for renewable projects.
- Currently developing Customer Relationship Management program to manage local government/tribal contact specific to solar, wind, and battery storage projects.
- Currently working on research and availability of GIS mapping resources for renewable projects.

Siting Study and Code Repository available, from the Colorado Energy Office, as of September 30, 2025

- Evaluated and assessed existing local government processes for the siting of commercially viable clean energy projects and commercial energy transmission facilities.
- Evaluated the impact of clean energy projects and commercial energy transmission facilities on wildlife resources and the use of wildlife mitigation.
- Reviewed other specific areas like, code development, wildlife impacts, decommissioning projects, CBAs, and transmission siting/permitting.

Thank you, any questions...?

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