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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 20, 2022  
**TO:** City of Aurora Ward VI neighborhood residents and mineral owners  
**RE:** Recent Oil and Gas Leasing Activities

Dear Residents,

We have recently become aware that Axis Exploration, a subsidiary of Civitas Resources, has begun a process of leasing mineral rights within this area. The contractor contacting mineral owners is Purple Land Management.

Leasing of mineral interest is a valid opportunity and is not a scam, although we cannot speak on behalf of what any particular company tells you. Signing an Oil and Gas Lease may provide specific financial benefits to mineral owners and can also obligate you to certain responsibilities. As with any legal document, you should request written documents from the leasing company to review, and you may wish to contact an attorney familiar with oil and gas leases prior to signing.

We can say that Civitas Resources, through its subsidiary, Crestone Peak Resources, is the major operator of wells within the City of Aurora and currently operates more than 110 wells safely, effectively, and professionally. Since 2020, the Oil & Gas Division has permitted wells within Aurora, in addition to the required State permits, through the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission. Additionally, we have a full-time Inspector who routinely monitors all oil and gas operations within the City.

It is important to clarify that any wells which will be drilled to access the oil and gas minerals being leased in your area will not be located within the Aurora City limits. Page 2 of this letter provides additional information on the project.

Please contact me at [jsmoore@auroragov.org](mailto:jsmoore@auroragov.org) or (303) 739-7676 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Best Regards,

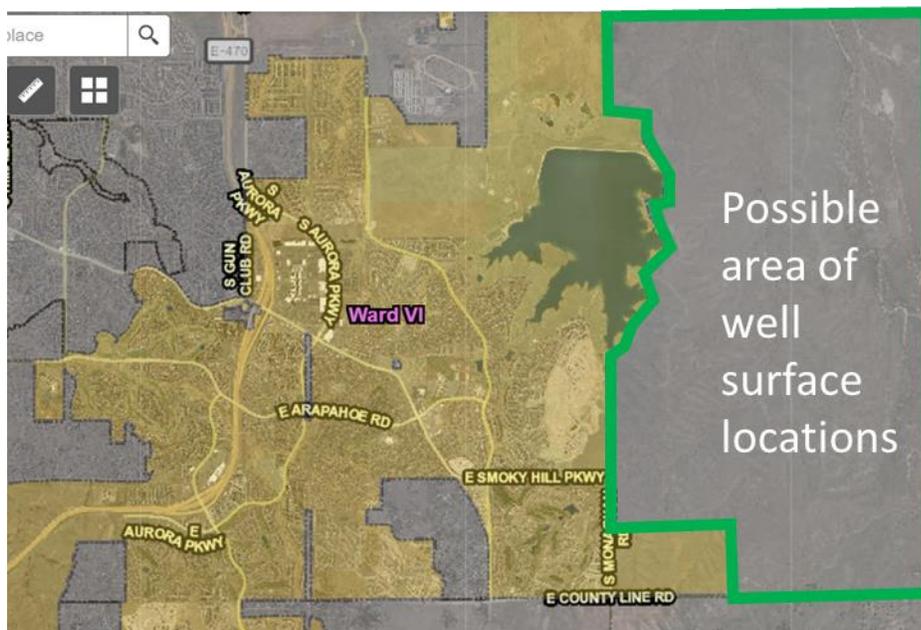
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## INFORMATION REGARDING CIVITAS WELLS EAST OF WARD VI

Civitas Resources has stated their plan to drill wells from a surface location which will likely be more than a half-mile east of the edge of Ward VI. It is important to note that the surface location of these wells is outside the City limits. Therefore, all permitting will occur through Arapahoe County and the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC).

If drilled, the surface location of the wells will be located east of Ward VI in unincorporated Arapahoe County. The horizontal portion of the wells may extend westward under portions of Ward VI. These wells would be at a depth of almost 8,000 feet below the surface. Based on similar wells drilled in Aurora, we do not expect any effects to occur at the surface in Ward VI. The City of Aurora has no authority over the surface well sites (which will be permitted through Arapahoe County) nor the downhole activities (which are permitted through COGCC.)

The Aurora Oil & Gas Division is pleased to answer general questions you may have about drilling, leasing, and oil and gas operations.



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**Arapahoe County Oil & Gas**                      <https://www.arapahoe.gov/oilandgas>

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