

## Comparison of Oil and Gas Regulations for Safety and Security in the Intermountain West

**Note to Readers:** This summary comparison was prepared from materials found on the State and Local Government pages of the Intermountain Oil and Gas BMP Project website. It is not a comprehensive summary of such regulations and ordinances. Additional research is underway and will be incorporated in this table as available.

State	Colorado	Wyoming	Utah	New Mexico	Montana
Regulation Type					

<b>Fencing Requirement</b>	<p>"At the time of initial installation, if a well-site falls within a high density area, all pumps, pits, wellheads and production facilities shall be adequately fenced to restrict access by unauthorized persons. For security purposes, all such facilities and equipment used in operation of a completed well shall be surrounded by a fence (6) feet in height..." (COGCC Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1 Final Draft Rules 11 01 08)</p>	<p>"...owner must provide fencing or other reasonable means to prevent access to all pumps, pits, wellheads, production facilities which is reasonably adequate to secure the site in such a manner as to protect public health and safety concerns, wildlife, and livestock at the well location" (Chapter 4 WOGCC)</p>			<p>"Open storage vessels, earthen pits, or ponds that contain oil must be fenced and netted" (Montana Admin. R. 36.22.1223(1)(2009)).</p>
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<b>Site Security</b>	<p>"In consideration of each landowner's land use, and as necessary in high risk areas, minimize entrance by unauthorized personnel through effective site security or barriers" (Coal Bed Methane Best Management Practices: A Handbook 2009)</p>
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Local Government	Pitkin County, Colorado	Gillette, Wyoming	Evanston, Wyoming	Duchesne, Utah	
Regulation Type					

**Fencing**

"Security arrangements, including fencing and locked for oil and gas facilities shall be as mutually agreed between the operator and the surface owner" (Pitkin County Provisions § 4-30-20(h)(2)(k))

"...applicants must sign an agreement that no children or spectators will be endangered and will be kept at least 100 feet away at all times by fencing..." (Gillette Provisions Ch. 12: Oil and Water Wells)

"Any person who completes any well as a producer shall have an obligation to enclose such well, together with its surface facilities, by a fence sufficiently high and properly built so as to ordinarily keep persons and animals out the enclosure; provided, that in non-platted areas the oil and gas inspector, at his discretion, may waive the requirement of any fence or may designate the type of fence to be erected. Fences must be kept locked at all times workers of the permittee are not present; a duplicate set of keys to such lock shall be filed with the oil and gas inspector" (Code of the City of Evanston Ch. 16-18)

**Site Security**

"...applicants must sign an agreement that no children or spectators will be endangered and will be kept at least 100 feet away at all times either by fencing or security person on site 24 hours per day" (Gillette Provisions Ch.12:Oil and Water Wells)

"The site must be fenced to sustain safety, and prevent access by livestock, wildlife, and unauthorized personnel" (Duchesne County Oil and Gas Regulations Section 17.52.051)