

CMAG News

CMAG members continue to work at creating a series of Best Management Practices concerning oil and gas industry activity in the area. The practices give both community and industry members a more clear idea of what to expect and what is acceptable during the oil and gas recovery process in the Olds region.

The group is focusing on getting information to all area residents as fast as possible, which is proving harder than members initially thought.

It takes time to create quality best management practices (or BMPs.) CMAG's process to create BMPs involves sitting down with industry members and a representative of the EUB to decide what topics to tackle.

Once that is decided and priorities are determined, the industry members begin forming the document based on their information. After all CMAG industry members have read the draft document and given it their stamp of approval, the community members read it over. Any questions or concerns they raise then go back to industry to be addressed.

The process seems lengthy, but ensures all bases are covered from both the community and industry perspectives.

Currently, members are drafting a BMP on the drilling phase of oil and gas recovery, including how water aquifers are protected.

Once that document is completed, the group plans to tackle the topics of pipelines, landspraying and construction.

Keep watching your local newspapers for information from CMAG as it becomes available.

Industry updates

CMAG industry members share information at each meeting on what their activities are in the area, in order to keep area residents aware of what is going on their neighborhoods. Here's an update of current area activities for CMAG industry members.

MGV has no activity in the area and isn't planning any in the CMAG area any time soon. They are active in the Ponoka area. HUSKY held an open house recently at Reid Ranch with approximately 130 people attending. Husky is currently running a 60 well area drilling program. Of those wells, 27 or 28 are CBM and are grouped together. The rest of the wells are conventional.

APACHE currently has one rig operating in the CMAG area and plans to have three here following spring break-up.

Other business

CMAG continues to work on gaining more industry members and to solidify a budget in order to help keep the group's work going.

Meetings will continue to be held the third Wednesday of the month as the group works on BMPs. Once more BMPs are finished, the meeting schedule will be evaluated.

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