

SB23-186

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend the Transportation and Energy Committee Report, dated March
2 22, 2023, page 1, after line 3 insert:

3 "Page 3 of the bill, lines 15 and 16, strike "and 24-60-135".

4 Page 1 of the report, strike lines 10 through 15 and substitute:

5 ""(2) THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY DESCRIBED IN
6 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ARE TO:

7 (a) PROACTIVELY AND SYSTEMATICALLY LOCATE AND SURVEY
8 METHANE GAS SEEPAGE IN THE RATON BASIN;

9 (b) DOCUMENT PREVIOUS AREAS OF SEEPAGE;

10 (c) CALCULATE ANY DIFFERENCES IN SEEPAGE AMOUNTS; AND

11 (d) ASSESS THE POTENTIAL FOR METHANE TO CREATE HAZARDOUS
12 CONDITIONS.

13 (3) THE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
14 MUST INCLUDE:

15 (a) A GROUND AND AIR SURVEY TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTED SEEPAGE
16 AREAS, PREVIOUS SEEPAGE AREAS, AND INCREASES OR DECREASES IN
17 SEEPAGE;

18 (b) DETAILED MAPPING OF SUSPECTED SEEPAGE AREAS;

19 (c) SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF GAS COLLECTED FROM SELECTED
20 SEEPAGE AREAS; AND

21 (d) SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM SELECTED WATER
22 WELLS AND METHANE CAPTURE WELLS IN THE RATON BASIN.

23 (4) IN PERFORMING THE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF
24 THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION AND THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL
25 DIVISION SHALL COORDINATE WITH:

26 (a) THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION
27 24-38.5-101;

28 (b) THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES CREATED IN THE
29 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-124;

30 (c) THE DIVISION OF MINING, RECLAMATION, AND SAFETY IN THE
31 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 34-20-103;

32 (d) THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE CREATED IN THE
33 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-9-104;

34 AND

35 (e) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE BOARDS OF COUNTY
36 COMMISSIONERS IN LAS ANIMAS AND HUERFANO COUNTIES.".

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