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Statement from Dan Haley, President & CEO, Colorado Oil & Gas Association, Regarding Flowline Testing

DENVER (May 3, 2017) – Statement from the Colorado Oil & Gas Association (COGA):

“The Colorado Oil and Gas Association fully supports the state’s call to inspect flowlines and make sure our communities are safe. Many of our operators already have begun initial steps to begin re-inspection and testing. We are also proactively meeting with state regulatory officials this week to discuss how we can best guarantee all safeguards are met.

It is critical that Coloradans feel safe with oil and gas development in our state, and we are committed to doing our part to help build trust with residents and communities.

It’s also important for Coloradans to know that new technologies and advancement in development, including innovative horizontal drilling, are making our industry safer for communities and the environment. For example, pads at new drilling operations now directly hook up to heavily regulated midstream companies, relying on new and safe technologies.

Today, we are creating a new industry committee for our operators and others to share best practices and lessons learned with each other as we move through this robust testing process.

We are an industry of innovative and motivated Coloradans who are committed to rebuilding confidence among our communities. We want people to know that our industry is constantly working toward state-of-the-art technology and processes to make our industry safer for our workers and fellow Coloradans.

We also want to reiterate that our thoughts and prayers remain with the Martinez and Irwin families and the entire Firestone community as the investigation continues.”

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About COGA

Founded in 1984, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association's (COGA) mission is to foster and promote the beneficial, efficient, responsible and environmentally sound development, production and use of Colorado oil and natural gas. COGA is a nationally recognized association that aggressively promotes the expansion of Rocky Mountain natural gas markets, supply, and transportation infrastructure through its growing and diverse membership.