This tour provides an insight into the technical, environmental, and regulatory issues surrounding new drilling activities in the Weld County area. With over 20,000 active wells reported in 2019, Weld County Colorado is ranked Number 3 among the top US oil producing counties. It accounts for 88% of all crude oil production and 36% of all natural gas production in Colorado. However, this oil and gas production is occurring in a portion of the Denver metropolitan region that is experiencing a rapidly expanding population.

In recent years, Colorado has implemented precedent-setting regulations with the goal of fostering safe and responsible development of Colorado’s oil and gas resources. The tour will likely visit: 1) a centralized production facility that maximizes efficiencies and reduces the impact of extraction operations on nearby communities; 2) drilling operations; and 3) an oil and gas fracturing operation (the final details of this can only be established close to tour date as drill and completion sites are always changing).