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Youths’ Anti-Fracking Petition To Be Heard Before
The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

WHAT: The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider youths’ anti-fracking petition.

WHEN: The Commission will consider the petition at its meeting scheduled for April 28-29, 2014. The exact date and time have yet to be determined but we will let you know as soon as it is.

WHERE: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln St, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

WHY: Last fall, Colorado youth hand-delivered a petition for rulemaking to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The petition was signed by eight youth activists, who are members of the Boulder-based organization, Earth Guardians. The youth are petitioning the Commission to promulgate a rule to suspend the issuance of permits that allow hydraulic fracturing until it can be done without adversely impacting human health and safety and without impairing Colorado’s atmospheric resources and climate system, water, soil, wildlife, and other biological resources.

The youths’ petition was filed with the help of Our Children’s Trust, an Oregon-based nonprofit orchestrating a global game-changing, youth driven legal campaign. The legal effort advances the fundamental duty of government today: to address the climate crisis based on scientific baselines and benchmarks, and to do so within timeframes determined by scientific analysis.

Short documentary films of Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, and other young people taking legal action can be seen at http://ourchildrenstrust.org/trust-films.
**Earth Guardians** is a Colorado-based nonprofit organization with youth chapters on five continents, and multiple groups in the United States with more than 1,000 members working together to protect the Earth, the water, the air, and the atmosphere, creating healthy sustainable communities globally. We inspire and empower young leaders, families, schools, organizations, cities, and government officials to make positive change locally, nationally, and globally to address the critical state of the Earth.

[www.earthguardians.org](http://www.earthguardians.org)

**Our Children’s Trust** is a nonprofit focused on protecting earth’s natural systems for current and future generations. We are supporting youth in the coordinated Atmospheric Trust Litigation effort. We are here to empower youth as they stand up for their lawful inheritance: a healthy planet. We are mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers. We are adults, part of the ruling generation, and we care about the future of our children—and their children's children. [www.ourchildrenstrust.org](http://www.ourchildrenstrust.org)

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