

ALERT: Colorado lawsuit asserts oil and gas forced pooling is unconstitutional



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A new case filed in federal court in Colorado challenges the process of force pooling certain mineral owners and working interest owners.

From a Broomfield News [article](#):

- *The suit, dated Jan. 22, names Gov. Jared Polis and Jeffrey Robbins, acting director of the commission, as defendants. It seeks to temporarily halt the process and challenges the constitutionality of the forced pooling provision of the Colorado Oil and Gas Act.*
- *The complaint, filed with U. S. District Court, challenges the statute on constitutional grounds, including arguments that the law violates mineral owners' rights to contract, equal protection, freedom of association and due process, among others.*

The outcome could have a substantial impact on oil and gas

operators in Colorado and beyond.

Oil and gas companies will want to monitor this case moving forward and consider the potential impact it could have on their ongoing operations involving pooled acreage.

