

**Memorandum**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Tom Baker, Town Administrator  
**Date:** May 20, 2014  
**Re:** Update: Bill Barrett Plans for Working in New Castle Area

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**Purpose:** You may recall a letter to the editor from Randy Frickie in the Post Independent on April 29th. It was titled "Comment on New Castle-area drilling plan". The letter was directed at the public comment period for the plans being proposed by the Bill Barrett Corp. After that letter appeared, Art Riddile asked to invite a representative of Bill Barrett to an upcoming meeting in order to clear up the confusion about where drilling may occur. Mary Metzger also requested that a Bill Barrett representative come to Council and talk about their drilling plans for New Castle area.

I called Doug Dennison of Bill Barrett. He explained that Bill Barrett has no plans for the New Castle area in 2014 and that their 2015 plans have yet to be finalized. Doug will attend our meeting or will send another representative.