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ConocoPhillips has continuously engaged with the community and local government over the past three years. We have gone beyond the required three rounds of socialization and engaged with local stakeholders through nearly 175 meetings, seminars and community roadshows. This is a part of our approach to [stakeholder engagement](#) and, specifically, [engaging with communities](#). In certain instances, the national government has accompanied us to ensure and verify the quality of our stakeholder engagement process. We listened to stakeholders' concerns and addressed questions about our plans. The meetings focused on the legal, technical, social and environmental aspects of our plans, including discussions of our environmental license to conduct the production test, the environmental impact assessment for exploration of unconventional resources that we have submitted to the National Authority of Environmental Licenses (in Spanish, ANLA), and the community benefit plan. These efforts were successful in securing the support of local leaders and the vast majority of community members, many of whom had questions and concerns at the beginning of the project.

In the feedback we received, water was a concern for the community. As a result, we have publicly stated that we will not be competing with the local community for access to fresh water unless readily available/abundant, and instead will source water from alternative sources or third parties.

In addition, independent third-party raters have objectively scored ConocoPhillips positively on social and environmental performance. In 2017, [Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.'s \(ISS\) Environmental & Social Quality Score](#), which includes an evaluation of a company's disclosure practices and transparency on issues from stakeholder consultation to health & safety to human rights, gave ConocoPhillips the best score possible. The 2017 [Corporate Human Rights Benchmark ranked ConocoPhillips](#) 7<sup>th</sup> best out of the 41 largest extractive sector companies in the world.

The use of the hydraulic fracturing technique has generated a lot of media and activist attention in Colombia, which sometimes has emerged with positions and accusations that have no technical basis or which facts have been manipulated for political or private interests. Take for instance the following example: In the early part of 2018, a local community member alleged that her water well was contaminated due to our operations and her allegations were largely publicized by the media and activists (including the organization mentioned in the article that you share). ConocoPhillips and the competent authorities tested the well using its own resources and the results conclusively determined that the well was not contaminated with hydrocarbons and therefore, ConocoPhillips had no impact on the quality of the water well. Please see our [media release](#) ([English](#), [Spanish](#)) regarding this matter as a reference, which includes a link to the full third-party independent lab results. In addition to our media release, here is a [link](#) to a local news channel that covered this story. As always, we are committed to protecting and respecting people and the environment in all places where we operate.