

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File case in District Court against the Colorado governor and some agencies

When: 2011

Who: State board & 2 oil industry intervenors

What: File request to Colorado Supreme Court to review and reconsider Appeals Court's decision to remand youths' 2013 petition

When: May 2017

Who: District Court

What: Dismisses case

When: 2012

Who: State board

What: Denies petition

When: May 2014

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: Ask Appeals Court to review the District Court Order to deny their 2013 petition

When: April 2016

Who: State board

What: Files in District Court a Motion to Dismiss plaintiffs' case challenging the board's decision to deny youths' 2013 petition

When: August 2014

Who: District Court

What: Rejects state board's Motion to Dismiss. Rules that youths' case can proceed, and that State has legal duty to protect public health, environment, and wildlife from harm due to oil and gas activities.

When: Christmas Eve 2014

Who: Appeals Court

What: Reverses state board Order denying 2013 petition and lower court Order upholding denial. Remands case to state board and trial court, saying the board erred in its reading of state law.

When: March 2017

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File complaint asking District Court to overturn state board decision to deny their petition. Youth claim the state board misinterpreted the state Constitution.

When: July 2014

Who: District Court

What: Affirms state board's Order to deny youths' 2013 petition

When: February 2016

Who: Youth petitioners

What: Petition state board for a new rule to stop issuing permits for oil and gas drilling until it is safe for public health, environment and wildlife

When: November 2013

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File Motion to Oppose state and intervenors' request for Supreme Court review and reconsider Appeals Court decision

When: June 2017

Who: Colorado Supreme Court

What: Grants a hearing to state board to review and reconsider Appeals Court's decision to remand youths' 2013 petition

When: January 2018

Who: Colorado Supreme Court

What: Reverses Appeals Court decision; affirms state board cannot condition oil and gas development on protecting public health, safety, wildlife and environment

When: January 14, 2019

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File an extraordinary motion with the Supreme Court to vacate several judicial decisions based on misconduct of a judge who reviewed the youths' case

When: January 24, 2019

Who: State legislature & Governor

What: Amended the old law to make it clear that state must protect public health, wildlife, and environment from oil and gas development

When: April 16, 2019

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File petition with state agency for a new rule to require state to prepare plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions annually to meet targets in state law

When: October 2012

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File case in District Court against State agency's dismissal of their petition, claiming state agency has failed to enact rules required by state law

When: August 2014

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File notice with Massachusetts Supreme Court of intent to appeal the District Court decision to defer to the state agency

When: March 24, 2015

Who: District Court

What: Defers to state agency on interpretation of state law and rules that no further rules are required to meet state law

When: March 24, 2015

Who: State agency

What: Denies youths' petition

When: June 2013

Who: Youth plaintiffs

What: File motion in District Court for Judgment – a decision – on their case

When: November 2014

Who: Massachusetts Supreme Court

What: Decides to take the youth plaintiffs' case on direct appeal, skipping the Court of Appeals

When: September 2015

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Who: Massachusetts Supreme Court

What: Finds in favor of youth plaintiffs!

Court finds state agency is not complying with state law and orders state to reduce its GHG emissions and set limits on GHG emissions that decline annually (GHG = greenhouse gas)

When: May 2016

Who: Governor of Massachusetts

What: Issues Executive Order requiring state agencies to create and carry out a comprehensive energy plan within 2 years, and to put into effect rules for annual reductions in GHG emissions by Aug. 11, 2017

When: September 2016