

File 20111124.1851: Notes from conversation with John Loughry at Laura Morales's house for Thanksgiving dinner:

Informal systems, for example the rampant violation of company policy in saving local copies of email after imposition of a draconian email 'retention' policy, are more powerful than formal systems. People will always construct informal systems when the formal systems in existence are inadequate to needs.

The large lake that appeared recently across from Chatfield State Park is a water storage facility belonging to the Denver Water department. Denver Water bought the hole in the ground left over after a sand and gravel company mined out all the sand and gravel. The gravel company was left with an asset (the hole) they could sell to Denver Water.

According to John Loughry, Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) are concerned with one thing and one thing only: 'is it legal'. Not 'is this ethical' because that does not figure into their calculations. Only whether doing the thing will send them to jail.

References