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Colorado Department  
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Mr. David Neslin, Director COGCC  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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Re: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Consultation for the BP America Production Company proposed variance request to Rule 603.a.(2) Form 2A #2095892 in La Plata County.

Dear Mr. Neslin:

This letter describes CDPHE's decision to recommend that the COGCC grant the request for a variance to COGCC Rule 603.a.(2) submitted by BP America Production Company for well name Neleigh GU 01-07, well numbered 4 located in Section 7 Township 34N Range 7W. Rule 603.a.(2) establishes a minimum distance a well shall be located from a property line and states in part:

“A well shall be a minimum distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet from a surface property line...”

Facts learned during consultation include:

- BP America Production Company is requesting approval to locate a well 54 feet from a surface property line in La Plata County;
- BP America Production Company has obtained a waiver from the offset surface owner as required in COGCC Rule 603.a.(2); and
- CDPHE has verified that there are no building units or public roads within 150 feet of this location.

In view of the foregoing, CDPHE believes that granting this variance will result in adequate protection of the public health, safety, welfare and environment. CDPHE reserves the right to consult on any future variance requests from rules this agency may consult on (pursuant to COGCC Rule 306) within this location. If you have questions regarding this recommendation or discussion would be helpful, please contact me at (303) 692-3662.

Sincerely,

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