

I agree with your recommendation. Please go ahead. Thanks

From: Ash, Margaret
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 10:15 AM
To: Neslin, David
Subject: variance request #336051

Dave,

Chevron is requesting a variance for its Location #336051 (Skinner Ridge 66S98W, SKR-698-09-BV) located in the NWSE, Sec T6S, R98W. The variance is for interim reclamation (Rule 1003.b). The variance from interim reclamation is requested so that the stabilized pad area can remain and be used during subsequent drilling operations that area planned for this location. Currently Chevron has drilled and set 24 conductors which have been sealed off from the environment and capped in accordance with COGCC Conductor Setting Policy. Chevron plans to conduct additional drilling within the next 24 months. Work to reclaim the pad at this point would create more traffic dust and potential for erosion control issues that are not warranted.

Additionally Chevron requests that an unlined drilling pit be left open. The variance is requested because currently there is insufficient soil spoils on site to complete backfilling and therefore significant amounts of fill material would be required to be brought in. The pit is unlined, has a 2:1 slope and fenced and therefore does not present a threat to public health safety welfare, the environment or wildlife resources. Stormwater BMPs are in place and Chevron actively monitors the site to inspect the BMPs and to control weeds.

A site visit was conducted in July 27, 2010 and site was found to be in good condition with adequate BMPs, pad surface stabilized with gravel and conductors covered as stated in Form 4 request. I therefore recommend approval of this variance request.

The Form 4 that has additional data is available in Images #2099444.