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502.b. Variance Request - Bayswater Exploration's MSH Farms 15-P Pad (Doc #400517696)

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To: Greg Deranleau - DNR <greg.deranleau@state.co.us>

Thu, May 1, 2014 at 4:34 PM

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—
Doug Andrews

Oil & Gas Location Assessment Specialist - Northeast Area

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2 attachments**MSH Farms.pdf**
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Greg Deranleau - DNR <Greg.Deranleau@state.co.us>
To: Matt Lepore - DNR <matt.lepore@state.co.us>

Fri, May 2, 2014 at 4:02 PM

Cc: Doug Andrews - DNR <doug.andrews@state.co.us>, Sarah Freeman - DNR <sarah.freeman@state.co.us>

Matt,

I concur with Doug's recommendation for approval of a reduction in the safety setback to a powerline for these 2 wells.

Greg Deranleau

Oil & Gas Location Assessment Supervisor

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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To: Greg Deranleau - DNR <Greg.Deranleau@state.co.us>

Mon, May 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM

Greg,

I got a call from Mark Brown of Bayswater Exploration asking if we had any news concerning their 502.b. Variance Request. Was curious if you had heard anything back from Director Lepore concerning it? Thanks.

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Matt Lepore - DNR <matt.lepore@state.co.us>
To: Greg Deranleau - DNR <greg.deranleau@state.co.us>
Cc: Doug Andrews - DNR <doug.andrews@state.co.us>

Fri, May 16, 2014 at 7:06 PM

Greg:

Sorry, think it just got lost in the shuffle. I approve.

Matthew J. Lepore
Director



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From: Deranleau - DNR, Greg [mailto:greg.deranleau@state.co.us]

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 1:35 PM

To: Matt Lepore - DNR

Subject: Fwd: FW: 502.b. Variance Request - Bayswater Exploration's MSH Farms 15-P Pad (Doc #400517696)

Matt,

Do you need any additional information to consider this variance request? Operator is requesting movement.

Thanks.

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Greg Deranleau

Environmental Manager



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Deranleau - DNR, Greg <greg.deranleau@state.co.us>

To: Doug Andrews <doug.andrews@state.co.us>

Mon, May 19, 2014 at 7:35 AM

Please proceed. Thanks.

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Andrews - DNR, Doug <doug.andrews@state.co.us>

To: Sarah Freeman - DNR <sarah.freeman@state.co.us>

Mon, May 19, 2014 at 8:45 AM

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Date: Mon, May 19, 2014 at 7:35 AM

Subject: Fwd: FW: 502.b. Variance Request - Bayswater Exploration's MSH Farms 15-P Pad (Doc #400517696)

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