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## FW: Pioneer Variance Request (401103361, 401103914, 401077359)

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Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 1:34 PM

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On Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 3:35 PM, Matt Lepore - DNR <[Matt.Lepore@state.co.us](mailto:Matt.Lepore@state.co.us)> wrote:

I am in favor of approving the variances, subject to the proposed COAs, based on staff's recommendation.

Matt

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Matthew J. Lepore  
Director

**From:** Ash - DNR, Margaret [mailto:[margaret.ash@state.co.us](mailto:margaret.ash@state.co.us)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 1:08 PM

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**Cc:** Denise Arthur - DNR <[denise.arthur@state.co.us](mailto:denise.arthur@state.co.us)>

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### 3 Pioneer Surface Owner Waivers from Final Reclamation

Staff recommends approval of these variances with the COAs listed. As discussed, in Denise's email, staff reached out to Pioneer had did not several times to discuss but they have not responded. However, these COAs are similar to ones Pioneer has agreed to in the past so should not create any difficulties for them.

For detailed information please refer to the attached variance summaries.

Regards,

Margaret

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From: **Denise Arthur - DNR** <[Denise.Arthur@state.co.us](mailto:Denise.Arthur@state.co.us)>

Date: Tue, Nov 22, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Subject: FW: Pioneer Variance Request (401103361, 401103914, 401077359)

To: Margaret Ash - DNR <[margaret.ash@state.co.us](mailto:margaret.ash@state.co.us)>

Cc: Ryan Costa - DNR <[ryan.costa@state.co.us](mailto:ryan.costa@state.co.us)>

Margaret,

We would like to approve these variances with COAs and comments. Attached are the summaries. This is the group we sent to Pioneer and we called them and did not hear back with any issues from Pioneer. Ryan was

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on site with Pioneer on these particular locations during the inspections. A task for you has been added.

COAs include:

**API: 05-071-06695**

COA#1 - A variance of 1004.c.(2) is requested due to the presence of gravel however, there was no gravel observed at the location or access road during inspection. In order to stabilize the site for long-term stormwater control, the entire location and access road must establish a uniform vegetation cover of at least 80% of pre-disturbance or reference area levels.

COA #2 - Disturbance associated with access or removal of the SCADA tower shall be reclaimed within the 1st growing season upon removal of the SCADA tower. The disturbed area will need to be revegetated to at least 80% of pre-disturbance or reference area levels.

**API: 05-071-09042**

\_COA #1 - Conduct long-term noxious weed control practices during the next growing season for the small patch of Canada and bull thistle as documented in the inspection and pointed out to the operator on site on 10/26/16. Submit a form 4 once completed.

**API: 05-071-06838**

COA#1 - A variance of 1004.c.(2) is requested due to the presence of gravel however, there was no gravel noticed at the location during inspection. In order to stabilize the site for long-term stormwater control, the entire location must establish a uniform vegetation cover of at least 80% of pre-disturbance or reference area levels.

COA#2 - A portion of the pre-existing access road to the location was recently seeded and hydro mulched. Fully establish adequate stormwater controls for long term stability and/or establish vegetation along the access road.

COA#3 - Continue to monitor and manage the site for stabilization until final reclamation is fully achieved.

Thanks, Denise

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**From:** Costa - DNR, Ryan [mailto:[ryan.costa@state.co.us](mailto:ryan.costa@state.co.us)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:29 AM  
**To:** Denise Arthur - DNR  
**Subject:** Pioneer Variance Request (401103361, 401103914, 401077359)

Denise,

I attached summaries of 3 Pioneer variance request which we have discussed. I recommend approval with the COA's that we have provided. I emailed Pioneer the COA's last week on 11/8 and have not had a response. The COA's we provided have been put into the comments of the form 4 and in the summaries.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ryan

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