



April 2, 2020

*Sent via electronic mail*

Dicki Peterson  
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Permit ID: C1986003A, C1984003B, C1985003C, C1986003D, and C2011003F  
Revision Type: N/A  
Permitting Action: N/A  
Subject: Weed Spraying Variance

Dear Dicki:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received Western Energy Company's request for a variance for weed spraying in April regarding their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This missed spraying event will likely result in increased weed abundance later this year. Areas that were intended for spraying during this time should be added to later spraying events once access restrictions are removed. WECO should be advised to stay in contact with their spraying contractor to ensure those areas can be addressed as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact Robert Smith at (406) 444-7444 with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew R. Dorrington".

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## Gilbert, Sharona

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**From:** Gilbert, Sharona  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:04 AM  
**To:** Peterson, Dicki  
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**Subject:** C1985003A, C1984003B, C1985003C, C1986003D, and C2011003F Weed Spraying Variance  
**Attachments:** Weedsprayingvarianceletter.pdf

Please see attached correspondence. Have a great day!

### Sharona Gilbert

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*The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,  
Gang aft agley ~Robert Burns*