



Response to Partial Acreage Release Request Consideration

DATE: December 5, 2018
TO: Peter S. Hays, Environmental Protection Specialist
CC: Division 1 Office, District 5 Water Commissioner
FROM: Ioana Comaniciu, P.E.
RE: Varra Resource Project (formerly Dakolios Pit), File No. M-1984-036 (AR-01)
Operator: Varra Companies, Inc. ("Varra")
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Section 31, Twp 3 North, Rng 67 West, 6th P.M., Weld County

COMMENTS:

Varra Companies, Inc. has submitted a request for partial acreage release for 83.63 acres of the permitted area of the Varra Resource Project (formerly Dakolios Pit), File No. M-1984-036. The 83.63 acres subject to release contain two lined storage reservoirs, known as the Dakolios Reservoirs (WDID 0504003). The Dakolios Reservoirs were found to have been lined to the design standard referenced in the August 1999 State Engineer's Guidelines for Lining Criteria for Gravel Pits and were approved by the Division Engineer's office on November 28, 2003 and January 4, 2011, respectively. According to our records Varra obtained a storage water rights decree in case no. 2001CW274 for the Dakolios Reservoirs.

This office has no objection to the request for partial acreage release for the site. Water shall not be impounded in the reservoirs except pursuant to lawful diversions allowed by statute or decree. At all other times, all inflow of water into the reservoirs from any source, including precipitation and ground water inflows, shall be removed by the applicant.

The applicant may contact the State Engineer's Office with any questions.

