

Variance Request Form



Ocotillo Express Wind LLC
 Pier 1 Bay 3
 San Francisco CA 94111
 415-283-4000

Variance: _032_
 Request No.: __ Rev 0__
 Date Submit: _10/18/2012
 Date Approval Needed: _10/23/2012
 Date Agency Received: _____
 Agency Approval Reference No.: _____

Request Prepared by: Joan Inlow / James Dermody

Spread/ Location: T165, 167

(Milepost): all

Net acreage affected: 0.59 acres

Alignment Sheet/Sta. All

No.:

Tract No:

Landowner: BLM

In or within 50 feet of a wetland: Yes No

Within 50 feet of a water body: Yes No

Current Land Use/ Vegetative Cover: undeveloped/desert vegetation

Nearby Features (Water body, T&E Habitat, Wetland, Noxious Weed): CDFG Habitat

Area, Residence, Cultural Resource Site (distance, etc.):

Variance Level: Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 **(To Be Assigned by Designated Representative)**

Variance From: Permit Plan/Procedure Specification Drawing Mitigation Measure Other:

Detailed Description of Variance: Attachments? Yes No Photos? Yes No

This variance request is to provide details of the road and collection corridor to turbine 167 and the removal of the road and collection corridor to turbine 165.

Turbine 167 was changed from an alternate site to a primary site as documented in the BLM Notice of Substitution of Alternate Wind Turbine Locations, dated October 9, 2012. Turbine 167 was changed from an alternate site to a primary site in response to ongoing cultural investigations required as part of the construction monitoring activities for the project. Turbine 165 was changed to an alternate site as documented in the same notice.

This variance describes the net acreage affected, road and collection corridor disturbance areas and the associated avoidance of environmentally sensitive resources for these turbine substitutions.

Variance Justification: The primary and alternate turbine locations described in this variance are positioned within areas previously surveyed during the environmental review completed for the Final EIS/EIR.

Section 1.3 of the Record of Decision describes the existence of 5 alternative turbines to the 112 turbine site plan. The BLM has determined that these minor changes (i.e. swapping turbine locations) to the Refined Project's turbine configuration are within the range of alternatives analyzed in the EIS/EIR and that no additional NEPA analysis is required. Under this premise, the OWEF requests modification of the identified alternates to be consistent with new information gained since the project began construction.

The variance level is 2 because the change does not affect new areas outside of the NEPA approved work areas from the FEIS and the retention and use of alternative turbine locations in order to maintain a 112 turbine project size is clearly described in the ROD and ROW documents.

Mitigation measures incorporated as part of the Final EIS/EIR require efforts to be completed by OE LLC in order to minimize environmental impacts. Implementation of these mitigation measures as outlined above has resulted in the proposed Variance 032. The proposed construction of Turbine 167 would be conducted in accordance with the same impact avoidance, minimization, monitoring and mitigation measures that apply to all other project impact areas. Such measures include those specified in BLM's ROD, and approved plans and permits for specific types of activities.

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Additional Surveys Required	Surveyed Corridor Description	Additional Surveys Completed
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Cultural Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No T&E(biological) Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reporting Document Survey:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Sign-off (as appropriate)	Name (print)	Approval Signature	Conditions (See Attached)
Contractor Sup't. or Env. Coordinator	Derek Price		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Lead Environmental Inspector	Shelby Howard		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Spread Supervisor	Michael Baksh		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Environmental Field Manager	Joan Inlow		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ROW Agent			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For BLM Project Manager or Compliance Contact Use Only			
Variance Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>		Variance Denied: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Signature:		Date:	
For Compliance Manager and Monitor Use Only			
Variance Approved:		Variance Denied	
Signature:		Date:	
Stipulations			
Spread:		OPPC Variance Request No.:	
VARIANCE CONDITIONS			
Name:		Title:	
		Organization:	
Conditions:			
Name:		Title:	
		Organization:	
Conditions:			

Name:

Title:

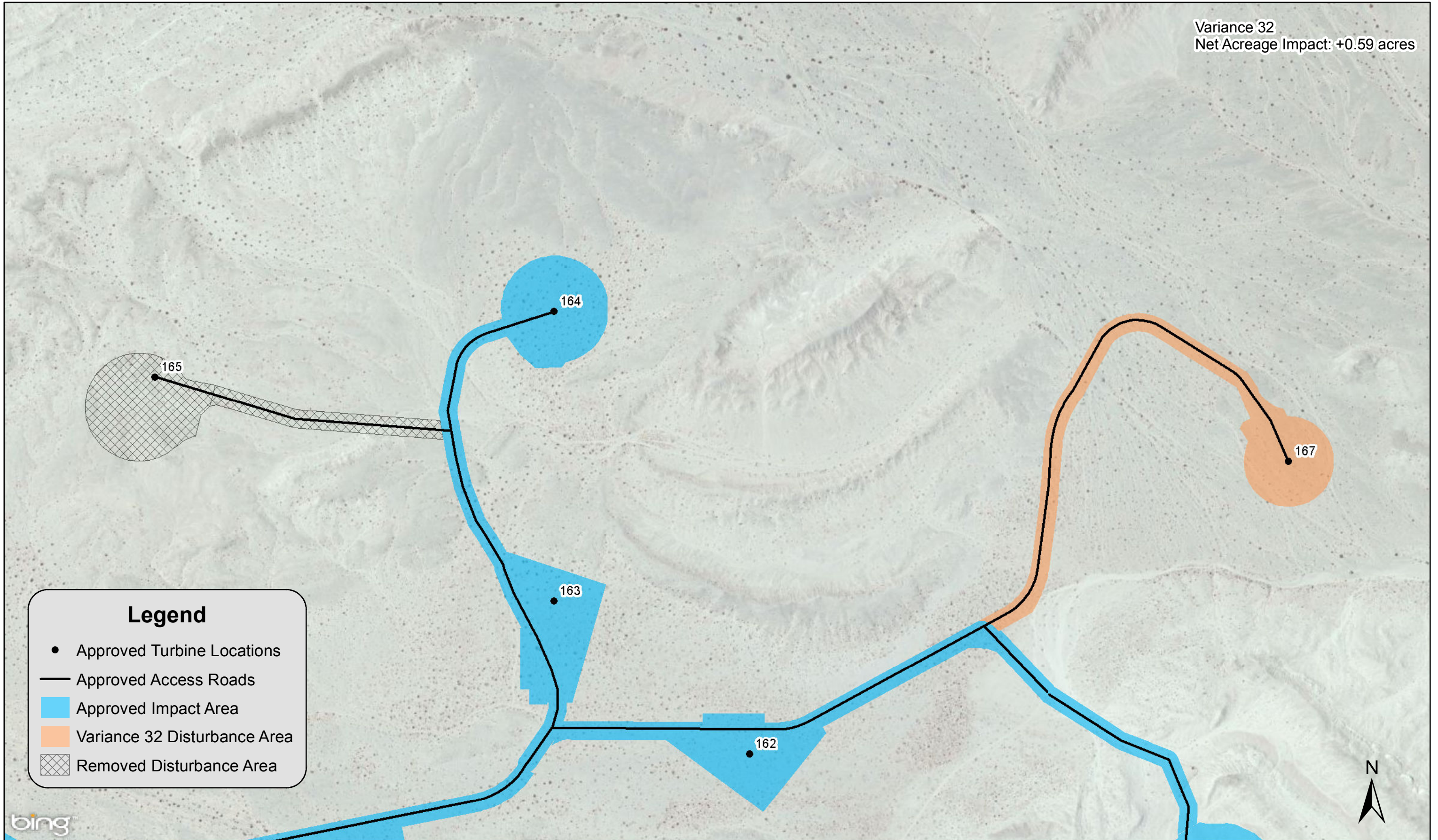
Organization:

Conditions:

OCOTILLO WIND PROJECT: IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

VARIANCE 32 - OCTOBER 19, 2012

Variance 32
Net Acreage Impact: +0.59 acres



Legend

- Approved Turbine Locations
- Approved Access Roads
- Approved Impact Area
- Variance 32 Disturbance Area
- Removed Disturbance Area



0 165 330 660 990 1,320 Feet

