

199—9.2(479,479B) Filing of land restoration plans. For intrastate natural gas and all hazardous liquid pipeline projects, land restoration plans shall be prepared and filed with the appropriate petition pursuant to Iowa Code section 479.29(9) or 479B.20(9) and this chapter for pipeline construction projects which require a pipeline permit from the Iowa utilities board, or for amendments to permits that propose pipeline construction or relocation.

9.2(1) *Content of plan.* A land restoration plan shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. A brief description of the purpose and nature of the pipeline construction project.
- b. A description of the sequence of events that will occur during pipeline construction.
- c. A description of how compliance with subrules 9.4(1) to 9.4(10) will be accomplished.
- d. The point of contact for landowner inquiries or claims as provided for in rule 9.5(479,479B).

9.2(2) *Plan variations.* The board may by waiver accept variations from this chapter in such plans if the pipeline company is able to satisfy the standards set forth in 199 IAC 1.3(17A,474,476) and if the alternative methods would restore the land to a condition as good as or better than provided for in this chapter.

9.2(3) *Mitigation plans and agreements.* Preparation of a separate land restoration plan may be waived by the board if an agricultural impact mitigation or similar agreement is reached by the pipeline company and the appropriate agencies of the state of Iowa and the requirements of this chapter are substantively satisfied therein. If a mitigation plan or agreement is used to fully or partially meet the requirements of a land restoration plan, the statement or agreement shall be filed with the board and shall be considered to be, or to be part of, the land restoration plan for purposes of this chapter.