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January 15, 2021

### 2020 Waiver Report

Pursuant to W.Va. Code 22-6A-2(a)(6), commencing on January 1, 2013 and each year thereafter, the Office of Oil and Gas shall submit to the Legislature a written report of the number of waivers of certain minimum requirements of Chapter 22, Article 6A granted by the Secretary during the preceding year. During the 2020 calendar year, the Office of Oil and Gas granted eight (8) waivers from the site restriction requirements of W.Va. Code § 22-6A-12(b), which states:

No well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream....or a wetland...The department may, in its discretion, waive these distance restrictions upon submission of a plan identifying sufficient measures, facilities or practices to be employed during well site construction, drilling and operations to protect the waters of the state. A waiver, if granted, shall impose any permit conditions as the secretary considers necessary.

Copies of the Orders granting the waivers are attached.

Thus submitted, the 15th day of January 2021.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: Chevron Appalachia, LLC P.O. Box 611 Moon Township, PA 15108

DATE: February 12, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-1

#### INTRODUCTION

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 et seq. to Chevron Appalachia, LLC (hereinafter "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

### FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

- 1. OOG, an office within the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, is the agency with the duty and authority to execute and enforce W. Va. Code §22-6-1 and §22-6A-1 et seq., and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. Chevron Appalachia, LLC is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as P.O. Box 611, Moon Township, Pennsylvania.
- 3. On April 30, 2019, Chevron Appalachia, LLC submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-051-02299. The proposed well is to be located on the Woods Pad in the Clay District of Marshall County, West Virginia.
- 4. On April 30, 2019, Chevron Appalachia, LLC requested a waiver for Wetland W-DAZ-005 as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-051-02299. Wetlands W-DAZ-006, 007 and 008 are not subject to a wetland waiver due to the distance from the LOD of the pad.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "[i]n addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
- 2. West Virginia Code §22-6A-2(a)(6) requires, in part, that "Concomitant with the broad powers to condition the issuance of well work permits, the secretary should also have broad authority to waive certain minimum requirements of this article when, in his or her discretion, such waiver is appropriate: Provided, That the secretary shall submit a written report of the number of waivers granted to the Legislature commencing January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter."
- 3. West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "[n]o well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland, or within three hundred feet of a naturally reproducing trout stream. No well pad may be located within one thousand feet of a surface or ground water intake of a public water supply. The distance from the public water supply as identified by the Office of Oil and Gas shall be measured as follows: (1) For a surface water intake on a lake or reservoir, the distance shall be measured from the boundary of the lake or reservoir. (2) For a surface water intake on a flowing stream, the distance shall be measured from a semicircular radius extending upstream of the surface water intake. (3) For a groundwater source, the distance shall be measured from the wellhead or spring. The Office of Oil and Gas may, in its discretion, waive these distance restrictions upon submission of a plan identifying sufficient measures, facilities or practices to be employed during well site construction, drilling and operations to protect the waters of the state. A waiver, if granted, shall impose any permit conditions as the secretary considers necessary."

West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "[n]o well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland. The Office of Oil and Gas grants the request for a waiver for Wetland W-DAZ-005 from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-051-02299. The Office of Oil and Gas hereby **ORDERS** that Chevron Appalachia, LLC shall meet the following site construction and operational requirements for the Woods Well Pad:

- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height;
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs;
- c. Wetland W-DAZ-005 shall have a riprap apron on the end of the permanent interceptor channel (diverted clean water) and two layers of forty-two inch (42") Smart-fence on the downhill side to prevent any sediment from reaching the wetland from the well pad. This along with rip-rap aprons, temporary and permanent vegetative cover will prevent sediment from reaching the wetland.
- d. Disturbed areas not used for operations shall be seeded and mulched per the seeding tables in the WVDEP-OOG Erosion and Sediment Control Manual;
- e. Drill cuttings and associated drilling mud shall be disposed of in a permitted landfill;
- f. Waste generated by the flowback treatment systems shall be sent to offsite disposal at a permitted landfill;
- g. Weekly site inspections shall be conducted to monitor and maintain the integrity of the BMP storm water controls;
- h. Weekly storm water and spill prevention inspections shall be conducted focusing on storm water and spill prevention BMPs and maintenance of these BMPs;
- i. Inspections of the storm water and spill prevention measures shall be conducted after any major storm event defined as a half inch (½") rain within any twenty-four (24) hour period;
- j. Pad inspections shall be conducted no less than once a week to identify and mitigate potential deficiencies;
- k. All records from inspections shall be maintained on site for the life of the project and be available upon request.

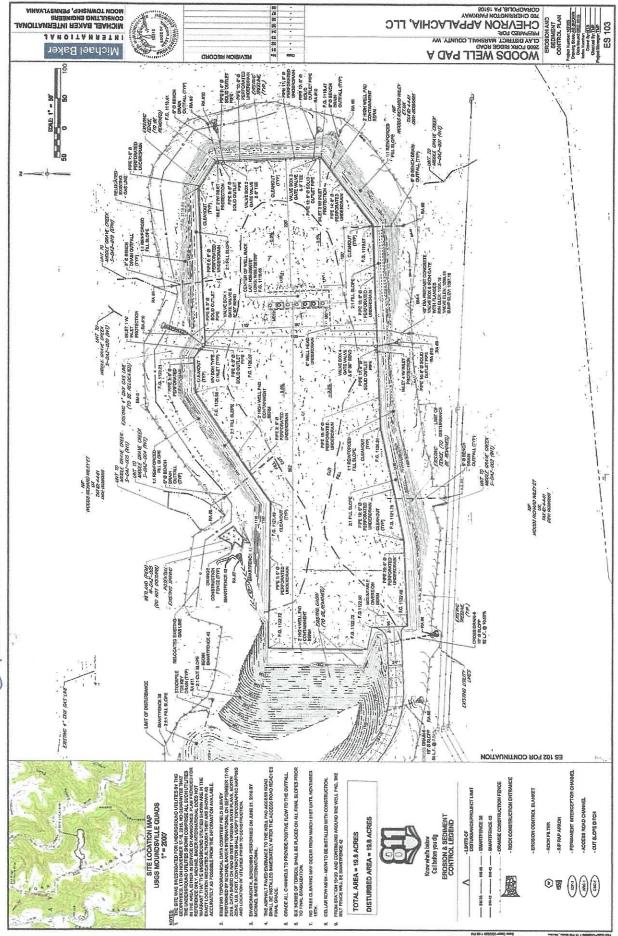
Thus ORDERED, the 12th day of February, 2020.

### IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Bv:

MES A. MARTIN, CHIEF





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Austin Caperton, Cabinet Secretary dep.wv.gov

# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: Antero Resources Corporation

1615 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202 DATE: March 2, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-2

#### INTRODUCTION

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 et seq. to Antero Resources Corporation (hereinafter "Antero" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

#### FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

- 1. OOG, an office within the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, is the agency with the duty and authority to execute and enforce W. Va. Code §22-6-1 and §22-6A-1 et seq., and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. Antero is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 1615 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202
- On January 16, 2020 Antero submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-095-02684. The proposed well is to be located on the Roma Lou Pad in the Union District of Tyler County, West Virginia.
- 4. On January 16, 2020 Antero requested a waiver for Wetland 2 along with Pond 1 as outlined in Exhibit 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-095-02684.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "in addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
- 2. West Virginia Code §22-6A-2(a)(6) requires, in part, that "Concomitant with the broad powers to condition the issuance of well work permits, the secretary should also have broad authority to waive certain minimum requirements of this article when, in his or her discretion, such waiver is appropriate: *Provided*, That the secretary shall submit a written report of the number of waivers granted to the Legislature commencing January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter."
- 3. West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland, or within three hundred feet of a naturally reproducing trout stream. No well pad may be located within one thousand feet of a surface or ground water intake of a public water supply. The distance from the public water supply as identified by the Office of Oil and Gas shall be measured as follows: (1) For a surface water intake on a lake or reservoir, the distance shall be measured from the boundary of the lake or reservoir. (2) For a surface water intake on a flowing stream, the distance shall be measured from a semicircular radius extending upstream of the surface water intake. (3) For a groundwater source, the distance shall be measured from the wellhead or spring. The Office of Oil and Gas may, in its discretion, waive these distance restrictions upon submission of a plan identifying sufficient measures, facilities or practices to be employed during well site construction, drilling and operations to protect the waters of the state. A waiver, if granted, shall impose any permit conditions as the secretary considers necessary."

West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland. The Office of Oil and Gas grants the request for a waiver for Wetland 2 and Pond 1 from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-095-02684. The Office of Oil and Gas hereby **ORDERS** that Antero shall meet the following site construction and operational requirements for the Roma Lou Well Pad:

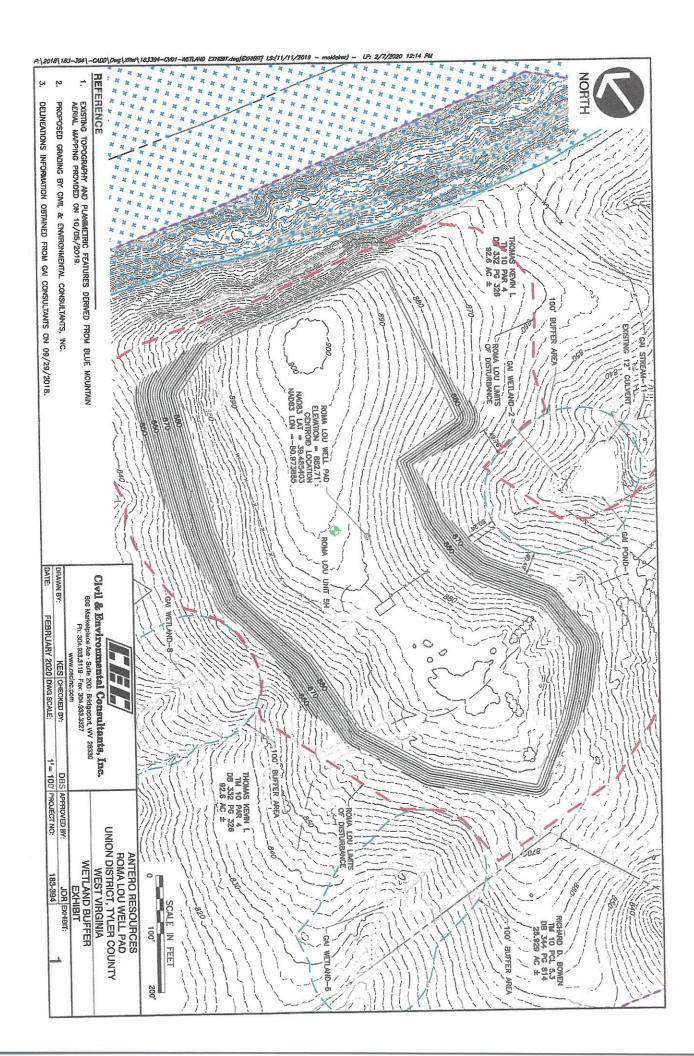
- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height;
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs;
- c. Wetland 2 and Pond 1 shall be protected by 2 layers of Smart Fence HD. This along with temporary and permanent vegetative cover will prevent sediment from reaching the wetlands
- d. Disturbed areas not used for operations shall be seeded and mulched per the seeding tables in the WVDEP-OOG Erosion and Sediment Control Manual;
- e. Drill cuttings and associated drilling mud shall be disposed of in a permitted landfill;
- f. Waste generated by the flowback treatment systems shall be sent to offsite disposal at a permitted landfill;
- g. Weekly site inspections shall be conducted to monitor and maintain the integrity of the BMP storm water controls;
- h. Weekly storm water and spill prevention inspections shall be conducted focusing on storm water and spill prevention BMPs and maintenance of these BMPs;
- i. Inspections of the storm water and spill prevention measures shall be conducted after any major storm event defined as a half inch (½") rain within any twenty-four (24) hour period;
- j. Pad inspections shall be conducted no less than once a week to identify and mitigate potential deficiencies;
- k. All records from inspections shall be maintained on site for the life of the project and be available upon request.

### IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

By:

JAMES A. MARTIN, CHIEF





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# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: EQT Production Company 625 Liberty Ave., Suite 1700 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

DATE: July 30, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-3

#### INTRODUCTION

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 *et seq*. to EQT Production Company (hereinafter "EQT" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

#### FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

- 1. OOG, an office within the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, is the agency with the duty and authority to execute and enforce W. Va. Code §22-6-1 and §22-6A-1 *et seq.*, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. EQT is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 625 Liberty Ave., Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.
- 3. On June 17, 2020 EQT submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-049-02498. The proposed well is to be located on the Elliot Pad in the Mannington District of Marion County, West Virginia.
- 4. On June 17, 2020 EQT requested a waiver for Wetlands 1 and 2 as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-049-02498.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "in addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
- 2. West Virginia Code §22-6A-2(a)(6) requires, in part, that "Concomitant with the broad powers to condition the issuance of well work permits, the secretary should also have broad authority to waive certain minimum requirements of this article when, in his or her discretion, such waiver is appropriate: *Provided*, That the secretary shall submit a written report of the number of waivers granted to the Legislature commencing January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter."
- 3. West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland, or within three hundred feet of a naturally reproducing trout stream. No well pad may be located within one thousand feet of a surface or ground water intake of a public water supply. The distance from the public water supply as identified by the Office of Oil and Gas shall be measured as follows: (1) For a surface water intake on a lake or reservoir, the distance shall be measured from the boundary of the lake or reservoir. (2) For a surface water intake on a flowing stream, the distance shall be measured from a semicircular radius extending upstream of the surface water intake. (3) For a groundwater source, the distance shall be measured from the wellhead or spring. The Office of Oil and Gas may, in its discretion, waive these distance restrictions upon submission of a plan identifying sufficient measures, facilities or practices to be employed during well site construction, drilling and operations to protect the waters of the state. A waiver, if granted, shall impose any permit conditions as the secretary considers necessary."

West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland. The Office of Oil and Gas grants the request for a waiver for Wetlands 1 and 2 from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-049-02498. The Office of Oil and Gas hereby **ORDERS** that EQT shall meet the following site construction and operational requirements for the Elliot Well Pad:

- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height;
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs;
- c. Wetlands 1 and 2 shall be protected by a layer of Super Silt Fence. The manifold pad will be graded so that no runoff will not leave the pad. This along with temporary and permanent vegetative cover will prevent sediment from reaching the wetlands
- d. Disturbed areas not used for operations shall be seeded and mulched per the seeding tables in the WVDEP-OOG Erosion and Sediment Control Manual;
- e. Drill cuttings and associated drilling mud shall be disposed of in a permitted landfill;
- f. Waste generated by the flowback treatment systems shall be sent to offsite disposal at a permitted landfill;
- g. Weekly site inspections shall be conducted to monitor and maintain the integrity of the BMP storm water controls;
- h. Weekly storm water and spill prevention inspections shall be conducted focusing on storm water and spill prevention BMPs and maintenance of these BMPs;
- i. Inspections of the storm water and spill prevention measures shall be conducted after any major storm event defined as a half inch (½") rain within any twenty-four (24) hour period;
- j. Pad inspections shall be conducted no less than once a week to identify and mitigate potential deficiencies;
- k. All records from inspections shall be maintained on site for the life of the project and be available upon request.

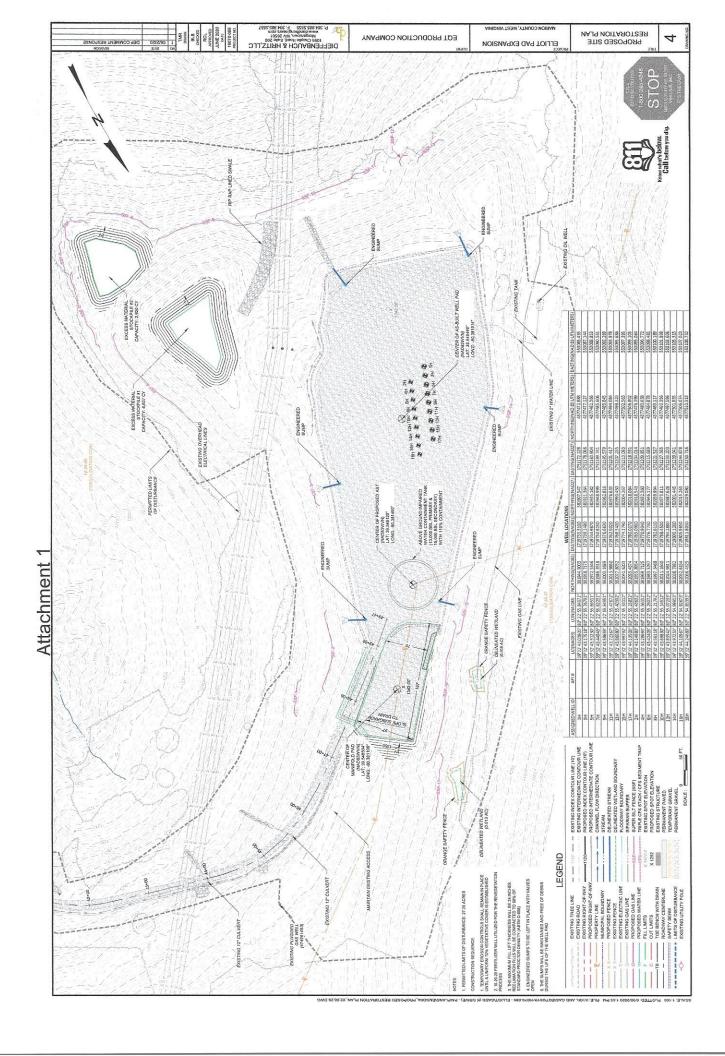
Thus ORDERED, the 30th day of July, 2020.

### IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: Tug Hill Operating, LLC

380 Southpointe Boulevard, Plaza II., Suite 200

Canonsburg, PA 15317

DATE: October 8, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-4

#### INTRODUCTION

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 *et seq*. to Tug Hill Operating, LLC (hereinafter "Tug Hill" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

#### FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

- 1. OOG, an office within the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, is the agency with the duty and authority to execute and enforce W. Va. Code §22-6-1 and §22-6A-1 *et seq.*, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. Tug Hill is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 380 Southpointe Boulevard, Plaza II., Suite 200, Canonsburg, PA 15317.
- 3. On June 24, 2020 Tug Hill submitted fracture permit applications for wells identified as API#s 47-51-01467, 47-51-01479, 47-51-01480, 47-51-01491 and 47-51-01492. The wells are located on the Hendrickson Pad in the Franklin District of Marshall County, West Virginia.
- 4. On June 24, 2020 Tug Hill requested a waiver for Wetland W02 as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the fracture permit applications for wells identified as API#s 47-51-01467, 47-51-01479, 47-51-01480, 47-51-01491 and 47-51-01492.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "in addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
- 2. West Virginia Code §22-6A-2(a)(6) requires, in part, that "Concomitant with the broad powers to condition the issuance of well work permits, the secretary should also have broad authority to waive certain minimum requirements of this article when, in his or her discretion, such waiver is appropriate: *Provided*, That the secretary shall submit a written report of the number of waivers granted to the Legislature commencing January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter."
- 3. West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland, or within three hundred feet of a naturally reproducing trout stream. No well pad may be located within one thousand feet of a surface or ground water intake of a public water supply. The distance from the public water supply as identified by the Office of Oil and Gas shall be measured as follows: (1) For a surface water intake on a lake or reservoir, the distance shall be measured from the boundary of the lake or reservoir. (2) For a surface water intake on a flowing stream, the distance shall be measured from a semicircular radius extending upstream of the surface water intake. (3) For a groundwater source, the distance shall be measured from the wellhead or spring. The Office of Oil and Gas may, in its discretion, waive these distance restrictions upon submission of a plan identifying sufficient measures, facilities or practices to be employed during well site construction, drilling and operations to protect the waters of the state. A waiver, if granted, shall impose any permit conditions as the secretary considers necessary."

Order No. 2020-W-4

West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland. The Office of Oil and Gas grants the request for a waiver for Wetland W02 from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the fracture permit applications for wells identified as API#s 47-51-01467, 47-51-01479, 47-51-01480, 47-51-01491 and 47-51-01492. The Office of Oil and Gas hereby **ORDERS** that Tug Hill shall meet the following site construction and operational requirements for the Hendrickson Well Pad:

- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height;
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs;
- c. Wetland W02 shall be protected by a layer of both Super Silt Fence and twenty four inch (24") compost filter sock This along with temporary and permanent vegetative cover will prevent sediment from reaching the wetlands
- d. Disturbed areas not used for operations shall be seeded and mulched per the seeding tables in the WVDEP-OOG Erosion and Sediment Control Manual;
- e. Drill cuttings and associated drilling mud shall be disposed of in a permitted landfill;
- f. Waste generated by the flowback treatment systems shall be sent to offsite disposal at a permitted landfill;
- g. Weekly site inspections shall be conducted to monitor and maintain the integrity of the BMP storm water controls;
- h. Weekly storm water and spill prevention inspections shall be conducted focusing on storm water and spill prevention BMPs and maintenance of these BMPs;
- i. Inspections of the storm water and spill prevention measures shall be conducted after any major storm event defined as a half inch (½") rain within any twenty-four (24) hour period;
- j. Pad inspections shall be conducted no less than once a week to identify and mitigate potential deficiencies;
- k. All records from inspections shall be maintained on site for the life of the project and be available upon request.

Thus ORDERED, the 8th day of October, 2020.

## IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

By: James Martin Deptally signed by James Marter County 20 20 10 100 0841 00 -04 000 T JAMES A. MARTIN, CHIEF





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# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: HG Energy, LLC 5260 Dupont Circle Parkersburg, WV 26101

DATE: November 13, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-5

#### INTRODUCTION

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 *et seq*. to HG Energy, LLC (hereinafter "HG" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

#### FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

- 1. OOG, an office within the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, is the agency with the duty and authority to execute and enforce W. Va. Code §22-6-1 and §22-6A-1 *et seq.*, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. HG is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 5260 Dupont Circle, Parkersburg, WV 26101.
- 3. On September 1, 2020 HG submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-041-05707. The well is located on the Flesher Pad in the Freemans Creek District of Lewis County, West Virginia.
- 4. On September 1, 2020 HG requested a waiver for Wetland B as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-041-05707. Wetlands Z, DD, MF, ME, MB and MD are excluded from this waiver, they are more then 100' from the LOD of the pad.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "in addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
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West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland. The Office of Oil and Gas grants the request for a waiver for Wetland W02 from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API#s 47-041-05707. The Office of Oil and Gas hereby **ORDERS** that HG shall meet the following site construction and operational requirements for the Flesher Well Pad:

- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height.
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs.
- c. Wetland B shall be protected by two layers of eighteen-inch (18") compost filter sock. This along with temporary and permanent vegetative cover will prevent sediment from reaching the wetlands.
- d. Disturbed areas not used for operations shall be seeded and mulched per the seeding tables in the WVDEP-OOG Erosion and Sediment Control Manual.
- e. Drill cuttings and associated drilling mud shall be disposed of in a permitted landfill.
- f. Waste generated by the flowback treatment systems shall be sent to offsite disposal at a permitted landfill.
- g. Weekly site inspections shall be conducted to monitor and maintain the integrity of the BMP storm water controls.
- h. Weekly storm water and spill prevention inspections shall be conducted focusing on storm water and spill prevention BMPs and maintenance of these BMPs.
- i. Inspections of the storm water and spill prevention measures shall be conducted after any major storm event defined as a half inch ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ") rain within any twenty-four (24) hour period.
- j. Pad inspections shall be conducted no less than once a week to identify and mitigate potential deficiencies.
- k. All records from inspections shall be maintained on site for the life of the project and be available upon request.

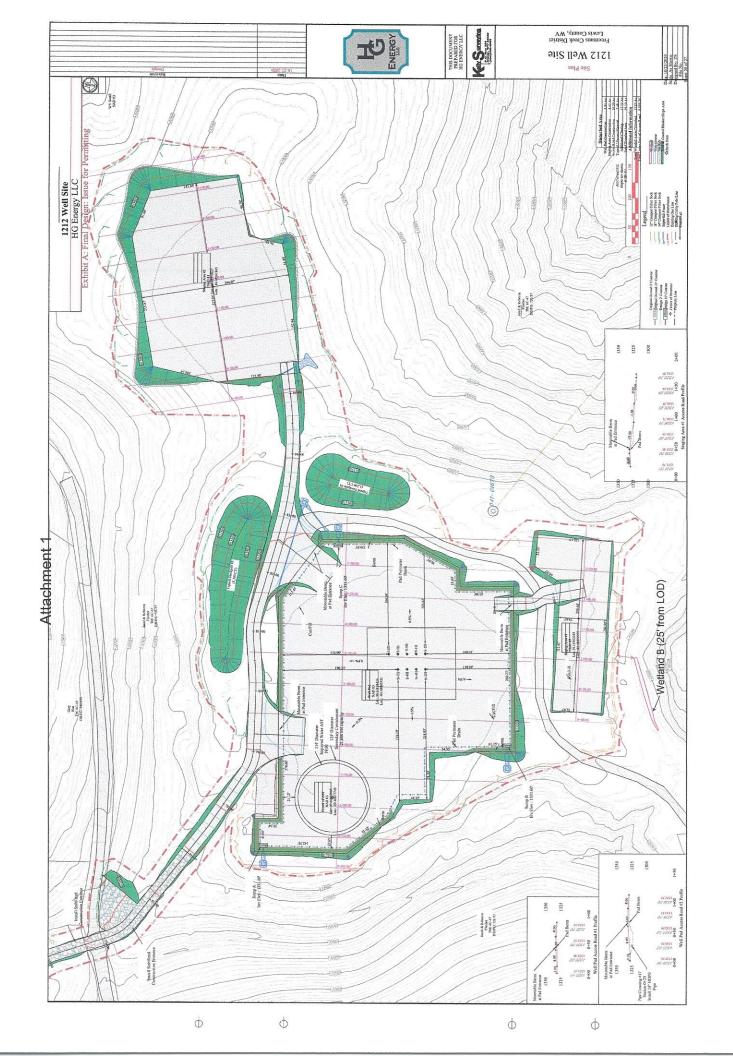
Thus ORDERED, the 13th day of November 2020.

#### IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: HG Energy, LLC

5260 Dupont Circle Parkersburg, WV 26101 DATE: November 30, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-6

#### INTRODUCTION

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 *et seq*. to HG Energy, LLC (hereinafter "HG" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

#### FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

- 1. OOG, an office within the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, is the agency with the duty and authority to execute and enforce W. Va. Code §22-6-1 and §22-6A-1 *et seq.*, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. HG is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 5260 Dupont Circle, Parkersburg, WV 26101.
- 3. On September 3, 2020 HG submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-033-05995. The well is located on the Schoen 1205 Pad in the Grant Creek District of Harrison County, West Virginia.
- 4. On September 3, 2020 HG requested a waiver for Wetlands A and B as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-033-05995. Wetlands C, D and E are excluded from this waiver, they are more then 100' from the LOD of the pad.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "in addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
- 2. West Virginia Code §22-6A-2(a)(6) requires, in part, that "Concomitant with the broad powers to condition the issuance of well work permits, the secretary should also have broad authority to waive certain minimum requirements of this article when, in his or her discretion, such waiver is appropriate: *Provided*, That the secretary shall submit a written report of the number of waivers granted to the Legislature commencing January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter."
- 3. West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland, or within three hundred feet of a naturally reproducing trout stream. No well pad may be located within one thousand feet of a surface or ground water intake of a public water supply. The distance from the public water supply as identified by the Office of Oil and Gas shall be measured as follows: (1) For a surface water intake on a lake or reservoir, the distance shall be measured from the boundary of the lake or reservoir. (2) For a surface water intake on a flowing stream, the distance shall be measured from a semicircular radius extending upstream of the surface water intake. (3) For a groundwater source, the distance shall be measured from the wellhead or spring. The Office of Oil and Gas may, in its discretion, waive these distance restrictions upon submission of a plan identifying sufficient measures, facilities or practices to be employed during well site construction, drilling and operations to protect the waters of the state. A waiver, if granted, shall impose any permit conditions as the secretary considers necessary."

West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland. The Office of Oil and Gas grants the request for a waiver for Wetlands A and B from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API#s 47-033-05995. The Office of Oil and Gas hereby **ORDERS** that HG shall meet the following site construction and operational requirements for the Schoen 1205 Well Pad:

- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height.
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs.
- c. Wetlands A and B shall be protected by two layers of eight (8") compost filter sock. This along with temporary and permanent vegetative cover will prevent sediment from reaching the wetlands.
- d. Disturbed areas not used for operations shall be seeded and mulched per the seeding tables in the WVDEP-OOG Erosion and Sediment Control Manual.
- e. Drill cuttings and associated drilling mud shall be disposed of in a permitted landfill.
- f. Waste generated by the flowback treatment systems shall be sent to offsite disposal at a permitted landfill.
- g. Weekly site inspections shall be conducted to monitor and maintain the integrity of the BMP storm water controls.
- h. Weekly storm water and spill prevention inspections shall be conducted focusing on storm water and spill prevention BMPs and maintenance of these BMPs.
- i. Inspections of the storm water and spill prevention measures shall be conducted after any major storm event defined as a half inch ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ") rain within any twenty-four (24) hour period.
- j. Pad inspections shall be conducted no less than once a week to identify and mitigate potential deficiencies.
- k. All records from inspections shall be maintained on site for the life of the project and be available upon request.

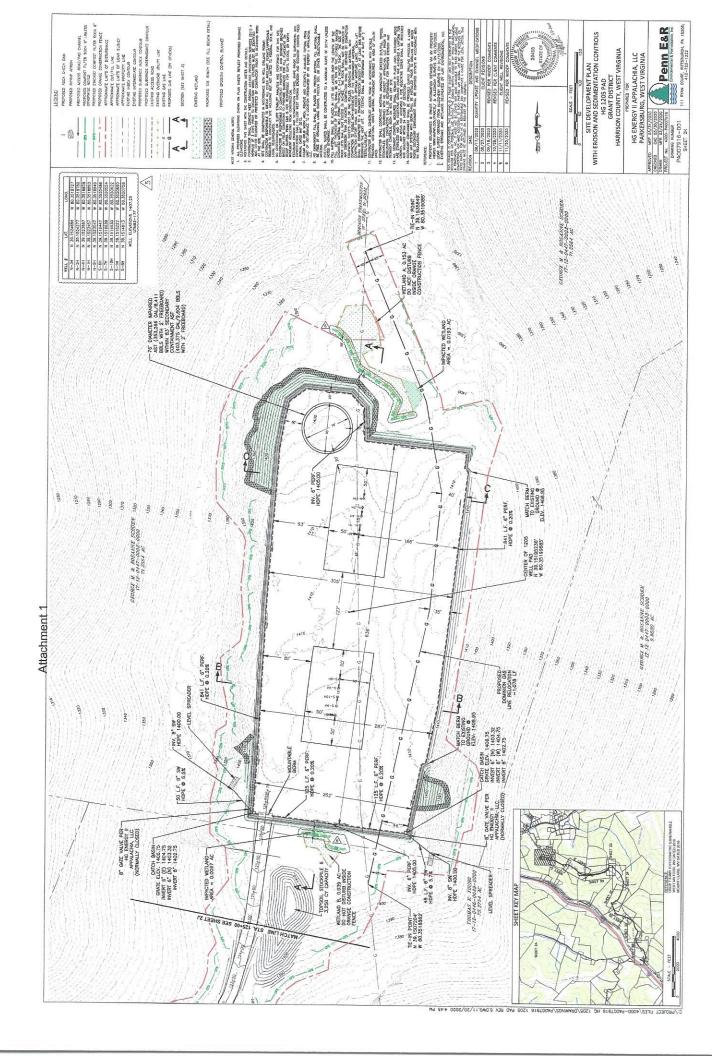
Thus ORDERED, the 30th day of November 2020.

## IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: HG Energy, LLC 5260 Dupont Circle

Parkersburg, WV 26101

DATE: December 1, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-7

#### INTRODUCTION

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 *et seq*. to HG Energy, LLC (hereinafter "HG" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

### **FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF**

- 1. OOG, an office within the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, is the agency with the duty and authority to execute and enforce W. Va. Code §22-6-1 and §22-6A-1 *et seq.*, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2. HG is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 5260 Dupont Circle, Parkersburg, WV 26101.
- On October 5, 2020 HG submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-041-05708. The well is located on the Evans 1213 Pad in the Freemans Creek District of Lewis County, West Virginia.
- 4. On October 5, 2020 HG requested a waiver for Wetlands C, E, G, H, L and N as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-041-05708.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "in addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
- 2. West Virginia Code §22-6A-2(a)(6) requires, in part, that "Concomitant with the broad powers to condition the issuance of well work permits, the secretary should also have broad authority to waive certain minimum requirements of this article when, in his or her discretion, such waiver is appropriate: *Provided*, That the secretary shall submit a written report of the number of waivers granted to the Legislature commencing January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter."
- 3. West Virginia Code §22-6A-12(b) requires, in part, that "no well pad may be prepared or well drilled within one hundred feet measured horizontally from any perennial stream, natural or artificial lake, pond or reservoir, or a wetland, or within three hundred feet of a naturally reproducing trout stream. No well pad may be located within one thousand feet of a surface or ground water intake of a public water supply. The distance from the public water supply as identified by the Office of Oil and Gas shall be measured as follows: (1) For a surface water intake on a lake or reservoir, the distance shall be measured from the boundary of the lake or reservoir. (2) For a surface water intake on a flowing stream, the distance shall be measured from a semicircular radius extending upstream of the surface water intake. (3) For a groundwater source, the distance shall be measured from the wellhead or spring. The Office of Oil and Gas may, in its discretion, waive these distance restrictions upon submission of a plan identifying sufficient measures, facilities or practices to be employed during well site construction, drilling and operations to protect the waters of the state. A waiver, if granted, shall impose any permit conditions as the secretary considers necessary."

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- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height.
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs.
- c. Wetlands C, E, G, H, L and N shall be protected by two layers of eight (8") compost filter sock. This along with temporary and permanent vegetative cover will prevent sediment from reaching the wetlands.
- d. Disturbed areas not used for operations shall be seeded and mulched per the seeding tables in the WVDEP-OOG Erosion and Sediment Control Manual.
- e. Drill cuttings and associated drilling mud shall be disposed of in a permitted landfill.
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- g. Weekly site inspections shall be conducted to monitor and maintain the integrity of the BMP storm water controls.
- h. Weekly storm water and spill prevention inspections shall be conducted focusing on storm water and spill prevention BMPs and maintenance of these BMPs.
- i. Inspections of the storm water and spill prevention measures shall be conducted after any major storm event defined as a half inch (½") rain within any twenty-four (24) hour period.
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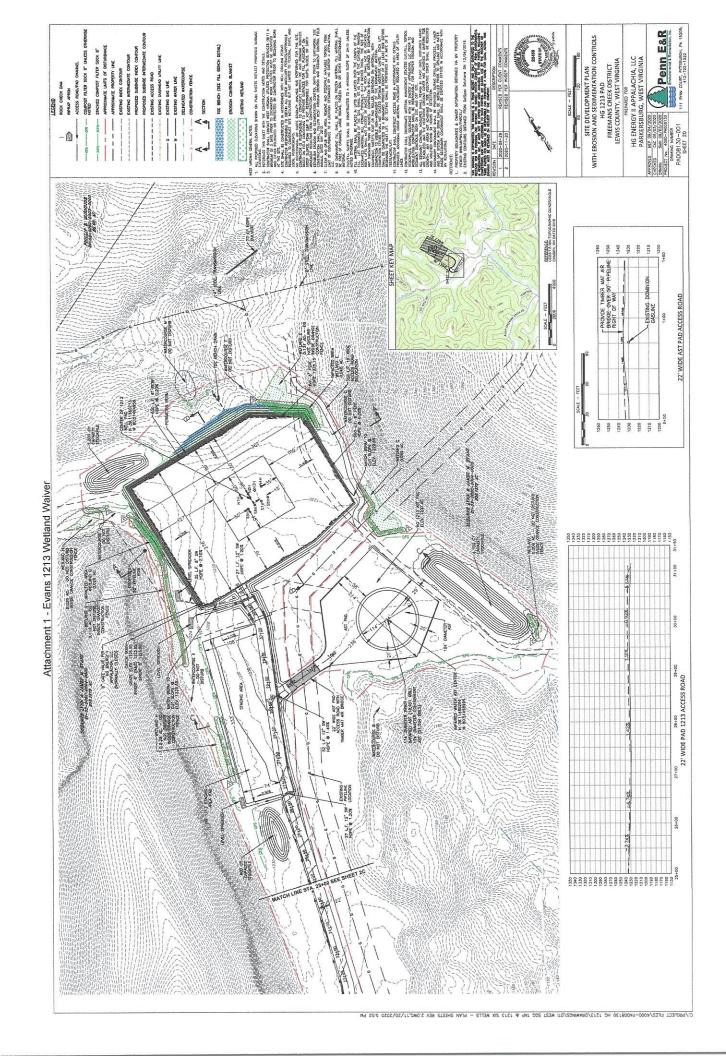
Thus ORDERED, the 1st day of December 2020.

## IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

By: James Martin Digitally signed by James Martin Date: 2020.12.01 16:12-48-05001

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# ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: HG Energy, LLC 5260 Dupont Circle Parkersburg, WV 26101

DATE: December 10, 2020 ORDER NO.: 2020-W-8

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This Order (hereinafter "Order") is issued by the Office of Oil and Gas (hereinafter "OOG"), by and through its Chief, pursuant to the authority of W. Va. Code §§ 22-1-1, 22-6-1 and 22-6A-1 *et seq*. to HG Energy, LLC (hereinafter "HG" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

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- 2. HG is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 5260 Dupont Circle, Parkersburg, WV 26101.
- 3. On November 9, 2020 HG submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-041-05709. The well is located on the Burnside 1214 Pad in the Freemans Creek District of Lewis County, West Virginia.
- 4. On November 9, 2020 HG requested a waiver for Wetlands, A and C as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-041-05709.

- 1. West Virginia Code §22-1-6(d) requires, in part, that "in addition to other powers, duties and responsibilities granted and assigned to the secretary by this chapter, the secretary is authorized and empowered to...(3) Enter private lands to make surveys and inspections for environmental protection purposes; to investigate for violations of statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing; to serve and execute warrants and processes; to make arrests; issue orders, which for the purposes of this chapter include consent agreements; and to otherwise enforce the statutes or rules which the Office of Oil and Gas is charged with enforcing."
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- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height.
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs.
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#### IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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