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January 4, 2023

2022 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 2022 calendar year, the Office of Oil and Gas granted seven (7) 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 4th day of January 2023.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA: OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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: January 13, 2022 ORDER NO.: 2022-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 EQT Production Company (hereinafter "EQT" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

In support of this Order, the Chief hereby finds the following:

- 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 December 6, 2021, EQT submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-103-03474. The proposed well is to be located on the Tesla Pad in the Grant District of Wetzel County, West Virginia.
- 4. On December 6, 2021, EQT requested a waiver for Wetland D 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# 47-103-03474.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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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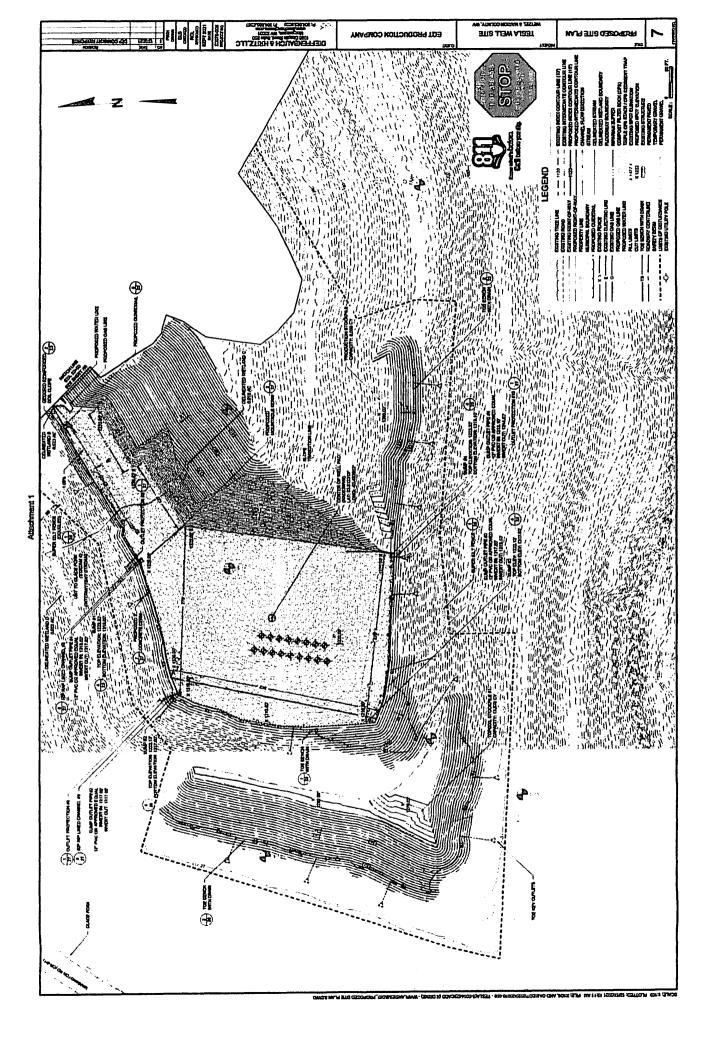
- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. Berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height;
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs;
- c. Wetland D shall be protected by two layers of forty-eight inch (48") Super Silt Fence. 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.

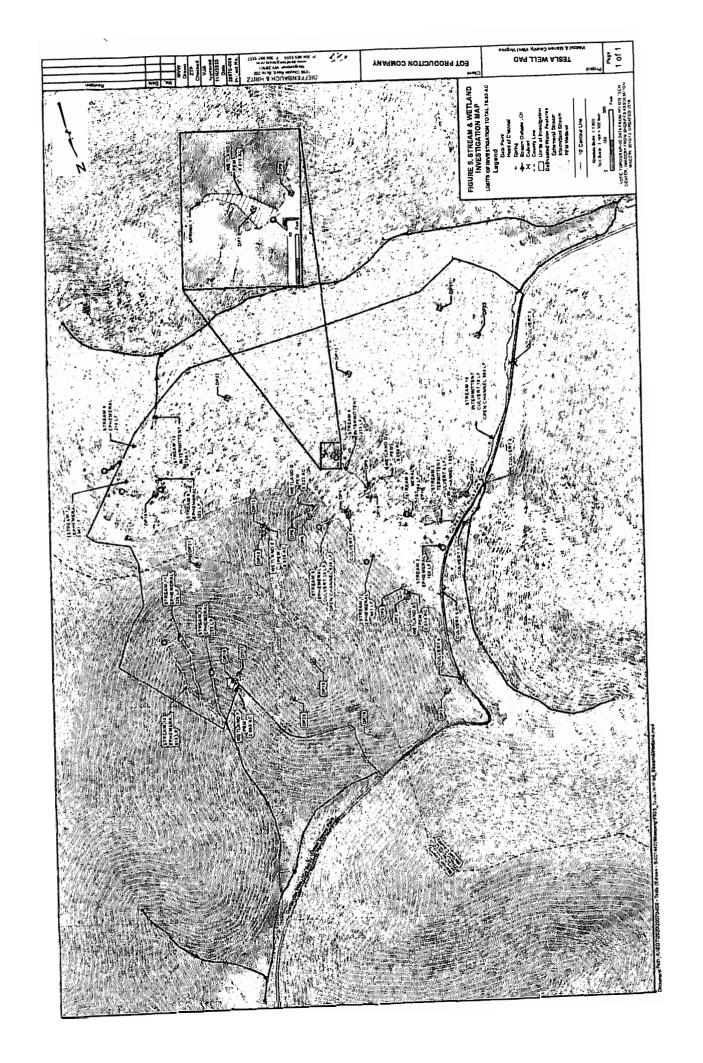
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OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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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: February 11, 2022 ORDER NO.: 2022-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 Tug Hill Operating, LLC (hereinafter "Tug Hill" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

In support of this Order, the Chief hereby finds the following:

- 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 November 2, 2021, Tug Hill submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-103-03467. The well is located on the Elmer Pad in the Proctor District of Wetzel County, West Virginia.
- 4. On November 2, 2021, Tug Hill requested a waiver for ASE Wetland 01 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# 47-103-03467.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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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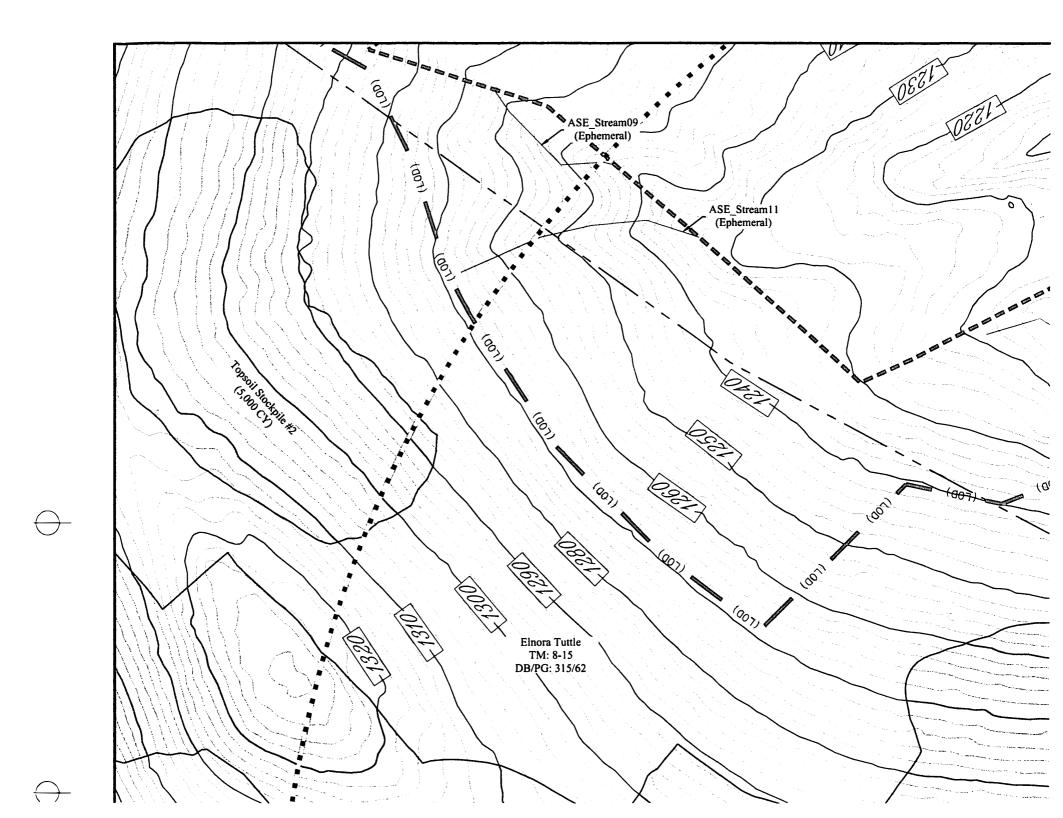
- a. A berm shall be constructed around the perimeter of the pad to contain any potential spills and storm water runoff. The berm is to be at least twenty-four inches (24") in height;
- b. Erosion control blankets shall be installed on all slopes and down gradient locations of the pad as erosion and sediment controlling BMPs;
- c. ASE Wetland 01 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 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;
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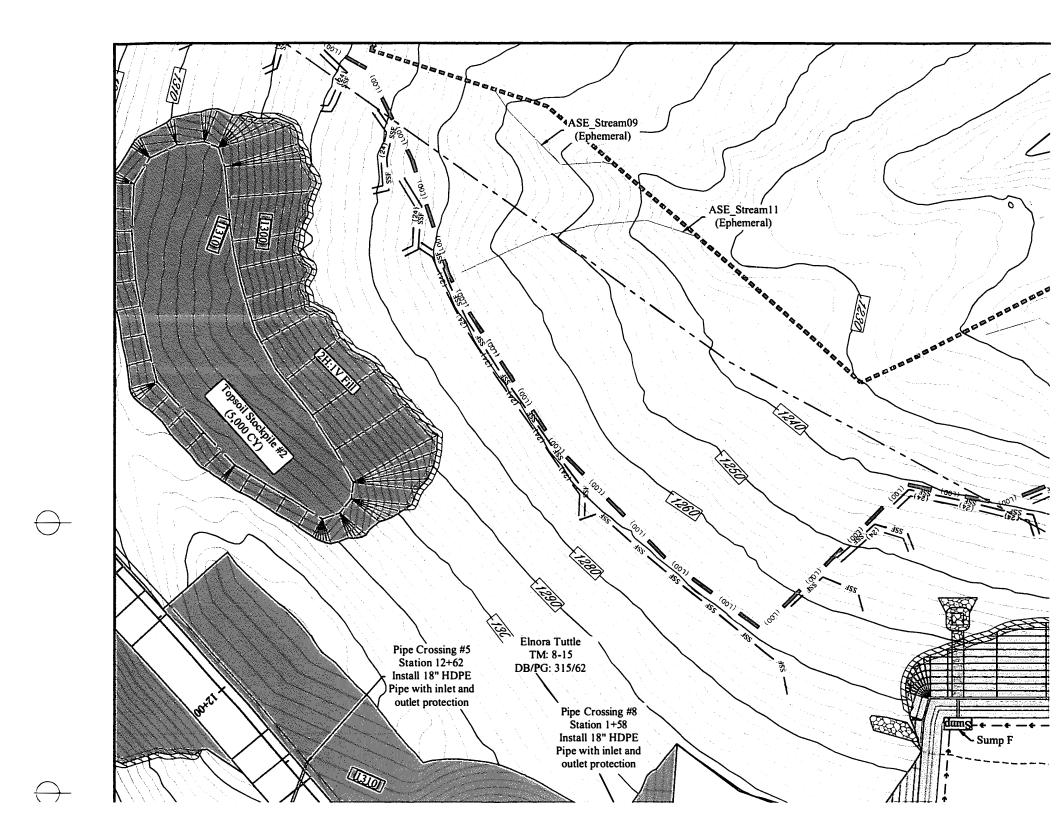
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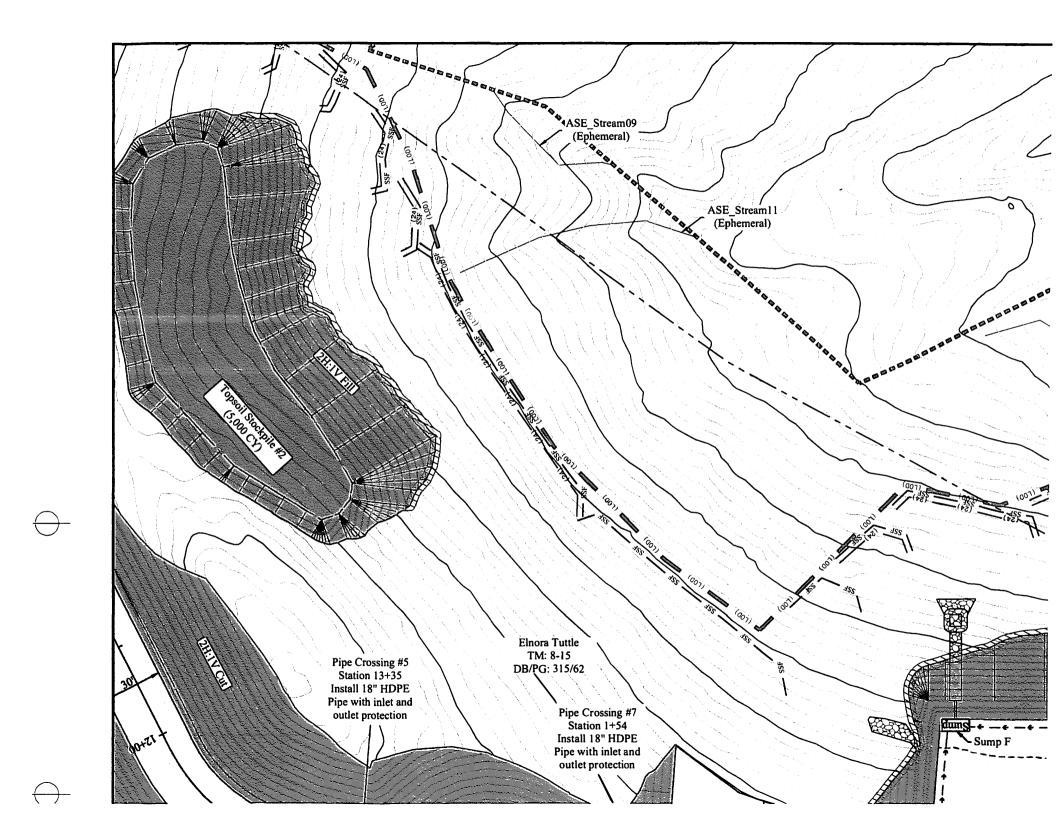
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ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: Antero Resources Corporation 1615 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202 DATE: February 24, 2022 ORDER NO.: 2022-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 Antero Resources Corporation (hereinafter "Antero" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

In support of this Order, the Chief hereby finds the following:

- 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.
- 3. On January 27, 2022, Antero submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47- 17- 06920. The well is located on the Locke Pad in the Southwest District of Doddridge County, West Virginia.
- 4. On January 27, 2022, Antero requested a waiver for Wetlands DC, JB, and KB 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# 47-017-06920.

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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 DC, JB, and KB shall be protected by two rows of forty-two inch (42") SMARTFence. 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;
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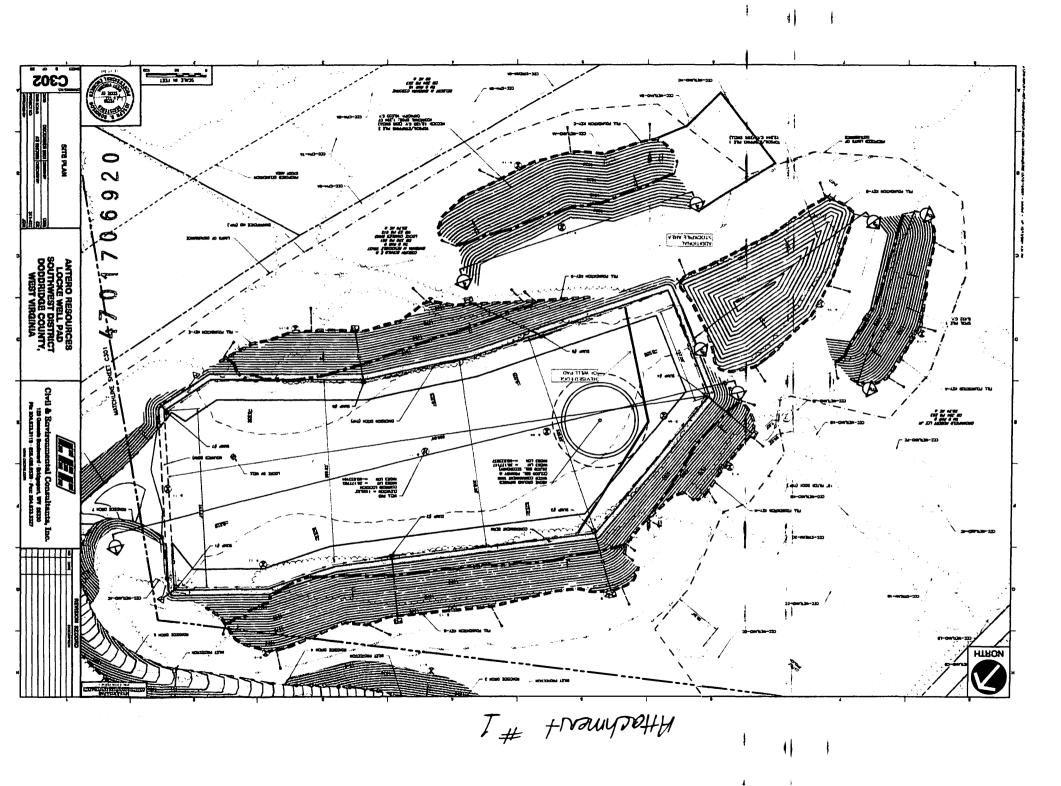
Thus ORDERED, the 24th day of February 2022.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

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

Bv:

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: March 1, 2022 ORDER NO.: 2022-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 HG Energy, LLC (hereinafter "HG" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

In support of this Order, the Chief hereby finds the following:

- 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 January 27, 2022, HG submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-041-05730. The well is located on the Vaneck 1215 Pad in the Freemans Creek District of Lewis County, West Virginia.
- 4. On January 27, 2022, HG requested a waiver for Wetlands, R, S and X 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. Wetlands R and S are outside the LOD limits of the 100' buffer of the pad area and will not be included in this waiver.

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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. Wetland X shall be protected by a layer of Super Silt Fence and eighteen-inch (18") compost filter sock. This along with 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.
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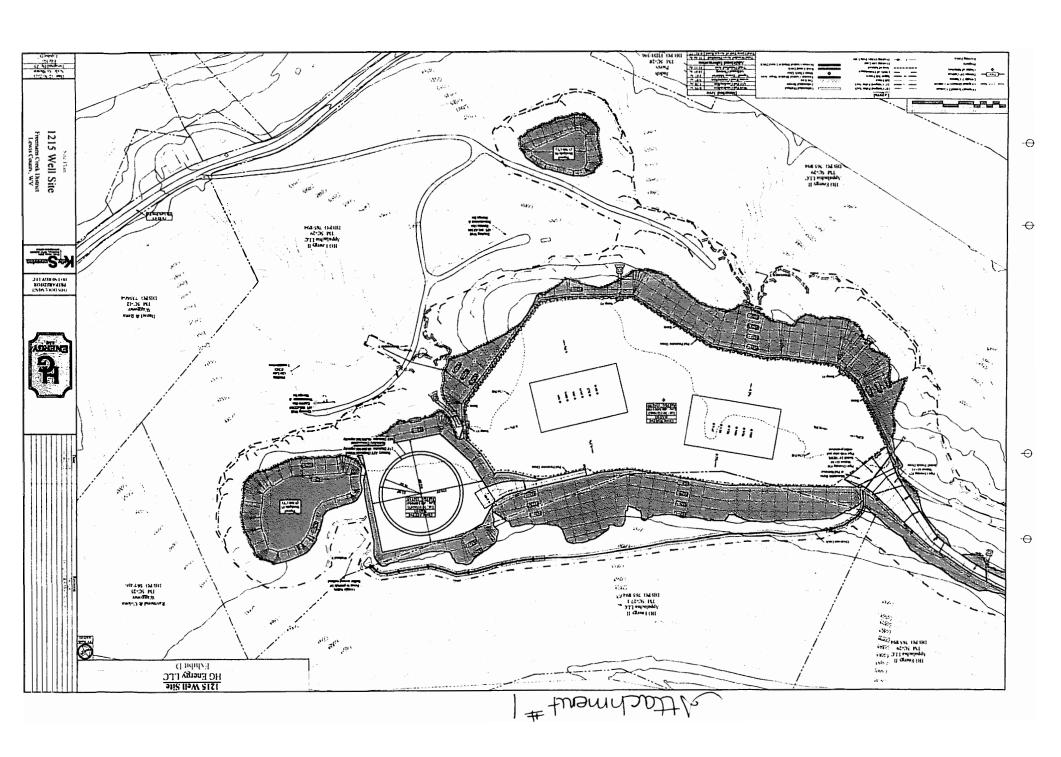
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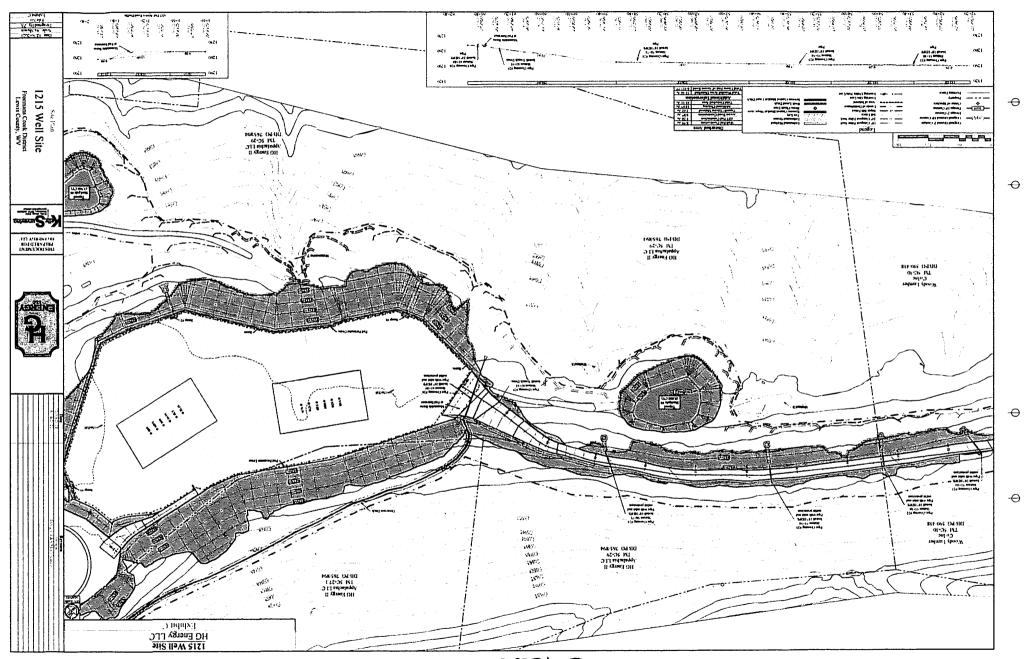
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ORDER ISSUED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 6A

TO: SWN Production Company, LLC

Post Office Box 12359 Spring, TX 77391-4954 DATE: March 21, 2022 ORDER NO.: 2022-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 SWN Energy, LLC (hereinafter "SWN" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

In support of this Order, the Chief hereby finds the following:

- 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. SWN is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as Post Office Box 12359, Spring, TX 77391-4954
- 3. On February 3, 2022, SWN submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-069-00334. The well is located on the Shannon Field OHI Pad in the Richland District of Ohio County, West Virginia.
- 4. On March 14, 2022, SWN requested a waiver for Wetlands W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4, W-5 and W-6 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# 47-069-00334. Wetlands W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-6 are inside the LOD and will be removed during construction, therefore they will not be a part of this waiver. These wetlands will be covered by the ACOE permit for the pad construction.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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 W-4 and W-5 shall be protected by a two layers twenty four-inch (24") compost filter sock. This along with 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.

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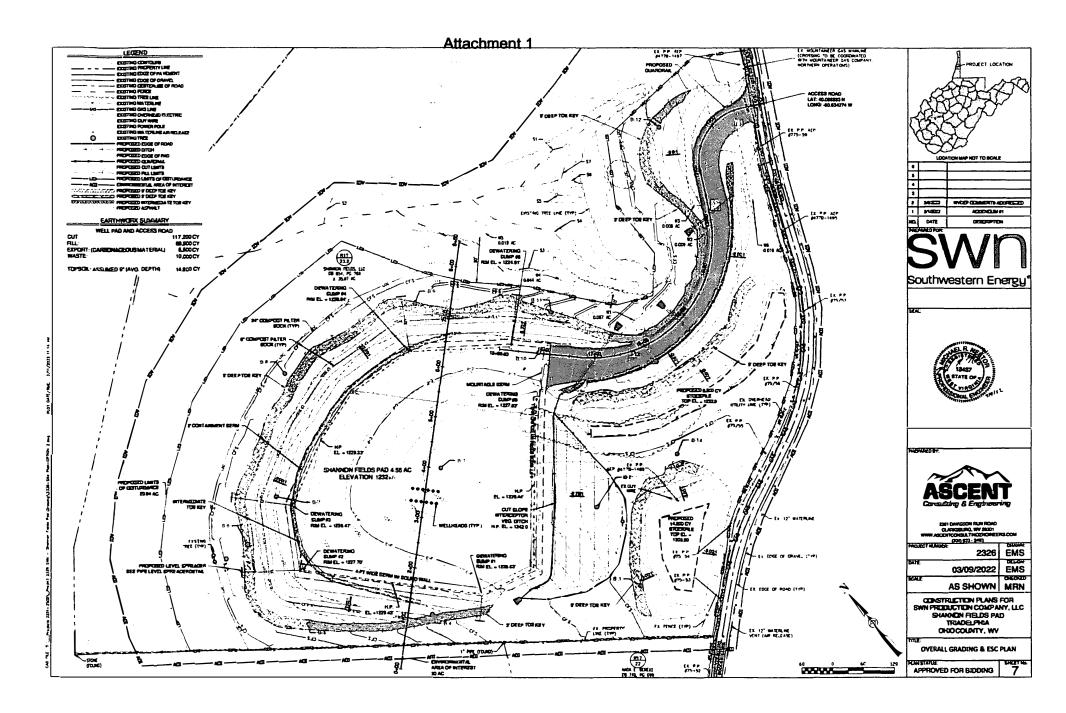
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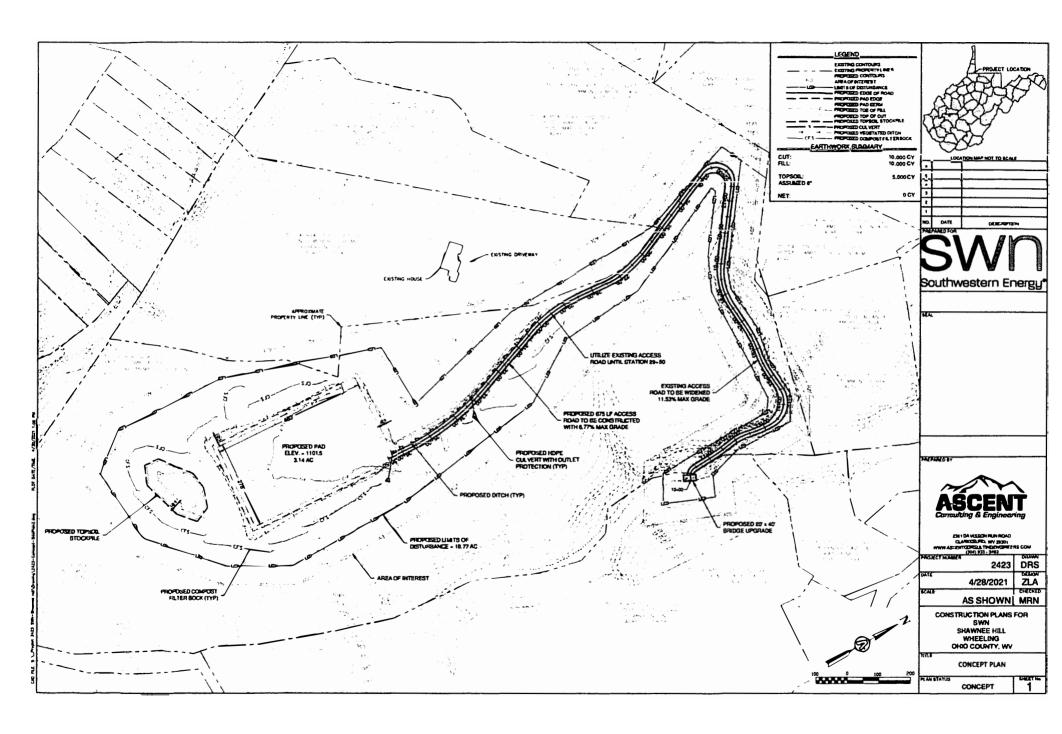
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Office of Oil and Gas 601 57th Street, S.E. Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0450 Fax: (304) 926-0452 Harold D. Ward, Cabinet Secretary dep.wv.gov

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

TO: Antero Resources Corporation 1615 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202 DATE: April 25, 2022 ORDER NO.: 2022-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 Antero Resources Corporation (hereinafter "Antero" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

In support of this Order, the Chief hereby finds the following:

- 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.
- 3. On March 30, 2022, Antero submitted a well work permit application identified as API# 47-103-03498. The well is located on the Cedar Pad in the Green District of Wetzel County, West Virginia.
- 4. On March 30, 2022, Antero requested a waiver for Wetlands B, R, S and T as outlined in Attachment I, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit application identified as API# 47-103-03498.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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 B, R, S and T shall be protected by two rows of forty-two inch (42") SMARTFence. 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.

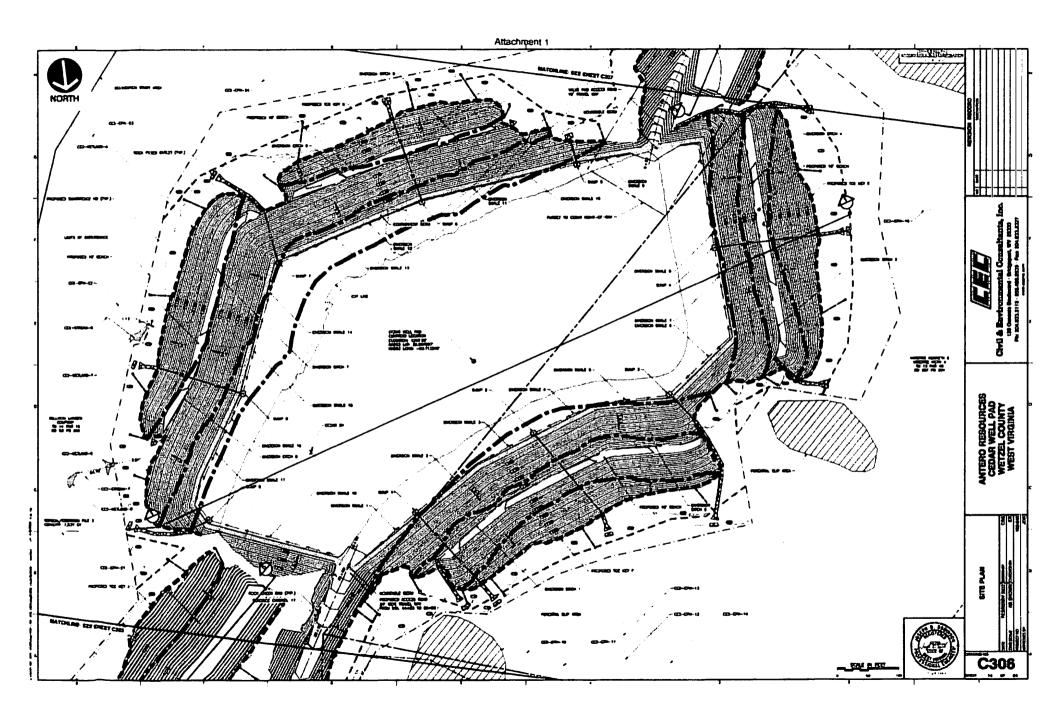
Thus ORDERED, the 25th day of April 2022.

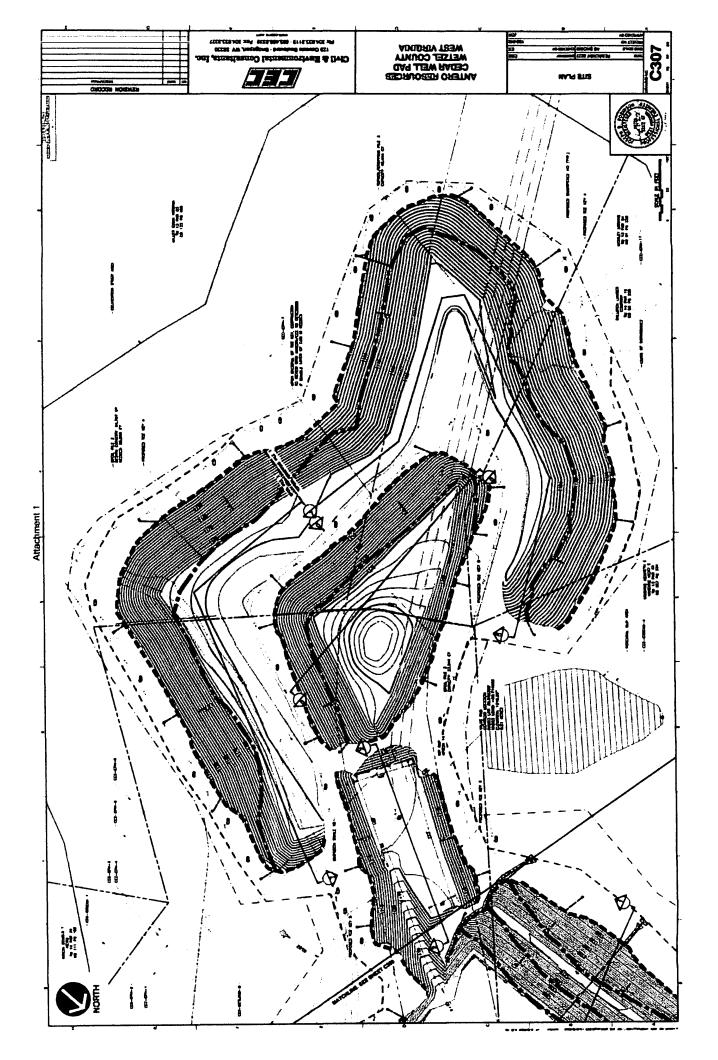
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AMES A. MARTIN, CHIEF







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Office of Oil and Gas 601 57th Street, S.E. Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0450 Fax: (304) 926-0452 Harold D. Ward, Cabinet Secretary dep.wv.gov

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

TO: Tribune Resources, LLC
3861 Ambassador Caffery Park
Lafayette, LA 70503

DATE: November 30, 2022 ORDER NO.: 2022-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 Tribune Resources, LLC (hereinafter "Tribune" or "Operator"), collectively the "Parties."

FINDINGS OF THE CHIEF

In support of this Order, the Chief hereby finds the following:

- 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. Tribune is a "person" as defined by W. Va. Code §22-6-1(n), with a corporate address as 3861 Ambassador Caffery Park, Lafayette, LA 70503.
- 3. On October 17, 2022, Tribune submitted well work permit applications identified as API# 47-095-02831, 47-095-02832, 47-095-02833, 47-095-02834, 47-095-02835, 47-095-02836, 47-095-02837 and 47-095-02838. The well is located on the BFT Pad in the McElroy District of Tyler County, West Virginia.
- 4. On October 17, 2022, Tribune requested a waiver for Wetlands 1 and 2, along with perennial streams Unnamed Tributary to Left Hand Fork and Left Hand Fork as outlined in Attachment 1, from well location restriction requirements in W. Va. Code §22-6A-12(b) for the well work permit applications identified as API# 47-095-02831, 47-095-02832, 47-095-02833, 47-095-02834, 47-095-02835, 47-095-02836, 47-095-02837 and 47-095-02838.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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."
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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 1 and 2, along with perennial streams Unnamed Tributary to Left Hand Fork and Left Hand Fork shall be protected by thirty two inch (32") compost filter sock and super silt fence. 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;
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- 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.

Order No. 2022-W-7

Thus ORDERED, the 30th day of November 2022.

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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