



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS MANAGEMENT

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Application tracking #

Request for Variance from Distance Restriction from Existing Building or Water Supply

Well Operator Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation		DEP ID# 329655	Well Permit or Registration Number (if assigned)	
Address 610 Reilly Ave			Well Farm Name ET-Braddock	
City Farmington	State NM	Zip Code 87401	Well # 1H	Serial #
Phone 505-324-5300	Fax 505-324-5300	County Allegheny	Municipality North Versailles	

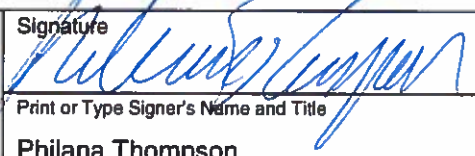
Describe your variance request. See instructions and requirements on back of form.

- * The well will be drilled within 200 feet from an existing building on the Edgard Thomson Works Site.
- * The water will be taken from the Monongahela River during well completion only
- * Please see proof of notification to owner form 8000-PM-OOGM0001bU and letter
- * Water supply address: Edgar Thomson Work site 152 11th St, Braddock, PA 15104 with a mailing address of: 13th & Braddock Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104
- * This project is covered under bond agreement #1492/bond instrument #115541
- * The variance is requested because of the limited space the well pad will be located.

Describe the plan which you will employ to protect people, property, and waters of the Commonwealth.

Construction and Practices

1. Well pad site will be designed & constructed to prevent spills.
2. Containment practices shall be:
 - Instituted during both drilling and hydraulic fracturing operations
 - Sufficiently impervious to contain spilled materials
 - Compatible with the waste material or waste stored or used within containment
3. An emergency response plan will be in place to protect people, property, and the waters of the Commonwealth

Signature of Applicant / Well Operator I certify that this request is part of the permit application I have filed for the above-referenced well and that all statements in that application are true and accurate, and are incorporated by reference into this request.	Signature 	Date 10/12/2018
	Print or Type Signer's Name and Title Philana Thompson	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied DEP Manager: _____	Conditions: <input type="checkbox"/> YES, See Attached <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date
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September 18, 2017

Mr. Jonathan Carnes
General Manager
Transtar, LLC.
1350 Penn Avenue, Suite 200
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Mr. Kurt Barshick
General Manager – Mon Valley Works
United States Steel Corporation – Irvin Plant
PO Box 878
Dravosburg, PA 15034

Re: Landowner Approvals for Surface Access & Proximity to Buildings

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the terms of the lease dated July 7, 2017 between Merrion Oil & Gas Corp (Merrion) as Lessee and the United States Steel Corporation (USS) and the Union Railroad Company, LLC (a subsidiary of Transtar, LLC, referred to hereinafter as Union), collectively the Lessees, Merrion is submitting permits to drill Marcellus horizontal wells on the Edgar Thomson Works site collectively owned by USS and Union. As part of the permit process, the DEP requires that operators get written and notarized approval from the landowner for use of the surface. Further, the DEP requires operators get written approval to drill within 200' of an existing building.

In that regard, Merrion requests approval for the following:

1. USS and Union collectively and individually agree to allow Merrion to utilize the surface to drill and operate wells, as long as it is done subject to the provisions of the above mentioned lease between the parties.
2. USS agrees to allow Merrion to drill within 200 feet from existing buildings on the Edgar Thomson Works site, as long as it is done subject to the provisions of the above mentioned lease.

If you approve of that plan, please execute, notarize, and return a copy of this letter to us for submittal with the permit application. If you have any questions, please call me at 505-402-5798. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Sharpe", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

George Sharpe
Investment Manager – Merrion Oil & Gas Corp

Landowners:
United States Steel Corporation
Transtar, LLC

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