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### ADVISORY – BRADDOCK – MARCH 27 – DEP to Hold Meeting on Application for Unconventional Drilling at Edgar Thomson Plant

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will hold a public meeting to present information and answer questions on the applications for natural gas development on U.S. Steel Corporation's Edgar Thomson Plant.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Braddock Volunteer Fire Department #2 Social Hall located at 845 Talbot Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104. Doors will open at 5:30 PM and pre-registration is not required.

DEP has invited representatives from Merrion Oil & Gas and U.S. Steel. This meeting will be specific to DEP applications relating to erosion and sedimentation and other DEP permit applications. The meeting will provide an opportunity for DEP to explain the project to the public and take public input. At this point in time there have been no air quality applications submitted to the Allegheny County Health Department.

The meeting coincides with a [30-day open public comment period on Merrion Oil & Gas's application for an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit \(ESP070218-001\)](https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol49/49-9/297a.html) (<https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol49/49-9/297a.html>).

Interested individuals can submit comments to DEP's Southwest District Office: Oil and Gas Program Manager, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 attention: Brian Bailey, P.E.

Responses should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments; identification of the permit application number (ESP070218-001), and concise statements regarding the relevance of the information or objections to issuance of the permit. DEP is also reviewing Merrion's application for a Utility Line Stream Crossing (GP05020718002) and Well Drilling and Operation permits (003-22563).

Applications and supporting documents under consideration by DEP are available for review on DEP's website <http://dep.pa.gov/southwest> (<http://dep.pa.gov/southwest>) under the Merrion Oil & Gas tab, or by scheduling a file review by contacting DEP's Southwest Regional Office at 412-442-4203.

Individuals in need of an accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, as provided for in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, should contact the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how DEP may accommodate your needs.

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