

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PERMITS

The following parties have applied for Erosion and Sediment Control Permits for earth disturbance activities associated with either road maintenance or timber harvesting operations.

Unless otherwise indicated, on the basis of preliminary review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Department proposes to issue a permit to discharge, subject to certain limitations in the permit conditions. These proposed determinations are tentative. Limitations are provided as erosion and sediment control best management practices which restrict the rate and quantity of sediment discharged.

A person wishing to comment on a proposed permit are invited to submit a statement to the appropriate Department regional office listed before the application within 30 days of this public notice. Comments reviewed within this 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of the final determinations regarding this application. Responses should include the name, address and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement to inform the Department of the exact basis of a comment and relevant facts upon which it is based. A public hearing may be held after consideration of comments received by the appropriate Department regional office during the 30-day public comment period.

Following the 30-day comment period, the appropriate regional office water management program manager will make a final determination regarding the proposed permit. Notice of this determination will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* at which time this determination may be appealed to the Environmental Hearing Board (Board).

The application and related documents, including the erosion and sediment control plan for the earth disturbance activity, are on file and may be inspected at the appropriate regional office.

Persons with a disability that require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate during the 30-day public comment period should contact the specified regional office. TDD users may contact the Department through the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984.

Applications received under sections 5 and 402 of The Clean Streams Law (35 P.S. §§ 691.5 and 691.402).

Southwest Region: Oil and Gas Program Manager, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, Brian Bailey, P.E., 570.974.2604.

ESP070218-001, Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation, 610 Reilly Avenue, Farmington, NM 87401, ET Braddock Well Pad.

Proposed Earth Moving Activities related to Oil & Gas Exploration and Production in East Pittsburgh Borough, North Braddock Borough, North Versailles Township **Allegheny County**.

The project consists of construction of an unconventional gas well pad, two access roads, five freshwater storage tanks. Additionally, Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation intends to construct a 2,770 ft natural gas pipeline and a 2,990 ft freshwater pipeline. The proposed project area is located on property owned by US Steel at the Mon Valley Works Edgar Thompson Steel Plant. A portion of the site will discharge stormwater to the North Braddock Borough MS4 Storm Sewer System along Braddock Ave. Other portions of the site will discharge or have the potential to discharge stormwater to Turtle Creek and unnamed tributary (T64495) to Turtle Creek (WWF, Siltation-Impaired, TMDL-impaired (metals, pH)). Total Disturbed Area is 13.4 acres.

For more detailed information regarding permit applications related to this project, which are available in the DEP Regional Office, go to www.dep.pa.gov to request a file review.