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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

February 5, 2015

Re: Monthly Reporting of Unconventional Well Production Data

Dear Unconventional Oil & Gas Well Operator:

The Act of October 22, 2014 (P.L. 2853, No. 173), known as the Unconventional Well Report Act, effective March 31, 2014, repealed Section § 3222(a.1)) of the 2012 Oil and Gas Act and requires operators of unconventional wells to file a monthly report with the Department of Environmental Protection, specifying the amount of production on the most well specific basis available. The initial report must be filed with the Department by March 31, 2015. This report must include the production data from January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015. Subsequent reports must include production data for each calendar month within 45 days after the last day of each month.

The Department is revising its online Oil and Gas reporting application to facilitate the monthly reporting of unconventional well production. The January 2015 monthly reporting period will be open in the online reporting application on or about February 17, 2015. The Unconventional Well Report Act requires operators to submit their January 2015 unconventional monthly production data by March 31, 2015, to be in compliance. Due dates for the next twelve monthly production reports are as follows:

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
February 2015	April 14, 2015
March 2015	May 15, 2015
April 2015	June 14, 2015
May 2015	July 15, 2015
June 2015	August 14, 2015
July 2015	September 14, 2015
August 2015	October 15, 2015
September 2015	November 14, 2015
October 2015	December 15, 2015
November 2015	January 14, 2016
December 2015	February 14, 2016
January 2016	March 16, 2016

Monthly production reporting functionality within the application will remain similar to current production reporting functionality. Operators will be able to either manually enter production data for each well in their inventory, or download a spreadsheet file of their well inventory, enter production data into the spreadsheet file, and then upload that spreadsheet into the online reporting application upon successful passage of validation. Once uploaded, operators will still need to submit the report to the Department. Regardless of which method an operator chooses to

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use, they will need to ensure that either production data or a non-production comment is reported for each well in their inventory.

Please note, although functionality to report waste data will remain for the monthly unconventional reporting periods, the Department is advising operators not to report waste data on a monthly basis. Currently, it is expected that reporting of waste for unconventional wells will continue to be required on a semi-annual basis. Additional information regarding the reporting of unconventional well waste will be forthcoming in the near future.

If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at msuchodols@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.772.2199.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron Suchodolski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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