

February 26, 2019

Mr. T. Greg Merrion, President  
Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation  
610 Reilly Ave  
Farmington, NM 87401

Re: Merrion Oil & Gas  
ESP070218-001  
Application No. PAD0200114  
Application No. GP05020718-002  
Application to conduct Earth Moving Activities related to Oil & Gas Exploration and  
Production  
ET Braddock Well Pad  
East Pittsburgh Borough, North Braddock Borough, North Versailles Township  
Allegheny County

Dear Mr. Merrion,

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department or DEP) is in receipt of the above referenced permit applications.

Merrion Oil and Gas submitted an individual NPDES permit application, requesting authorization to discharge stormwater associated with oil and gas activities. The Department has determined that the above referenced site should be authorized under an Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing, or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities (E&S Permit) rather than an NPDES permit. The Department will continue its review based on the information provided in the NPDES permit application. As the Department has identified a different permit type than the type of application that was submitted, it has changed the permit application number to ESP070218-001. The Department's tracking system (eFACTS) has been updated accordingly to reflect this change.

The Department has reviewed the above referenced application for completeness. The completeness review is the first step in a series of reviews conducted by DEP. The Department has determined that the application package contains sufficient detail to enable the Department to conduct the technical review and has been accepted for that purpose. A notification will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This is not a final action of the Department until the Department takes final action on the individual permit application. The application will now move to the technical review stage of the permit review process. During the technical review, the adequacy of the application and its

components will be evaluated to determine if sufficient information exists to render a decision on the technical merits of your application.

If you have additional questions about your application, please contact Tae-Uk Kim, Ph.D., P.E. at [taekim@pa.gov](mailto:taekim@pa.gov) or 412-442-4046 and refer to ESP070218-001. You may also follow your application through the review process by visiting *eFACTS on the Web* at: <https://www.ahs.dep.pa.gov/eFACTSWeb/default.aspx> .

Sincerely,



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