



December 8, 2020

Ryan Davis  
Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation  
610 Reilly Avenue  
Farmington, NM 87401-2634

Dear Mr. Davis:

On December 21, 2018, the Department of Environmental Protection received an application to drill and operate an unconventional well, the ET-Braddock #1H, Permit No.37-003-22563 and an application for an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit (ESCGP-3) at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works.

Subsequent to the Department receiving these permit applications, Merrion Oil and Gas's (Merrion) conditional use permit from the Borough of East Pittsburgh, to allow Merrion to construct and operate the well site and drill the proposed unconventional well, was rescinded, and Merrion's appeal of that Borough action was denied by the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board. At this point in time, Merrion appears to lack zoning authorization, and commencement of the proposed activities would violate operative law. Therefore, pursuant to Section 3211(e.1)(1) of the Oil and Gas Act, 58 Pa. C.S. § 3211(e.1)(1), and the Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. §10101 et seq., as amended by Acts 67 and 68 of 2000, the Department is suspending its review of the pending well permit and ESCGP-3 applications unless and until Merrion obtains zoning approval from the appropriate governmental entity to construct and operate the facility.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me by email at [scperry@pa.gov](mailto:scperry@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717-215-4559.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Perry".

Scott Perry  
Deputy Secretary  
Office of Oil and Gas Management  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection