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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS MANAGEMENT

DEP USE ONLY	
Inspection Record #:	3033281
Enforcement Record #:	
Complaint Record #:	

SURFACE ACTIVITIES INSPECTION REPORT

DEP Office	New Stanton Oil & Gas Office	Inspection Type	PF
Address	131 Broadview Road	Permit or Reg. #	125 - 28097
Addr Cont	New Stanton, PA 15672	ESCGP #	
Oper. Name	EQT PROD CO	Site #	732761
Oper. Address	400 WOODCLIFF DR, CANONSBURG, PA, 15317-5851	Project #	
Resp. Official Name		Farm Name & Well #	HARBISON 592604
Resp. Official Phone		Other Info	
Latitude	40.22902	Longitude	-80.03183
County	Washington	Municipality	Nottingham Township
Inspection Code	ADMIN - Administrative/File Review	Facility	
Permits / Auth	Well Permit	Site Phase	Restored/Prod
Well Info	Unconventional	Well Kind & Description	

REMARKS:
 Administrative inspection in response to a release reported by the Operator on May 13, 2020. According to the Communication Center Report, Operator representative DJ Hardy reported a release of production fluid from a Gas Production Unit (GPU) due to a failed fitting. Mr. Hardy reported that approximately 50 gallons of production fluid was released to the ground at the Vivian Harbison Well Pad in Nottingham Township, Washington County.

I spoke with Mr. Hardy by phone on May 13, 2020 and requested photos of the release. Mr. Hardy indicated that the Operator would be utilizing Act 2 clean up.

On May 13, 2020, I received an email containing 4 photos with the following description of the release, "On 5/13/20, a flanged nipple fitting on the bottom of the drip at GPU #592604A failed at the Harbison Pad, causing approximately 50 gallons of production water to be released onto the pad surface, off containment. The release was reported to PADEP Hotline at 4:50 PM, on 5/13/20. SPSI was dispatched to the site to perform the remediation. SPSI is also back on site today finishing the rest of the remediation that was left off yesterday evening. The spill was contained to the pad and no water ways were impacted."

The Operator is in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Departments spill policy. Violations are being issued for the quantity of fluid released.

Category	Subcategory	Inspection Remarks / Violations / Violation Remarks	I	R	V
Spills & Releases	Reporting / Remediating Releases Continuing: No	Violation: 91.34(A) - Failure to take necessary measures to prevent the substances from directly or indirectly reaching waters of this Commonwealth, through accident, carelessness, maliciousness, hazards of weather or from another cause. Violations Date: 05-15-2020 Violation Remarks:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	SWMA 301 Continuing: No	Violation: SWMA 301 - Person operated a residual waste processing or disposal facility without obtaining a permit for such facility from DEP. Person stored, transported, processed, or disposed of residual waste inconsistent with or unauthorized by the rules and regulations of DEP. Violations Date: 05-15-2020 Violation Remarks:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Waste Control & Disposal	Production Fluids Control & Storage Continuing: No	Violation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

78.57(a) - Operator failed to collect the brine and other fluids produced during operation, service and plugging of the well in a tank, pit or a series of pits or tanks, or other device approved by the Department or Operator discharged brine or other fluids on or into the ground or into waters of the Commonwealth.

Violations Date: 05-15-2020

Violation Remarks:

Waste
Management
General
Continuing: No



Violation:

78a54 - Operator failed to control and dispose of fluids, residual waste and drill cuttings, including tophole water, brines, drilling fluids, drilling muds, stimulation fluids, well servicing fluids, oil, and production fluids in a manner that prevents pollution of the waters of the Commonwealth and in accordance with 25 Pa. Code §§ 78a.55 – 78a.58 and 78a.60 – 78a.63.

Violations Date: 05-15-2020

Violation Remarks:

Inspection Results	Files Attached	Photos Attached	Date Inspected
VIOLS - Violation(s) Noted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	05-15-2020 12:50 PM

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE



SAMUEL STEINGRABE, Water Quality Specialist

Arrival Date: 05/15/2020 12:50 PM

Depart Date: 05/15/2020 02:09 PM

Notice of Violation(s)	
Citation	Description of Violation
25 Pa. Code § 78.57(a)	78.57(a) CONTROL, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PRODUCTION FLUIDS - Operator failed to collect the brine and other fluids produced during operation, service and plugging of the well in a tank, pit or a series of pits or tanks, or other device approved by the Department or Operator discharged brine or other fluids on or into the ground or into waters of the Commonwealth.
25 Pa. Code § 91.34(a)	91.34(A) ACTIVITIES UTILIZING POLLUTANTS - Failure to take necessary measures to prevent the substances from directly or indirectly reaching waters of this Commonwealth, through accident, carelessness, maliciousness, hazards of weather or from another cause.
35 P.S. § 6018.301	SWMA 301 MANAGEMENT OF RESIDUAL WASTE - Person operated a residual waste processing or disposal facility without obtaining a permit for such facility from DEP. Person stored, transported, processed, or disposed of residual waste inconsistent with or unauthorized by the rules and regulations of DEP.
25 Pa. Code § 78a.54	78a54 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - Operator failed to control and dispose of fluids, residual waste and drill cuttings, including tophole water, brines, drilling fluids, drilling muds, stimulation fluids, well servicing fluids, oil, and production fluids in a manner that prevents pollution of the waters of the Commonwealth and in accordance with 25 Pa. Code §§ 78a.55 – 78a.58 and 78a.60 – 78a.63.
<p>Note: This Notice of Violation is neither an order nor any other final action of the Department of Environmental Protection. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to the Department under any of its statutes. If the Department determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.</p>	
<p>58 Pa.C.S. § = Act 13(OGA) • 25 Pa.Code § • 35 P.S. § 6018. = Solid Waste Management Act • 35 P.S. § 691. = Clean Streams Law</p>	

Instructions Response	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	You are requested to respond as indicated below by 05/30/2020. If applicable, please include the description of activities you will pursue to achieve compliance with the statutes or regulations cited above. Address your reply to the DEP representative named below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No further response required at this time
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Written response requested
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Has to be done (Specify in the comment section below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add what you will do to correct the situation and achieve compliance?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Include explanation of cause of violations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Include the schedule or anticipated time frame for compliance activities you intend to carry out

Permit Reg. No.	Violation Date	DEP Rep	Cert Mail #	Mail Date
	05-15-2020	SAMUEL STEINGRABE		

Inspection Images

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