

#### west virginia department of environmental protection

Office of Oil and Gas 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0450 (304) 926-0452 fax Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor Randy C. Huffman, Cabinet Secretary www.dep.wv.gov

November 18, 2014

#### WELL WORK PERMIT Horizontal Well

This permit, API Well Number: 47-10501376, issued to HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC., is evidence of permission granted to perform the specified well work at the location described on the attached pages and located on the attached plat, subject to the provisions of Chapter 22 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and to all conditions and provisions outlined in the pages attached hereto. Notification shall be given by the operator to the Oil and Gas Inspector at least 24 hours prior to the construction of roads, locations, and/or pits for any permitted work. In addition, the well operator shall notify the same inspector 24 hours before any actual well work is commenced and prior to running and cementing casing. Spills or emergency discharges must be promptly reported by the operator to 1-800-642-3074 and to the Oil and Gas inspector.

Please be advised that form WR-35, Well Operators Report of Well Work is to be submitted to this office within 90 days completion of permitted well work, as should form WR-34 Discharge Monitoring Report within 30 days of discharge of pits, if applicable. Failure to abide by all statutory and regulatory provisions governing all duties and operations hereunder may result in suspension or revocation of this permit and, in addition, may result in civil and/or criminal penalties being imposed upon the operators.

In addition to the applicable requirements of this permit, and the statutes and rules governing oil and gas activity in WV, this permit may contain specific conditions which must be followed. Permit conditions are attached to this cover letter.

Per 35CSR-4-5.2.g this permit will expire in two (2) years from the issue date unless permitted well work is commenced. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at (304) 926-0499 ext. 1654.

Chief

James Martin

Operator's Well No: HR-508

Farm Name: HARPER, GENE

API Well Number: 47-10501376

Permit Type: Horizontal Well Date Issued: 11/18/2014

Promoting a healthy environment.

#### PERMIT CONDITIONS

West Virginia Code §22-6-11 allows the Office of Oil and Gas to place specific conditions upon this permit. Permit conditions have the same effect as law. <u>Failure to adhere to the specified permit conditions may result in enforcement action.</u>

#### CONDITIONS

- 1. If the operator encounters an unanticipated void, or an anticipated void at an unanticipated depth, the operator shall notify the inspector within 24 hours. Modifications to the casing program may be necessary to comply with W. Va. Code §22-6-20, which requires drilling to a minimum depth of thirty feet below the bottom of the void, and installing a minimum of twenty (20) feet of casing. Under no circumstance should the operator drill more than fifty (50) feet below the bottom of the void or install less than twenty (20) feet of casing below the bottom of the void.
- 2. Pursuant to 35 CSR 4-19.1.a, at the request of the surface owner all water wells or springs within 1000 feet of the proposed well that are actually utilized for human consumption, domestic animals or other general use shall be sampled and analyzed.
- 3. Pursuant to 35 CSR 4-19.1.c, if the operator is unable to sample and analyze any water well or spring with one thousand (1,000) feet of the permitted well location, the Office of Oil and Gas requires the operator to sample, at a minimum, one water well or spring located between one thousand (1,000) feet and two thousand (2,000) feet of the permitted well location.
- 4. All pits must be lined with a minimum of 20 mil thickness synthetic liner.
- 5. In the event of an accident or explosion causing loss of life or serious personal injury in or about the well or while working on the well, the well operator or its contractor shall give notice, stating the particulars of the accident or explosion, to the oil and gas inspector and the Chief within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 6. During the surface casing and cementing process, in the event cement does not return to the surface, or any other casing string that is permitted to circulate cement to the surface and does not return to the surface, the oil and gas inspector shall be notified within twenty-four (24) hours
- 7. Well work activities shall not constitute a hazard to the safety of persons.
- 8. Operator shall provide the Office of Oil & Gas notification of the date that drilling commenced on this well. Such notice shall be provided by sending an email to DEPOOGNotify@wv.gov within 30 days of commencement of drilling.

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# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS WELL WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

	WEEL WORKT EI	RMIT APPLIC	ATION	5	572
1) Well Operator:	Hard Rock Exploration, Inc.	494464205	Wirt	Reedy	Reedy, WV 7.5
		Operator ID	County	District	Quadrangle
2) Operator's Wel	Number: HR-508		3) Elevation:	873'	-
4) Well Type: (a)	Oil or Gas X				
(b) I	f Gas: Production X / Unde	erground Sto	rage		
	Deep/ Sh	nallow X			
6) Proposed Total 7) Approximate fro 8) Approximate sa  9) Approximate co	et Formation(s): Lower Huron  Depth: 7787' TMD Feet Fesh water strata depths: Deepest and lit water depths: 1833'-2033'  Depth: 7787' TMD Feet Feet Feet Feet Feet Feet Feet Fee	ormation at F	Proposed Tai Proposed Tot		
11) Does land cor	ntain coal seams tributary to activ	ve mine? N	0		-
12) Describe propo	sed well work and fracturing metho	ods in detail (a	ttach additiona	al sheets if ne	eeded)
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TYPE SPECIFICATIONS				FOOTAGE INTERVALS CEMENT				
	Size	Grade	Weight per ft	For Drilling	Left in Well	Fill -up (Cu. Ft.)		
Conductor	13 3/8"	LS	37	30'	30'	n/a		
Fresh Water	9 5/8"	LS	26	800'	800'	395cuft cts		
Coal								
Intermediate	7"	LS	19	2470'	2470'	553cuft cts		
Production	4 1/2"	N-80	11.6	7787'	7787'	130cuft		
Tubing	87				1	fice of Oil and Gar		
Liners					1 W	NOV 04 2014		

Packers: Kind: Hydraulic Set open hole packer

Sizes: 4.5" X 6 5/8" 10k diff Seal

Depths Set

Place 14 stg open hole packer system from 4350'MD-7787" (244 spacing per stg) \_15th packer at 2700"

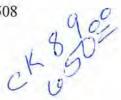
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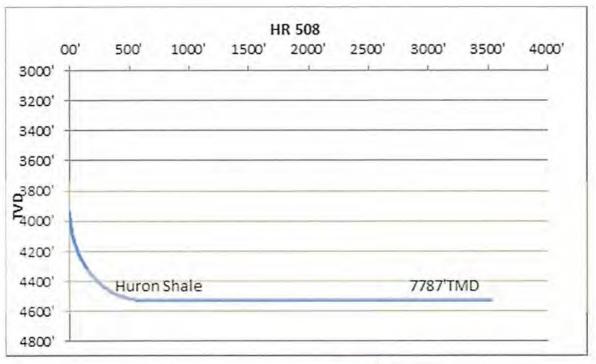
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#### NOTICE

#### WELLBORE GRAPH HARD ROCK EXPLORATION WELL NO. HR-508





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HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC. 1244 MARTINS BRANCH ROAD CHARLESTON, WV 25312

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1). Date: October 10. 2014

2.) Operator's Well Number

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County

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Permit

3.) API Well No .:

State 47-

#### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR A WELL WORK PERMIT

4) Surface Ow	vner(s) to be served:	5) (a) Coal Op	erator
(a) Name	Albert Gene Harper	Name	None
Address	1 First American Way	Address	
0,100,1240	Westlake, TX 76262		
(b) Name		(b) Coal C	Owner(s) with Declaration
Address		Name	Albert Gene Harper W
7 1441 444		Address	1 First American Wav
			Westlake, TX 76262
(c) Name		Name	Westiane, TX TOZOZ
Address		Address	( <del></del>
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6) Inspector	Joe Taylor	(c) Coal L	essee with Declaration
	78497 Claylick Road	Name	None
(San A 222 151)	Ripley, WV 25271	Address	
Telephone	(304)380-7469		
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OR	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
	he information required by Chapter	22, Article 6, Section	on 8(d) of the Code of West Virginia (see page 2)
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			ough on the above named parties by:
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$\overline{x}$	Certified Mail (Postmarked p		ed)
	Publication (Notice of Publication		
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issued under this			, -9 , , , , , , ,
		ersonally examined	and am familiar with the information submitted on
this application f	orm and all attachments, and that	based on my inqui	ry of those individuals immediately responsible for
obtaining the info	ormation, I believe that the informat	ion is true, accurate	and complete.
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	TINS BRANCH RD. CHARLESTON, WV 25312	Charleston, \	WV 25312
	Telephor	ne: 304-984-900	14
	Ema	ail: monica@har	drockexploration.com RECEIVED
Subscribed and	sworn before me this 17th day	of Octobe	2 - DOMENT OF OU
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	Joan 2	. Deane	Notary Public
My Commission	Expires Sept. (	, 2022	NOV 0 3 2014
Oil and Gas Privacy	Notice		140 / =
The Office of Oil an	d Gas processes your personal informati	on, such as name, add	ress and phone number as a part of our redulation dudes.

Your personal information may be disclosed to other State agencies or third parties in the normal course of pushess by a preceding with statutory or regulatory requirements, including Freedom of Information Act requests. Our office will appropriately secure your information. If you have any questions about our use of your personal information, please contact DEP's Chief Privacy Office/2t1/2014 depprivacyofficer@wv.gov

#### COAL OPERATOR, OWNER, OR LESSEE WAIVER

County Wirt		
Operator Hard Rock Exploration, Inc.	Operator's Well Number	HR-508
INSTRUCTIONS TO	COAL OPERATOR, OWNER	R, OR LESSEE
To the coal operator, owner, or any objection you wish to make or are with the Chief of the Office of Oil and by the Office. Mail objections to:	required to make by WV Code	2-A. You are hereby notified that e 22-6-15, 16 or 17, must be filed fter the receipt of this application
Chief, Office of Oil and Gas Department of Environmental Protectio 601 57 <sup>th</sup> St. SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0499 extension 1654	n	
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#### SURFACE OWNER WAIVER

County	Wirt	Operator	Hard Rock Exploration, Inc.	
		Operator well number	HR-508	

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO SURFACE OWNERS NAMED ON PAGE WW2-A

The well operator named on page WW2A is applying for a permit from the State to do oil or gas well work. (Note: If the surface tract is owned by more than three persons, then these materials were served on you because your name appeared on the Sheriff's tax ticket on the land or because you actually occupy the surface tract. In either case, you may be the only owner who will actually receive these materials.) See Chapter 22 of the West Virginia Code. Well work permits are valid for 24 months. If you do not own any interest in the surface tract, please forward these materials to the true owner immediately if you know who it is. Also, please notify the well operator and the Office of Oil and Gas.

NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE ANY COMMENT. WHERE TO FILE COMMENTS AND OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Chief. Office of Oil and Gas Department of Environmental Protection 601 57th St. SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0450

Time Limits and methods for filing comments. The law requires these materials to be served on or before the date the operator files his Application. You have FIFTEEN (15) DAYS after the filing date to file your comments. Comments must be filed in person or received in the mail by the Chief's office by the time stated above. You may call the Chief's office to be sure of the date. Check with your postmaster to ensure a dequate delivery time or to arrange special expedited handling. If you have been contacted by the well operator and you have signed a "voluntary statement of no objection" to the planned work described in these materials, then the permit may be issued at any time.

Comments must be in writing. Your comments must include your name, address and telephone number, the well operator's name and well number and the approximate location of the proposed well site including district and county from the application. You may add other documents, such as sketches, maps or photographs to support your comments.

The Chief has the power to deny or condition a well work permit based on comments on the following grounds:

- 1) The proposed well work will constitute a hazard to the safety of persons.
- The soil erosion and sediment control plan is not adequate or effective;
- 3) Damage would occur to publicly owned lands or resources;
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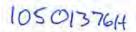
List of Water Testing Laboratories. The Office maintains a list of water testing laboratories which you can hire to test your water to establish water quality prior to and after drilling. Contact the Chief to obtain a copy.

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF NO OBJECTION

I hereby state that I have read the instructions to surface owners and that I have received copies of a Notice and Application for a Well Work Permit on Form WW2-A, and attachments consisting of pages 1 through \_\_\_ order on F orm WW2-B, a survey plat, and a soil and erosion plan, all for proposed well work on my surface land as described therein.

I further state that I have no objection to the planned work described in these materials, and I have no objection to a permit being issued on those materials.

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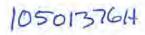
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#### INFORMATION SUPPLIED UNDER WEST VIRGINIA CODE Chapter 22, Article 6, Section 8(d) IN LIEU OF FILING LEASE(S) AND OTHER CONTINUING CONTRACT(S)

Under the oath required to make the verification on page 1 of this Notice and Application, I depose and say that I am the person who signed the Notice and Application for the Applicant, and that -

- (1) the tract of land is the same tract described in this Application, partly or wholly depicted in the accompanying plat, and described in the Construction and Reclamation Plan;
- (2) the parties and recordation data (if recorded) for lease(s) or other continuing contract(s) by which the Applicant claims the right to extract, produce or market the oil or gas are as follows:

Grantor, Lessor, etc.	Grantee, Lessee, etc.	Royalty	Book/Page
Albert Gene & Doris Ann Harper	Hard Rock Exploration, Inc.	% of 1/8	243/300

#### Acknowledgement of Possible Permitting/Approval In Addition to the Office of Oil and Gas

The permit applicant for the proposed well work addressed in this application hereby a cknowledges the possibility of the need for permits and/or approvals from local, state, or federal entities in addition to the DEP, Office of Oil and Gas, including but not limited to the following:

- WV Division of Water and Waste Management
- WV Division of Natural Resources
- WV Division of Highways
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- County Floodplain Coordinator

The applicant further acknowledges that any Office of Oil and Gas permit in no way overrides, replaces, or nullifies the need for other permits/approvals that may be necessary and rains and rains permits/approvals should be ac quired from the appr opriate aut hority before the appropriate authority before a propriate authorit

> Well Operator: By:Its:

Hard Rock Exploration Inc.

Executive Vice President

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## West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Oil and Gas

#### NOTICE TO SURFACE OWNERS

The well operator named below is preparing to file for a permit from the state to drill a new well. Before a well work permit can be filed with the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas, the well operator is required to have given notice of the right to request water well or spring analytical testing. This notice shall be given to the owners or occupants of land which have a water well or spring being utilized for human consumption, domestic animals, or other general use and which is located within 1000 feet of the proposed well site.

With this form, the operator is giving you notice of your right to request analytical testing. The operator is required to sample and analyze the water wells or springs of all owners or occupants who request it. Therefore, if you wish to have your water well or spring tested, contact the operator named below.

All sampling shall be completed prior to drilling. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such sample analyses the operator shall submit the results to the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas and to the owners or occupants who may have requested them.

Be advised, you have the right to sample and analyze any water supply at your own expense.

Listed below is the laboratory chosen by operator to perform analysis, and contactor chosen to collect sample.

Certified Labora	atory Name	Standard Labs or Sturm Lab
Sampling Contr	ractor	Standard Labs or Sturm Lab
Well Operator	Hard Rock Ex	ploration, Inc.
Address	1244 Martins	Branch Road
	Charleston, W	V 25312
Telephone	304-984-9004	

FOR OPERATOR'S USE ONLY: Below, or on an attached page, list those persons which were given this notice. Place an asterisk beside the one(s) that contacted you and requested sampling and analyses. If there were no requests made, indicate by underling which one you have selected to sample and analyze. If there are no water wells or springs within 1000 feet of the proposed site, the Chief may require the operator to test wells up to 2000 feet from the proposed site.

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# FOR HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC. WELL HR-508A

NO WATER SOURCES IDENTIFIED WITHIN 2,000' OF PROPOSED WELL SITE.

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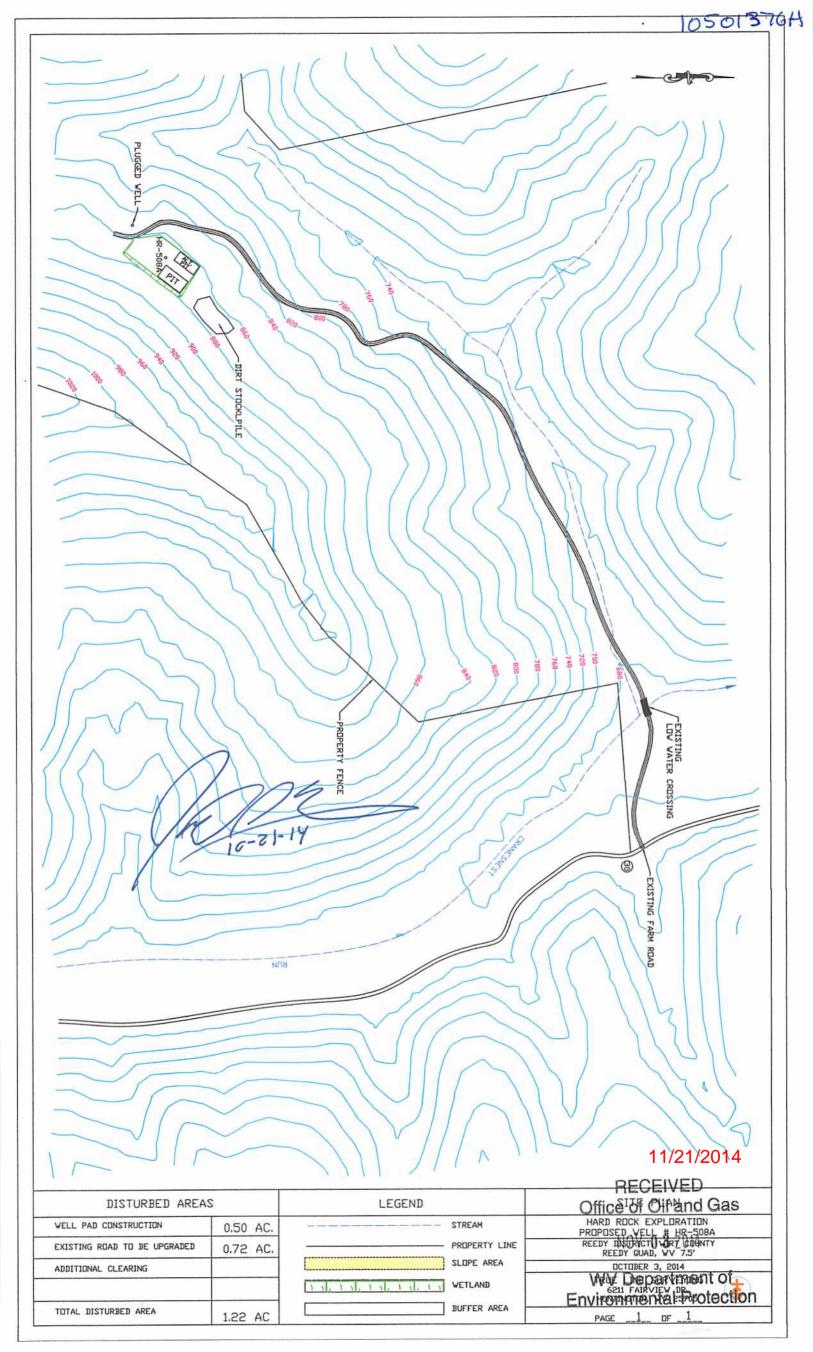
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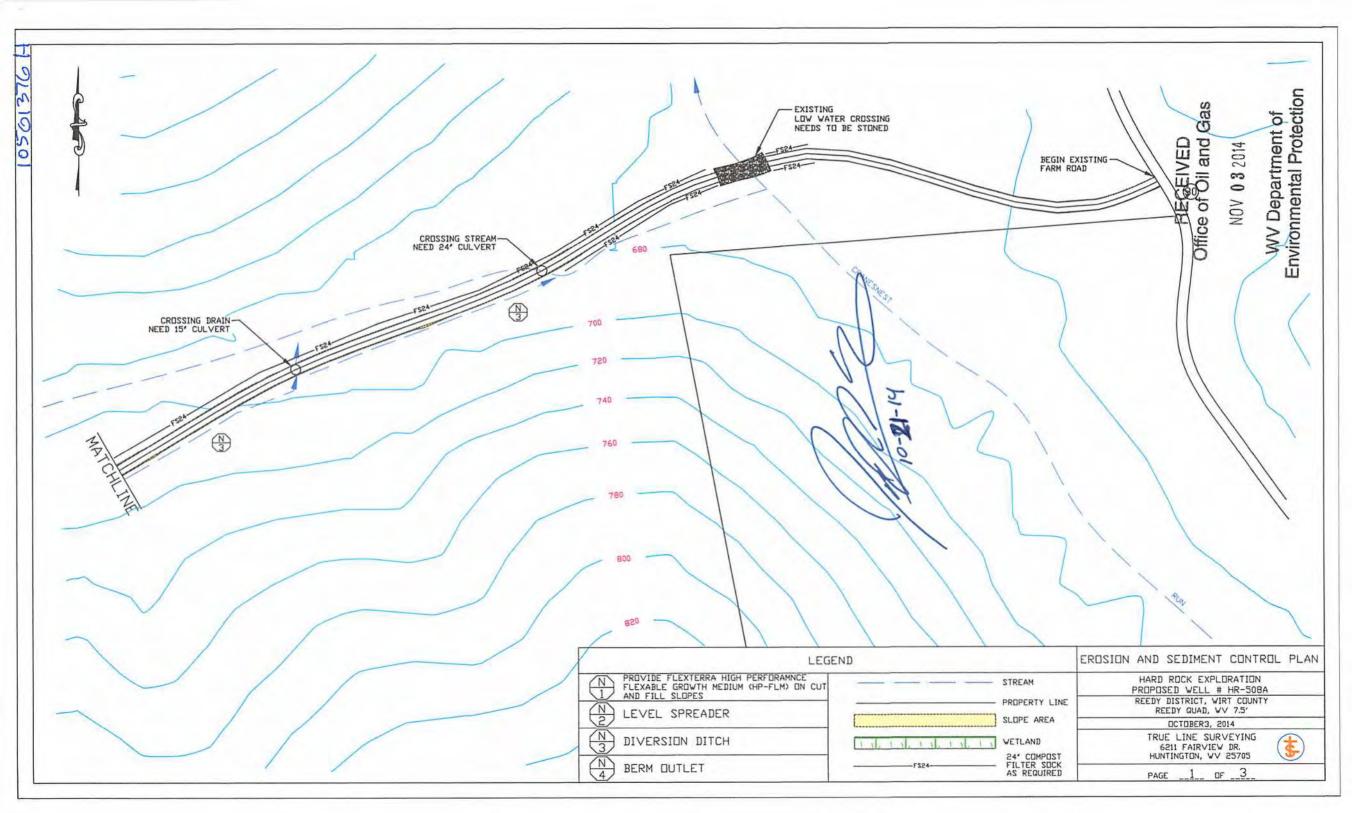
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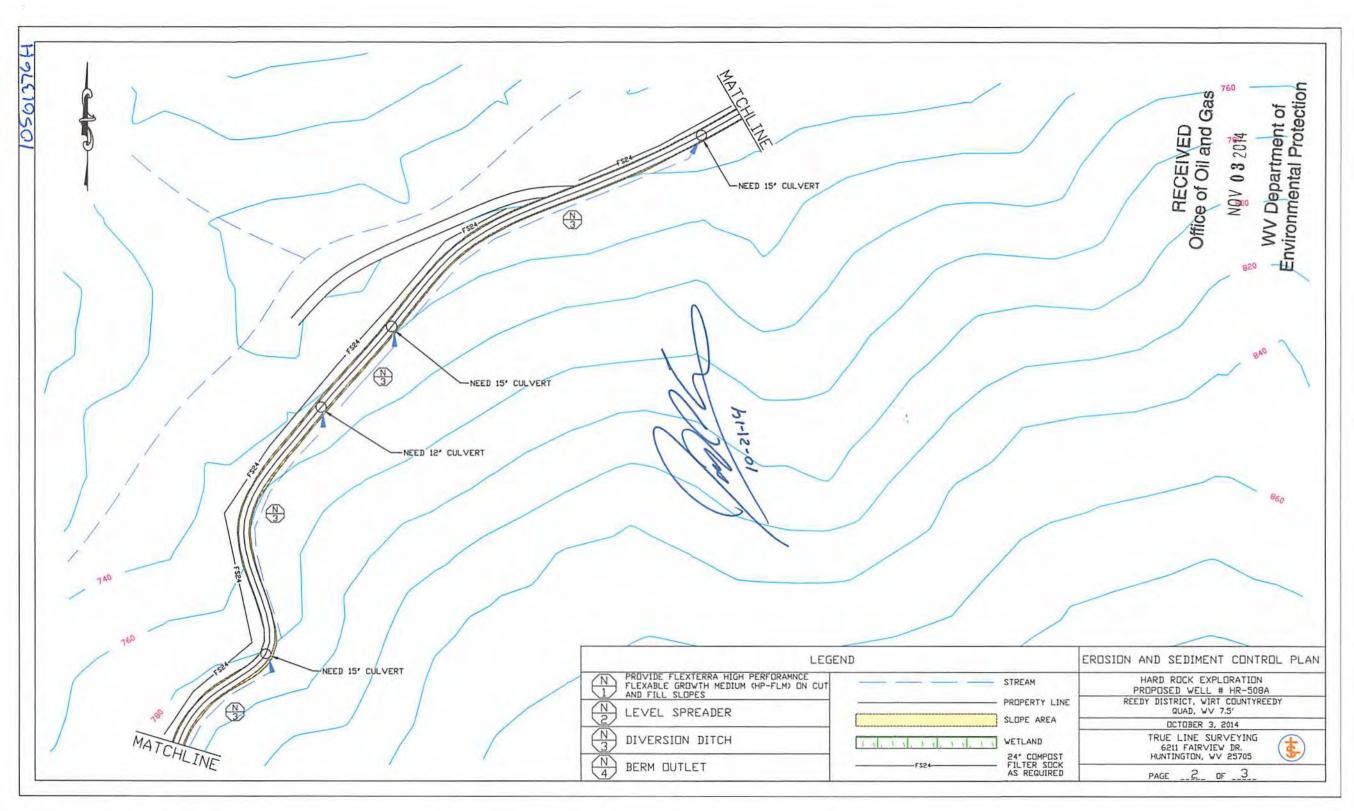
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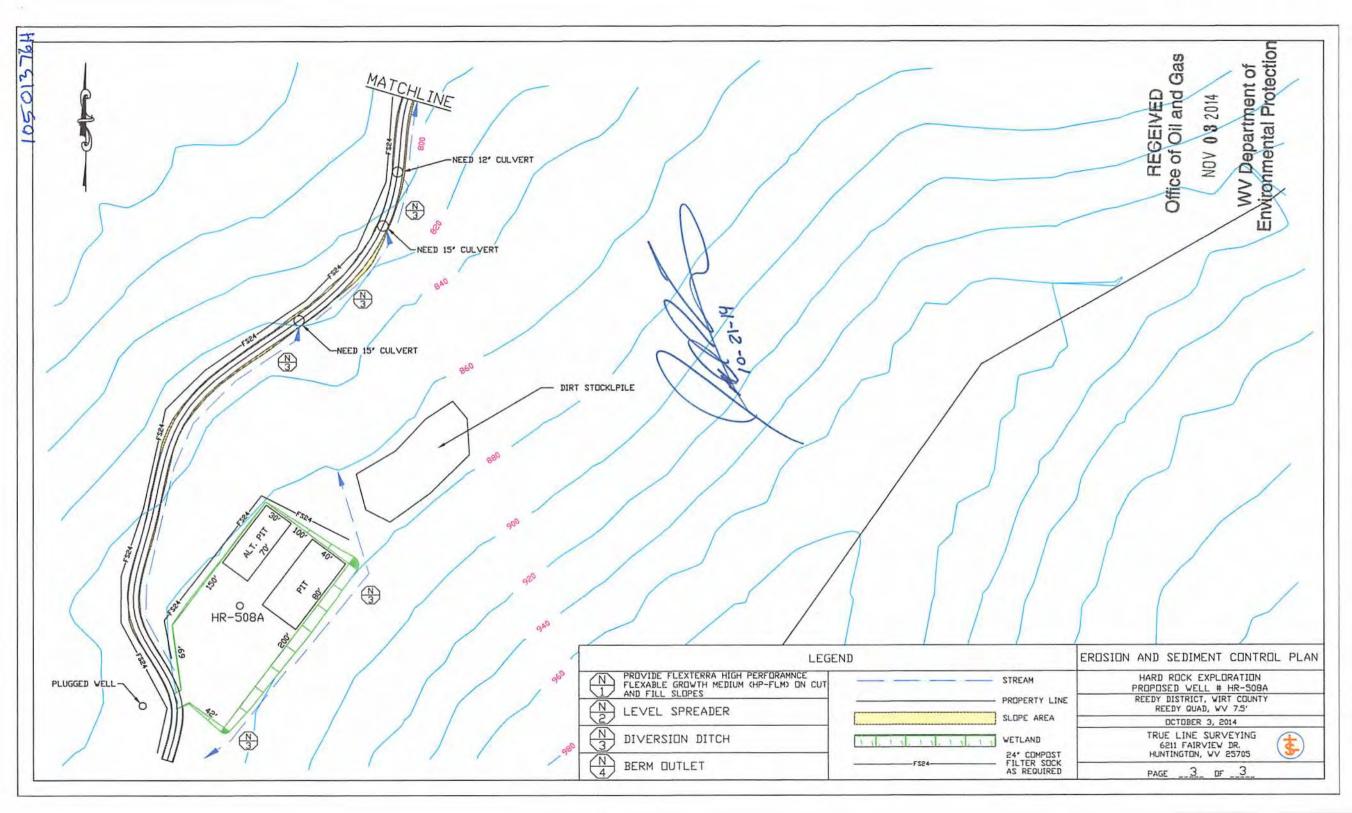
Operator Name Hard Re	ock Exploration, Inc.		OP Code	494464205
Watershed (HUC 10) Fo	olley Run of Reedy Creek	Qu	adrangle Reedy, WV	7.5
Elevation 873	County	wirt	District	Reedy
Do you anticipate using t	nore than 5,000 bbls of water t	to complete the p	proposed well work?	Yes No X
Will a pit be used for dri	ll cuttings? Yes X N	lo		
If so, please des	cribe anticipated pit waste: D	rill Cuttings		
Will a synthetic	liner be used in the pit? Yes	X No _	If so, what ml.	
Proposed Dispo	sal Method For Treated Pit Wa	astes:		20 MIL.
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-	Off Site Disposal (Supply for			3503005, Well will be noted in DMR
	Other (Explain			
Will closed loop system	be used? No			
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	nat type? Synthetic, petroleum.			
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-Landfill or offs	ite name/permit number?			
on August 1, 2005, by th provisions of the permit law or regulation can lea I certify under application form and al obtaining the information	e Office of Oil and Gas of the are enforceable by law. Viola d to enforcement action. penalty of law that I have pell attachments thereto and that on, I believe that the information false information, including the	West Virginia D ations of any ter ersonally examir at, based on my tion is true, acc	repartment of Environr rm or condition of the ned and am familiar v y inquiry of those in- jurate, and complete.	VATER POLLUTION PERMIT mental Protection. I understand general permit and/or other ap- vith the information submitted dividuals immediately respons I am aware that there are sig
Company Official (Type	ed Name) Monica Francisco	1		OFOENER
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Proposed Revegetation Treats	ment: Acres Disturbed 1.2	Prevegetation p	ы <u>5.5</u>
Lime 3	Tons/acre or to correct t	о pH <u>6.5</u>	
Fertilizer (10-20-20	or equivalent) 500	_lbs/acre (500 lbs minimum)	
	nor (Dance at 1600 lbc/ages)	ons/acre	
		Seed Mixtures	
Are	ea I	A	rea II
Seed Type	lbs/acre	Seed Type	lbs/acre
Red Top	15	Red Top	15
Orchard Grass	25	Orchard Grass	25
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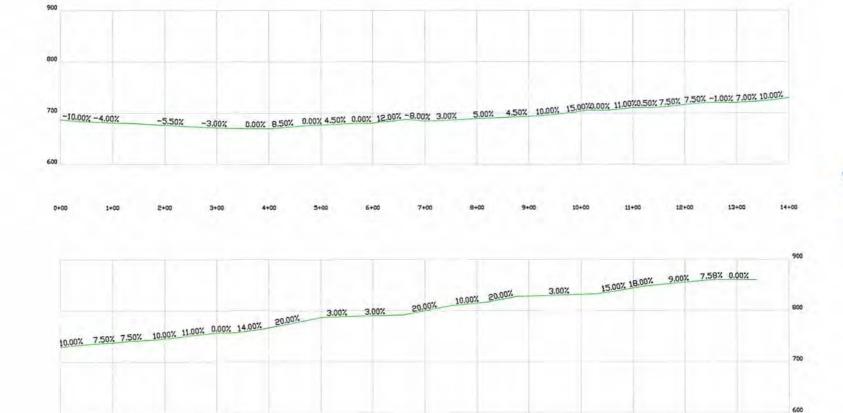
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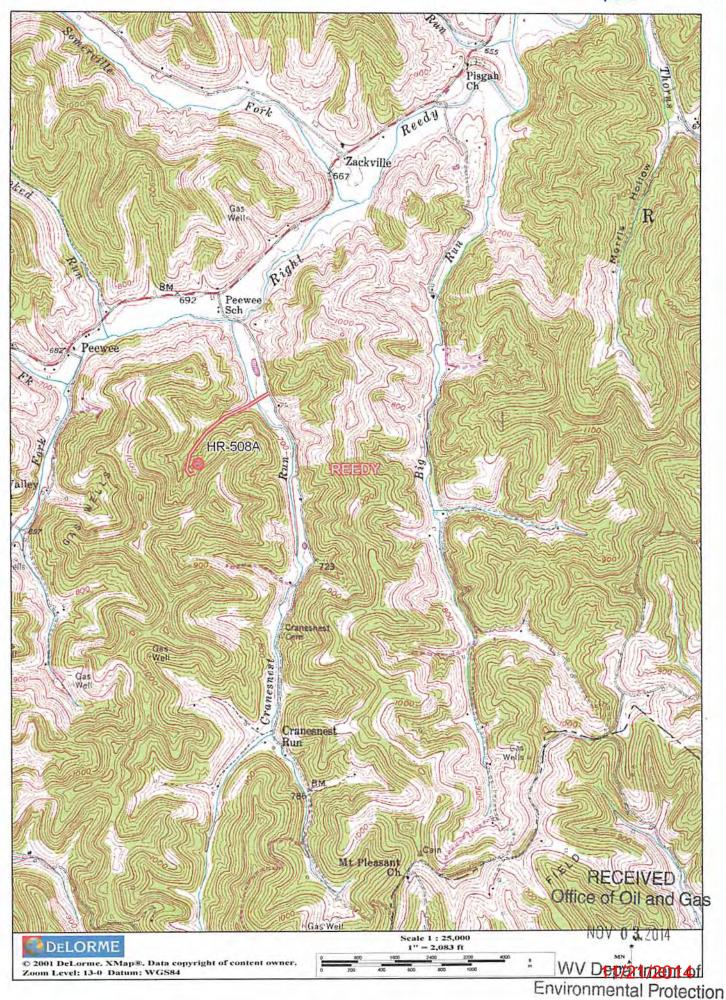
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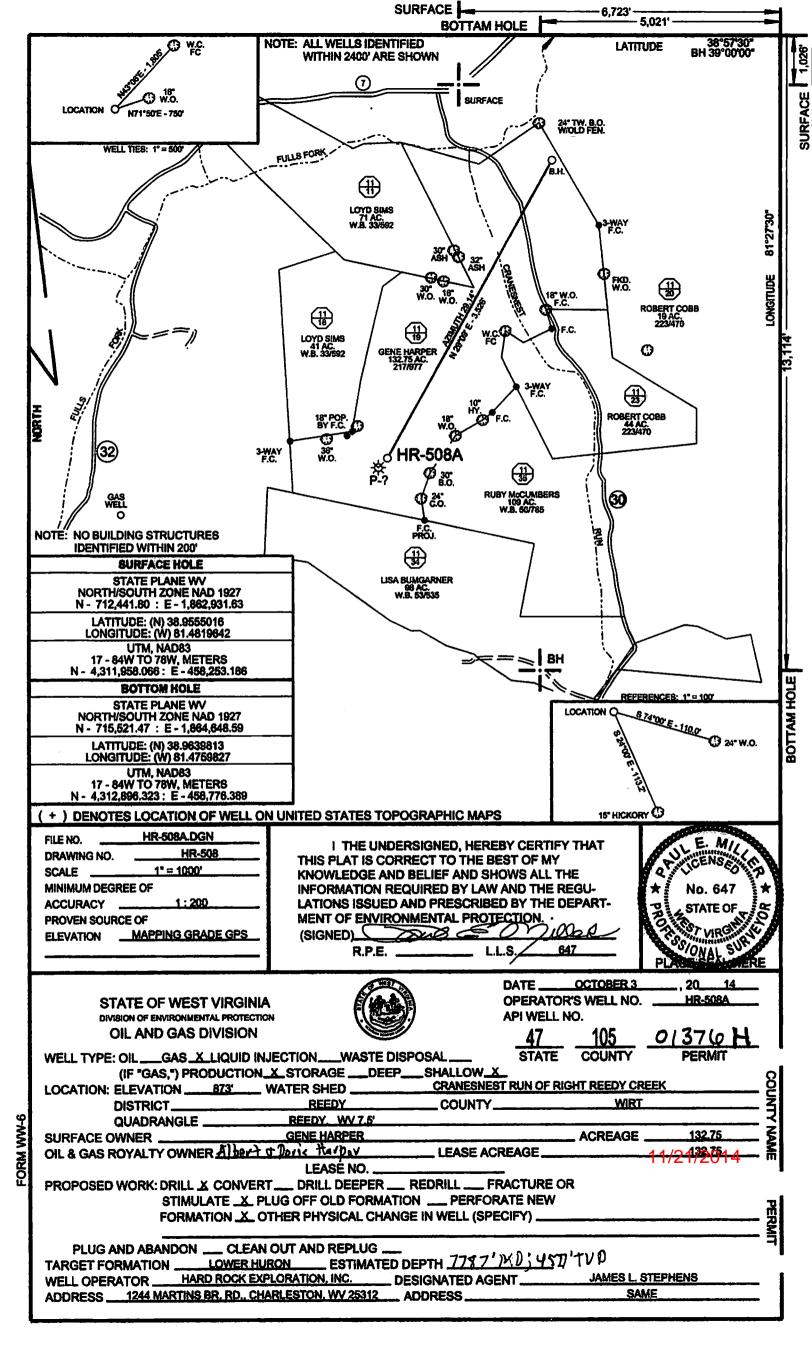
HARD ROCK EXPLORATION PROPOSED WELL # HR-508A REEDY DISTRICT, WIRT COUNTY NAME OF REEDY, WV 7.5'

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Hard Rock Consulting, LLC

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October 13, 2014

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Oil & Gas Attn: James Martin 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street SE Charleston, WV 25304

Ref: Permit application for well HR-508; crossing roads identified as: County Route 30 within TM 11 Parcel 35 located in the Reedy District of Wirt County, State of West Virginia

Dear Mr. Martin:

Please be advised that Hard Rock Exploration, Inc. (Hard Rock) has the right to explore for, develop, produce, measure, and market natural gas and oil produced from the planned well identified in the above referenced permit application. This authority was granted to Hard Rock Exploration, Inc., as Lessee, by the Oil & Gas Lease, dated August 18, 2014, and recorded in the Public Records of the County of Wirt, in Book ?, Page ?, in West Virginia. Consistent with the rights granted, Hard Rock has the authority to explore for and drill under the road/right-of-way identified above.

Please direct questions to Monica Francisco, at (304)984-9004, or by email to: monica@hardrockexploration.com.

Regards,

HARD ROCK EXPLORATION, INC.

Monica Francisco

**Executive Vice President** 

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Mr. Gene Smith West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street SE Charleston, West Virginia 25304

RE: Permit for well HR-508

Dear Gene:

I am writing regarding fresh water casing protection for the above referenced well. Hard Rock Exploration respectively request this permit be issued allowing a deeper string of fresh water protection.

The new emergency rules act as a blanket policy and does not take several factors into consideration. The primary issue is that a lot of wells in the state of West Virginia are drilled on air, and the majority of operators with air drilling operations work diligently to reduce the amount of water in their operations. The new guidelines appear to be focused on fluid drilling and do not take into account wells being drilled on air. Our request is based on what we consider to be better engineering practices for air drilling operations.

The proper placement of the casing shoe must be considered; Hard Rock wants the ability to place the casing shoe in a rock, which has the mechanical integrity to ensure a proper seal at the casing shoe. If we follow the "new guidelines" most of the wells in our operational area would have the casing shoe placed in a red rock section and we would run casing 100 feet below the Pittsburgh Sand. Red rock has been proven to be a formation that is not stable with drilling operations; the rock is sensitive to time and the fluids that are produced from the intermediate hole. When the red rock is not covered we have seen sloughing and wash-outs during drilling operations.

Our proposed fresh water protection string set just above elevation does three things to ensure protection of fresh water and the minimization of pit fluids:

- (1) It limits the time exposure on the fresh water aquifer and adds only a few hours of air drilling to the well.
- (2) With the minimal time exposed and a casing shoe located in a mechanically sound rock it will ensure the cement will seal and form a good compressive barrier to future drilling operations.

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(3) The last item, which is overlooked by the new standards, is pit volumes. The proposed fresh water casing placement will allow the majority of the 8 ¾ hole to be drilled on air. Using this method will permit Hard Rock to reduce fluids for drilling and decrease pit water volumes.

We also request that a cement record log from a cement service company be filed with our WR-35. We think that failure of either the cement quality or circulation should be a good measure of when to require additional logging and most fresh water protection strings are witnessed by the State Oil and Gas inspector for verification of a good cement job. Running a bond log under pressure should only be done if a known problem exists; the pressuring up of the casing string is detrimental to the newly established cement and could cause a micro-annulus problem. In addition, bond logs ran at the shallow depths with large internal diameter casings are very inaccurate if not ran under pressure. I think that the cement record log and the circulation of cement at surface will satisfy the "new guidelines'.

I hope this request is considered and permits are issued in the very near future.

Sincerely,

James L. Stephens

President

Cc: Monica Stephens

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