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Tuesday, November 07, 2017  
WELL WORK PERMIT  
Coal Bed Methane Well / Plugging

CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY  
1 BRIDGE STREET

MONONGAH, WV 265540000

Re: Permit approval for MC 56  
47-051-01095-00-00

This well work permit 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 any additional specific 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 of 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.

Per 35 CSR 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- 0450.

James A. Martin  
Chief

Operator's Well Number: MC 56  
Farm Name: MUELLER, & DEMPEWOLF  
U.S. WELL NUMBER: 47-051-01095-00-00  
Coal Bed Methane Well / Plugging  
Date Issued: 11/7/2017

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## 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. Failure to adhere to the specified permit conditions may result in enforcement action.

### CONDITIONS

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1. All pits must be lined with a minimum of 20 mil thickness synthetic liner.
2. 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.
3. Well work activities shall not constitute a hazard to the safety of persons.

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1) Date SEPTEMBER 27, 20 17  
2) Operator's Well No. MC-56  
3) API Well No. 47-051-01095

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO PLUG AND ABANDON A CBM WELL.

4) Well Type: Oil \_\_\_ / Gas X / Liquid injection \_\_\_ / Waste disposal \_\_\_ /  
(If "Gas, Production \_\_\_ or Underground storage \_\_\_) Deep \_\_\_ / Shallow \_\_\_

5) Location: Elevation 1330.97 Watershed NORTH FORK OF GRAVE CREEK  
District CAMERON County MARSHALL Quadrangle CAMERON, WV, PA 7.5'

6) Well Operator CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY 7) Designated Agent RONNIE HARSH  
Address 1 BRIDGE STREET Address 1 BRIDGE STREET  
MONONGAH, WV 26554 MONONGAH, WV 26554

8) Oil and Gas Inspector to be notified Name JAMES NICHOLSON  
Address P.O. BOX 44  
MOUNDSVILLE, WV 26041  
9) Plugging Contractor Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

10) Work Order: The work order for the manner of plugging this well is as follows:

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EXHIBIT NO. 1

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Notification must be given to the district oil and gas inspector 24 hours before permitted work can commence.

Work order approved by inspector Jim Nicholson by phone Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Exhibit Number 1

Consolidation Coal Company in WV will utilize the following methods to plug CBM wells.

CBM wells are a directionally drilled well with horizontal wellbores through the Pittsburgh coal seam. The wellbores through the coal will be water infused for first intersection of the laterals. Then the lateral system will be cemented/grouted. The vertical wellbore will be cleaned out to the total depth or attainable bottom (PBSD). The well sump, 7" casing, and packer will be pulled if possible. This proposed method of plugging the wellbore will apply to that portion of the wellbore from the top of the coal seam to be mined to the surface. All Casings will be removed and at no time will more than a single string be left in the wellbore.

All casing will be removed so that only a single string will be left in the wellbore, if it cannot be removed. Intact and uncemented casings as determined by electronic logging shall be perforated, ripped, or milled at no greater than 100' intervals to the top of the casing. A borehole survey will be conducted to determine the top and bottom of the coal seam to be mined. In addition, starting at a point 5' below through 5' above the coal to be mined, any casing shall be ripped, cut or perforated on no greater than a 5' interval. Before or after mine through this well will be plugged with cement to the surface from a point at or above the Pittsburgh Coal with a solid plug.

★ LATERAL SYSTEM IS 4 LEGS DRILLED WITH 4 3/4" BIT WITH EACH LEG HAVING AN ≈ 2200' LATERAL THROUGH COAL.

- INFUSE LATERAL (COAL) WITH WATER, THE CEMENT/GROUTED
- APREALS ALL CASING IS CEMENTED TO SURFACE.
- COMPOSITE CASING WAS USED THROUGH THE PITTSBURGH COAL TO ALLOW FOR EASE OF MINE-THROUGH.
- O O & G WILL NOT REQUIRE CASING THAT IS CEMENTED TO THE SURFACE TO BE REMOVED, HOWEVER, MSHA MAY.
- SOLID PLUG METHOD WILL BE USED TO PLUG THE WELL.
- AFTER WELL IS PLUGGED, INSTALL MONUMENT PER WV STATE CODE.

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**MC 56 Directions**

**From Waynesburg rout 21 west go 26.5 miles  
Turn left onto 250 south make the first right by  
The Cameron football field. Location road is on  
The right.**

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DATE: 6/26/08  
API #: 47-5101095

State of West Virginia  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of Oil and Gas  
Well Operator's Report of Well Work

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Farm name: Mueller & Dempewolf Operator Well No.: MC-56

LOCATION: Elevation: 1339.13' Quadrangle: Cameron

District: Cameron County: Marshall  
Latitude:        Feet South of 39 Deg. 52 Min. 30 Sec.  
Longitude:        Feet West of 80 Deg. 32 Min. 30 Sec.

Company: CNX Gas Company, LLC

	Casing & Tubing	Used in drilling	Left in well	Cement Fill Up (# of Sacks)
Address: 2481 John Nash Blvd., Bluefield, WV 24701	13 3/8"	42'	42'	Sanded in
Agent: Les Arrington	7"	551.5'	551.5'	125 sks
Inspector: Bill Hatfield		1124.7'	1124.7'	160 sks
Date Permit Issued: 03/21/2008				
Date Well Work Commenced: 4/21/2008				
Date Well Work Completed: 5/29/2008				
Verbal Plugging: N/A				
Date Permission granted on: N/A				
Rotary Cable <u>RI2</u>				
Total Depth (feet): 1170'				
Fresh Water Depth (ft.): 350' ft				
Salt Water Depth (ft.): N/A				
Is coal being mined in area (N/Y)? No				
Coal Depths (ft.): 467' 606' 793' 893'				

OPEN FLOW DATA

Producing formation Pittsburgh Coal Seam depth (ft) 885' - 893'  
Gas: Initial open flow 0 MCF/d Oil: Initial open flow NA Bbl/d  
Final open flow NA MCF/d Final open flow NA Bbl/d  
Time of open flow between initial and final tests NA Hours  
Static rock Pressure NA psig (surface pressure) after NA Hours

Second producing formation        Pay zone depth (ft)         
Gas: Initial open flow        MCF/d Oil: Initial open flow        Bbl/d  
Final open flow        MCF/d Final open flow        Bbl/d  
Time of open flow between initial and final tests        Hours  
Static rock Pressure        psig (surface pressure) after        Hours

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NOTE: ON BACK OF THIS FORM PUT THE FOLLOWING: 1). DETAILS OF PERFORATED INTERVALS, FRACTURING OR STIMULATING, PHYSICAL CHANGE, ETC. 2). THE WELL LOG WHICH IS A SYSTEMATIC DETAILED GEOLOGICAL RECORD OF ALL FORMATIONS, INCLUDING COAL ENCOUNTERED BY THE WELLBORE

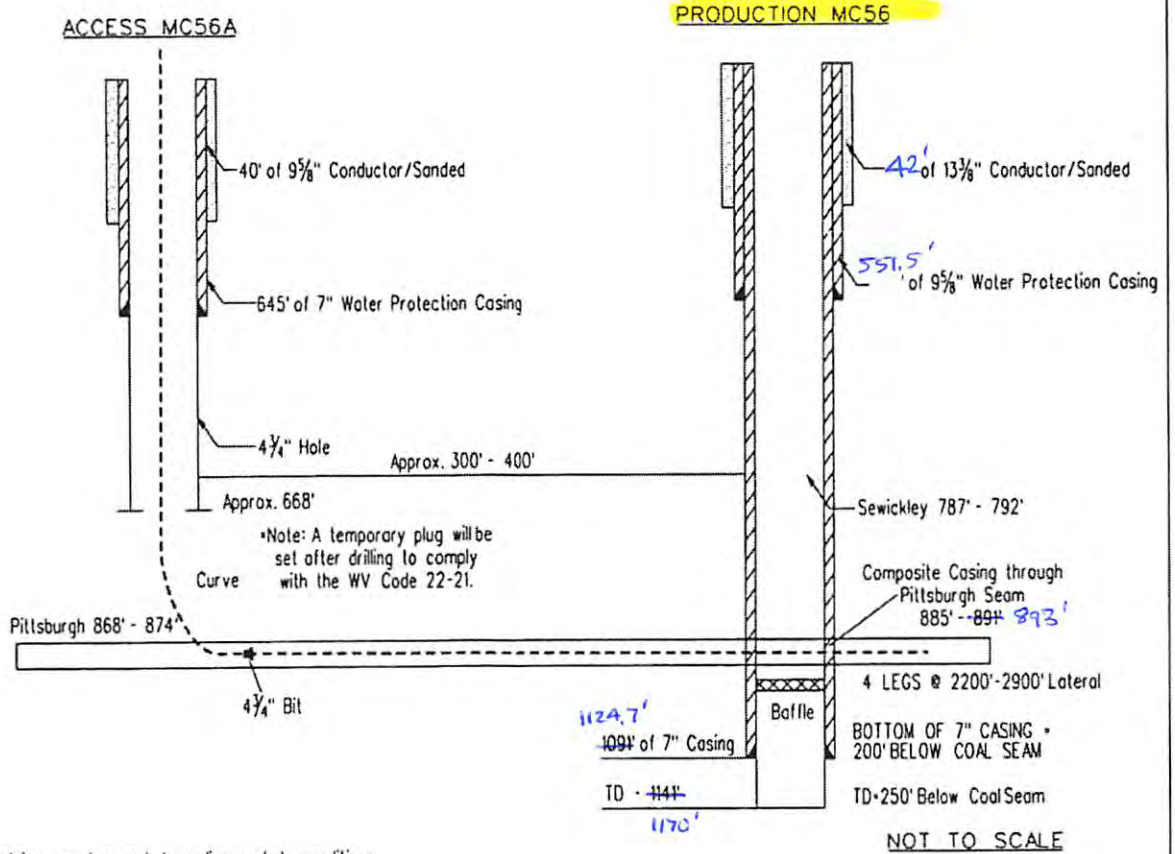
Gas Well MC-56 (API No. 47-510-1095) is a horizontal well for CNX Gas Company, LLC. Refer to the attached information for additional information.

Signed: Geoff Manning  
By: Geoff Manning, Drill Foreman  
Date: June 26, 2008

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FIGURE 1  
CNX GAS COMPANY LLC



NOTE: Additional casing string may be used depending on hole conditions

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ATTACHMENT A

## Marshall County CBM Well No. MC-56 Prod. Drill Log

API #47-5101095

Depth	Description
GL-20	Fill
20-65	Shale
65-145	Sand
145-190	Shale
190-220	Sand
220-250	Shale
250-285	Sand
285-370	Shale
370-420	Sand
420-465	Shale
465-467	Coal
467-550	Shale
550-603	Sand
603-606	Coal
606-790	Shale
790-793	Coal
793-825	Shale
825-885	Sand
885-893	Coal
893-932	Sand
932-998	Shale
998-1085	Sand
1085-1170 TD	Shale

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MC-56			
Well Total Footage			
Start	Finish	# of Days	
5/7/2008	5/29/2008	22	
Measured Depth		TVD (Ft.) Up/Down	
<u>East</u>			
Int.	1100	833.00	Up
T.D.	3653	814.00	
Non Coal	470		
Footage	2553	-19.00	
<u>East Center</u>			
S.T.	1380	826.00	Up
T.D.	3555	810.00	
Non Coal	385		
Footage	2175	-16.00	
<u>West Center</u>			
S.T.	1575	824.00	Up
T.D.	3213	819.00	
Non Coal	80		
Footage	1638	-5.00	
<u>West</u>			
S.T.	1193	820.00	Down
T.D.	3711	821.00	
Non Coal	340		
Footage	2518	1.00	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>8884</b>		
<b>Minus Non Coal:</b>	<b>1275</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7609</b>		

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MC56PS  
MC56A

CNX GAS COMPANY LLC

MC56P/MC56A  
EXISTING  
OIL AND GAS  
WELLS  
EXISTING GAS WELLS

CAD DATE P30  
REVISION DATE : 11/17/00  
SCALE 1" = 1000'  
PROJECT NO.  
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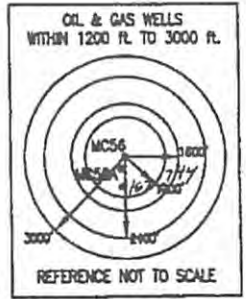
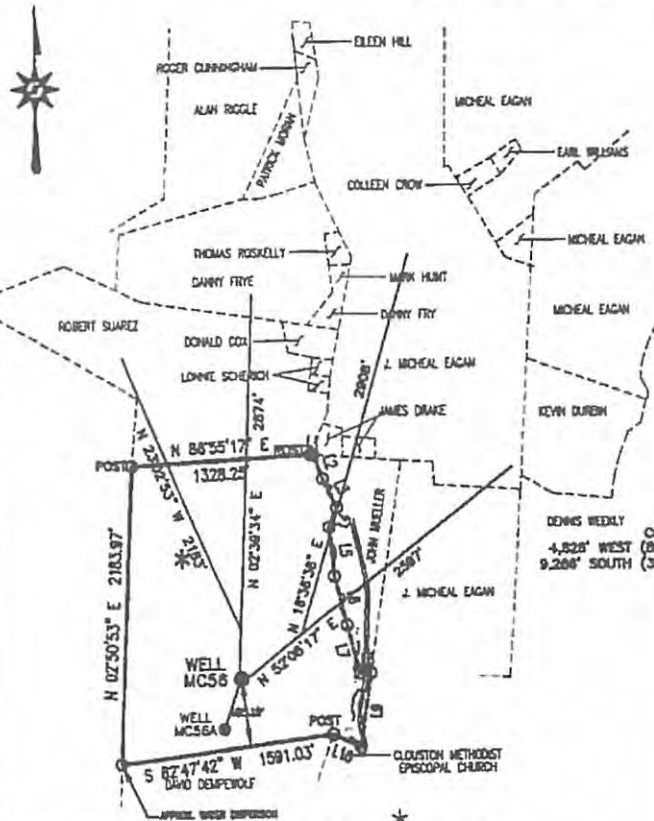
NOTES:  
 1. THERE ARE NO OCCUPIED DWELLINGS WITHIN 200' OF PROPOSED WELL.  
 2. PROPOSED WELL IS GREATER THAN 100' FROM THE MINERAL LINE.

REFERENCE LINES		
LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
R1	S 88°07'29" W	287.19'
R2	S 21°56'36" W	189.16'
R3	S 23°11'18" E	281.48'

LATITUDE 39°52'30"



LONGITUDE 80°32'30"



COORDINATES:  
 4,828' WEST (80°33'31.35")  
 9,288' SOUTH (39°50'58.79")

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	S 85°54'43" E	24.52'
L2	S 20°42'29" E	188.13'
L3	S 25°18'28" E	233.74'
L4	S 21°07'58" W	166.20'
L5	S 04°54'25" E	348.98'
L6	S 13°34'19" E	378.52'
L7	S 15°00'28" E	363.75'
L8	N 87°40'36" E	82.80'
L9	S 09°00'57" W	537.03'
L10	N 65°44'30" W	223.19'

JOHN MUELLER, TAMMY FOX & KIM DEMPFWOLF  
 TM/PAR 7/38  
 DB/PG 818/421  
 132.51 ACRES ±



I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND SHOWS ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LAW AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED AND ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

P.S. No. 2000

(+) DENOTES LOCATION OF WELL ON UNITED STATES TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS  
 DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2007  
 OPERATOR'S WELL NO.: MCS6  
 API WELL NO.: 47-051-01095-C  
 STATE COUNTY PERMIT

MINIMUM DEGREE OF ACCURACY: 1/2500 FILE No.: MCS6  
 SCALE: 1" = 1,000'  
 PRIME SOURCE OF ELEVATION: U.S.G.S. MONUMENT - THOMAS 1498.B1'

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
 DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
 OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS

WELL TYPE: OIL  LIQUID  GASEOUS  WATER  "DRY" PRODUCTION  STORAGE  DEEP  SHALLOW

LOCATION: ELEVATION: 1330.13' INTERSECTED: NORTH FORK OF GRAVE CREEK  
 DISTRICT: CAMERON COUNTY: MARSHALL QUAD/SECTION: CAMERON, WV-PA 7.5'  
 SURFACE OWNER: JOHN MUELLER, TAMMY FOX & KIM DEMPFWOLF ACREAGE: 101.8±  
 ROYALTY OWNER: SEE ATTACHED LEASE ACQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PROPOSED WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ LEASE No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DRILL:  CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_ DRILL DEPTH: \_\_\_\_\_ RECORD: \_\_\_\_\_ FRACTURE OR STIMULATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PLUG OFF OLD: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PERFORATE NEW FORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PLUG AND ABANDON: \_\_\_\_\_ CLEAN OUT AND REFLUR: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYSICAL CHANGE IN WELL (SPECIFY): NONE TARGET FORMATION: PITTSBURGH  
 ESTIMATED DEPTH: 1141'± DATE: MAR 28 2008

WELL OPERATOR: CNX Gas Company LLC DESIGNATED AGENT: JOHN H. JOHNSTON  
 ADDRESS: 2481 JOHN NASH BLVD., BLUEFIELD, WV 24701 ADDRESS: BANK ONE CENTER, PO BOX 1588, CHARLESTON, WV 25302

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Select County: (051) Marshall \* Select datatype: (Check All)

Enter Permit #: 1095 Location: Production

Gas Data: Retail  Perm/Completion  Stratigraphy  Plugging

Pay/ShowWater  Logs  Perm Hole Loc

- Table Descriptions
- County Code Translations
- Permit Categories
- Permit Status
- Control Methodology
- Well Type
- Well Status
- Well Depth
- Well Depth - New

Location Information: **View Map**

AP# COUNTY PERMIT TAX DISTRICT QUAD 75 QUAD 15 LAT\_DD LON\_DD UTM# UTM#

4705101095 Marshall 1095 Cameron Cameron 39.8485541 -80.530545 527701.7 4411533.1

There is no Bottom Hole Location data for this well

Well: County = 051 Permit = 1095

Report Time: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 5:28:27 AM

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Owner Information:

AP# CMP\_DT SURF# STATUS SURFACE OWNER FOLKMAN Damaged WELL\_NUM CO\_NUM LEASE LEASE\_NUM MINERAL\_OWN OPERATOR AT COMPLETION PROP\_VD PROP\_TNGT\_FTM\_TFM\_EST\_PR

4705101095 52922008 Original Loc. Completed John Madsen/Trinity 665 Pridoburn coal 350 Perryman System 692 Pridoburn coal G\_BEF G\_AFT O\_BEF O\_AFT WATER\_QNTY

Completion Information:

AP# CMP\_DT SPUD\_DT ELEV DATUM FIELD DEEPEST\_FM DEEPEST\_FHT INITIAL\_CLASS FINAL\_CLASS TYPE RIG CMP\_MTHD TWD TWD\_NEW\_FIG G\_BEF G\_AFT O\_BEF O\_AFT NGL\_BEF NGL\_AFT P\_BEF T\_BEF PAFT TAFT

4705101095 52922008 4/26/2008 1330 Ground Level Materials Pridoburn coal Pridoburn coal Development Well Development Well Medium (CGM) Rotary unknown 1170 1170

Pay/ShowWater Information:

AP# CMP\_DT ACTIVITY PRODUCT SECTION DEPTH\_TOP FHL TOP DEPTH\_BOT FM\_BOT G\_BEF G\_AFT O\_BEF O\_AFT WATER\_QNTY

4705101095 52922008 Methane Pay Gas Fresh Water Vertical 665 Pridoburn coal 350 Perryman System 692 Pridoburn coal

Production Gas Information: (Volumes in Mcf)

AP#	PRODUCING_OPERATOR	PRD_YEAR	ANM	GAS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DCM
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2009	19,977	2,433	5,440	4,224	4,028	544	0	0	0	353	4,592	5,138	4,722	4,265
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2010	18,321	3,759	3,596	3,975	3,081	3,701	3,128	3,724	3,573	3,668	3,538	3,603	3,403	3,178
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2011	32,060	2,714	2,712	2,748	2,725	2,793	2,690	2,580	2,476	2,719	2,855	2,418	2,118	2,118
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2012	30,498	2,381	2,420	2,602	2,298	2,483	2,668	2,480	2,707	2,625	2,707	2,521	2,249	2,249
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2013	28,432	2,109	2,180	2,419	2,305	2,364	2,427	2,523	2,508	2,529	2,693	1,877	2,249	2,249
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2014	27,052	2,613	2,004	2,067	2,067	2,911	2,671	2,602	2,802	2,219	1,705	1,335	1,543	1,543
4705101095	Consolidation Coal Co	2016	32,187	940	1,281	2,572	3,530	3,334	2,934	2,891	2,799	2,657	2,938	3,024	3,289	3,289

Production Oil Information: (Volumes in Bbl) \*\* some operators may have reported NGL under Oil

AP#	PRODUCING_OPERATOR	PRD_YEAR	ANM	OIL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DCM
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	Consolidation Coal Co	2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Production NGL Information: (Volumes in Bbl) \*\* some operators may have reported NGL under Oil

AP#	PRODUCING_OPERATOR	PRD_YEAR	ANM	NGL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DCM
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	CNX Gas Co. LLC (Nem)	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4705101095	Consolidation Coal Co	2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Production Water Information: (Volumes in Gallons)

AP#	PRODUCING_OPERATOR	PRD_YEAR	ANM	WTR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DCM
4705101095	Consolidation Coal Co	2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Stratigraphy Information:

AP#	SURF#	FM	TH QUALITY	DEPT#_TOP	DEPT#_QUALITY	THICKNESS	THICKNESS	QUALITY	ELEV DATUM
4705101095	Original Loc	underlined coal	Well Record	487	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Ground Level
4705101095	Original Loc	underlined coal	Well Record	666	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Ground Level
4705101095	Original Loc	underlined coal	Well Record	793	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Ground Level
4705101095	Original Loc	underlined coal	Well Record	893	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Reasonable	Ground Level

There is no Wireline (E-Log) data for this well

There is no Plugging data for this well

There is no Sample data for this well



U.S. Department of Labor

Mine Safety and Health Administration  
1100 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939



MAY 12 2015  
In the matter of:  
McElroy Coal Company  
McElroy Mine  
I.D. No. 46-01437

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Petition for Modification

Docket No. M-2014-020-C

V-113383

Proposed Decision and Order

On May 28, 2014, a petition was filed seeking a modification of the application of 30 C.F.R. § 75.1700 to Petitioner's McElroy Mine located in Marshall County, West Virginia. The Petitioner alleges that the proposed alternative method of compliance with the standard with respect to vertical coalbed methane degasification wells with horizontal laterals in the coal seam will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded by the standard. The petitioned standard, 30 C.F.R. § 75.1700, states:

*Each operator of a coal mine shall take reasonable measures to locate oil and gas wells penetrating coalbeds or any underground area of a coal mine. When located, such operator shall establish and maintain barriers around such oil and gas wells in accordance with State laws and regulations, except that such barriers shall not be less than 300 feet in diameter, unless the Secretary or his authorized representative permits a lesser barrier consistent with the applicable State laws and regulations where such lesser barrier will be adequate to protect against hazards from such wells to the miners in such mine, or unless the Secretary or his authorized representative requires a greater barrier where the depth of the mine, other geologic conditions, or other factors warrant such a greater barrier.*

The extraction of methane from coal seams and surrounding strata is a rapidly growing component of the domestic natural gas supply. Recent innovations in drilling techniques have resulted in development of several types of wells and production methods to extract coalbed methane (CBM) resources. Drill holes are deviated in both the horizontal and vertical planes using these techniques. These techniques differ from vertical gas wells and require different techniques in order to plug the wells. Procedures to address the potential hazards presented by CBM wells must be implemented to protect the coal miners who will be exposed to these wells. When coal mines intersect inadequately plugged CBM wells, methane inundations, ignitions and explosions are possible.

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The alternative method proposed by the Petitioner includes well plugging procedures, water infusion and ventilation methods, and procedures for mining through a CBM well with horizontal laterals.

MSHA personnel conducted an investigation of the petition and filed a report of their findings with the Administrator for Coal Mine Safety and Health. After a careful review of the entire record, including the petition and MSHA's investigative report and recommendation, this Proposed Decision and Order is issued.

### Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

The McElroy Mine opens into the Pittsburgh #8 coal seam by means of 12 shafts and two slope openings. The mine employs approximately 970 persons working three shifts per day, seven days per week. The mine has six advancing continuous mining working sections and two retreating longwall working sections. Average production is 58,000 raw tons of material per day. The Pittsburgh #8 coal seam ranges from 60 inches to 72 inches in height. The mine is ventilated by ten exhausting fans and liberates approximately 12 million cubic feet of methane per 24 hours.

The McElroy Mine plans to mine through coalbed methane wells. The wells are drilled from the surface using directional drilling technology to develop horizontal branches within the coal seam being mined. Drill holes may be deviated in both the horizontal and vertical planes using these techniques. Multiple horizontal branches may be developed from a single well and multiple seams may be developed from a single well. The drilling industry has trademarked several different proprietary names for these drilling processes. For purposes of this Order, these proprietary drilling processes will be referred to as generic "surface directional drilled" (SDD) wells.

Based on information gathered during the investigation, MSHA evaluated Petitioner's proposed alternative method and, as amended by the terms and conditions of MSHA, concluded that it would provide the same measure of protection afforded by 30 C.F.R. § 75.1700. This alternative method has been successfully used to prepare CBM wells for safe intersection by using one or more of the following methods: (1) Cement Plug, (2) Polymer Gel, (3) Bentonite Gel, (4) Active Pressure Management and Water Infusion, and (5) Remedial Work. The alternative method will prevent the CBM well methane from entering the underground mine.

Accordingly, after a review of the entire record, including the petition and MSHA's investigative report, McElroy Coal Company is granted a modification of the application of 30 C.F.R. § 75.1700 to its McElroy Mine, and this Proposed Decision and Order (PDO) is issued.

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**ORDER**

Wherefore, pursuant to the authority delegated by the Secretary of Labor to the Administrator for Coal Mine Safety and Health, and pursuant to Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. § 811(c), and 30 C.F.R. Part 44, a modification of the application of 30 C.F.R. § 75.1700 at the McElroy Mine is hereby:

**GRANTED**, to allow mining within or through the 300 foot barrier around SDD oil and gas wells, conditioned upon compliance with the following terms and conditions:

1. **DISTRICT MANAGER APPROVAL REQUIRED**

A minimum working barrier of 300 feet in diameter shall be maintained around all SDD wells until approval to proceed with mining has been obtained from the District Manager. This barrier extends around all vertical and horizontal branches drilled in the coal seam. This barrier also extends around all vertical and horizontal branches within overlying coal seams subject to caving or subsidence from the coal seam being mined when methane leakage through the subsidence zone is possible. The District Manager may choose to approve each branch intersection, each well, or a group of wells as applicable to the conditions. The District Manager may require a certified review of the proposed methods to prepare the SDD wells for intersection by a professional engineer in order to assess the applicability of the proposed system(s) to the mine-specific conditions.

2. **MANDATORY PROCEDURES FOR PREPARING, PLUGGING, AND REPLUGGING SDD WELLS**

a. **MANDATORY COMPUTATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES PRIOR TO PLUGGING OR REPLUGGING**

1. **Probable Error of Location** - Directional drilling systems rely on sophisticated angular measurement systems and computer models to calculate the estimated location of the well bore. This estimated hole location is subject to cumulative measurement errors so that the distance between actual and estimated location of the well bore increases with the depth of the hole. Modern directional drilling systems are typically accurate within one or two degrees depending on the specific equipment and techniques. The probable error of location is defined by a cone described by the average accuracy of angular measurement around the length of the hole. For example: a hole that is drilled 500 vertical feet and deviated into a coal seam at a depth of 700 feet would have a probable error of location at a point that is 4,000 feet from the hole collar

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(about 2,986 ft. horizontally from the well collar) of 69.8 ft. (4,000 ft. x sine (1.0 degree)) if the average accuracy of angular measurement was one degree and 139.6 ft if the average accuracy of angular measurement was two degrees. In addition to the probable error of location, the true hole location is also affected by underground survey errors, surface survey errors, and random survey errors.

2. Minimum Working Barrier Around Well - For purposes of this Order, the minimum working barrier around any coalbed methane well or branches of a coalbed methane well in the coal seam is 50 feet plus the probable error of location. For example: for a hole that is drilled 500 vertical feet and deviated into a coal seam at a depth of 700 feet using drilling equipment that has an average accuracy of angular measurement of one degree, the probable error of location at a point that is 4,000 feet from the hole collar is 69.8 ft. Therefore, the minimum working barrier around this point of the well bore is 120 ft. (69.8 ft. plus 50 ft., rounded up to the nearest foot). The 50 additional feet is a reasonable separation between the probable location of the well and mining operations. When mining is within the minimum working barrier distance from a coalbed methane well or branch, the mine operator must comply with the provisions of this Order. Coalbed methane wells must be prepared in advance for safe intersection and specific procedures must be followed on the mining section in order to protect the miners when mining within this minimum working barrier around the well. The District Manager may require a greater minimum working barrier around coalbed methane wells where geologic conditions, historical location errors, or other factors warrant a greater barrier.
3. Ventilation Plan Requirements - The ventilation plan shall contain a description of all SDD coalbed methane wells drilled in the area to be mined. This description should include the well numbers, the date drilled, the diameter, the casing information, the coal seams developed, maximum depth of the wells, abandonment pressures, and any other information required by the District Manager. All or part of this information may be listed on the 30 C.F.R. § 75.372 map. The ventilation plan shall include the techniques that the mine operator plans to use to prepare the SDD wells for safe intersection, the specifications and steps necessary to implement these techniques, and the operational precautions that are required when mining within the minimum working barrier. In addition, the ventilation plan will contain any additional information or provisions related to the SDD wells required by the District Manager.

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4. Ventilation Map - The ventilation map specified in 30 C.F.R. § 75.372 shall contain the following information:
- i. The surface location of all coalbed methane wells in the active mining area and any projected mining area as specified in 30 C.F.R. § 75.372(b)(14);
  - ii. Identifying information of coalbed methane wells (i.e. API hole number or equivalent);
  - iii. The date that gas production began from the well;
  - iv. The coal seam intersection of all coalbed methane wells;
  - v. The horizontal extents in the coal seam of all coalbed methane wells and branches;
  - vi. The outline of the probable error of location of all coalbed methane wells; and
  - vii. The date of mine intersection and the distance between estimated and actual locations for all intersections of the coalbed methane well and branches.

b. MANDATORY PROCEDURES FOR PLUGGING OR REPLUGGING SDD WELLS

The mine operator shall include in the mine ventilation plan one or more of the following methods to prepare SDD wells for safe intersection. The methods approved in the ventilation plan must be completed on each SDD well before mining encroaches on the minimum working barrier around the well or branch of the well in the coal seam being mined. If methane leakage through subsidence cracks is a problem when retreat mining, the minimum working barrier must be maintained around wells and branches in overlying coal seams or the wells and branches must be prepared for safe intersection as specified in the mine ventilation plan.

1. Cement Plug - Cement may be used to fill the entire SDD hole system. Squeeze cementing techniques are necessary for SDD plugging due to the lack of tubing in the hole. Cement should fill void spaces and eliminate methane leakage along the hole. Once the cement has cured, the SDD system may be intersected multiple times without further hole preparation. Gas cutting occurs if the placement pressure of the cement is less than the methane pressure in the coal seam. Under these conditions, gas will bubble out of the coal seam and into the unset cement creating a pressurized void or series of interconnected

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pressurized voids. Water cutting occurs when formation water and standing water in the hole invades or displaces the unset cement. Standing water has to be bailed out of the hole or driven into the formation with compressed gas to minimize water cutting. The cement pressure must be maintained higher than the formation pressure until the cement sets to minimize both gas and water cutting. The cementing program in the ventilation plan must address both gas and water cutting.

Due to the large volume to be cemented and potential problems with cement setting prior to filling the entire SDD system, adequately sized pumping units with back-up capacity must be used. Various additives such as retarders, lightweight extenders, viscosity modifiers, thixotropic modifiers, and fly ash may be used in the cement mix. The volume of cement pumped should exceed the estimated hole volume to ensure the complete filling of all voids. The complete cementing program, including hole dewatering, cement, additives, pressures, pumping times and equipment must be specified in the ventilation plan. The material safety data sheets (MSDS) for all cements, additives and components and any personal protective equipment and techniques to protect workers from the potentially harmful effects of the cement and cement components should be included in the ventilation plan. Records of cement mixes, cement quantities, pump pressures, and flow rates and times should be retained for each hole plugged.

SDD holes may be plugged with cement years in advance of mining. However, the District Manager shall require suitable documentation of the cement plugging in order to approve mining within the minimum working barrier around coalbed methane wells.

2. Polymer Gel - Polymer gels start out as low viscosity, water-based mixtures of organic polymers that are crosslinked using time-delayed activators to form a water-insoluble, high-viscosity gel after being pumped into the SDD system. Although polymer gel systems never solidify, the activated gel should develop sufficient strength to resist gas flow. A gel that is suitable for treating SDD wells for mine intersection will reliably fill the SDD system and prevent gas-filled voids. Any gel chemistry used for plugging SDD wells should be resistant to bacterial and chemical degradation and remain stable for the duration of mining through a SDD system.

Water may dilute the gel mixture to the point where it will not set to the required strength. Water in the holes should be removed before

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injecting the gel mixture. Water removal can be accomplished by conventional bailing and then injecting compressed gas to squeeze the water that accumulates in low spots back into the formation. Gas pressurization should be continued until the hole is dry. Another potential problem with gels is that dissolved salts in the formation waters may interfere with the cross-linking reactions. Any proposed gel mixtures must be tested with actual formation waters.

Equipment to mix and pump gels should have adequate capacity to fill the hole before the gel sets. Back-up units should be available in case something breaks while pumping. The volume of gel pumped should exceed the estimated hole volume to ensure the complete filling of all voids and allow for gel to infiltrate the joints in the coal seam surrounding the hole. Gel injection and setting pressures should be specified in the ventilation plan. To reduce the potential for an inundation of gel, the final level of gel should be close to the level of the coal seam and the remainder of the hole should remain open to the atmosphere until mining in the vicinity of the SDD system is completed. Packers may be used to isolate portions of the SDD system.

The complete polymer gel program, including advance testing of the gel with formation water, dewatering systems, gel specifications, gel quantities, gel placement, pressures, and pumping equipment must be specified in the ventilation plan. The MSDS for all gel components and any personal protective equipment and techniques to protect workers from the potentially harmful effects of the gel and gel components should be included in the ventilation plan. A record of the calculated hole volume, gel quantities, gel formulation, pump pressures, and flow rates and times should be retained for each hole that is treated with gel. Other gel chemistries other than organic polymers may be included in the ventilation plan with appropriate methods, parameters, and safety precautions.

3. Bentonite Gel - High-pressure injection of bentonite gel into the SDD system will infiltrate the cleat and butt joints of the coal seam near the well bore and effectively seal these conduits against the flow of methane. Bentonite gel is a thixotropic fluid that sets when it stops moving. Bentonite gel has a significantly lower setting viscosity than polymer gel. While the polymer gel fills and seals the borehole, the lower strength bentonite gel must penetrate the fractures and jointing in the coal seam in order to be effective in reducing formation permeability around the hole. The use of bentonite gel is restricted to depleted CBM applications that have low abandonment pressures and limited recharge potential.

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general, these applications will be mature CBM fields with long production histories.

A slug of water should be injected prior to the bentonite gel in order to minimize moisture-loss bridging near the well bore. The volume of gel pumped should exceed the estimated hole volume to ensure that the gel infiltrates the joints in the coal seam for several feet surrounding the hole. Due to the large gel volume and potential problems with premature thixotropic setting, adequately sized pumping units with back-up capacity are required. Additives to the gel may be required to modify viscosity, reduce filtrates, reduce surface tension, and promote sealing of the cracks and joints around the hole. To reduce the potential for an inundation of bentonite gel, the final level of gel should be approximately the elevation of the coal seam and the remainder of the hole should remain open to the atmosphere until mining in the vicinity of the SDD system is completed. If a water column is used to pressurize the gel, it must be bailed down to the coal seam elevation prior to intersection.

The complete bentonite gel program, including formation infiltration and permeability reduction data, hole pretreatment, gel specifications, additives, gel quantities flow rates, injection pressures and infiltration times, must be specified in the ventilation plan. The ventilation plan should list the equipment used to prepare and pump the gel. The MSDS for all gel components and any personal protective equipment and techniques to protect workers from the potentially harmful effects of the gel and additives should be included in the ventilation plan. A record of hole preparation, gel quantities, gel formulation, pump pressures, and flow rates and times should be retained for each hole that is treated with bentonite gel.

4. Active Pressure Management and Water Infusion - Reducing the pressure in the hole to less than atmospheric pressure by operating a vacuum blower connected to the wellhead may facilitate safe intersection of the hole by a coal mine. The negative pressure in the hole will limit the quantity of methane released into the higher pressure mine atmosphere. If the mine intersection is near the end of a horizontal branch of the SDD system, air will flow from the mine into the upstream side of the hole and be exhausted through the blower on the surface. On the downstream side of the intersection, if the open hole length is short, the methane emitted from this side of the hole may be diluted to safe levels with ventilation air. Conversely, safely intersecting this system near the bottom of the vertical hole may not be possible because the

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methane emissions from the multiple downstream branches may be too great to dilute with ventilation air. The methane emission rate is directly proportional to the length of the open hole. Successful application of vacuum systems may be limited by caving of the hole or water collected in dips in the SDD system. Another important factor in the success of vacuum systems is the methane liberation rate of the coal formation around the well—older, more depleted wells that have lower methane emission rates are more amenable to this technique. The remaining methane content and the formation permeability should be addressed in the ventilation plan.

Packers may be used to reduce methane inflow into the coal mine after intersection. All packers on the downstream side of the hole must be equipped with a center pipe so that the inby methane pressure may be measured or so that water may be injected. Subsequent intersections should not take place if pressure in a packer-sealed hole is excessive. Alternatively, methane produced by the downstream hole may be piped to an in-mine degas system to safely transport the methane out of the mine or may be piped to the return air course for dilution. In-mine methane piping should be protected as stipulated in "Piping Methane in Underground Coal Mines," MSHA IR 1094, (1978). Protected methane diffusion zones may be established in return air courses if needed. Detailed sketches and safety precautions for methane collection, piping and diffusion systems must be included in the ventilation plan (30 C.F.R. § 75.371(ee)).

Water infusion prior to intersecting the well will temporarily limit methane flow. Water infusion may also help control coal dust levels during mining. High water infusion pressures may be obtained prior to the initial intersection by the hydraulic head resulting from the hole depth or by pumping. Water infusion pressures for subsequent intersections are limited by leakage around in-mine packers and limitations of the mine water distribution system. If water infused prior to the initial intersection, the water level in the hole must be lowered to the coal seam elevation before the intersection.

The complete pressure management strategy including negative pressure application, wellhead equipment, and use of packers, in-mine piping, methane dilution, and water infusion must be specified in the ventilation plan. Procedures for controlling methane in the downstream hole must be specified in the ventilation plan. The remaining methane content and formation permeability should be addressed in the ventilation plan. The potential for the coal seam to cave into the well

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should be addressed in the ventilation plan. Dewatering methods should be included in the ventilation plan. A record of the negative pressures applied to the system, methane liberation, use of packers and any water infusion pressures and application time should be retained for each intersection.

5. **Remedial work** - If problems are encountered in preparing the holes for safe intersection, then remedial measures must be taken to protect the miners. For example: if only one-half of the calculated hole volume of cement could be placed into a SDD well due to hole blockage, holes should be drilled near each branch that will be intersected and squeeze cemented using pressures sufficient to fracture into the potentially empty SDD holes. The District Manager will approve remedial work in the ventilation plan on a case-by-case basis.

3. **MANDATORY PROCEDURES AFTER APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO MINE WITHIN THE MINIMUM WORKING BARRIER AROUND THE WELL OR BRANCH OF THE WELL**

- a. The mine operator, the District Manager, the miners' representative, or the State may request a conference prior to any intersection or after any intersection to discuss issues or concerns. Upon receipt of any such request, the District Manager shall schedule a conference. The party requesting the conference shall notify all other parties listed above within a reasonable time prior to the conference to provide opportunity for participation.
- b. The mine operator must notify the District Manager, the State and the miners' representative at least 48 hours prior to the intended intersection of any coalbed methane well.
- c. The initial intersection of a well or branch of a well typically has a higher risk than subsequent intersections. The initial intersection typically indicates if the well preparation is sufficient to prevent the inundation of methane. For the initial intersection of a well or branch, the following procedures are mandatory:
  1. When mining advances within the minimum barrier distance of the well or branches of the well, the entries that will intersect the well or branches must be posted with a readily visible marking. For longwalls, both the head and tailgate entries must be so marked. Marks must be advanced to within 100 feet of the working face as mining progresses. Marks will be removed after well or branches are intersected in each

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entry or after mining has exited the minimum barrier distance of the well.

2. Entries that will intersect vertical segments of a well shall be marked with drivage sights in the last open crosscut when mining is within 100 feet of the well. When a vertical segment of a well will be intersected by a longwall, drivage sights shall be installed on 10-foot centers starting 50 feet in advance of the anticipated intersection. Drivage sights shall be installed in both the headgate and tailgate entries of the longwall.
3. The operator shall ensure that fire-fighting equipment, including fire extinguishers, rock dust, and sufficient fire hose to reach the working face area of the mine-through (when either the conventional or the continuous mining method is used) is available and operable during all well mine-throughs. The fire hose shall be located in the last open crosscut of the entry or room. The operator shall maintain the water line to the belt conveyor tailpiece along with a sufficient amount of fire hose to reach the farthest point of penetration on the section. When the longwall mining method is used, a hose to the longwall water supply is sufficient. All fire hoses shall be connected and ready for use, but do not have to be charged with water, during the cut-through.
4. The operator shall ensure that sufficient supplies of roof support and ventilation materials are available at the working section. In addition, emergency plugs, packers, and setting tools to seal both sides of the well or branch shall be available in the immediate area of the cut-through.
5. When mining advances within the minimum working barrier distance from the well or branch of the well, the operator shall service all equipment and check for permissibility at least once daily. Daily permissibility examinations must continue until the well or branch is intersected or until mining exits the minimum working barrier around the well or branch.
6. When mining advances within the minimum working barrier distance from the well or branch of the well, the operator shall calibrate the methane monitor(s) on the longwall, continuous mining machine, or cutting machine and loading machine at least once daily. Daily methane monitor calibration must continue until the well or branch is intersected or until mining exits the minimum working barrier around the well or branch.

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7. When mining is in progress, the operator shall perform tests for methane with a handheld methane detector at least every 10 minutes from the time that mining with the continuous mining machine or longwall face is within the minimum working barrier around the well or branch. During the cutting process, no individual shall be allowed on the return side until the mine-through has been completed and the area has been examined and declared safe. The shearer must be idle when any miners are inby the tail drum.
8. When using continuous or conventional mining methods, the working place shall be free from accumulations of coal dust and coal spillages, and rock dust shall be placed on the roof, rib, and floor within 20 feet of the face when mining through the well or branch. On longwall sections, rock dust shall be applied on the roof, rib, and floor up to both the headgate and tailgate pillared area.
9. Immediately after the well or branch is intersected, the operator shall de-energize all equipment, and the certified person shall thoroughly examine and determine the working place safe before mining is resumed.
10. After a well or branch has been intersected and the working place determined safe, mining shall continue inby the well a sufficient distance to permit adequate ventilation around the area of the well or branch.
11. No open flame shall be permitted in the area until adequate ventilation has been established around the well bore or branch. Any casing, tubing or stuck tools will be removed using the methods approved in the ventilation plan.
12. No person shall be permitted in the area of the mine-through operation inby the last open crosscut during active mining except those actually engaged in the operation, including company personnel, representatives of the miners, personnel from MSHA, and personnel from the appropriate State agency.
13. The operator shall warn all personnel in the mine of the planned intersection of the well or branch prior to their going underground if the planned intersection is to occur during their shift. This warning shall be repeated for all shifts until the well or branch has been intersected.

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14. The mine-through operation shall be under the direct supervision of a certified person. Instructions concerning the mine-through operation shall be issued only by the certified person in charge.
  15. All miners shall be in known locations and in constant two-way communications with the responsible person under 30 C.F.R. § 75.1501 when active mining occurs within the minimum working barrier of the well or branch.
  16. The responsible person required under 30 C.F.R. § 75.1501 is responsible for well intersection emergencies. The well intersection procedures must be reviewed by the responsible person prior to any planned intersection.
  17. A copy of this Order shall be maintained at the mine and be available to the miners.
  18. The provisions of this Order do not impair the authority of representatives of MSHA to interrupt or halt the mine-through operation and to issue a withdrawal order when they deem it necessary for the safety of the miners. MSHA may order an interruption or cessation of the mine-through operation and/or a withdrawal of personnel by issuing either a verbal or a written order to that effect to a representative of the operator, which order shall include the basis for the order. Operations in the affected area of the mine may not resume until a representative of MSHA permits resumption of mine-through operations. The mine operator and miners shall comply with verbal or written MSHA orders immediately. All verbal orders shall be committed to writing within a reasonable time as conditions permit.
- d. For subsequent intersections of branches of a well, appropriate procedures to protect the miners shall be specified in the ventilation plan.

### 3. MANDATORY PROCEDURES AFTER SDD INTERSECTIONS

- a. All intersections with SDD wells and branches that are in intake air courses shall be examined as part of the pre-shift examinations required under 30 C.F.R. § 75.360.
- b. All other intersections with SDD wells and branches shall be examined as part of the weekly examinations required under 30 C.F.R. § 75.364.

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**4. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Within 30 days after this Order becomes final, the operator shall submit proposed revisions for its approved 30 C.F.R. Part 48 training plan to the District Manager. These proposed revisions shall include initial and refresher training regarding compliance with the terms and conditions stated in this Order. The operator shall provide all miners involved in the mine-through of a well or branch with training regarding the requirements of this Order prior to mining within the minimum working barrier of the next well or branch intended to be mined through.
- b. Within 30 days after this Order becomes final, the operator shall submit proposed revisions for its approved mine emergency evacuation and firefighting program of instruction required by 30 C.F.R § 75.1502. The operator shall revise the program to include the hazards and evacuation procedures to be used for well intersections. All underground miners shall be trained in this revised program within 30 days of the approval of the revised mine emergency evacuation and firefighting program of instruction.

Any party to this action desiring a hearing on this matter must file in accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 44.14, within 30 days. The request for hearing must be filed with the Administrator for Coal Mine Safety and Health, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939.

If a hearing is requested, the request shall contain a concise summary of position on the issues of fact or law desired to be raised by the party requesting the hearing, including specific objections to the proposed decision. A party other than Petitioner who has requested a hearing may also comment upon all issues of fact or law presented in the petition, and any party to this action requesting a hearing may indicate a desired hearing site. If no request for a hearing is filed within 30 days after service thereof, the Proposed Decision and Order will become final and must be posted by the operator on the mine bulletin board at the mine.



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Charles J. Thomas  
Deputy Administrator for  
Coal Mine Safety and Health

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this proposed decision was served personally or mailed, postage prepaid, or provided by other electronic means this 12th day of

MAY, 2015, to:

Eric S. Grimm, General Superintendent  
McElroy Coal Company  
57 Goshorn Woods Road  
Cameron, WV 26033



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cc: Eugene White, Director, West Virginia Office of Miners' Health Safety & Training

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1) Date: SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

2) Operator's Well Number MC-56

3) API Well No.: 47 - 051 - 01095

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO PLUG AND ABANDON A WELL (CBM WELL).

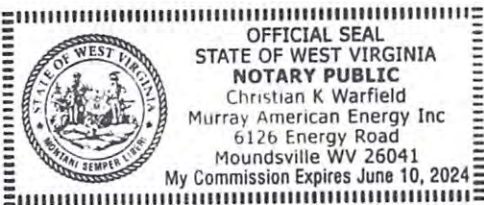
4) Surface Owner(s) to be served:	5) (a) Coal Operator
(a) Name <u>CONSOL MINING COMPANY LLC</u>	Name <u>CONSOLIDATION COAL CO.</u>
Address <u>1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE</u>	Address <u>1 BRIDGE STREET</u>
<u>CANONSBURG, PA 15317</u>	<u>MONONGAH, WV 26554</u>
(b) Name _____	(b) Coal Owner(s) with Declaration
Address _____	Name _____
	Address _____
(c) Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
6) Inspector <u>JAMES NICHOLSON</u>	(c) Coal Lessee with Declaration
Address <u>P.O. BOX 44</u>	Name _____
<u>MOUNDSVILLE, WV 26041</u>	Address _____
Telephone <u>(304) 552-3874</u>	

TO THE PERSONS NAMED ABOVE: You should have received this Form and the following documents:

- (1) The application to Plug and Abandon a Well on Form WW-4B, which sets out the parties involved in the work and describes the well its and the plugging work order; and
- (2) The plat (surveyor's map) showing the well location on Form WW-6

The reason you received these documents is that you have rights regarding the application which are summarized in the instructions on the reverses side. However, you are not required to take any action at all

Take notice that under Chapter 22-6 of the West Virginia Code, the undersigned well operator proposes to file or has filed this Notice and Application and accompanying documents for a permit to plug and abandon a well with the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, with respect to the well at the location described on the attached Application and depicted on the attached Form WW-6. Copies of this Notice, the Application, and the plat have been mailed by registered or certified mail or delivered by hand to the person(s) named above (or by publication in certain circumstances) on or before the day of mailing or delivery to the Chief.



Well Operator CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY

By: MASON SMITH *Mason Smith*

Its: PROJECT ENGINEER

Address 6126 ENERGY ROAD

MOUNDSVILLE, WV 26041

Telephone (304) 843-3565

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3rd day of October 2017

Christian K Warfield Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 10, 2024

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS  
FLUIDS/ CUTTINGS DISPOSAL & RECLAMATION PLAN

Operator Name Consolidation Coal Company OP Code 10950

Watershed (HUC 10) NORTH FORK OF GRAVE CREEK Quadrangle CAMERON, WV, PA 7 5'

Do you anticipate using more than 5,000 bbls of water to complete the proposed well work? Yes  No

Will a pit be used? Yes  No

If so, please describe anticipated pit waste: \_\_\_\_\_

Will a synthetic liner be used in the pit? Yes  No  If so, what ml.? \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Disposal Method For Treated Pit Wastes:

- Land Application (if selected provide a completed form WW-9-GPP)
- Underground Injection ( UIC Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Reuse (at API Number \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Off Site Disposal (Supply form WW-9 for disposal location)
- Other (Explain Tanks, see attached letter)

Will closed loop system be used? If so, describe: Yes. Gel circulated from tank thru well bore and returned to tank

Drilling medium anticipated for this well (vertical and horizontal)? Air, freshwater, oil based, etc. Gel or Cement

-If oil based, what type? Synthetic, petroleum, etc.

Additives to be used in drilling medium? Bentonite, Bicarbonate of Soda

Drill cuttings disposal method? Leave in pit, landfill, removed offsite, etc. Shaker cutting buried on site

-If left in pit and plan to solidify what medium will be used? (cement, lime, sawdust) N/A

-Landfill or offsite name/permit number? N/A

Permittee shall provide written notice to the Office of Oil and Gas of any load of drill cuttings or associated waste rejected at any West Virginia solid waste facility. The notice shall be provided within 24 hours of rejection and the permittee shall also disclose where it was properly disposed.

I certify that I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the GENERAL WATER POLLUTION PERMIT issued on April 1, 2016, by the Office of Oil and Gas of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. I understand that the provisions of the permit are enforceable by law. Violations of any term or condition of the general permit and/or other applicable law or regulation can lead to enforcement action.

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted on this application form and all attachments thereto and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment.

Company Official Signature Mason Smith

Company Official (Typed Name) Mason Smith

Company Official Title Project Engineer

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 3rd day of October, 2017

Christian K. Warfield

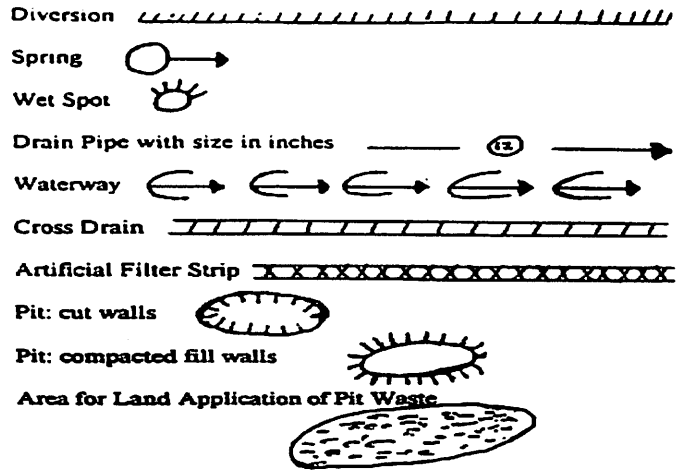
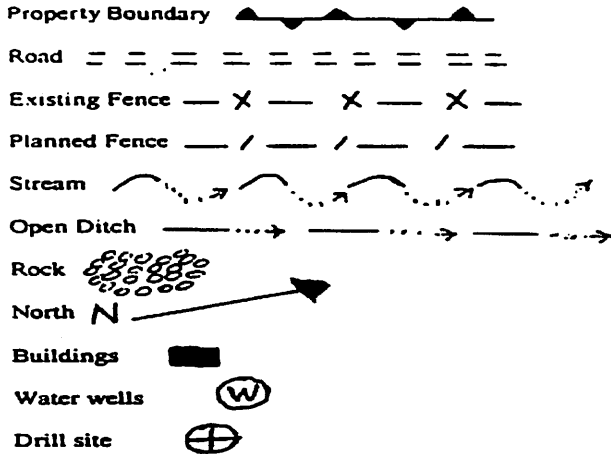
My commission expires June 10, 2024

Notary Public



OFFICIAL SEAL  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Christian K Warfield  
Murray American Energy Inc  
6126 Energy Road  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
My Commission Expires June 10, 2024

LEGEND



Proposed Revegetation Treatment: Acres Disturbed 1 Prevegetation pH \_\_\_\_\_

Lime 3 Tons/acre or to correct to pH 6

Fertilizer (10-20-20 or equivalent) 500 lbs/acre (500 lbs minimum)

Mulch 2 Tons/acre

Seed Mixtures

Seed Type	Area I	lbs/acre
Seed mix in accordance with WVDEP oil and gas Erosion and Sediment Control Field Manual		

Seed Type	Area II	lbs/acre
Seed mix in accordance with WVDEP oil and gas Erosion and Sediment Control Field Manual		

Attach: Drawing(s) of road, location, pit and proposed area for land application.

Photocopied section of involved 7.5' topographic sheet.

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Plan Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Reviewed? ( ) Yes ( ) No

**MURRAY AMERICAN ENERGY, INC.  
& CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY**

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**MASON SMITH**  
Project Engineer

October 3, 2017

Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of Oil and Gas  
601-57<sup>th</sup> Street  
Charleston, WV 25320

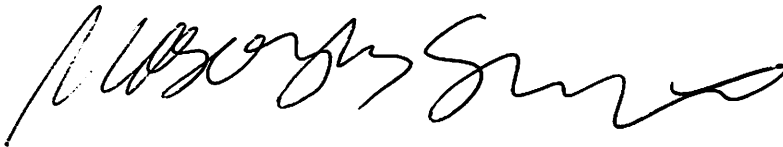
To Whom It May Concern,

As per the Division of Environmental Protection, Office of Oil and Gas request, Consolidation Coal Company submits the following procedures utilizing pit waste.

Upon submitting a well work application (without a general permit for Oil & Gas Pit Waste Discharge Application), Consolidation Coal Company will construct no pits, but instead will use mud tanks to contain all drilling muds.

Once the well is completed, that material (minus the cave material) will be trucked to the next well to be plugged or to DEP facilities number U-0033-83, O-78-83, U-140-83, or U-1011-93.

Sincerely,



Mason Smith  
Project Engineer

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N/A

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS  
GROUNDWATER PROTECTION PLAN

Operator Name: CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY

Watershed (HUC 10): NORTH FORK OF GRAVE CREEK Quad: CAMERON, WV, PA 7.5'

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. List the procedures used for the treatment and discharge of fluids. Include a list of all operations that could contaminate the groundwater.

- 2. Describe procedures and equipment used to protect groundwater quality from the list of potential contaminant sources above.

- 3. List the closest water body, distance to closest water body, and distance from closest Well Head Protection Area to the discharge area.

- 4. Summarize all activities at your facility that are already regulated for groundwater protection.

- 5. Discuss any existing groundwater quality data for your facility or an adjacent property.

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N/A

6. Provide a statement that no waste material will be used for deicing or fill material on the property.

7. Describe the groundwater protection instruction and training to be provided to the employees. Job procedures shall provide direction on how to prevent groundwater contamination.

8. Provide provisions and frequency for inspections of all GPP elements and equipment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

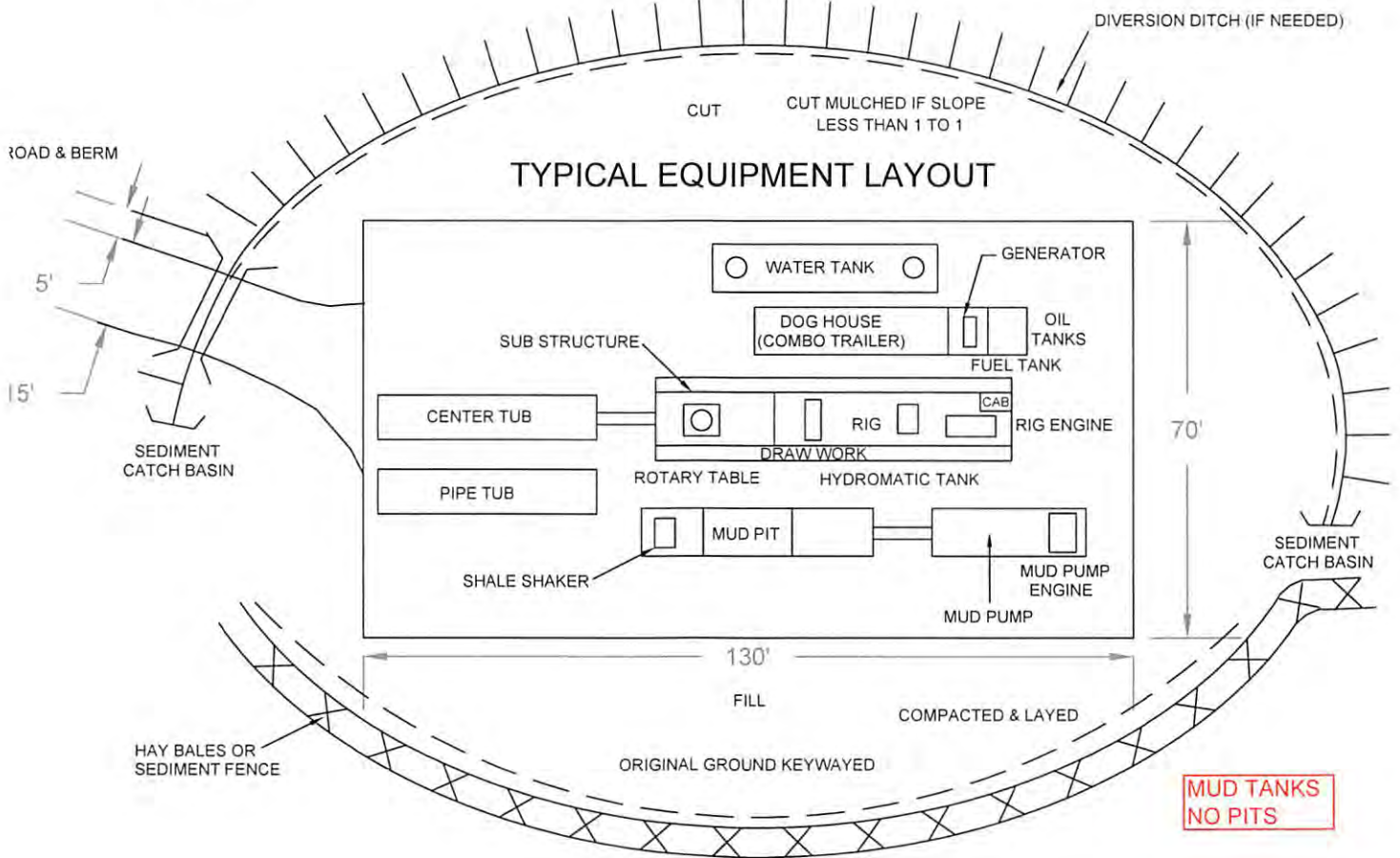
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CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY  
NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA  
OPERATIONS

TYPICAL DRAWING OF  
WELL PLUGGING  
SITE PLAN



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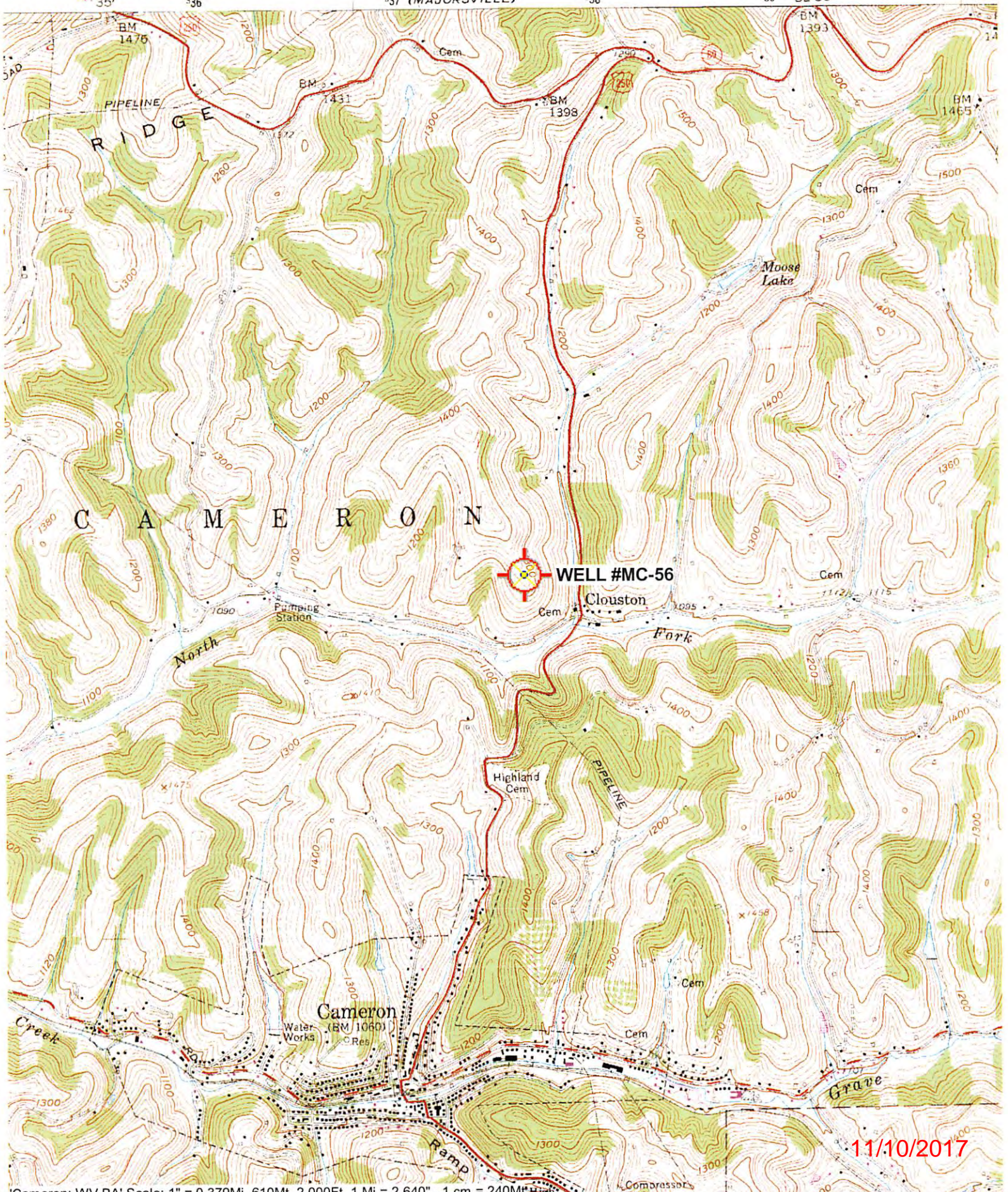
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
REPRESENTED BY THE  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES

MOUNDSVILLE 13 MI.  
PLEASANT VALLEY 3.8 MI.

4863 1 NE  
537 (MAJORSVILLE) 538

539 32'30"

1710



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8-30-06



West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of Oil and Gas

WELL LOCATION FORM: GPS

API: 47-051-01095 WELL NO.: MC-56

FARM NAME: T. & W.D. DUNN

RESPONSIBLE PARTY NAME: CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY

COUNTY: MARSHALL DISTRICT: CAMERON

QUADRANGLE: CAMERON WV, PA 7.5'

SURFACE OWNER: CONSOL MINING COMPANY LLC.

ROYALTY OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM GPS NORTHING: 4,411,154 m

UTM GPS EASTING: 537,733 m GPS ELEVATION: 406 m (1330.97)

The Responsible Party named above has chosen to submit GPS coordinates in lieu of preparing a new well location plat for a plugging permit or assigned API number on the above well. The Office of Oil and Gas will not accept GPS coordinates that do not meet the following requirements:

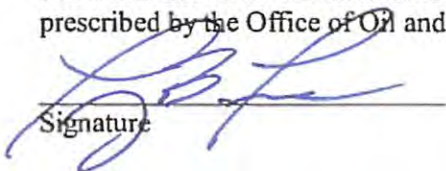
- Datum: NAD 1983, Zone: 17 North, Coordinate Units: meters, Altitude: height above mean sea level (MSL) – meters.
- Accuracy to Datum – 3.05 meters
- Data Collection Method:

Survey grade GPS  : Post Processed Differential \_\_\_\_\_  
Real-Time Differential

Mapping Grade GPS \_\_\_\_\_ : Post Processed Differential \_\_\_\_\_  
Real-Time Differential \_\_\_\_\_

- Letter size copy of the topography map showing the well location.

I the undersigned, hereby certify this data is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and shows all the information required by law and the regulations issued and prescribed by the Office of Oil and Gas.

  
Signature

Professional Surveyor  
Title

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017  
Date

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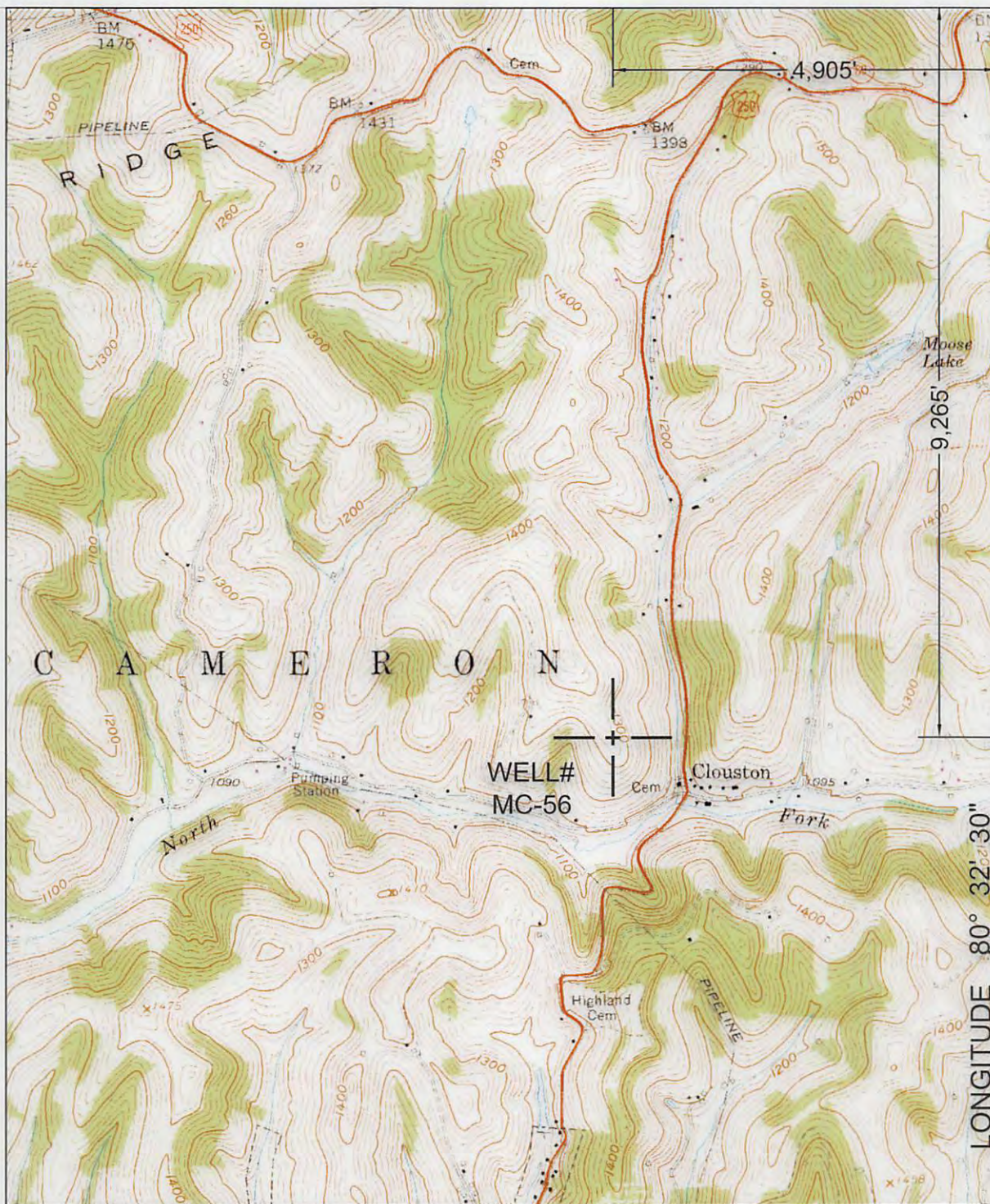
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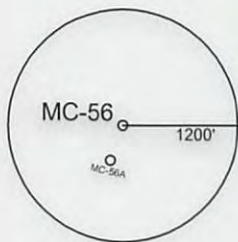
FORM WW 6

LATITUDE  
39° 52' 30"



NORTH

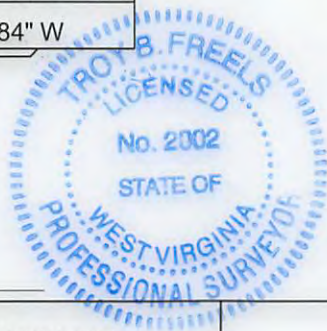
SURROUNDING WELLS  
WITHIN 1200' RADIUS



UTM ZONE 17N NAD83 CONUS	LAT/LONG NAD27 CONUS
NORTHING 4,411,154 METERS	39° 50' 58.15" N
EASTING 537,733 METERS	80° 33' 32.84" W

I THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND SHOWS ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LAW AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED AND PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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(+) DENOTES LOCATION OF WELL ON UNITED STATES TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS.

DATE SEPTEMBER 27, 20 17

OPERATORS WELL NO. MC-56

API WELL NO. 47 - 51 - 01095 **CP**  
STATE COUNTY PERMIT

MINIMUM DEGREE OF ACCURACY: 1 / 2500 FILE NO.: CAMERON 2.DWG  
 SCALE: 1"=2000'  
 PROVEN SOURCE OF ELEVATION: GPS METADATA OR COMPANY NETWORK TIED INTO U.S.G.S.

WV DEP  
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS  
601 57TH ST., CHARLESTON, WV 25304



WELL TYPE: OIL  GAS  LIQUID INJECTION  WASTE DISPOSAL  "GAS" PRODUCTION  STORAGE  DEEP  SHALLOW

LOCATION: ELEVATION: 1330.97' WATERSHED: NORTH FORK OF GRAVE CREEK

DISTRICT: CAMERON COUNTY: MARSHALL QUADRANGLE: CAMERON, WV-PA 7.5'

SURFACE OWNER: CONSOL MINING COMPANY LLC. ACREAGE: 116.24± ACRES

ROYALTY OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ LEASE ACREAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ LEASE NO.: 11/10/2017

DRILL: \_\_\_\_\_ CONVERT: \_\_\_\_\_ DRILL DEEPER: \_\_\_\_\_ REDRILL: \_\_\_\_\_ FRACTURE OR STIMULATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PLUG OFF OLD: \_\_\_\_\_

FORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PERFORATE NEW FORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PLUG AND ABANDON:  CLEAN OUT AND REPLUG: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL CHANGE IN WELL (SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_ TARGET FORMATION: NONE

ESTIMATED DEPTH: \_\_\_\_\_

WELL OPERATOR: CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY DESIGNATED AGENT: RONNIE HARSH  
 ADDRESS: 6126 ENERGY DRIVE, MOUNDSVILLE WV 26041 ADDRESS: 6126 ENERGY DRIVE, MOUNDSVILLE WV 26041

COUNTY NAME

PERMIT