

west virginia department of environmental protection

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January 16, 2015

WELL WORK PERMIT

Horizontal 6A Well

This permit, API Well Number: 47-1706664, issued to ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION, 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.

James Martin

Chief

Operator's Well No: MERRITT UNIT 1H

Farm Name: JOHNSON, CHAD W. ET AL

API Well Number: 47-1706664

Permit Type: Horizontal 6A Well

Date Issued: 01/16/2015

Promoting a healthy environment.

API Number: 1706664

PERMIT CONDITIONS

West Virginia Code § 22-6A-8(d) 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. This proposed activity may require permit coverage from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Through this permit, you are hereby being advised to consult with USACE regarding this proposed activity.
- 2. 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 § 22-6A-5a (12), 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.
- 3. When compacting fills, each lift before compaction shall not be more than 12 inches in height, and the moisture content of the fill material shall be within limits as determined by the Standard Proctor Density test of the actual soils used in specific engineered fill, ASTM D698, Standard Test Method for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Standard Effort, to achieve 95 % compaction of the optimum density. Each lift shall be tested for compaction, with a minimum of two tests per lift per acre of fill. All test results shall be maintained on site and available for review.
- 4. Operator shall install signage per § 22-6A-8g (6) (B) at all source water locations included in their approved water management plan within 24 hours of water management plan activation.
- 5. Oil and gas water supply wells will be registered with the Office of Oil and Gas and all such wells will be constructed and plugged in accordance with the standards of the Bureau for Public Health set forth in its Legislative rule entitled *Water Well Regulations*, 64 C.S.R. 19. Operator is to contact the Bureau of Public Health regarding permit requirements. In lieu of plugging, the operator may transfer the well to the surface owner upon agreement of the parties. All drinking water wells within fifteen hundred feet of the water supply well shall be flow tested by the operator upon request of the drinking well owner prior to operating the water supply well.
- 6. Pursuant to the requirements pertaining to the sampling of domestic water supply wells/springs the operator shall, no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of analytical data provide a written copy to the Chief and any of the users who may have requested such analyses.
- 7. If any explosion or other accident causing loss of life or serious personal injury occurs in or about a well or well work on a well, the well operator or its contractor shall give notice, stating the particulars of the explosion or accident, to the oil and gas inspector and the Chief, within 24 hours of said accident.
- 8. During the casing and cementing process, in the event cement does not return to the surface, the oil and gas inspector shall be notified within 24 hours.
- 9. 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

| | | WELL WORK | PERMI | I APPLICA | <u>HON</u> | d | 511 |
|--|--|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Well Operator: | Antero Reso | ources Corporati | ion 494 | 488557 | 017 - Doddridge | Greenbrier | New Milton |
| | | | Ope | erator ID | County | District | Quadrangle |
| 2) Operator's Wel | ll Number: M | erritt Unit 1H | | Well Pac | l Name: Victor | Pad | |
| 3) Farm Name/Su | rface Owner: | Chad W. John | ison, et a | Public Roa | d Access: CR 2 | 25/10 | |
| 4) Elevation, curre | ent ground: | ~1,170' | Elevation | n, proposed | post-construction | on: 1,556' | |
| 5) Well Type (a | a) Gas | ■ Oil | | Unde | erground Storag | e | |
| О | ther | | | | | | 4, |
| (t | - Contract C | allow _ | | Deep | | | DC 20 2014 |
| | | orizontal | | _ | | | 000 29. |
| 6) Existing Pad: Y | S | | | I TOTAL I | | 5 | |
| 7) Proposed Targe | | | | | nd Associated I Pressure- 3250# | | |
| | | | 033 00 10 | 01,71000010100 | 111000010 020011 | | |
| Proposed Total Formation at T | * | * | lus Shale | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 10) Proposed Tota | | | | | | | |
| 11) Proposed Hor | izontal Leg L | ength: 11,022 | | | | | |
| 12) Approximate | Fresh Water S | Strata Depths: | 346', | 420', 522' | | | |
| 13) Method to De | termine Fresh | Water Depths: | Offset v | vell records. De | pths have been ad | justed accord | ing to surface elevations. |
| 14) Approximate | Saltwater Dep | oths: 1412', 16 | 644', 1860 | ' | | | |
| 15) Approximate | Coal Seam D | epths: 352', 81 | 7', 1229' | | | | |
| 16) Approximate | Depth to Poss | sible Void (coal | l mine, k | arst, other): | None Anticipated | | |
| 17) Does Propose | d well locatio | on contain coal s | seams | | | | |
| directly overlying | or adjacent to | o an active min | e? | Yes | No | RECEIV | and Gas |
| (a) If Yes, provi | de Mine Info: | : Name: | | | Omi | | |
| | | Depth: | | | | OCT 31 | 2014 |
| | | Seam: | | | ١٨٨ | V Depar | tment of |
| | | Owner: | | | Envi | ronmenta | l Protection |

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CASING AND TUBING PROGRAM

| TYPE | Size | New or Used | Grade | Weight per ft. (lb/ft) | FOOTAGE: For Drilling | INTERVALS: Left in Well | CEMENT: Fill-up (Cu. Ft.) |
|--------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Conductor | 20" | New | H-40 | 94# | 40' | 40' | CTS 38 Cu. Ft. |
| Fresh Water | 13-3/8" | New | J-55/H-40 | 54.5#/48# | 575' | 575' *See #19 | CTS 799 Cu. Ft. |
| Coal | 9-5/8" | New | J-55 | 36# | 2,455' | 2,455' | CTS 1,000 Cu. Ft. |
| Intermediate | | | | | | | |
| Production | 5-1/2". | New | P-110 | 20# | 18,900' | 18,900' | 4,803 Cu. Ft. |
| Tubing | 2-3/8" | New | N-80 | 4.7# | | 7,100' | |
| Liners | | | | | | | |

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| TYPE | Size | Wellbore | Wall This | Burst Pressure | Cement Type | Cement Yield |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | | <u>Diameter</u> | Thickness | | | (cu. ft./k) |
| Conductor | 20" | 24" | 0.438" | 1530 | Class A | 1.18 |
| Fresh Water | 13-3/8" | 17-1/2" | 0.38"/0.33" | 2730/1730 | Class A | 1.18 |
| Coal | 9-5/8" | 12-1/4" | 0.352" | 3520 | Class A | 1.18 |
| Intermediate | | | | | | |
| Production | 5-1/2" | 8-3/4" & 8-1/2" | 0.361" | 12630 | Lead-H/POZ & Tail - H | H/POZ-1.44 & H-1.8 |
| Tubing | 2-3/8" | 4.778" | 0.19" | 11200 | | |
| Liners | | | | | | |

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| Kind: | N/A | RECEIVED Office of Oil and Gas |
|-------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Sizes: | N/A | Office of 31 2014 |
| Depths Set: | N/A | WAY Department of |

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| 19) Describe proposed well work, including the drilling and plugging back of any pilot hole: |
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| Drill, perforate, fracture a new horizontal shallow well and complete Marcellus Shale. |
| *Antero will be air drilling the fresh water string which makes it difficult to determine when freshwater is encountered, therefore we have built in a buffer for the casing setting depth which helps to ensure that all fresh water zones are covered. |
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| 20) Describe fracturing/stimulating methods in detail, including anticipated max pressure and max rate: |
| Antero plans to pump Slickwater into the Marcellus Shale formation in order to ready the well for production. The fluid will be comprised of approximately 99 percent water and sand, with less than 1 percent special-purpose additives as shown in the attached "List of Anticipated Additives Used for Fracturing or Stimulating Well." |
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| 21) Total Area to be disturbed, including roads, stockpile area, pits, etc., (acres): |
| 22) Area to be disturbed for well pad only, less access road (acres): 4.46 Acres |
| 23) Describe centralizer placement for each casing string: |
| Conductor: no centralizers Surface Casing: one centralizer 10' above the float shoe, one on the insert float collar and one every 4th joint spaced up the hole |
| to surface. Intermediate Casing: one centralizer above float joint, one centralizer 5' above float collar and one every 4th collar to surface. Production Casing: one centralizer at shoe joint and one every 3 joints to top of cement in intermediate casing. |
| 24) Describe all cement additives associated with each cement type: |
| Conductor: no additives, Class A cement. Surface: Class A cement with 2-3% calcium chloride and 1/4 lb of flake |
| Intermediate: Class A cement with 1/4 lb of flake, 5 gallons of clay treat |
| Production: Lead cement- 50/50 Class H/Poz + 1.5% salt + 1% C-45 + 0.5% C-16a + 0.2% C-12 + 0.45% C-20 + 0.05% C-51 Production: Tail cement- Class H + 45 PPS Calcium Carbonate + 1.0% FL-160 + 0.2% ACGB-47 + 0.05% ACSA-51 + 0.2% ACR-20 |
| 25) Proposed borehole conditioning procedures: RECEIVED |
| Conductor: blowhole clean with air, run casing, 10 bbls fresh water. Office of Oil and Cas |
| Surface: blowhole clean with air, trip to conductor shoe, trip to bottom, blowhole clean with air, trip out, run casing, circulate pipe capacity + 40 bbs |
| Intermediate: blowhole clean with air, trip to surface casing shoe, trip to bottom, blowhole clean with air, trip out, run casing, circulate 40 bbls brine |
| water followed by 10 bbls fresh water and 25 bbls bentonite mud, pump 10 bbls fresh water. Production: circulate with 14 lb/gal NaCl mud, trip to middle of lateral, circulate, pump high viscosity sweep, trip to have a simple of the pump high viscosity sweep. |
| sweep, trip to top of curve, trip to bottom, circulate, pump high viscosity sweep, trip out, run casing, circulate 10 bbls fresh water profession barite pill, pump 10 bbls fresh water followed by 48 bbls mud flush and 10 bbls water. |
| *Note: Attach additional sheets as needed. |

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

FLUIDS/ CUTTINGS DISPOSAL & RECLAMATION PLAN

| Operator Name | Antero Resources Corporation | OP Code _494488557 | |
|--|---|--|---|
| Watershed (HUC | 10)_Beech Lick of Meathouse Fork Quadrang | gle New Milton | |
| Elevation 1156 | County_Doddridge | District Greenbrier | |
| Will a pit be used | | | |
| | ase describe anticipated pit waste. | nd Flowback Fluids will be stored in tanks. Cuttings will be tanked and hauled of | |
| | onthetic liner be used in the pit? Yes No | If so, what ml.? N/A | Dengra |
| Proposed | d Disposal Method For Treated Pit Wastes: | | 10 |
| | Land Application Underground Injection (UIC Permit Number Reuse (at API Number Future permitted well locations whe Off Site Disposal (Supply form WW-9 for disposal Other (Explain | |)) 032-98) |
| Will closed loop s | system be used? If so, describe: Yes | | |
| Drilling medium a | anticipated for this well (vertical and horizontal)? Air, fresh | Surface - Air/Freshwater, Intermediate - Dust/Stiff Foam, Production - Water Based Mu | d |
| -If oil ba | ised, what type? Synthetic, petroleum, etc. N/A | | |
| Additives to be us | sed in drilling medium?Please See Attachment | | |
| | posal method? Leave in pit, landfill, removed offsite, etc. Sto | ored in tanks, removed offsite and taken to landfill. | |
| | n pit and plan to solidify what medium will be used? (cemen | | |
| | l or offsite name/permit number? Meadowfill Landfill (Permit #SW | | |
| on August 1, 2003 provisions of the law or regulation I certify application form obtaining the infe penalties for subn Company Officia | that I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the S, by the Office of Oil and Gas of the West Virginia Department are enforceable by law. Violations of any term or can lead to enforcement action. under penalty of law that I have personally examined and all attachments thereto and that, based on my inquivermation, I believe that the information is true, accurate, mitting false information, including the possibility of fine or in I Signature (Typed Name) Cole Kilstrom I Title Environmental Representative | ment of Environmental Protection. I understate condition of the general permit and/or other and am familiar with the information submit uity of those individuals immediately responded complete. I am aware that there are imprisonment. MEGAN DARJING OF TATE OF COLORADO MOTARY ID 20134122014 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 17, 2 | and that the applicable ted on this onsible for significant |
| | worn before me this 15th day of Octobe | Environmental Pro | tection. |
| Subscribed and sw | worn before me this 15th day of Octobe | Notary Public | /16/201 5 |
| My commission e | expires July 17, 2018 | | /16/2015 |

Form WW-9

Operator's Well No. Merritt Unit 1H

01/16/2015

| Antero Resource | s Corporation | | |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| Proposed Revegetation Trea | tment: Acres Disturbed 30.25 | Prevegetation | on pH |
| Lime 2-4 | Tons/acre or to correct to pH | 6.5 | |
| | or straw or Wood Fiber (will be used v | | |
| Fertilizer amount_ | | os/acre | |
| 2.2 | | | |
| Mulch | Tons/a bil Spoil Pile (0.59) + Well Pad (4.46) + Road D (2.20) + | | Containment Pad (0.92) + Road C (10.39) = 30.25 A |
| | See | d Mixtures | |
| Te | emporary | Pe | ermanent |
| Seed Type | lbs/acre | Seed Type | lbs/acre |
| Crownvetch | 25 | Crownvetch | 25 |
| Perennial Rye Gra | ass 30 | Perennial Rye Gra | ass 30 |
| *or type of grass seed re | quested by surface owner | *or type of grass seed re | equested by surface owner |
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| Title: On 1 & Gas | o inspector | Date: 10 - 28- | |
| Field Reviewed? (| Yes (| VNI- | WV Department of |

Form WW-9 Additives Attachment

SURFACE INTERVAL

- 1. Fresh Water
- 2. Soap -Foamer AC
- 3. Air

INTERMEDIATE INTERVAL

STIFF FOAM RECIPE:

- 1) 1 ppb Soda Ash / Sodium Carbonate-Alkalinity Control Agent
- 2) 1 ppb Conqor 404 (11.76 ppg) / Corrosion Inhibitor
- 3) 4 ppb KLA-Gard (9.17 ppg) / Amine Acid Complex-Shale Stabilizer
- 4) 1ppb Mil Pac R / Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose-Filtration Control Agent
- 5) 12 ppb KCL / Potassium Chloride-inorganic Salt
- 6) Fresh Water 80 bbls
- 7) Air

PRODUCTION INTERVAL

1. Alpha 1655

Salt Inhibitor

2. Mil-Carb

Calcium Carbonate

3. Cottonseed Hulls

Cellulose-Cottonseed Pellets - LCM

4. Mil-Seal

Vegetable, Cotton & Cellulose-Based Fiber Blend – LCM

5. Clay-Trol

Amine Acid Complex – Shale Stabilizer

6. Xan-Plex

Viscosifier For Water Based Muds

7. Mil-Pac (All Grades)

Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose - Filtration Control Agent

8. New Drill

Anionic Polyacrylamide Copolymer Emulsion – Shale Stabilizer

9. Caustic Soda

Sodium Hydroxide – Alkalinity Control

10. Mil-Lime

Calcium Hydroxide – Lime

11. LD-9

Polyether Polyol – Drilling Fluid Defoamer

12. Mil Mica

Hydro-Biotite Mica – LCM

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Drilling Fluild Solvent - Aliphatic Hydrocarbon

14. Ligco

Highly Oxidized Leonardite - Filteration Control Agent

15. Super Sweep

Polypropylene - Hole Cleaning Agent

16. Sulfatrol K

Drilling Fluid Additive - Sulfonated Asphalt Residuum

17. Sodium Chloride, Anhydrous

Inorganic Salt

18. D-D

Drilling Detergent - Surfactant

19. Terra-Rate

Organic Surfactant Blend

20. W.O. Defoam

Alcohol-Based Defoamer

21. Perma-Lose HT

Fluid Loss Reducer For Water-Based Muds

22. Xan-Plex D

Polysaccharide Polymer - Drilling Fluid Viscosifier

23. Walnut Shells

Ground Cellulosic Material - Ground Walnut Shells - LCM

24. Mil-Graphite

Natural Graphite – LCM

25. Mil Bar

Barite - Weighting Agent

26. X-Cide 102

Biocide

27. Soda Ash

Sodium Carbonate - Alkalinity Control Agent

28. Clay Trol

Amine Acid complex - Shale Stabilizer

29. Sulfatrol

Sulfonated Asphalt – Shale Control Additive

30. Xanvis

Viscosifier For Water-Based Muds

31. Milstarch

Starch - Fluid Loss Reducer For Water Based Muds

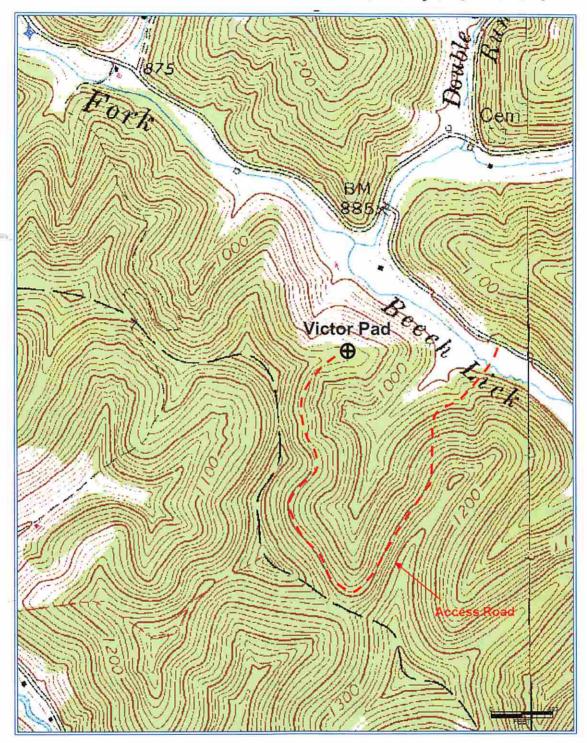
32. Mil-Lube

Drilling Fluid Lubricant

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Antero Resources Corporation
Appalachian Resort Oil and Gas
Merritt Unit 1H
Doddridge County 31 2014
Quadrangle: New Milton

Watershed: Headwaters Middle Mand Protection
District: Greenbrier
Date: 10-17-2014

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Well Site Safety Plan Antero Resources

Well Name: Colorado Unit 1H, Colorado Unit 2H, Falcon Unit

1H, Falcon Unit 2H, Merritt Unit 1H, Sherwood

Unit 2H, Standings Unit 1H

Pad Location: VICTOR PAD

Doddridge County/ Greenbrier District

GPS Coordinates: Lat 39°11′9.99″/Long 80°37′51.69″ (NAD83)

Driving Directions:

From the town of West Union, head Southeast on WV-18 S for 6.3 miles. Turn left onto Co Route 25/ Meathouse Fork. Continue to follow Co Route 25 for 7.1 miles. Turn right onto Co Rte 25/10, your destination will be on the right in 0.2 miles.

EMERGENCY (24 HOUR) CONTACT 1-800-878-1373

10-28-2014 DCN

