

HG Energy, LLC 5260 Dupont Road Parkersburg, WV 26101 (304) 420-1100 - Office (304) 863-3172 - Fax

February 4, 2020

Mr. Jeff McLaughlin **WVDEP** Division of Oil & Gas 601 57th Street Charleston, West Virginia 25304

RE:

Emma Griffith No. 168

Duval District, Lincoln County

West Virginia

Check AMT \$650 FEB 18 2020
Check Date Color Mospartment of Environmental Protection
Check No. 4520

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Enclosed are Forms WW-3A, WW-3B, WW-9, WW-3(B1), mylar of plat, reclamation plan, topo map and copies of the certified mailing receipts for a permit to drill the above referenced injection well. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$650.00 to cover the associated permit fees.

Very truly yours,

Diane C. White

Enclosures

· cc:

Joshua D. Brumfield - Certified Justin White - Certified

Jeffery Smith - Inspector

CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify sender.

RE:

Permit No.

UIC2R04301AP

Wells:

Emma Griffith 166 - Elevation 920' Emma Griffith 167 - Elevation 920' Emma Griffith 168 - Elevation 911' Emma Griffith 267 - Elevation 920' Nathanial Mason 169 - Elevation 911'

Nathanial Mason 268 - Elevation 911'

Operator:

HG Energy, LLC

Locations:

Duval District, Lincoln County, West Virginia

Quadrangle: Griffithsville 7.5'

Watershed: Straight Fork

Elevations: 920'

I am writing on behalf of Joshua D. Brumfield of 31 Vandalia Drive, Yawkey, West Virginia 25573. His telephone number is 304-561-7831. My contact information is below.

Mr. Brumfield's comments are as follows:

- Mr. Brumfield requests that any producing wells placed on his property have underground 1. electricity run to them so electric motors can be installed. He was told by HG that this would be done on the well that is currently located on his property but it was never done. The well can be heard from his house.
- 2. He disagrees with the proximity to his home of at least one of the well pads which will be used for the Emma Griffith 166, 167 and 267 Wells and requests that they explore alternative locations.
- He believes the road HG Energy intends to build to access the well sites will be a major land 3. disturbance leading to erosion of his property. HG Energy claims to "already have a rightof-way" but he isn't sure if that is true.
- He feels that the standard \$5,000 per pad offer for "nuisance pay" to the landowner is 4. insufficient considering the locations they have chosen, one of which is very close to his home.
- 5. He also requests that the producing well established in 2014 or 2015 (believed to be Nathaniel Mason 224) be switched to an electric motor as he was told it would be so that there will be less noise from said well.

We are in the process of reviewing the applications and anticipate submitting more comments by the end of the month and hopefully by the end of next week.

Mo Persinger



Howard M. "Mo" Persinger, III 237 Capitol Street Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-346-9333

Fax: 304-346-9337

hmp3@persingerlaw.com

RECEIVED Office of Oil and Gas

FER 1 8 2020

WV Department of **Environmental Protection** FORM WW-3 (B) 1/12



1)	Date:	02/04/2020							
2)	Operator ³	's Well N	0.	Emr	na Griffith 168	3			
3)	API Well	No.:	47	-	043	-	s		
			State		County			Permit	
4)	UIC Pern	ait No.	UIC2R	0430	1AP				

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA NOTICE OF LIQUID INJECTION OR WASTE DISPOSAL WELL WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS

5) WELL TYPE:	Liqui	d Injectio	n 🗸] /	Gas Injec	tion (not storage	ge)	_ / w	aste Disposal
6) LOCATION:	Elevation	on: 911'			Wa	tershed: Str	aight Fork		
	District	: Duval			Cou	inty Lincoln		Quadran	gle Griffithsville 7.5'
7) WELL OPERA	TOR: H	G Energy, LL	.C			8) DESIGNA	TED AGE	NT Diane W	hite
Add		260 Dupont F				,	Addres	5260 Dup	oont Road
		arkersburg, V	VV 26101					Parkersb	urg, WV 26101
9) OIL & GAS IN				ED	-	10) DRILLIN	IG CONTR	ACTOR	
Name Jeffery L						,		d Upon Approva	I of the Permit
	Tyler Road	I				Address			
	nes, WV 25								
11) PROPOSED V			Other p	hysical	/ Drill d nation change in w	/ Perfo	_ / Red	ormation	/ Stimulate
12) GEOLOGIC T					.1	Depth		_ Feet (top)) to Feet (bottom)
13) Estimated Dep								Feet	F
14) Approximate v				esh _260		Feet	Salt 9	3/0'	Feet
15) Approximate of			400'						
16) Is coal being n					_ No				5
17) Virgin reservo					psig	g Source	Estimated		
18) Estimated rese									psig (BHFP)
19) MAXIMUM F	PROPOSI	ED INJEC	CTION O	PERAT	IONS: V	olume per hou	r 25 BBL	Bottom h	nole pressure 2400 psi
20) DETAILED II	DENTIFI	CATION	OF MAT	ΓERIAL	S TO BE I	NJECTED, IN	CLUDING	ADDITIVE	S Fresh water, produced
water, bactericides a	nd other che	micals as ne	eded to mair	ntain water	quality and imp	prove oil recovery			
21) FILTERS (IF	ANY) c	artridge filter	s and charc	oal bed filt	ers				
22) SPECIFICATI	ONS FO	R CATH	ODIC PR	OTECT	TION AND	OTHER COR	ROSION C	CONTROL	NA
,									
23) CASING AND	TUBING I	PROGRAN	1						
CASING OR	SPECIFICATIONS				FOOTAGE IN			PACKERS	
TUBING TYPE	Size	Grade	Weight	New	Used	For Drilling	Left In	FILL –UP	
			per ft.				Well	OR SACKS (CU. FT.)	
Conductor									Kinds
Fresh Water	7"	LS	17#	X		460'	460'	CTS	
Coal									Sizes
Intermediate									2.375"
Production	4 1/2"	J-55	10.5#	X		2680'	2680'	150 sks	Depths set
Tubing	2 3/8"	J-55	4.8#	X		2425'	2425'		2325'
Liners				 		2120	2,120		Perforations
									Top Bottom
									тор волош
24) APPLICANT'	S OPERA	ATING R	IGHTS v	vere aca	uired from	George J Weile	r et al		
by deed		ease x		other co			03/20/1945		of record in the
Lincoln		-	ounty Cl			ase		Book 125	
			- sarry Or						Page 188 RECEIVED Office of Oil and Gas

FEB 1 8 2020

WW-2B1	
(5-12)	

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.

Sturm Environmental Labs	
Sturm Environmental Labs	
	Office of Oil and Gas
c	FEB 1 8 2020
Road	W/ Department of
VV 26101	Environmental Protection
	Sturm Environmental Labs _C Road WV 26101

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.

Diane White

From:

Diane White

Sent:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:05 AM

To:

Vicki Hoops

Subject:

Pre-Drill Water Testing - Griffithsville Wells 169, 169, 268

Attachments:

20200204111603765.pdf

Vicki,

For the well pad identified above there are two land owners with a water source. One of them, Joshua Brumfield has been identified before recently so doesn't need to be

tested again. Please test Justin White. Attached are a topo, plat and rec plan to help you locate the water source. If he declines testing please document that as well.

Justin White 53 Bear Fork Yawkey, WV 25573

Thanks, Diane

Diane C. White



HG Energy, LLC

5260 Dupont Road
Parkersburg, WV 26101
304-420-1119 (O)
304-482-0108 (C)
dwhite@hgenergyllc.com

RECEIVED
Office of Oil and Gas

FEB 1 8 2020

WV Department of Environmental Protection FORM WW-3 (A) 1/12



1)	Date:	February 4,	2020					
2)	Operato	r's Well	No.	Emma	Griffith 168			
3)	API We	11 No.:	47	-		-		
			State	_	County		Permit	
4)	UIC Peri	mit No.	UIC2R	04301	\ P			

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA NOTICE OF LIQUID INJECTION OF WASTE DISPOSAL WELL WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS,

Surface Ow	ner(S) To Be Served	7) (a) Coal	Operator			
(a) Name	Justin White V	Name	NA			
Address	53 Bear Fork	Address				
	Yawkey, WV 25573					
(b) Name	Joshua D. Brumfield V	7) (b) Coal	Owner(S) With D	eclaration Of Record	Envir	
Address	31 Vandalia Drive	Name	NA		£.8	77
	Yawkey, WV 25573	Address			inn C	
					lep	[resul
(c) Name		Name			tal	00
Address		Address			Pro	2
					it or tec	20
6) Inspector	Jeffery L. Smith	7) (c) Coal	Lessee with Decla	aration Of Record	tion	
Address	5369 Big Tyler Road	Name	NA		3	
	Cross Lanes, WV 25313	Address				
Telephone	681-313-6743					
	PERSONS NAMED ABOVE: You sho					
plan for e	struction and Reclamation Plan on Form WV rosion and sediment control and for reclamate proposed for the first injection or waste	tion for the	site and access roa	ıd.	which sets out	the
The date	proposed for the first injection of waste	disposai is				
APPLICATIO	N YOU HAVE RECEIVED THESE DOON WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED IN THE ATION [(FORM WW-3(B)] DESIGNATED ALL.	"INSTRUC"	TIONS" ON THE	REVERSE SIDE O	F THE COP	Y OF
Notice and Ap West Virginia Application an and Reclamation	at under Chapter 22-6 of the West Virginia Copplication and accompanying documents for Department of Environmental Protection, and depicted on the attached Form WW-6. Copplian have been mailed by registered or confirm certain circumstances) on or before the data	a Well Wo with respec- copies of this certified mail	rk Permit with the to a well at the Notice, the App	e Chief of the Office te location described lication, the plat, and hand to the person(s)	of Oil and O on the attac the Construc	Gas, thed tion
	The person signing this docume	ent shall ma		g certification:		
"I certify under	r penalty of law that I have personally exami	ined and	Well Operator	HG Energy, LLC		
	th the information submitted in this documer		Address	5260 Dupont Road		
	d that, based on my inquiry of those individu			Parkersburg, WV 26101		
	sponsible for obtaining the information, I be		By:	Diane White		
	is true, accurate and complete. I am aware		Its:	Accountant		
	penalties for submitting false information, in	ncluding	1996/04/10/2017		* A	
the possibility	of fine and imprisonment.		Signature:	Diane Wh	te	

U.S. Postal Service

CERTIFIED MAIL® RECEIPT

Domestic Mail Only

For delivery information, visit our website at www.usps.com®.

Certified Mail Fee

3.55

Extra Services & Fees (check box, add fee as appropriate)

Heturn Receipt (ledctronic)

Certified Mail Restricted Delivery

Adult Signature Required

Adult Signature Restricted Delivery \$

Postage

Sent To

Toshqa

Brumfield

Street and Apt. No., or PO Box No.

31 Vandalia Drive

City, State, 2IP+4 Yawkey WV 25573

PS Form 3800, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9047

See Reverse for Instructions

C -	U.S. Postal Service™ CERTIFIED MAIL® RECEIPT
8207	Domestic Mail Only For delivery information, visit our website at www.usps.com.
	OFFICIALEUSE
0456	Certified Mail Fee
0000	Extra Services & Fees (check box, add fee as appropriate) Heturn Receipt (electronic)
	Adult Signature Required \$
020	Postage \$ 1.40
	Total Postage and Fees
7019	Street and Apt. No., or PO Box No.
1 ~	City, State, ZIP+4° Vaw Key WV 25573
	PS Form 3800, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions

RECEIVED
Office of Oil and Gas

FEB 1 8 2020

WV Department of Environmental Protection



HG Energy, LLC 5260 Dupont Road Parkersburg, WV 26101 (304) 420-1100 - Office (304) 863-3172 - Fax

February 4, 2020

RECEIVED
Office of Oil and Gas

FEB 1 8 2020

WV Department of Environmental Protection

31 Vandalia Drive Yawkey, WV 25573

Joshua D. Brumfield

RE:

Emma Griffith No. 168

Duval District, Lincoln County

West Virginia

Dear Landowner:

Enclosed are copies of various application papers that we have filed with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), Office of Oil and Gas. A well work permit is being requested for the above-referenced well.

Pursuant to WV Code Chapter 22B, Article 6, you are receiving copies of this correspondence because the well or other anticipated disturbance is located on your surface property. Your rights as a landowner are detailed in the enclosed permit application papers.

No action on your part is required. If you have any questions or comments regarding this application, you may call this office at (304) 420-1119.

Very truly yours,

Diane C. White

Enclosures



HG Energy, LLC 5260 Dupont Road Parkersburg, WV 26101 (304) 420-1100 - Office (304) 863-3172 - Fax

February 4, 2020

Justin White 53 Bear Fork Yawkey, WV 25573

RECEIVED
Office of Oil and Gas

FEB 1 8 2020

RE:

Emma Griffith No. 168

Duval District, Lincoln County

West Virginia

WV Department of Environmental Protection

Dear Landowner:

Enclosed are copies of various application papers that we have filed with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), Office of Oil and Gas. A well work permit is being requested for the above-referenced well.

Pursuant to WV Code Chapter 22B, Article 6, you are receiving copies of this correspondence because the well or other anticipated disturbance is located on your surface property. Your rights as a landowner are detailed in the enclosed permit application papers.

No action on your part is required. If you have any questions or comments regarding this application, you may call this office at (304) 420-1119.

Very truly yours,

Diane C. White

Enclosures

SURFACE OWNER WAIVER

		SURFACE OWN	ER WAIVER			
County	043	_ Operato	r r well num	 her	HG Energy, Emma Griffi	
		•		_		
	INSTRUCTIONS TO	O SURFACE OWNER	RS NAMED	ON PAGE V	<u> WW2-A / 3A</u>	
(Note: If the sur name appeared you may be the work permits are		ore than three persons on the land or becau ally receive these man ou do not own any inte	s, then these use you actured terials.) See erest in the solution TO FILE A	e materials vally occupy e Chapter 2: surface tract l operator a NY COMM	were served on y the surface tra 2 of the West V t, please forward ind the Office of IENT.	you because your act. In either case, l'irginia Code. Well I these materials to
Chief, Office of 0						I LD I O ZUZU
Department of E 601 57 th St. SE	nvironmental Protection					WV Department of Environmental Protection
Charleston, WV	25304					Total Lord Citou
(304) 926-0450			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			L
operator files his be filed in perso be sure of the handling. If you the planned worn Comme well operator's r from the applica The Chi 1) The 2) The 3) Dan 4) The 5) The morn of the planned work order on Format of the sure	state that I have read the Well Work Permit on For orm WW-2B / 3A, a survey	oy the Chief's office by costmaster to ensure the well operator and rials, then the permit range of the approximate local documents, such as shor condition a well worth on stitute a hazard to the control plan is not ad by owned lands or responsed on the protect fresh water so a substantial violation under Chapter 22, and the approximate it is issued on the protect fresh water so protect fresh water so a substantial violation under Chapter 22, and the protect is instructions to surface instructions to surface m WW2-A / 3A, and and population of the protect	fter the filing the time stradequate of you have signay be issued in the property of the prope	date to file ated above. delivery time and a "volued at any time are according to a man and a ma	e your comments You may call to the or to arrange untary statement to the comments and telepted in the comments on the following the period of pages 1 throughous to the comments of the comme	s. Comments must the Chief's office to special expedited to fine objection" to chone number, the district and county it your comments. lowing grounds: violation of one or the violation". ermit, you should which you can hire ies of a Notice and agh including a on my surface land
	ON BY A NATURAL PERS	SON	FOR	EXECUTION	ON BY A CORP	ORATION, ETC.
· ON EXECUTIO	DI MINIONALI LINO	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		/00110	2.1 2 1 7 OOM	J. J. (11014, E10.
		Date	Company Name			
Sig	nature		By			Date
Prir	it Name		-	Signature		Date

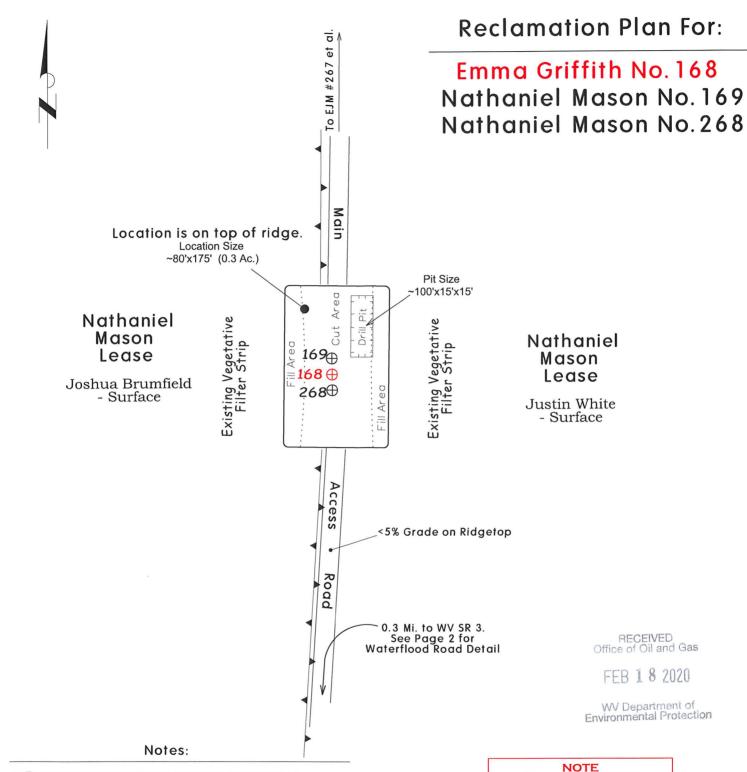
WW-9 (2/15)

API Number 47 -	
Operator's V	Vell No. Emma Griffith 168

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

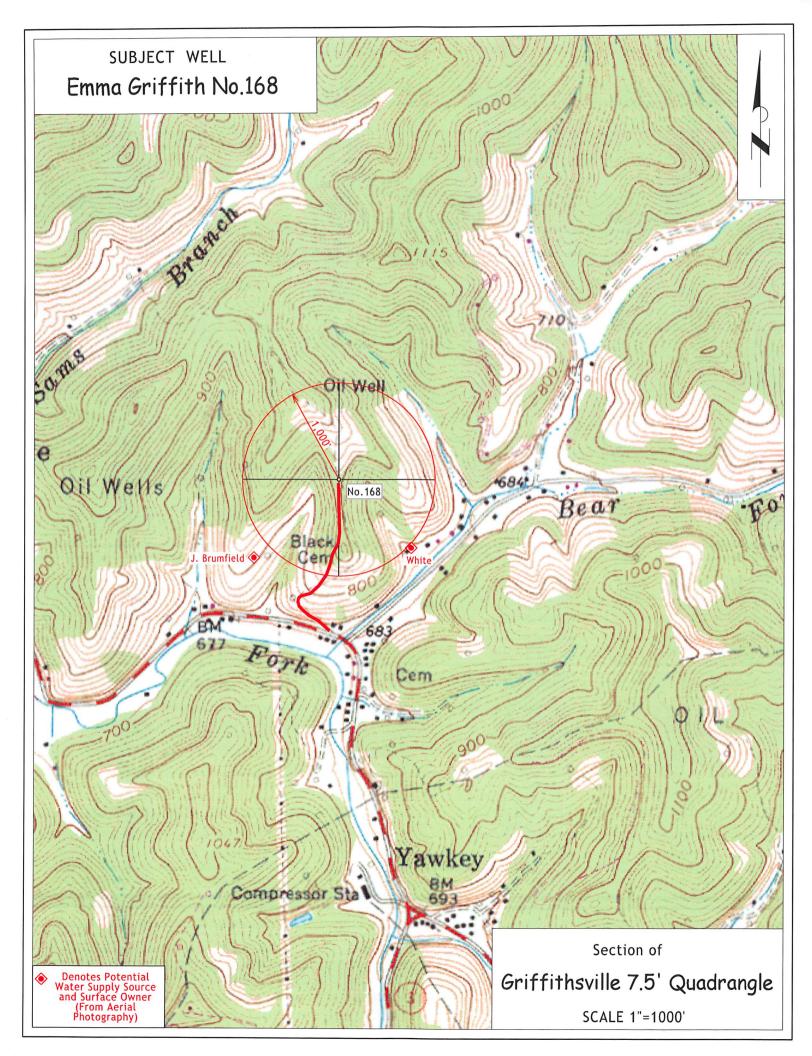
FLUIDS/ CUTTINGS DISPOSAL & RECLAMATI	ON PLAN
Operator Name_ HG Energy, LLC OP	Code _494497948
Watershed (HUC 10) Straight Fork Quadrangle Griffit	hsville 7.5'
Do you anticipate using more than 5,000 bbls of water to complete the proposed well w	ork? Yes No V
Will a pit be used? Yes No Fluids encountered while drilling	subject wall
If so, please describe anticipated pit waste: Fluids encountered while drilling Will a synthetic liner be used in the pit? Yes No If so, wl	subject well
	nat ml.?_20 iiiii
Proposed Disposal Method For Treated Pit Wastes:	
Land Application Underground Injection (UIC Permit Number)
Reuse (at API Number	
Off Site Disposal (Supply form WW-9 for disposal location)	
Other (Explain	
Will closed loop system be used? If so, describe: No	
Drilling medium anticipated for this well (vertical and horizontal)? Air, freshwater, oil	based, etc. Air, Fresh Water
-If oil based, what type? Synthetic, petroleum, etcNA	
Additives to be used in drilling medium? Water, Soap, KCI	
Drill cuttings disposal method? Leave in pit, landfill, removed offsite, etc. Offsite Disposal	osal at a DEP Approved Landfill
-If left in pit and plan to solidify what medium will be used? (cement, lime, sa	wdust)_NA
-Landfill or offsite name/permit number? To Be Determined Upon Approval of Perm	nit
Permittee shall provide written notice to the Office of Oil and Gas of any load of drill confere Virginia solid waste facility. The notice shall be provided within 24 hours of reject where it was properly disposed.	
I certify that I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the GENEI on August 1, 2005, by the Office of Oil and Gas of the West Virginia Department of En provisions of the permit are enforceable by law. Violations of any term or condition law or regulation can lead to enforcement action. I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am fam application form and all attachments thereto and that, based on my inquiry of the obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and compenalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonn	wironmental Protection. I understand that the of the general permit and/or other applicable williar with the information submitted on this ose individuals immediately responsible for plete. I am aware that there are significant ment.
Company Official Signature Diane White	RECEIVED Office of Oil and Gas
Company Official (Typed Name) Diane White	on a body
Company Official Title Accountant	WV Department of
	Environmental Protection
Subscribed and sworn before me this 4th day of February	, 20_ ²⁰
lylle	Notary Public OFFICAL SEAL
My commission expires $(1/2/202)$	MARK J SCHALL

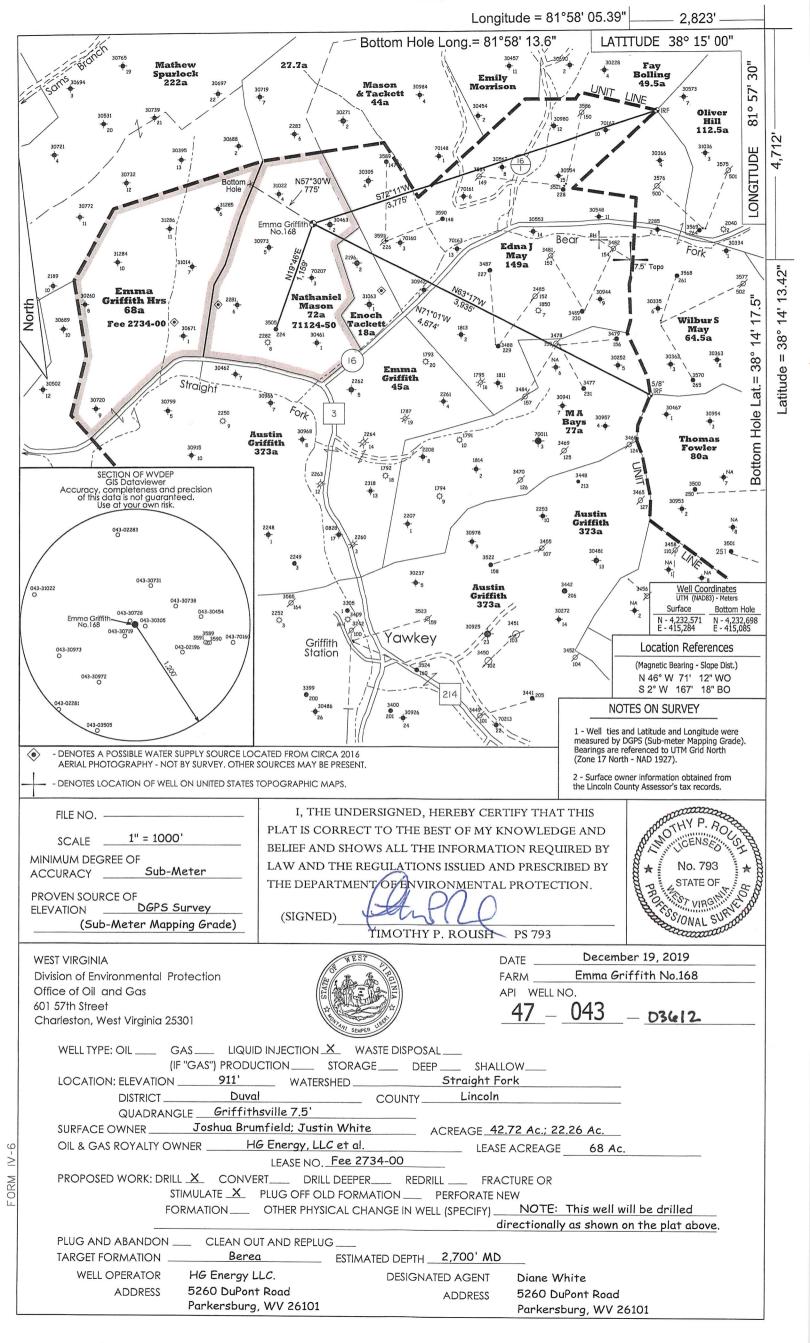
HG Energy, LLC							
Proposed Revegetation Treats	ment: Acres Disturbed 0.3	acres Prevegetation pF	Ι				
Lime	Tons/acre or to correct to	o pH					
Fertilizer type 10-2	0-20	<u> </u>					
Fertilizer amount500 _lbs/acre							
Mulch_ Straw	2	ons/acre					
		Seed Mixtures					
Ter	mporary	Perma	nent				
Seed Type	lbs/acre	Seed Type	lbs/acre				
Tall Fescue	40	Tall Fescue	40				
Ladino Clover	5	Ladino Clover	5				
***		***					
Sediment and Ero		n place at all times **					
provided) Photocopied section of involve the provided section of involve the provided by: Comments:	Frey Smith Control	1 to be semoved	PrioR				
to release	0,		/				
			RECEIVED Office of Oil and				
			FEB 1 8 20				
			WV Departmer Environmental Pro				
			LIMIGILIO				
Title: 0 / d Go	S Inspectal	Date: 24/-20					
Field Reviewed? (Yes () No					

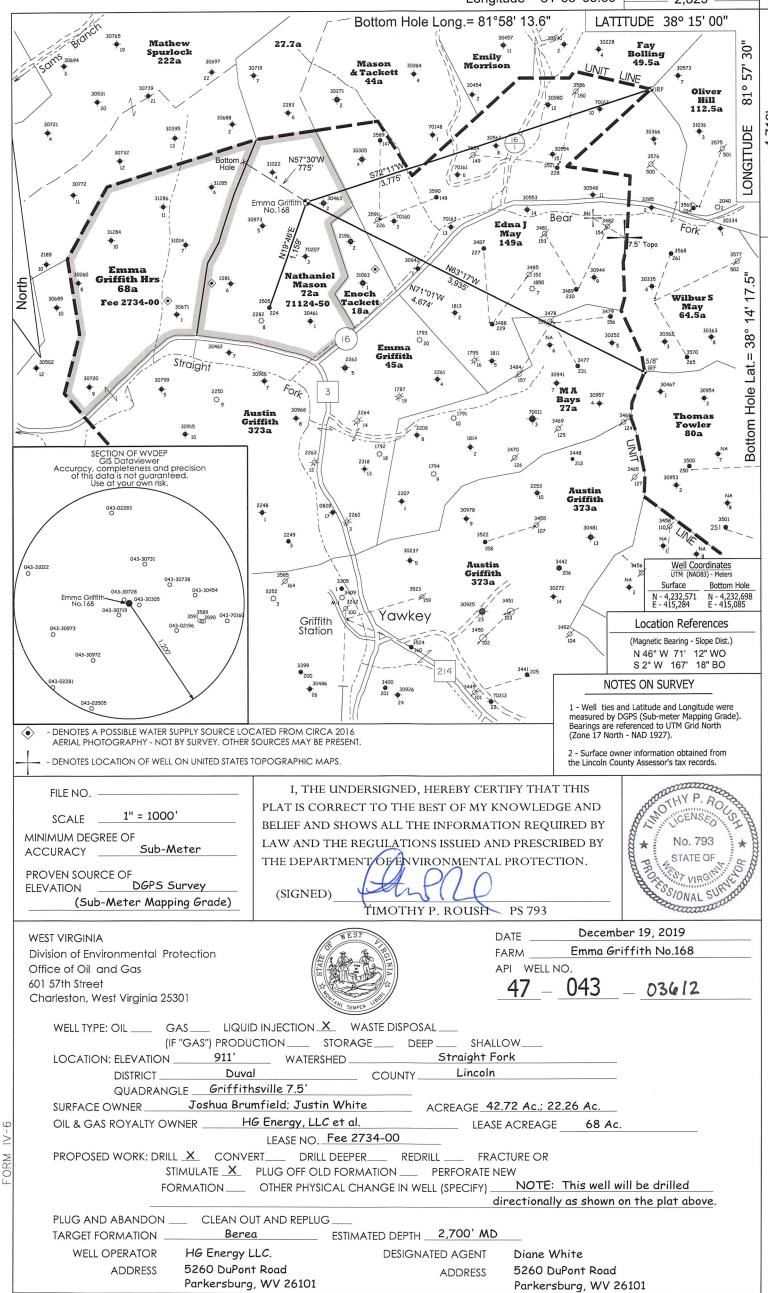


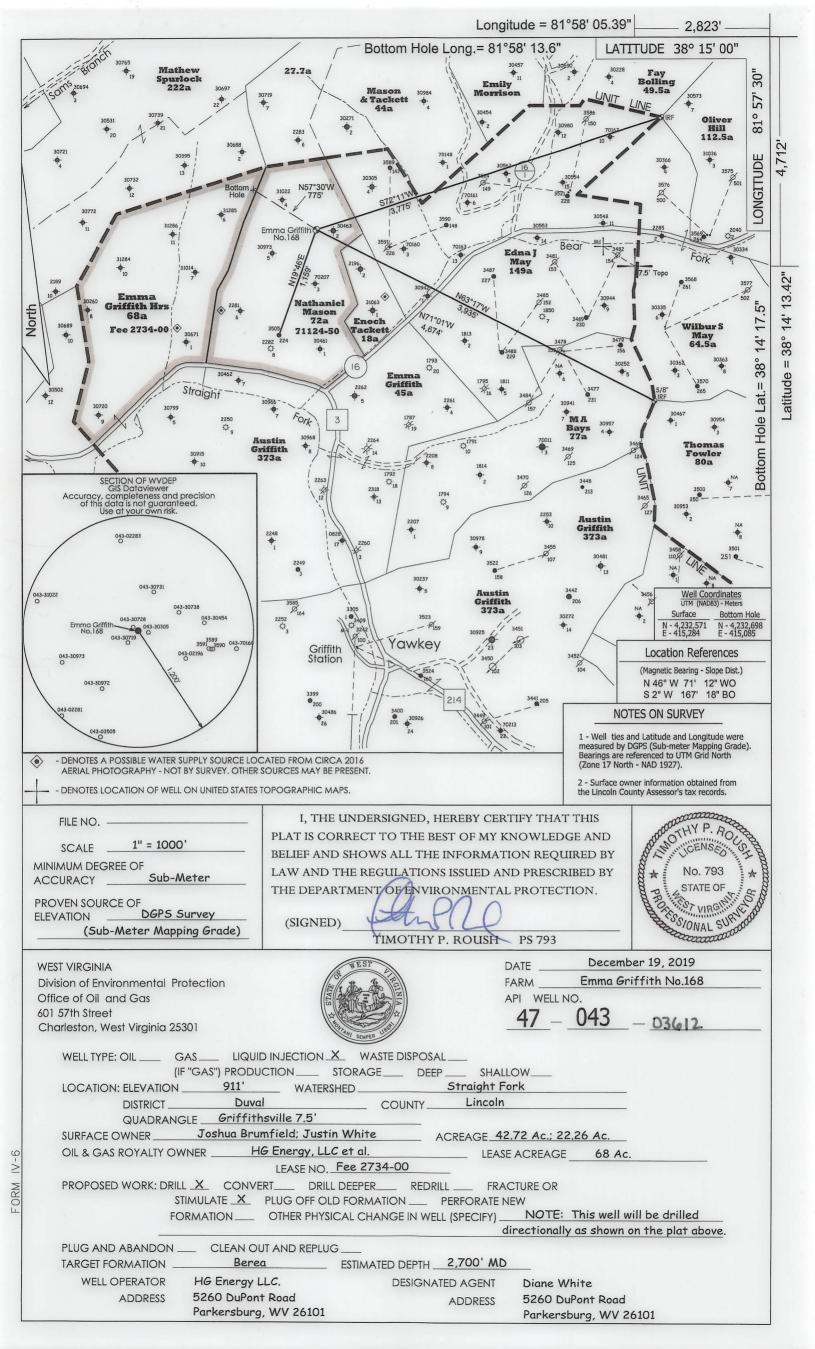
- REQUESTED PERMIT IS FOR DRILLING OF NEW WELL
- ACCESS ROADS ARE EXISTING AND WILL BE MAINTAINED TO WVDEP STANDARDS. NEW STRUCTURES WILL BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN.
- STOCKPILE TOPSOIL FOR RE-DRESSING LOCATION **DURING RECLAMATION**
- ALL DISTURBED AREAS WILL BE RE-VEGETATED AS OUTLINED ON FORM WW-9.
- MAINTAIN SEDIMENT BARRIERS AND DRAINAGE STRUCTURES.
- ALL ROAD GRADES <5% EXCEPT AS NOTED.
- LOCATION OF DRILL PIT MAY BE CHANGED BASED ON AS-BUILT CONSIDERATIONS.
- STACK BRUSH BELOW DISTURBED AREAS FOR SEDIMENTATION CONTROL.
- DRAWING NOT TO SCALE.

REFER TO THE WVDEP **EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL** FIELD MANUAL VER. MAY 2012 FOR **BMPs CONTROLLING EROSION AND** SEDIMENT FROM SOIL-DISTURBING OPERATIONS.









RECEIVED Office of Oil and Gas

MAR 1 3 2020

McLaughlin, Jeffrey W

WV Department of Environmental Protection

From: McLaughlin, Jeffrey W

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 12:50 PM

To: Timothy Roush

Cc: Diane White; Roger L. Heldman; Ed Haas; Mark Schall

Subject: RE: [External] HG Energy Permit Withdrawals

Tim,

Your request to withdraw the following permit applications has been granted as of March 13, 2020: Your applications should be mailed out today.

- 1. Emma Griffith No.166 47-043-03610
- 2. Emma Griffith No. 167 47-043-03611
- 3. Emma Griffith No. 168 47-043-03612
- 4. Emma Griffith No. 267 47-043-03613
- 5. Nathanial Mason No. 169 47-043-03614
- Nathanial Mason No. 268 47-043-03615

Regards

Jeffrey W. McLaughlin

Jeff McLaughlin, B.S. Petroleum Eng. Technical Analyst, Office of Oil & Gas WV Dept. of Environmental Protection Phone: 304-926-0499 Ext. 1614

From: Timothy Roush <troush@hgenergyllc.com>

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:36 AM

To: McLaughlin, Jeffrey W < Jeffrey.W.McLaughlin@wv.gov>

Cc: Diane White <dwhite@hgenergyllc.com>; Roger L. Heldman <rheldman@hgenergyllc.com>; Ed Haas

<ehaas@hgenergyllc.com>; Mark Schall <mschall@hgenergyllc.com>

Subject: [External] HG Energy Permit Withdrawals

CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify sender.

Jeff,

This email is to confirm our phone conversation this morning.

HG Energy wishes to withdraw the following permits that are currently under review by your office:

- 1. Emma Griffith No.166 47-043-03610
- 2. Emma Griffith No.167 47-043-03611
- 3. Emma Griffith No.168 47-043-03612

- 4. Emma Griffith No.267 47-043-03613
- 5. Nathaniel Mason No.169 47-043-03614
- 6. Nathaniel Mason No.268 47-043-03615

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Tim

RECEIVED
Office of Oil and Gas

MAR 1 3 2020

WV Department of Environmental Protection

Timothy P. Roush, PS

HG Energy, LLC 5260 Dupont Road Parkersburg, WV 26101 troush@hgenergyllc.com 304-420-1120



RECEIVED
Office of Oil and Gas

FEB 2 0 2020

WV Department of Environmental Protection

February 20, 2020

Jacob Rhodes WV DEP - Office of Oil & Gas 601 57th Street Charleston, WV 25304

RE:

Response to a Letter from Howard Persinger on behalf of Joshua Brumfield -

Lincoln County, WV

Proposed Wells - E Griffith 166,167,168, 267, N Mason 169, 268

Dear Mr. Rhodes,

Mr. Persinger, writing on behalf of landowner, Joshua Brumfield, in a letter received by the WV DEP, expressed several concerns regarding the proposed drilling of the above referenced wells on his surface property by HG Energy, LLC (HG). This letter is in response to those concerns.

1. Mr. Brumfield requests that any producing wells placed on his property have underground electricity run to them so electric motors can be installed. He was told by HG that this would be done on the well that is currently located on his property but it was never done. The well can be heard from his house.

The original plan for that well in 2015 did anticipate that it would be electrified. However after the actual costs for doing so were fully evaluated, it was clear that the project would not support the expense of the electrical infrastructure that would be needed. Since 2015, HG has abandoned electrification of producing wells in favor of the more economic gas engines.

- 2. He disagrees with the proximity to his home of at least one of the well pads which will be used for the Emma Griffith 166, 167 and 267 Wells and requests that they explore alternative locations.
 - WVDEP requires that new wells be at least 200 feet from dwellings. The wells in question are to be located on a neighboring property at a distance in excess of 550 feet. HG did explore other potential locations for these wells but, because of the topography and pipelines in the area, this option was determined to be the most feasible location for these wells.
- 3. He believes the road HG Energy intends to build to access the well sites will be a major land disturbance leading to erosion of his property. HG Energy claims to "already have a right-of-way" but he isn't sure if that is true.

FEB **20** 2020

WV Department of Environmental Protection

HG Energy, LLC, will construct and maintain the drill site, access roads and pipelines in accordance with WVDEP requirements and industry BMPs. It should be noted that HG uses pad drilling in this project, enabling the drilling of three or more wells from one location in order to minimize the total amount of earthwork required for drill sites, roads and pipelines. This approach significantly reduces overall environmental impact and minimizes the surface use of Mr. Brumfield's land. The access road is authorized under terms of the lease which HG holds on Mr. Brumfield's property. That lease provides for the rights of ingress and egress for wells on the premises.

4. He feels that the standard \$5,000 per pad offer for "nuisance pay" to the landowner is insufficient considering the locations they have chosen, one of which is very close to his home.

The obligations of oil and gas operators to the surface owners are spelled out in Chapter 22-7-3 of the WV Code and HG fully complies with each of these requirements. Although it is not required by law, HG's policy is to go a step further and offer a \$5,000 location fee to landowners in order to help mitigate any inconvenience incurred during the drilling process.

5. He also requests that the producing well established in 2014 or 2015 (believed to be Nathaniel Mason 224) be switched to an electric motor as he was told it would be so that there will be less noise from said well.

After becoming aware of this noise issue, HG has explored options to minimize the sound generated by the subject well. As discussed above, electrification is not an economic feasibility, but HG has taken other measures to suppress the noise from the well. A noise reducing muffler and an acoustic enclosure have since been installed on this pumping unit in order to address Mr. Brumfield's complaint.

I trust we have adequately addressed Mr. Brumfield's concerns and respectfully request the subject drilling permits be issued by the WV DEP – Office of Oil and Gas.

Sincerely,

Diane White

Diane White

CC Jeffery Smith – DEP Inspector
Mr. Joshua Brumfield
Howard Persinger – Persinger & Persinger LLC

FEB 1 4 2020

Environmental Protection

Rhodes, Jacob K

From:

Mo Persinger <hmp3@persingerlaw.com>

Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 1:08 PM

To: Rhodes, Jacob K

Cc: Robin Phelps; joshdbrumfield@hotmail.com
Subject: [External] WVDEP Permit No. UIC2R04301AP

CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify sender.

RE: Permit No. UIC2R04301AP

Wells: Emma Griffith 166 – Elevation 920'

Emma Griffith 167 – Elevation 920'
Emma Griffith 168 – Elevation 911'
Emma Griffith 267 – Elevation 920'
Nathanial Mason 169 – Elevation 911'
Nathanial Mason 268 – Elevation 911'

Operator: HG Energy, LLC

Locations: Duval District, Lincoln County, West Virginia

Quadrangle: Griffithsville 7.5' Watershed: Straight Fork

Elevations: 920'

I am writing on behalf of Joshua D. Brumfield of 31 Vandalia Drive, Yawkey, West Virginia 25573. His telephone number is 304-561-7831. My contact information is below.

Mr. Brumfield's comments are as follows:

- 1. Mr. Brumfield requests that any producing wells placed on his property have underground electricity run to them so electric motors can be installed. He was told by HG that this would be done on the well that is currently located on his property but it was never done. The well can be heard from his house.
- He disagrees with the proximity to his home of at least one of the well pads which will be used for the Emma Griffith 166, 167 and 267 Wells and requests that they explore alternative locations.
- He believes the road HG Energy intends to build to access the well sites will be a major land disturbance leading to erosion of his property. HG Energy claims to "already have a right-of-way" but he isn't sure if that is true.
- 4. He feels that the standard \$5,000 per pad offer for "nuisance pay" to the landowner is insufficient considering the locations they have chosen, one of which is very close to his home.
- He also requests that the producing well established in 2014 or 2015 (believed to be Nathaniel Mason 224) be switched to an electric motor as he was told it would be so that there will be less noise from said well.

We are in the process of reviewing the applications and anticipate submitting more comments by the end of the month and hopefully by the end of next week.

Mo Persinger



Howard M. "Mo" Persinger, III

237 Capitol Street

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-346-9333

Fax: 304-346-9337

hmp3@persingerlaw.com

RECEIVED
Office of Oil and Gas

FEB 1 4 2020

WV Department of Environmental Protection