DEP Office	**New Stanton Oil & Gas Office**	**Inspection Type**	**PF**
Address	**131 Broadview Road**	**Permit or Reg. #**	**129-29266**
Addr Cont	**New Stanton, PA 15672**	**ESCGP #**	**----**
Oper. Name	**EQT PROD CO**	**Site #**	**778624**
Oper. Address	**400 WOODCLIFF DR CANONSBURG, PA 15317-5851**	**Project #**	**PORTER**
Resp. Official Name		**Farm Name & Well #**	**PORTER PAD ESCGP-2 EXPEDITED & GP8**
Resp. Official Phone		**Other Info**	**----**
Latitude	**40.56498**	**Longitude**	**-79.62944999999999**
County	**Westmoreland**	**Municipality**	**Allegheny Township**
Inspection Code	**INCDT - Incident- Response to Accident or Event**	**Facility**	**----**
Permits/Auths	**Well Permit**	**Site Phase**	**Restored/Prod**
Well Info	**Unconventional**	**Well Kind & Description**	**Horizontal Well**

GENERAL COMMENTS

On July 16, 2025 DEP conducted an Incident Inspection of EQT's Porter Well Pad located in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County. EQT acquired the Porter Well Pad from Olympus on 7/1/2025 (Transfer approved by the DEP on 7/14/2025), therefore EQT takes full responsibility of the incident addressed in IR 4004278, where violations were issued for a 1-3 barrel release of a produced water, freshwater and frack chemical mixture. Accompanying during today's inspection was EQT's Lance Barnes, Olympus's Kyle Borden and SPSI's Joe Perry.

At the time of this inspection an Act 9 sign was observed at the access road entrance and in the on-site mailbox was an Emergency Response Plan and Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan.

Operator information on the sign does not match the plans. The DEP recommends the Operator promptly update the plans as applicable. An access road was observed to be stabilized with gravel and no erosion or sedimentation issues were observed.

During IR 4004278, the DEP screened the release area and collected elevated conductivity readings in an area that was scraped 2-4 inches deep as well as at the base/underneath an AST (inadvertently referred to as freshwater impoundment in IR 4004278) on site. At the time of that inspection, Olympus's Laura Karosic stated once fracking is complete (7/11-12/ 2024), the AST would be removed from the well site and further remediation efforts would be conducted in the release area.

At the time of this inspection, the DEP observed the AST to be removed from the well site. The area where the AST was as well as the previously scraped release area all appeared to be newly scraped. A ditch was observed to be dug and bordering the secondary containment within the release area. The DEP utilized a conductivity meter to screen the newly scraped release area as well as the ditch. The DEP collected soil readings of 0.0171 mS, 0.0605 mS, and 0.026 mS in the newly scraped release area, and 2.33 mS in a puddle of cloudy fluid observed in the ditch. These conductivity readings were compared to a background soil reading taken on the well site perimeter (0.1247 mS). The readings collected in the scraped areas are comparable to the background reading, however readings collected in the ditch are elevated.

At the time of this inspection, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Perry informed the DEP that the observed to be newly scraped release area is reportedly remediated, however the ditch and area underneath the containment is not. The DEP inquired why/how the area under the containment is contaminated when the release originated on top of the containment. Mr. Perry hypothesized that released fluids that were sitting on the graveled well pad/under the AST were washed underneath the secondary containment during heavy rainfall following the release. Once the rain ceased and the AST was removed, contaminated fluids

leached out from under the containment in the release area, therefore the ditch is being utilized to catch and contain any of the leached contaminated fluid. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Borden stated that drilling will be completed in approx. 8-10 days, then the containment will be pulled and remediation efforts will be conducted in the remaining contaminated locations.

The DEP recommends the EQT promptly remediate the release in accordance with 78a.66(c)(2).

During IR 4004278 the DEP requested the following:
-The Operator submit a written response that includes an incident report, a timeline, a plan for remediation of the violations and how the Operator quantified the amount released.
-The Operator follow Act 2 guidelines as set by 78a.66(c)(2)
-The Operator assess the impacts to the WOC from the release.
-The Operator submit a NOV response by 7/23/25.
--These have yet to be received as of 7/16/25

Based on today's inspection, violations are being issued to EQT for the 1-3 barrel release and for failure to remove the contaminated fluid from the ground within 15 days of the pollution incident.

REMARKS / VIOLATIONS

Category	Sub-Category	Inspection Remarks / Violations / Violation Remarks	I	R	V
Waste Control & Disposal					

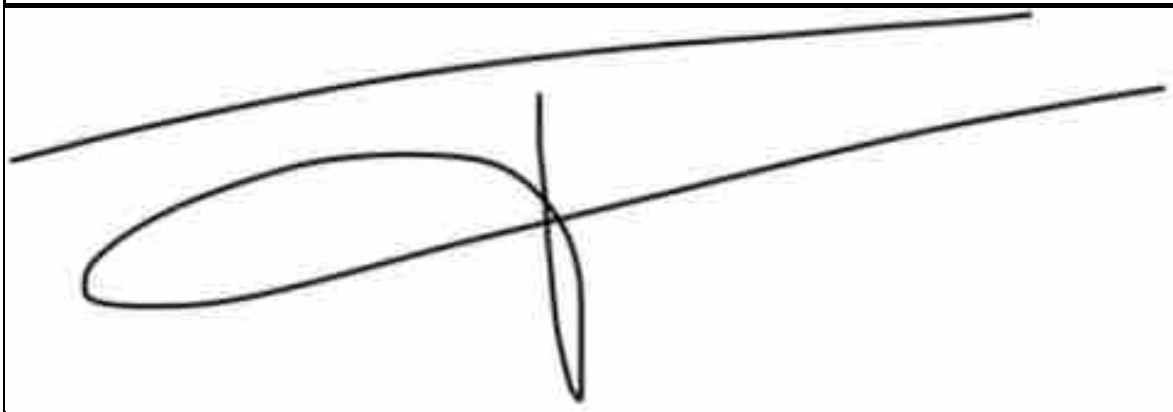
1: Waste Management General: Waste Management General	**Inspection Remark:**
NEW	**Violation:**78a54 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - Operator failed to control and dispose of fluids, residual waste and drill cuttings, including tophole water, brines, drilling fluids, drilling muds, stimulation fluids, well servicing fluids, oil, and production fluids in a manner that prevents pollution of the waters of the Commonwealth and in accordance with 25 Pa. Code §§ 78a.55 – 78a.58 and 78a.60 – 78a.63. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-16 **Violation Remarks:** 1-3 barrel release of produced water, fresh water and frack chemicals onto the graveled well pad
NEW	**Violation:**SWMA 301 - MANAGEMENT OF RESIDUAL WASTE - Person operated a residual waste processing or disposal facility without obtaining a permit for such facility from DEP. Person stored, transported, processed, or disposed of residual waste inconsistent with or unauthorized by the rules and regulations of DEP. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-16 **Violation Remarks:** 1-3 barrel release of produced water, fresh water and frack chemicals onto the graveled well pad

1: Well Site Secondary Containment: Well Site Secondary Containment	**Inspection Remark:**	☑	☑
NEW	**Violation:**OGA3218.2(A) - CONTAINMENT FOR UNCONVENTIONAL WELLS - SITES - Failure to design and construct unconventional well site to prevent spills to the ground surface and off well site. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-16 **Violation Remarks:** 1-3 barrel release of produced water, fresh water and frack chemicals onto the graveled well pad		
NEW	**Violation:**78a64a(b) - SECONDARY CONTAINMENT – All regulated substances, including solid wastes and other regulated substances in equipment or vehicles, failed to be managed within secondary containment on the well site. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-16 **Violation Remarks:** 1-3 barrel release of produced water, fresh water and frack chemicals onto the graveled well pad		

Spills & Releases	1: Reporting / Remediating Releases: Reporting / Remediating Releases	**Inspection Remark:**	☑	☑
	NEW	**Violation:**91.33(B)_ - INCIDENTS CAUSING OR THREATENING POLLUTION - Failure to remove from the ground and from the affected waters of this Commonwealth the residual substances contained thereon or therein within 15 days from a pollution or a danger of pollution incident. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-16 **Violation Remarks:** Contaminated fluids from the 1-3 barrel release still present on the well pad 15 days after pollution incident		
	NEW	**Violation:**91.34(A) - ACTIVITIES UTILIZING POLLUTANTS - Failure to take necessary measures to prevent the substances from directly or indirectly reaching waters of this Commonwealth, through accident, carelessness, maliciousness, hazards of weather or from another cause. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-16 **Violation Remarks:** 1-3 barrel release of produced water, fresh water and frack chemicals onto the graveled well pad		

Inspection Results	Files Attached	Photos Attached	Date Inspected
VIOLS - Violation(s) Noted	☐	☑	07/16/2025

SIGNATURE



TORI LA BIRT, WTR QLTY SPCST

Arrival: 07/16/2025 10:05:00 AM, Departure: 07/16/2025 10:40:00 AM

NOTICE OF VIOLATION(S)

Citation	Description of Violation
25 Pa. Code § 78a.54	78a54 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - Operator failed to control and dispose of fluids, residual waste and drill cuttings, including tophole water, brines, drilling fluids, drilling muds, stimulation fluids, well servicing fluids, oil, and production fluids in a manner that prevents pollution of the waters of the Commonwealth and in accordance with 25 Pa. Code §§ 78a.55 – 78a.58 and 78a.60 – 78a.63.
35 P.S. § 6018.301	SWMA 301 - MANAGEMENT OF RESIDUAL WASTE - Person operated a residual waste processing or disposal facility without obtaining a permit for such facility from DEP. Person stored, transported, processed, or disposed of residual waste inconsistent with or unauthorized by the rules and regulations of DEP.
58 Pa. C.S. § 3218.2(a)	OGA3218.2(A) - CONTAINMENT FOR UNCONVENTIONAL WELLS - SITES - Failure to design and construct unconventional well site to prevent spills to the ground surface and off well site.
25 Pa. Code § 78a.64a(b)	78a64a(b) - SECONDARY CONTAINMENT – All regulated substances, including solid wastes and other regulated substances in equipment or vehicles, failed to be managed within secondary containment on the well site.
25 Pa. Code § 91.33(b)	91.33(B)_ - INCIDENTS CAUSING OR THREATENING POLLUTION - Failure to remove from the ground and from the affected waters of this Commonwealth the residual substances contained thereon or therein within 15 days from a pollution or a danger of pollution incident.
	91.34(A) - ACTIVITIES UTILIZING POLLUTANTS - Failure to take

25 Pa. Code § 91.34(a)	necessary measures to prevent the substances from directly or indirectly reaching waters of this Commonwealth, through accident, carelessness, maliciousness, hazards of weather or from another cause.

Note: This Notice of Violation is neither an order nor any other final action of the Department of Environmental Protection. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to the Department under any of its statutes. If the Department determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.

58 Pa.C.S. § = Act 13(OGA) • 25 Pa.Code § • 35 P.S. § 6018. = Solid Waste Management Act • 35 P.S. § 691. = Clean Streams Law

MAILED BY	CERT MAIL#	MAIL DATE

INSTRUCTIONS RESPONSE

- [x] You are requested to respond as indicated below by 08/07/2025. If applicable, please include the description of activities you will pursue to achieve compliance with the statutes or regulations cited above. Address your reply to the DEP representative named below.
- [ ] No further response required at this time.

- [x] Written response requested
- [x] Has to be done (Specify in the comment section below)
- [x] Add what you will do to correct the situation and achieve compliance?
- [x] Include explanation of cause of violations
- [x] Include the schedule or anticipated time frame for compliance activities you intend to carry out

RESPONSE COMMENTS

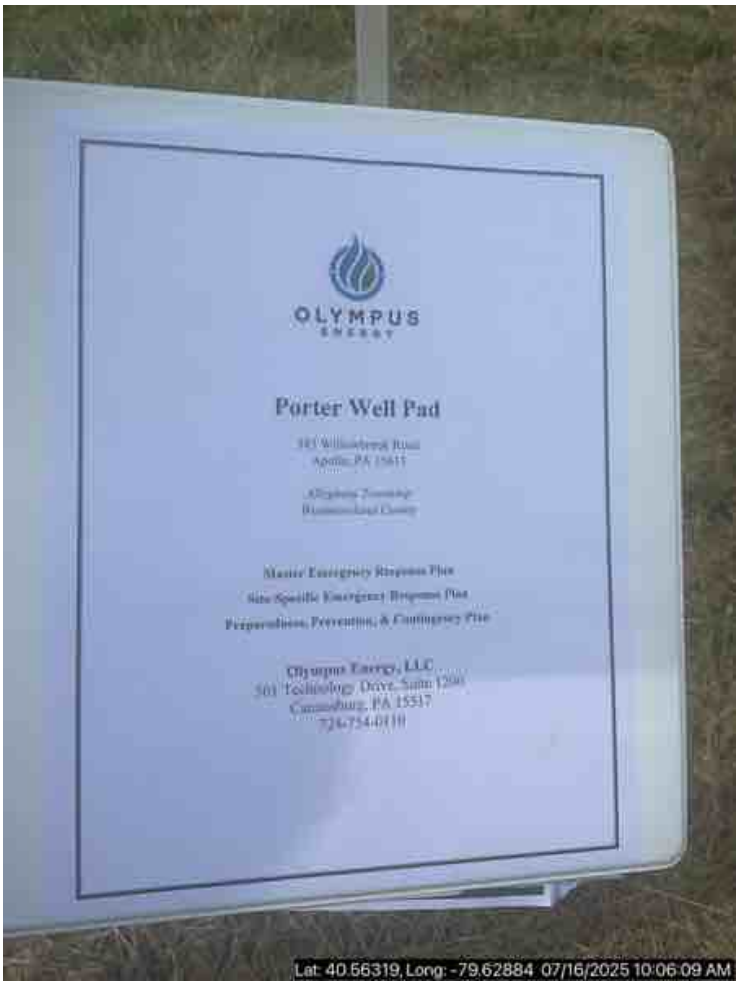
Please include an electronic copy of the NOV response to WQSS Samantha Foulk (sfoulk@pa.gov) and WQS Tori LaBirt (tlabirt@pa.gov).

INSPECTION IMAGES



#: 1

Act 9 sign



#: 2

ERP/PPC



#: 3

Spill area where ground was scraped and impoundment previously was



#: 4

Spill Area where ground was scraped



#: 5

Contaminated area - ditch was dug to contain seepage from under containment



#: 6

Contaminated area - ditch was dug to contain seepage from under containment



#: 7

Cloudy puddle of fluid that seeped out from under secondary containment and into ditch



#: 8

2.33 mS in cloudy puddle in ditch



#: 9

0.0171 mS in scraped area



#: 10

0.0605 mS in scraped area



#: 11

0.026 mS in scraped area



#: 12

Active drilling



#: 13

Dumpsters of contaminated material



#: 14

Background 0.1247 mS