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**	**Drill/Alt**
Well Info	**Unconventional**	**Well Kind & Description**	**Horizontal Well**

GENERAL COMMENTS

On July 29, 2025, the DEP conducted an Incident Inspection of EQT's Porter Well Pad located in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County following a spill that was reported to the DEP hotline on 7/28/2025 at 2:54 pm.

The spill report stated that at 2:06 pm on 7/28/2025, over 5 gallons of production fluids were found on the gravel well pad at the Porter Well site after removing secondary containment. Accompanying during today's inspection is EQT's representative Kyle Borden.

At the time of this inspection, the DEP observed an Act 9 Sign posted at the access road entrance with all required information posted on it. In the on-site mailbox, the DEP observed both an Emergency

Response Plan and Preparedness, Prevention, and Contingency Plan, that had different Operator information on it than the Act 9 sign. The DEP recommends the Operator update the plans as applicable.

At the time of this inspection, drill outs were recently completed on the 6U and containment was removed from the well pad the day prior. Mr. Borden stated that the secondary containment in the release area was packed with tanks and large equipment, therefore despite routine inspections of the containment, only the edges of the containment could be inspected, and no holes or tears were observed. However, upon removal of the containment, staining and small puddles were observed on the gravel pad in an approximately 115 ft x 60 ft area.

At the time of this inspection, the DEP observed the area of the graveled pad where this incident occurred to be adjacent to wellheads covered by boxes. The pea gravel in this area was observed to be wet with sections that appeared to be darker in color than other areas. Mr. Borden stated that SPSI and Moody were arriving on site to remediate the release and that they estimate remediation to be completed within the day. EQT representative Schuyler Brounce mentioned in his email (documented in IR 4024285), that following his review of the incident, he estimates the release to be over 1 barrel. At the time of this inspection, Mr. Borden stated once all contaminated gravel has been removed, an updated quantity will be provided to the DEP.

At the time of this inspection, the DEP utilized a conductivity meter to screen the graveled well pad. The DEP collected soil readings of 1.835 mS, 3.22 mS, 3.35 mS and 2.08 mS in the incident area closest to the wellheads, as well as 2.56 mS between two wellheads and a fluid reading of Over Range in fluid observed to be pooled in secondary containment adjacent to the release area. These conductivity readings are elevated when compared
to the background soil reading of 0.1457 mS collected in vegetation by the Act 9 Sign.

At the time of this inspection, the DEP requested secondary containment logs for the Porter well pad and Mr. Borden stated they would be provided to the Department electronically. The DEP is also requesting an electronic copy of the Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals stored/utilized within and near the secondary containment that was observed to have the release underneath by COB 8/5/2025.

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

Based on today's inspection, violations shall be issued for the over 1 barrel release of production fluids on the graveled well pad.

The Operator is requested to submit a written response within 15 days of the receipt of this report. This response should include an incident report, a timeline, a plan for remediation of the violations and how the Operator quantified the amount released. The Operator will need to follow Act 2 guidelines as set by 78a.66(c)(2) and assess the impacts to the Water of the Commonwealth from the release.

REMARKS / VIOLATIONS

Category	Sub-Category	Inspection Remarks / Violations / Violation Remarks	I	R	V

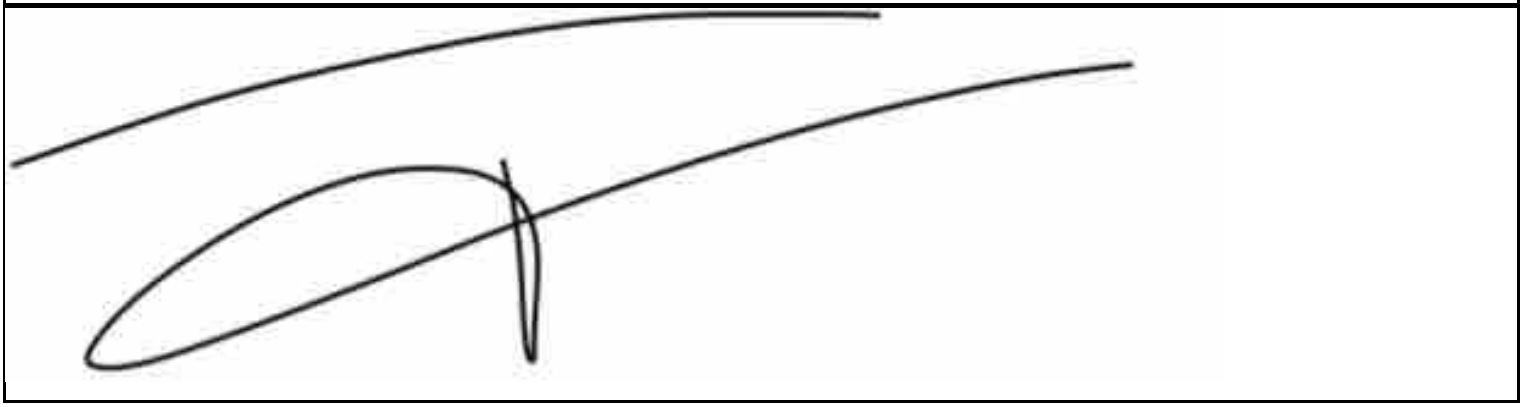
Spills & Releases	1: Reporting / Remediating Releases: Reporting / Remediating Releases	**Inspection Remark:**	☑	☐	☑
	NEW	**Violation:**91.34(A) - ACTIVITIES UTILIZING POLLUTANTS - Failure to take necessary measures to prevent the substances from directly or indirectly reaching waters of this Commonwealth, through accident, carelessness, maliciousness, hazards of weather or from another cause. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-29 **Violation Remarks:** Over 1 barrel release of production fluids onto the graveled well pad			
Waste Control & Disposal	1: Production Fluids Control & Storage : Production Fluids Control & Storage	**Inspection Remark:**	☑	☐	☑
	NEW	**Violation:**78a57(a) - CONTROL, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PRODUCTION FLUIDS - Operator failed to collect brine and other fluids produced during operation of the well in a tank, series of tanks, or other device approved by the Department for subsequent disposal or reuse. **Violation Date:** 2025-07-29 **Violation Remarks:** Over 1 barrel release of production fluids onto graveled well pad			

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:** 2025-07-29 **Violation Remarks:** Over 1 barrel release of production fluids onto 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:** 2025-07-29 **Violation Remarks:** Over 1 barrel release of production fluids onto graveled well pad			

1: Well Site Secondary Containment: Well Site Secondary Containment	**Inspection Remark:**		☑	☑
CLOSED: CRCTD - Corrected/Abated	**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:** 2025-07-29 **Violation Remarks:** Over one barrel release of production fluids onto gravel well pad			
CLOSED: CRCTD - Corrected/Abated	**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:** 2025-07-29 **Violation Remarks:** Over one bar release of production fluids onto gravel well pad			

Inspection Results	Files Attached	Photos Attached	Date Inspected
VIOLS - Violation(s) Noted	☐	☑	07/29/2025

SIGNATURE



TORI LA BIRT, WTR QLTY SPCST

Arrival: 07/29/2025 08:10:00 AM, Departure: 07/29/2025 09:13:00 AM

NOTICE OF VIOLATION(S)

Citation	Description of Violation
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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.

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 08/14/2025. 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

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

INSPECTION IMAGES



#: 1

Release area



#: 2

Release area



#: 3

1.835 mS in release area



#: 4

3.22 mS in release area



#: 5

3.35 mS in release area



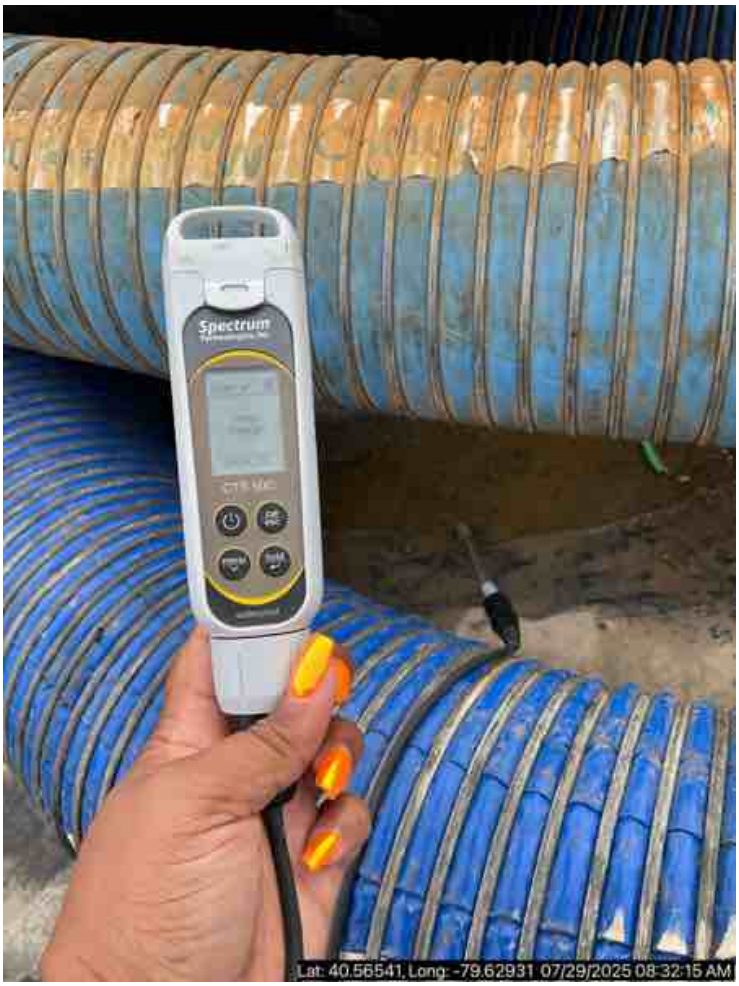
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2.08 mS in release area



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Piping in containment adjacent to release area



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Over range in fluid sitting in containment



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2.56 mS Between wellheads



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0.1457 mS background



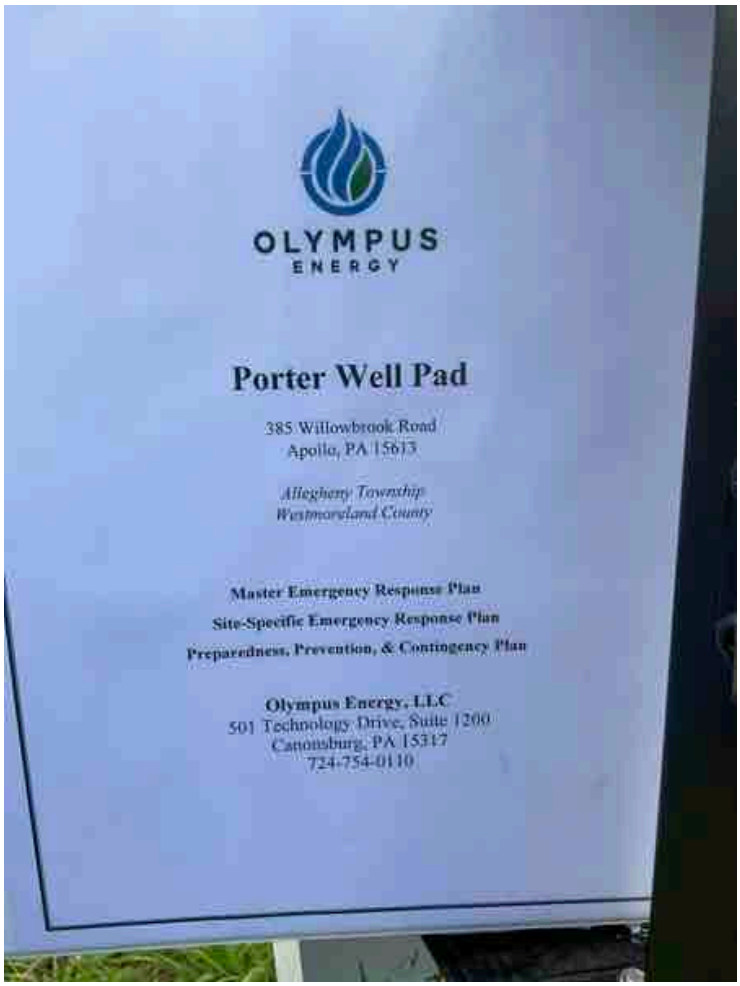
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Access road



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Act 9 sign


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