



May 7, 2026

*Via E-Mail*

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Oil & Gas Management  
400 Waterfront Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

RE: Proposed Alternate Method of Plugging a Well  
JP Smith 5H  
Permit Number 129-28978  
South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Dear DEP Recipient,

Please find attached the following documentation:

- Completed Form 8000-PM-OOGM0024 "Proposed Alternate Method of Plugging a Well"
- Proof of notification of coal related parties

Please note that this is the second of three alternate method requests that will be submitted on this date for this well. Each alternate method request should be processed as a separate authorization ID.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this application, please feel free to contact me using one of the methods below.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Zavatchan'.

John Zavatchan  
Regional Manager - Permitting  
[jzavatchan@eqt.com](mailto:jzavatchan@eqt.com)  
412-584-3132



<b>DEP USE ONLY</b>
Application Tracking #
<b>1569127</b>

## Proposed Alternate Method or Material for Casing, Plugging, Venting or Equipping a Well

Well Operator <b>EQT CHAP LLC</b>		DEP ID# <b>279986</b>	Well Permit or Registration Number <b>129-28978</b>	
Address <b>2200 Energy Drive</b>		Well Farm Name <b>JP Smith</b>		
City <b>Canonsburg</b>	State <b>PA</b>	Zip Code <b>15317</b>	Well # <b>5H</b>	Serial #
Phone <b>412-584-3132</b>	Fax <b>724-745-2418</b>	County <b>Westmoreland</b>		Municipality <b>South Huntingdon Twp.</b>

*A proposed alternate method is subject to provisions in §3221 of the 2012 Oil and Gas Act, 58 Pa. C.S. §3221 Section 13 of the Coal and Gas Resource Coordination Act, 58 P.S. §513 and 25 PA Code §§78.75-78.75a (relating to Alternate Methods.) **Attach proof of notification of coal operator(s).***

**Describe in reasonable detail using a written description and / or diagram:**

- 1. the proposed alternate method or materials, and**
- 2. the manner in which the alternative will satisfy the goals of the laws and regulations.**

EQT is requesting approval for the optional setting of inflatable packers downhole at Department approved locations outside of regulation 20ft intervals above oil, gas, and water bearing zones. All inflatable packers will be installed with 10'-20' of sand or 6% or greater gel on top of them. These mechanical plugs in conjunction with Class A or Class L cement will help ensure all vertical gas flow in the wellbore is stopped.

EQT will communicate to DEP the intended setting depths of all inflatable packers prior to placement. Should EQT be unable to place an inflatable packer in the intended location, EQT will inform the Oil and Gas Inspector. If EQT identifies the wellbore condition is not supportive of implementing this alternative method, EQT will inform the Oil and Gas Inspector and Oil and Gas Inspector Supervisor and will provide an email requesting to withdraw the alternative method.

- For additional information please contact Beau Fry at 304-552-9460.

<b>Optional: Approval by Coal Owner or Operator</b>	<b>Signature of Applicant / Well Operator</b>
Signature _____ Date _____	Signature  Date <b>5/5/2026</b>
Print or Type Signer's Name and Title _____	Print or Type Signer's Name and Title <b>John Zavatchan - Regional Manager - Permitting</b>

If optional approval is signed by coal owner or operator, the 15-day objection period may be waived.

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Approved by (DEP Manager) 	Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> YES, See Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Date <b>05/22/2026</b>



May 06, 2026

Dear Customer,

The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number: 871440621060

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**From:** Weiland, April  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2026 8:36 AM  
**To:** Dolney, Daniel  
**Cc:** Najewicz, Justin; Woods, Matthew; Stevens, William  
**Subject:** FW: [External] JP Smith 5H - 129-28978 - Proposed Alternate Methods for Plugging a Well  
**Attachments:** EQT Chap - 1569126 - AM.pdf; EQT Chap - 1569127 - AM.pdf; EQT Chap - 1569128 - AM.pdf  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Good morning, Daniel:

Please finalize processing of the appended alt methods recommended for approval.

Note: for recording keep I would suggest this email chain be kept in the well file.

**Justin/Matt:** If an approved **alt method is not utilized by the operator**, please follow up with the **operator to withdraw the unused alt method** to ensure that DEP records are appropriately updated and the CoWP reflects how the well was plugged.

Thank you,

**April A. Weiland** (She/Her/Hers) | Environmental Group Manager  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Southwest District Oil and Gas Operations  
Cambria District Office  
286 Industrial Park Road | Ebensburg PA 15931-4119  
Phone: 814.472.1820 | Fax: 814.472.1861



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**DEP Southwest Regional Office number is: 1-412-442-4000**

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**From:** Najewicz, Justin <jnajewicz@pa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2026 1:16 PM  
**To:** Weiland, April <apweiland@pa.gov>  
**Cc:** Woods, Matthew <matwoods@pa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: [External] JP Smith 5H - 129-28978 - Proposed Alternate Methods for Plugging a Well

Good afternoon April,

I have reviewed the three attached AMs and recommend them for approval. I have added the AMs to the EGM requests tracker and the folder can be found here: [EQT CHAP JP Smith 5H 129-28978](#)

Please note, these AMs are based on templates EQT compiled working closely with Scott, Joel, and I. There are three separate AMs to allow withdrawal of the packer and/or CIBP AM if not utilized.

Thank you,

**Justin Najewicz** | Oil & Gas Inspector Supervisor  
Department of Environmental Protection  
New Stanton District Office  
131 Broadview Road | New Stanton, PA 15672  
Phone: 724.925.5511  
DEP 24-hour toll free Emergency Response number: 1-800-541-2050  
[www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov)

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**From:** Dolney, Daniel <[ddolney@pa.gov](mailto:ddolney@pa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2026 8:54 AM  
**To:** Najewicz, Justin <[jnajewicz@pa.gov](mailto:jnajewicz@pa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Weiland, April <[apweiland@pa.gov](mailto:apweiland@pa.gov)>; Stevens, William <[wistevens@pa.gov](mailto:wistevens@pa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: [External] JP Smith 5H - 129-28978 - Proposed Alternate Methods for Plugging a Well

Good morning, Justin.

Attached are three more alt methods for your review. Thank you.

Daniel Dolney | Clerical Assistant 2  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Southwest District Oil and Gas Office  
400 Waterfront Drive | Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745  
Phone: (412) 442-4335 | Fax: (412) 442-4328

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**From:** Stevens, William <[wistevens@pa.gov](mailto:wistevens@pa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:15 AM  
**To:** Dolney, Daniel <[ddolney@pa.gov](mailto:ddolney@pa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: [External] JP Smith 5H - 129-28978 - Proposed Alternate Methods for Plugging a Well

Dan, please process this alt meth.

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**From:** Zavatchan, John <[JZavatchan@eqt.com](mailto:JZavatchan@eqt.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2026 7:37 AM  
**To:** EP, SW OG-Submissions <[RA-EPSW-OGSUBMISSION@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPSW-OGSUBMISSION@pa.gov)>; Reaggle, Charles <[creaggle@pa.gov](mailto:creaggle@pa.gov)>; Najewicz, Justin <[jnajewicz@pa.gov](mailto:jnajewicz@pa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Fry, Doug <[DFry@eqt.com](mailto:DFry@eqt.com)>  
**Subject:** [External] JP Smith 5H - 129-28978 - Proposed Alternate Methods for Plugging a Well

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DEP Recipient:

Attached are three Proposed Alternate Method or Material for Casing, Plugging, Venting or Equipping a Well for the subject well. Plugging is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 6, 2026 at this site.

Please process each alternate method as a unique authorization.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these requests.

Best Regards,

John Zavatchan  
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