



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 third 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
412-584-3132



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Application Tracking # 1569128

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

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

*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 additional CIBPs with placement downhole at Department approved locations outside of regulation 20ft intervals above oil, gas, and water bearing zones. 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 CIBPs prior to placement. Should EQT be unable to place a CIBP 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.

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

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 05/22/2026



May 06, 2026

Dear Customer,

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

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Recipient:
James P., Jr. & Patricia J. Smith,
79 Strikertown Road
WEST NEWTON, PA, US, 15089

Shipper:
Olivia Pishioneri, EQT
2200 Energy Drive
Canonsburg, PA, US, 15317

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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

From: Dolney, Daniel <ddolney@pa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 8:54 AM
To: Najewicz, Justin <jnajewicz@pa.gov>
Cc: Weiland, April <apweiland@pa.gov>; Stevens, William <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

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

Dan, please process this alt meth.

From: Zavatchan, John <JZavatchan@eqt.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 7:37 AM
To: EP, SW OG-Submissions <RA-EPSW-OGSUBMISSION@pa.gov>; Reaggle, Charles <creaggle@pa.gov>; Najewicz, Justin <jnajewicz@pa.gov>
Cc: Fry, Doug <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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