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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS MANAGEMENT

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Application Tracking #
1583076

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

Well Operator Range Resources Appalachia, LLC		DEP ID# 141142		Well Permit or Registration Number 37-125-29312	
Address 3000 Town Center Blvd.		Well Farm Name STEVENSON THOMAS 18134			
City Canonsburg	State PA	Zip Code 15317	Well # 9H	Serial #	
Phone 724-743-6700	Fax	County Washington	Municipality SMITH		

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.

The STEVENSON THOMAS 18134 pad is in a known area of mining. The top of the mined-out Pittsburgh coal is estimated to be around 200'GL (no other workable coal seams), and the deepest reported fresh groundwater (DFGW) within a 2,500' radius of the STEVENSON THOMAS 18134 pad is correlated to a depth of roughly 192'GL which is approximately 8' above the top of the coal mine. Since the STEVENSON THOMAS 18134 pad location is within a mine boundary, a mine balance cement job is required on the 13-3/8" mine string. As a result, it is not possible to set a water string at least 50' below DFGW, as well as provide enough space to effectively place mine baskets between the surface casing shoe and the top of the mine providing ample cement coverage and isolation between DFGW and the mined coal. (per Chapter §78a.83(c) & §78a.83(h) as shown below). With this alternate method, we are requesting to set a water casing string less than 50' below the DFGW (but into consolidated rock) due to the proximity of DFGW and the estimated top of the mine void.

§78a.83. Surface and coal protective casing and cementing procedures.

(c.) The operator shall drill to approximately 50 feet below the deepest fresh groundwater or at least 50 feet into consolidated rock, whichever is deeper, and immediately set and permanently cement a string of surface casing to that depth.

(h.) Unless an alternative method has been approved by the Department in accordance with § 78a.75 (relating to alternative methods), when a well is drilled through a coal seam at a location where the coal has been removed or when a well is drilled through a coal pillar, the operator shall drill to a depth of at least 30 feet but no more than 50 feet deeper than the bottom of the coal seam. The operator shall set and cement a coal protection string of casing to this depth. The operator shall equip the casing with a cement basket or other similar device above and as close to the top of the coal seam as practical.

Optional: Approval by Coal Owner or Operator		Signature of Applicant / Well Operator	
Signature	Date	Signature	Date
		<i>Callie M. Fry</i>	8/25/2026
Print or Type Signer's Name and Title		Print or Type Signer's Name and Title	
		Callie M. Fry	

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
	☐ YES, See Attached ☒ NO
	Date 8/25/2026