

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Dear County EMA/PSAP:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is writing to inform you about a new joint initiative that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has undertaken in coordination with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Per Act 9 of 2012 (P. L. 67, No. 9), operators of unconventional wells are to develop and submit emergency response plans (ERPs) to DEP, PEMA, the county emergency management agency, and the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) with jurisdiction over the well site. In February 2016, DEP began requiring all operators of unconventional wells in Pennsylvania to electronically submit ERPs through the Oil and Gas Reporting Electronic (OGRE) system via the DEP Greenport web portal. **To further streamline the overall ERP submittal process and to comply with Act 9 requirements, a submission through DEP's OGRE will now also be considered a submission to PEMA, the county EMAs, and the PSAPs.** If you are unable to access the plans electronically through the DEP Oil and Gas Mapping portal (link to website provided below) please make a specific request to the operator for a paper copy. If you require special accommodation using the website to obtain ERPs, please contact one of the program administrators below. DEP and PEMA hope you'll find this a time and cost saving initiative. Thank you for your cooperation and engagement, and as always, for your continued efforts protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth.

ERPs as submitted by Oil and Gas Operators can be viewed on the DEP Oil and Gas Mapping Website:

<http://www.depgis.state.pa.us/PaOilAndGasMapping/>

For a video tutorial on how to use the mapping platform, please go to the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAAKQnOh048>

Should you have any questions please contact:

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