

Please be advised, DEP will no longer accept modifications to permits that have already been issued that propose to alter the permit in the following manner:

- 1) Changing vertical wells to horizontal wells
- 2) Changing the direction of the horizontal well bore
- 3) Increasing the length of the horizontal well bore
- 4) Changing a well from non-conservation to conservation and vice-versa.
- 5) Changing points along the horizontal where the Onondaga Formation is penetrated.

Operators who wish to obtain approval to modify an issued well permit in the above ways must submit a new well permit application - including proof of notification required by section 201 of the Oil and Gas Act. Modifications needed due to problems encountered while drilling the well do not require a new permit but the Department must be notified promptly if such a modification is necessary. After notification is made to the DEP inspector responsible for the well, drilling activity may continue while the permit modification is processed.