



Welcome to DEP's Oil and Gas News Line

As Pennsylvanians remain vigilant, by staying home and teleworking in an attempt to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19, we at the Office of Oil & Gas Management wanted to take some time to keep in touch and remind you that this pandemic may keep us away from our offices, but it will not keep us from upholding the Mission of the Department of Environmental Protection to serve our Commonwealth and protect and preserve our environment.

Most importantly, we want you to know our hearts go out to anyone who's been impacted by the virus. During these uncertain times, we want you to know that our Team remains committed to providing you with the high level of service and oversight of the oil and gas industry in Pennsylvania which you have come to expect and deserve.

As we move forward, we'll be sure to keep you updated. In the meantime, keep safe and stay healthy.

- Scott Perry
Deputy Secretary
Oil & Gas Management

Fresh, New Look to GreenPort

In the upcoming weeks, you will notice a change to the "Self-Registration" screens within DEP's Greenport application. The functionality and process for Users to Self-Register and receive access rights from their Electronic Filing Administrator (EFA) did not change, only the look and flow of the new screens. A user guide will be available within the application to assist users with the new look and flow of the system. If you have additional questions or need further guidance please email RA-ep-BOGMOGRE@pa.gov

Operator Well Inventory Requirements

Oil and gas operators are encouraged to routinely compare their well inventory to the [DEP Oil and Gas Well Inventory Report](#) on the [DEP Oil and Gas Reports Webpage](#). This is strongly recommended before operators submit required electronic reports such as Production, Waste and Mechanical Integrity Assessment reports. Under applicable Pennsylvania law, the current operator of a well must have a valid permit or registration to lawfully operate an oil or gas well. If you sold a well, purchased a well, or if the status of a well has changed (for example, the well has been plugged), and this information does not display as you think it should in the DEP Oil and Gas Well Inventory Report, please contact the DEP Oil & Gas District office where the well is located and request the proper forms to update your information to resolve these issues. DEP must receive proper documentation to update records, ownership, or well status. All forms should be submitted to the [DEP Oil & Gas District offices](#) for the county in which the well is located.

Fast Approaching Grant Application Deadline

Just a reminder that the Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program (OAWP) grant application period, which opened on February 1st, will close on May 31st. Competitive grants awarded under the OAWP may be used to plug orphan and abandoned wells for which no responsible party exists and that have the potential to cause health, safety, or environmental concerns. Other projects which are eligible include the installation of well vents and stray gas mitigation systems. The maximum grant value has been raised to \$1,000,000, which is four times higher than in previous years. There is a \$100 application fee. More information can be found at the [Commonwealth Financing Authority's website](#).

ePermitting Updates

To find out the latest updates to the ePermitting Application, information can be located on the DEP website at dep.pa.gov under Data and Tools and then [ePermitting Release Notes](#). The release notes page details enhancements, new or modified functionality, as well as any bug fixes within the e-permitting application for all programs and are organized by month the enhancements were released.

Updates to Fact Sheets and Other Miscellaneous Permits and Forms:

DEP's eLibrary has received a few updated Publications and are available now for your use:

- [Unconventional Shale Development - 8000-FS-DEP4217](#)
- [Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Requirements for Oil & Gas Activities - 8000-FS-DEP4216](#)
- [How to Apply For Orphan/Abandon Commonwealth Financing Authority \(CFA\) Well Plugging Grant - 8100-FS-DEP4622](#)
- [Notice of Intention by Well Operator to Plug A Well - 8000-FM-OOGM0005](#)
- [Certificate of Well Plugging - 8000-FM-OOGM0006](#)
- [Abandoned Well Classification - 8000-PM-OOGM0050](#)
- [Orphan Well Classification Request and Instructions - 8000-PM-OOGM0077](#)

If you have any questions related to the articles in this newsletter or if you have something you would like to see included in this newsletter, please contact the Bureau of Oil and Gas Planning and Program Management office in Harrisburg at 717-772-2199 or email RA-ep-BOGMOGRE@pa.gov.

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