



September 25, 2013

West Virginia Office of Oil and Gas (by email and Fedex)
Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
Attention: James Martin, Chief

Re: Comments of Bill Hughes for Quentin Cruppenink concerning Statoil USA Onshore Properties Inc.'s Permit Applications for the Green Dot Unit II 3H, 5H and 6H wells, Clay District, Wetzel County, West Virginia

Chief Martin:

Statoil USA Onshore Properties Inc. ("Statoil") has received Mr. Hughes' Email response dated August 26, 2013 to Statoil's answer to his comments regarding the captioned gas well applications. This letter is directed to his response.

Statoil is a large, international oil and gas company that takes safety and environmental issues very seriously. (See www.Statoil.com for an overview of the company.) Statoil is in the process of reviewing and finalizing the well pads and facility locations purchased from Grenadier, and absent undue weather delays, Statoil should complete that review by Spring of next year. Soon thereafter we'll be implementing our plan to upgrade those pads, facilities and well locations to the higher of either the WVDEP standards or the Statoil standards.

The labeling on the condensate-brine tanks at the captioned location will be one of the many issues addressed, and the labels will be put on the tanks in the normal course of upgrading the pads.

Regarding pad perimeter berms, Statoil has found that due to the size of these locations, heavy rains tend to blowout the pad perimeter berms, creating erosion and maintenance problems. What Statoil has done as a Best Management Practice is to construct lined perimeter berms around the facility tanks and equipment. This has worked well thus far.

To protect local fresh water sources and supplies, Statoil adheres to Best Management Practices (BMP) in addressing storm water issues to ensure that sediment, oil, chemicals and other toxic materials are not discharged from the pad site. Regardless of the absence of a pad perimeter berm, any liquids will be contained and disposed of according to waste regulations.

Statoil will work to ensure that the well pad locations and facilities it operates are safe, clean, and adhere to West Virginia regulations as well as Statoil's standards. Statoil intends to be a good neighbor in the areas it operates and

will strive to operate to the highest applicable standard so it can be an example of Marcellus drilling and production done properly.

Sincerely,



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