

December 30, 2019

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Dear Mr. Dunning:

Montana Air Quality Permit #5237-00 is deemed final as of December 24, 2019, by the Department of Environmental Quality (Department). This permit is for reciprocating internal combustion engines at a natural gas processing plant. All conditions of the Department's Decision remain the same. Enclosed is a copy of your permit with the final date indicated.

For the Department,

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Montana Air Quality Permit #5237-00

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MONTANA AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Issued To: Big Sky Energy, LLC Dry Creek Compressor Station P.O. Box 2342 Cody, Wyoming 82414 MAQP: #5237-00 Administrative Amendment (AA) Request Received: 11/18/2019 Department's Decision on AA: 12/6/2019

Permit Final: 12/24/2019

A Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP), with conditions, is hereby granted to the Big Sky Energy, LLC (BSE) for the emitting units at the Dry Creek Compressor Station, pursuant to Sections 75-2-204 and 211 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as amended, and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.740, *et seq.*, as amended, for the following:

Section I: Permitted Facilities

A. Plant Location

BSE owns and operates two natural gas-fired two-stroke rich burn compressor engines, one Ajax DPC-300 and one Ajax DPC-360, at the Dry Creek Compressor Station. The Dry Creek Compressor Station is located in the SE½ of the SW¼ of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 21 East, Carbon County.

B. Current Permit Action

On November 18, 2019, BSE notified the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) of the transfer of ownership of the two Ajax engines at the Dry Creek Compressor Station from Northwestern Energy to BSE and requested that the Department issue BSE an MAQP for these engines. Northwestern Energy also provided a notice to the Department dated November 18, 2019 documenting the transfer of ownership of the two Ajax engines to BSE and requesting that the associated permit conditions from MAQP #2784-05 be transferred to BSE. As this transfer of ownership does not involve the construction of any new or modification of any existing emitting units, this permit issuance is considered an administrative action in accordance with ARM 17.8.764 and ARM 17.8.765(2). All applicable permit conditions for the two Ajax engines have been transferred from MAQP #2784-05 to MAQP #5237-00.

Section II: Limitations and Conditions

A. Operational Requirements

1. Emissions from the 300-horsepower (hp) Ajax DPC-300 compressor engine shall not exceed the following (ARM 17.8.749):

Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) 2.98 pounds per hour (lb/hr)

Carbon Monoxide (CO) 0.60 lb/hr Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) 0.66 lb/hr 2. Emissions from the 360-hp Ajax DPC-360 compressor engine shall not exceed the following (ARM 17.8.749):

NO_x 3.57 lb/hr CO 0.71 lb/hr VOC 0.79 lb/hr

- 3. BSE may not cause or authorize emissions to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any sources installed after November 23, 1968, that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.304).
- 4. BSE shall comply with all applicable standards and limitations, and the reporting, recordkeeping, and notification requirements contained in Title 60 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), Subpart ZZZZ, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (ARM 17.8.342 and 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ).

B. Emission Testing Requirements

- 1. All compliance source tests shall be conducted in accordance with the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual (ARM 17.8.106).
- 2. The Department may require further testing (ARM 17.8.105).
- C. Operational Reporting Requirements:
 - 1. BSE shall supply the Department with annual production information for all emission points, as required by the Department in the annual emission inventory request. The request will include, but is not limited to, all sources of emissions identified in the emission inventory contained in the permit analysis.
 - Production information shall be gathered on a calendar-year basis and submitted to the Department by the date required in the emission inventory request. Information shall be in the units required by the Department. This information may be used for calculating operating fees, based on actual emissions from the facility, and/or to verify compliance with permit limitations (ARM 17.8.505).
 - 2. BSE shall notify the Department of any construction or improvement project conducted, pursuant to ARM 17.8.745, that would include *the addition of a new emissions unit*, change in control equipment, stack height, stack diameter, stack flow, stack gas temperature, source location, or fuel specifications, or would result in an increase in source capacity above its permitted operation. The notice must be submitted to the Department, in writing, 10 days prior to startup or use of the proposed de minimis change, or as soon as reasonably practicable in the event of an unanticipated circumstance causing the de minimis change, and must include the information requested in ARM 17.8.745(l)(d) (ARM 17.8.745).
 - 3. All records compiled in accordance with this permit must be maintained by BSE as a permanent business record for at least 5 years following the date of the measurement, must be available at the plant site for inspection by the Department,

and must be submitted to the Department upon request. These records may be stored at a location other than the plant site upon approval by the Department (ARM 17.8.749).

Section III: General Conditions

- A. Inspection BSE shall allow the Department's representatives access to the source at all reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or surveys, collecting samples, obtaining data, auditing any monitoring equipment such as Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS) or Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS), or observing any monitoring or testing, and otherwise conducting all necessary functions related to this permit.
- B. Waiver The permit and the terms, conditions, and matters stated herein shall be deemed accepted if BSE fails to appeal as indicated below.
- C. Compliance with Statutes and Regulations Nothing in this permit shall be construed as relieving BSE of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, *et seq.* (ARM 17.8.756).
- D. Enforcement Violations of limitations, conditions and requirements contained herein may constitute grounds for permit revocation, penalties, or other enforcement action as specified in Section 75-2-401, *et seq.*, MCA.
- E. Appeals Any person or persons jointly or severally adversely affected by the Department's decision may request, within 15 days after the Department renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board of Environmental Review (Board). A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. The filing of a request for a hearing does not stay the Department's decision, unless the Board issues a stay upon receipt of a petition and a finding that a stay is appropriate under Section 75-2-211(11)(b), MCA. The issuance of a stay on a permit by the Board postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board. If a stay is not issued by the Board, the Department's decision on the application is final 16 days after the Department's decision is made.
- F. Permit Inspection As required by ARM 17.8.755, Inspection of Permit, a copy of the air quality permit shall be made available for inspection by the Department at the location of the source.
- G. Permit Fee Pursuant to Section 75-2-220, MCA, failure to pay the annual operation fee by BSE may be grounds for revocation of this permit, as required by that section and rules adopted thereunder by the Board.
- H. Duration of Permit Construction or installation must begin or contractual obligations entered into that would constitute substantial loss within 3 years of permit issuance and proceed with due diligence until the project is complete or the permit shall expire (ARM 17.8.762).

Montana Air Quality Permit Analysis Big Sky Energy, LLC MAQP #5237-00

I. Introduction/Process Description

Big Sky Energy, LLC (BSE) owns and operates two natural gas-fired two-stroke rich burn compressor engines, one Ajax DPC-300 and one Ajax DPC-360, at the Dry Creek Compressor Station. The Dry Creek Compressor Station is located in the SE½ of the SW¼ of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 21 East, Carbon County.

A. Permitted Equipment

The BSE equipment at the Dry Creek Compressor Station consists of:

YEAR INST.	MAKE	MODEL	SIZE
1974	Ajax	DPC-300	300 hp
1979	Ajax	DPC-360	360 hp

B. Source Description

The Ajax DPC-300 and Ajax DPC-360 two-stroke rich burn compressor engines were installed at the Dry Creek Compressor Station in 1974 and 1979, respectively. These engines, along with other equipment at the Dry Creek Compressor Station, were initially owned, operated, and permitted by Montana Power Company which later became known as Northwestern Energy. For purposes of this document, the term "facility" applies to only these two Ajax engines unless otherwise specified.

The production compressors withdraw natural gas from local production wells and increase the gas pressure before entering the mechanical refrigeration plant which removes both water and heavy-end hydrocarbons. The production gas stream then enters the pipeline either to be transmitted west or to the inlet of the storage compressors for injection into the storage field.

C. Permit History

On July 14, 1993, Montana Power Company was issued air quality permit #2784-00 for the operation of their natural gas processing plant and associated equipment, located in the SE½ of the SW¼ of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Carbon County near Red Lodge, Montana. The Ajax DPC-300 and Ajax DPC-360 two-stroke rich burn compressor engines were part of this processing plant and associated permit. The plant was identified as the Dry Creek Field, Station 056-1 through 4.

D. Current Permit Action

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E. Additional Information

Additional information, such as applicable rules and regulations, Best Available Control Technology (BACT)/Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) determinations, air quality impacts, and environmental assessments, is included in the analysis associated with each change to the permit.

II. Applicable Rules and Regulations

The following are partial explanations of some applicable rules and regulations that apply to the facility. The complete rules are stated in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and are available upon request from the Department. Upon request, the Department will provide references for location of complete copies of all applicable rules and regulations or copies where appropriate.

- A. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 1 General Provisions, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. <u>ARM 17.8.101 Definitions</u>. This rule includes a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
 - 2. ARM 17.8.105 Testing Requirements. Any person or persons responsible for the emission of any air contaminant into the outdoor atmosphere shall, upon written request of the Department, provide the facilities and necessary equipment (including instruments and sensing devices) and shall conduct tests, emission or ambient, for such periods of time as may be necessary using methods approved by the Department.
 - 3. <u>ARM 17.8.106 Source Testing Protocol</u>. The requirements of this rule apply to any emission source testing conducted by the Department, any source, or other entity as required by any rule in this chapter, or any permit or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or the provisions of the Clean Air Act of Montana, 75-2-101, *et seq.*, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

BSE shall comply with all requirements contained in the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual, including, but not limited to, using the proper test methods and supplying the required reports. A copy of the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual is available from the Department upon request.

- 4. <u>ARM 17.8.110 Malfunctions</u>. The Department must be notified promptly by telephone whenever a malfunction occurs that can be expected to create emissions in excess of any applicable emission limitation or to continue for a period greater than 4 hours.
- 5. <u>ARM 17.8.111 Circumvention</u>. (1) No person shall cause or permit the installation or use of any device or any means that, without resulting in reduction of the total amount of air contaminant emitted, conceals or dilutes an emission of air contaminant that would otherwise violate an air pollution control regulation. (2) No equipment that may produce emissions shall be operated or maintained in such a manner as to create a public nuisance.
- B. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 2 Ambient Air Quality, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. ARM 17.8.204 Ambient Air Monitoring
 - 2. ARM 17.8.210 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide
 - 3. ARM 17.8.211 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide
 - 4. ARM 17.8.212 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide
 - 5. ARM 17.8.213 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone
 - 6. ARM 17.8.214 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Hydrogen Sulfide
 - 7. ARM 17.8.220 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Settled Particulate Matter
 - 8. ARM 17.8.221 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Visibility
 - 9. ARM 17.8.222 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Lead
 - 10. ARM 17.8.223 Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM₁₀

BSE must not cause or contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard.

- C. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 3 Emission Standards, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. ARM 17.8.304 Visible Air Contaminants. This rule requires that no person may cause or authorize emissions to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any source installed after November 23, 1968, that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes.
 - 2. ARM 17.8.308 Particulate Matter, Airborne. (1) This rule requires an opacity limitation of less than 20% for all fugitive emission sources and that reasonable precautions be taken to control emissions of airborne particulate matter. (2) Under this rule, BSE shall not cause or authorize the use of any street, road, or parking lot without taking reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter.
 - 3. ARM 17.8.309 Particulate Matter, Fuel Burning Equipment. This rule requires that no person shall cause, allow, or permit to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter caused by the combustion of fuel in excess of the amount determined by this rule.
 - 4. <u>ARM 17.8.310 Particulate Matter, Industrial Process</u>. This rule requires that no person shall cause, allow, or permit to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter in excess of the amount set forth in this rule.

- 5. <u>ARM 17.8.322 Sulfur Oxide Emissions--Sulfur in Fuel</u>. This rule requires that no person shall burn liquid, solid, or gaseous fuel in excess of the amount set forth in this rule.
- 6. ARM 17.8.324 Hydrocarbon Emissions--Petroleum Products. (3) No person shall load or permit the loading of gasoline into any stationary tank with a capacity of 250 gallons or more from any tank truck or trailer, except through a permanent submerged fill pipe, unless such tank is equipped with a vapor loss control device as described in (1) of this rule.
- 7. ARM 17.8.340 Standard of Performance for New Stationary Sources. This rule incorporates, by reference, 40 CFR Part 60, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS). The Ajax DPC-300 and Ajax DPC-360 are not NSPS-affected source because they do not meet the applicability criteria of the NSPS for spark ignition reciprocating internal combustion engines.
- 8. ARM 17.8.342 Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories. The owner or operator of any affected source, as defined and applied in 40 CFR Part 63, shall comply with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 63, as applicable.
 - a. <u>40 CFR 63, Subpart A General Provisions</u> apply to all equipment or facilities subject to a NESHAPs Subpart as listed below.
 - b. 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE). An owner or operator of a stationary reciprocating internal combustion engine (RICE) at a major or area source of HAP emissions is subject to this rule except if the stationary RICE is being tested at a stationary RICE test cell/stand. An area source of HAP emissions is a source that is not a major source. The RICE equipment to be used under MAQP #5237-00 are subject to this subpart because they are stationary RICE operating at an area source of HAP emissions.
- D. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 5 Air Quality Permit Application, Operation and Open Burning Fees, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. <u>ARM 17.8.504 Air Quality Permit Application Fees</u>. BSE shall submit an air quality permit application fee concurrent with the submittal of an air quality permit application. A permit application is incomplete until the proper application fee is paid to the Department. A permit fee is not required for the current permit action because the permit action is considered an administrative permit change.
 - 2. ARM 17.8.505 Air Quality Operation Fees. An annual air quality operation fee must, as a condition of continued operation, be submitted to the Department by each source of air contaminants holding an air quality permit (excluding an open burning permit) issued by the Department. The air quality operation fee is based on the actual or estimated actual amount of air pollutants emitted during the previous calendar year.

An air quality operation fee is separate and distinct from an air quality permit application fee. The annual assessment and collection of the air quality operation fee, described above, shall take place on a calendar-year basis. The Department may insert into any final permit issued after the effective date of these rules, such conditions as may be necessary to require the payment of an air quality operation fee on a calendar-year basis, including provisions that prorate the required fee amount.

- E. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 7 Permit, Construction and Operation of Air Contaminant Sources, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. <u>ARM 17.8.740 Definitions</u>. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
 - 2. <u>ARM 17.8.743 Montana Air Quality Permits--When Required</u>. This rule requires a person to obtain an air quality permit or permit modification to construct, modify, or use any air contaminant sources that have the potential to emit (PTE) greater than 25 tons per year of any pollutant. BSE has the potential to emit more than 25 tons per year of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x); therefore, a permit is required.
 - 3. <u>ARM 17.8.744 Montana Air Quality Permits--General Exclusions</u>. This rule identifies the activities that are not subject to the Montana Air Quality Permit program.
 - 4. ARM 17.8.745 Montana Air Quality Permits--Exclusion for De Minimis Changes. This rule identifies the de minimis changes at permitted facilities that do not require a permit under the Montana Air Quality Permit Program.
 - 5. ARM 17.8.748 New or Modified Emitting Units--Permit Application
 Requirements. (1) This rule requires that a permit application be submitted prior
 to installation, modification, or use of a source. BSE was not required to submit a
 permit application for the current permit action. (7) This rule requires that the
 applicant notify the public by means of legal publication in a newspaper of general
 circulation in the area affected by the application for a permit. An affidavit of
 publication of public notice was not required for the current permit action because
 it is considered an administrative permit action.
 - 6. ARM 17.8.749 Conditions for Issuance or Denial of Permit. This rule requires that the permits issued by the Department must authorize the construction and operation of the facility or emitting unit subject to the conditions in the permit and the requirements of this subchapter. This rule also requires that the permit must contain any conditions necessary to assure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), the Clean Air Act of Montana, and rules adopted under those acts.
 - 7. <u>ARM 17.8.752 Emission Control Requirements</u>. This rule requires a source to install the maximum air pollution control capability that is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be utilized. The required BACT analysis is included in Section III of this permit analysis.

- 8. <u>ARM 17.8.755 Inspection of Permit</u>. This rule requires that air quality permits shall be made available for inspection by the Department at the location of the source.
- 9. ARM 17.8.756 Compliance with Other Requirements. This rule states that nothing in the permit shall be construed as relieving BSE of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, et seq.
- 10. <u>ARM 17.8.759 Review of Permit Applications</u>. This rule describes the Department's responsibilities for processing permit applications and making permit decisions on those permit applications that do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.
- 11. ARM 17.8.762 Duration of Permit. An air quality permit shall be valid until revoked or modified, as provided in this subchapter, except that a permit issued prior to construction of a new or modified source may contain a condition providing that the permit will expire unless construction is commenced within the time specified in the permit, which in no event may be less than 1 year after the permit is issued.
- 12. <u>ARM 17.8.763 Revocation of Permit</u>. An air quality permit may be revoked upon written request of the permittee, or for violations of any requirement of the Clean Air Act of Montana, rules adopted under the Clean Air Act of Montana, the FCAA, rules adopted under the FCAA, or any applicable requirement contained in the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- 13. ARM 17.8.764 Administrative Amendment to Permit. An air quality permit may be amended for changes in any applicable rules and standards adopted by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) or changed conditions of operation at a source or stack that do not result in an increase of emissions as a result of those changed conditions. The owner or operator of a facility may not increase the facility's emissions beyond permit limits unless the increase meets the criteria in ARM 17.8.745 for a de minimis change not requiring a permit, or unless the owner or operator applies for and receives another permit in accordance with ARM 17.8.748, ARM 17.8.749, ARM 17.8.752, ARM 17.8.755, and ARM 17.8.756, and with all applicable requirements in ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapters 8, 9, and 10.
- 14. <u>ARM 17.8.765 Transfer of Permit</u>. This rule states that an air quality permit may be transferred from one person to another if written notice of intent to transfer, including the names of the transferor and the transferee, is sent to the Department.
- F. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 8 Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. <u>ARM 17.8.801 Definitions</u>. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this subchapter.

- 2. ARM 17.8.818 Review of Major Stationary Sources and Major Modifications—Source Applicability and Exemptions. The requirements contained in ARM 17.8.819 through ARM 17.8.827 shall apply to any major stationary source and any major modification, with respect to each pollutant subject to regulation under the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) that it would emit, except as this subchapter would otherwise allow.
 - This facility is not a major stationary source because this facility is not a listed source and the facility's PTE is below 250 tons per year of any pollutant (excluding fugitive emissions).
- G. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 12 Operating Permit Program Applicability, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. <u>ARM 17.8.1201 Definitions</u>. (23) Major Source under Section 7412 of the FCAA is defined as any stationary source having:
 - a. PTE > 100 tons/year of any pollutant.
 - b. PTE > 10 tons/year of any one hazardous air pollutant (HAP), or PTE > 25 tons/year of a combination of all HAPs, or lesser quantity as the Department may establish by rule.
 - c. PTE > 70 tons/year of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM_{10}) in a serious PM_{10} nonattainment area.
 - 2. ARM 17.8.1204 Air Quality Operating Permit Program Applicability. Title V of the FCAA Amendments of 1990 requires that all sources, as defined in ARM 17.8.1204 (1), obtain a Title V Operating Permit. In reviewing and issuing MAQP #5237-00 for the BSE equipment at the Dry Creek Compressor Station, the following conclusions were made:
 - a. The facility's PTE is < 100 tons/year for any pollutant.
 - b. The facility's PTE is < 10 tons/year of any single hazardous air pollutant (HAP) and < 25 tons/year of all HAPs.
 - c. This source is not located in a serious PM_{10} nonattainment area.
 - d. This facility is not subject to any current NSPS.
 - e. This facility is subject to current NESHAP (40 CFR 63 Subparts A and ZZZZ).
 - f. This source is not a Title IV affected source or a solid waste combustion unit.
 - g. This source is not an EPA designated Title V source.

Based on these facts, the Department determined that the BSE equipment at the Dry Creek Compressor Station are a minor source of emissions as defined under Title V.

III. BACT Determination

A BACT determination is required for each new or modified source. BSE shall install on the new or modified source the maximum air pollution control capability, which is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that the BACT shall be utilized. A BACT analysis was not required for the current permit action because the permit action is considered administrative and no new or modified sources are being added.

IV. Emission Inventory

		Tons/Year				
	<u>TSP</u>	$\underline{\mathrm{PM}}_{10}$	\underline{SO}_{x}	NO_x	<u>VOC</u>	CO
300 Ajax DPC-300	0.11	0.11	0.01	13.04	2.90	2.61
360 Ajax DPC-360	0.13	0.13	0.01	15.64	3.47	3.13
Total	0.24	0.24	0.02	28.68	6.37	5.74

V. Existing Air Quality

The existing air quality of the area is designated as attainment/unclassifiable with all state and federal requirements. The current permit action is considered an administrative action because there are no new or modified existing emitting units and no increases to air emission levels. Therefore, there is no expected impact to existing air quality.

VI. Ambient Air Impact Analysis

An ambient air impact analysis was not required for the current permit action because the change reflects an administrative action with no new or modified emitting units or increases to potential emission levels.

VII. Taking or Damaging Implication Analysis

As required by 2-10-105, MCA, the Department conducted the following private property taking and damaging assessment.

YES	NO	
X		1. Does the action pertain to land or water management or environmental regulation
		affecting private real property or water rights?
	X	2. Does the action result in either a permanent or indefinite physical occupation of private
		property?
	X	3. Does the action deny a fundamental attribute of ownership? (ex.: right to exclude others,
		disposal of property)
	X	4. Does the action deprive the owner of all economically viable uses of the property?
	X	5. Does the action require a property owner to dedicate a portion of property or to grant an
		easement? [If no, go to (6)].
		5a. Is there a reasonable, specific connection between the government requirement and
		legitimate state interests?

YES	NO	
		5b. Is the government requirement roughly proportional to the impact of the proposed use
		of the property?
	X	6. Does the action have a severe impact on the value of the property? (consider economic
		impact, investment-backed expectations, character of government action)
	X	7. Does the action damage the property by causing some physical disturbance with respect
		to the property in excess of that sustained by the public generally?
	X	7a. Is the impact of government action direct, peculiar, and significant?
	X	7b. Has government action resulted in the property becoming practically inaccessible,
		waterlogged or flooded?
	X	7c. Has government action lowered property values by more than 30% and necessitated the
		physical taking of adjacent property or property across a public way from the property in
		question?
	X	Takings or damaging implications? (Taking or damaging implications exist if YES is
		checked in response to question 1 and also to any one or more of the following questions:
		2, 3, 4, 6, 7a, 7b, 7c; or if NO is checked in response to questions 5a or 5b; the shaded areas)

Based on this analysis, the Department determined there are no taking or damaging implications associated with this permit action.

VIII. Environmental Assessment

This permitting action will not result in an increase of emissions from the facility and is considered an administrative action; therefore, an environmental assessment is not required.

Permit Analysis Prepared By: Ed Warner

Date: November 22, 2019