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Merit Energy Company
12222 Merit Drive, Suite 1500
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Attn: Ms. Vanessa Russell

Re: Application to Amend Salt Water Disposal Interval; Ranger Well No.6 SWD

Dear Ms. Russell:

Reference is made to your recent request to amend the injection interval in the subject salt water disposal well. Prior to approval, a few items must be addressed.

The original permit, authorized by Division Order R-7620 on August 7, 1984, specifies the Pennsylvanian as the authorized disposal formation. As your request to add perforations extends upward into the Wolfcamp, public notice must be published in a newspaper in the subject county. Additionally, all offset operators and leaseholders whose leases fall within the one-half mile radius 'area of review', must be notified in writing.

Further, as the original order is some 10 years old, if any changes have occurred in the area of review, additional information must be submitted. This would include a new map indicating the one-half mile area of review, of sufficient scale so as to easily identify all wells within the area of review. Also, for those wellbores which penetrate the zones of interest, and are new (since the original permit), a tabulation of construction data indicating pipe depths, hole sizes, cement volumes and tops, and current status of the well(s) should be included.

Please note that even if no wells have been drilled, no AOR information is needed but, the notification described above will still be required. Once the public notice is published, there will be a 15 day suspense from the date of publication.

As soon as this information is received, I will expedite the continued processing of your request.

Very truly yours,
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P.E. Specialist

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