



June 5, 2017

The Honorable Patrick McDonnell
Secretary of Environmental Protection
Department of Environmental Protection
16th Floor Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Re: General Permit 5 for Natural Gas Compression Stations, Processing Plants, and Transmission Stations and General Permit 5A for Unconventional Natural Gas Well Site Operations and Remote Pigging Stations –via electronic submission to eComment@pa.gov

Dear Secretary McDonnell:

The GPA Midstream Association (“GPA Midstream”) has served the U.S. energy industry since 1921 as an incorporated non-profit trade association. GPA Midstream is composed of nearly 100 corporate members that are engaged in the gathering and processing of natural gas into merchantable pipeline gas, commonly referred to in the industry as “midstream activities.” Such processing includes the removal of impurities from the raw gas stream produced at the wellhead as well as the extraction for sale of natural gas liquid products (NGLs) such as ethane, propane, butane, and natural gasoline or in the manufacture, transportation, or further processing of liquid products from natural gas. GPA Midstream membership accounts for more than 90% of the NGLs produced in the United States from natural gas processing.

GPA Midstream appreciates the opportunity to submit comments for consideration by the Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) regarding PA DEP’s proposal to adopt a revised GP-5 permit for natural gas compression stations, processing plants, and transmission stations and a new GP-5A for Unconventional Natural Gas Well Site Operations and Remote Pigging Stations. We wish to point out that the existing GP-5 permit has served both the Commonwealth and the regulated community well. It is an effective tool. We wholly support comments submitted by the Marcellus Shale Coalition and the Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your consideration of GPA Midstream’s comments. If you have questions or we can be of further assistance then please contact me at (202) 279-1664 or by email at mhite@GPAglobal.org.

GPA Midstream Association
Sixty Sixty American Plaza, Suite 700
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135
(918) 493-3872

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Hite
Vice President of Government Affairs
GPA Midstream Association