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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Attn: Dave Balog, Environmental Engineering Manager
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335

**RE: Minard Run Oil Company
Dent Water Treatment Facility NPDES Permit No: PA0105295**

Dear Mr. Balog,

This is a notification that Minard Run Oil Company has temporarily suspended operations on the above facility as of March 30, 2012. We are in a drilling and completion phase of shallow oil and gas well development in the area and we will be recycling the water and will be using brine tanks for storage. Any produced water will be taken to Waste Treatment Corporation in Warren, PA.

We will continue to submit our DMR's electronically showing no discharge.

We will notify you of when we are going to continue operations of the subject facility. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (814) 362-3531.

Sincerely,

MINARD RUN OIL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James J. Macfarlane", is written over the printed name.

James J. Macfarlane
Vice President of Acquisitions, Exploration & Operations

cc: Rebecca K. Crane, US EPA Region III