

September 19, 2011

Dear PBT/HRT Customer:

I am writing to provide an update regarding the operation of the three wastewater treatment facilities (Pennsylvania Brine Treatment and Hart Resource Technologies) under our management, and our current policies for the treatment of flowback and produced water from Marcellus Shale wells.

Consistent with the position of the Marcellus Shale Coalition to abide by the state Department of Environmental Protection's request related to "exempt facilities," as of September 30, PBT and HRT is not accepting or treating flowback or produced water from Marcellus wells with our existing permits.

Our facilities will continue to accept and process wastewater produced by the conventional oil and gas industry, as permitted in each plant's NPDES permit.

PBT and HRT value our customer relationships and are working to address the needs of our Shale customers. Accordingly, we are preparing permit applications necessary to reformat our facilities to treat Marcellus and other Shale waste water for recycle/reuse or disposal. This will be accomplished by both Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) and separate discharge less than 500 TDS. We are finalizing contracts for mobile evaporative equipment to provide our clients DEP compliant TDS treatment for Marcellus flowback and produced waters. The mobile equipment will allow us to provide treatment service quickly, and also to progress toward our long term plans.

PBT and HRT are on an aggressive schedule to install equipment at all three currently exempt facilities that will meet DEP's TDS treatment requirements, and will work equally quickly to apply for the permits necessary to allow for the acceptance of wastewater from your Marcellus wells. The new permits will allow us to have our facilities removed from DEP's current exempt list. We plan to announce these new treatment services in the near future, and will keep you updated on our plans in the weeks ahead.

Please feel free to call me at 724-349-8600 with any questions. We look forward to supplying your company with high-quality wastewater treatment services and personal attention that you expect from our facilities and personnel.

Sincerely,

Paul Hart
President

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Marcellus Shale Coalition