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Mr. Matthew B. Pagels, President
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Re: Notification of Consultation and Coordination on Proposed UIC Permit Issuance to Catalyst Energy, Inc.; PAS2D015BMCK

Dear President Pagels:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency), Region III (the Region), is seeking to initiate consultation and coordination with the Seneca Nation of Indians (the Nation) concerning EPA's proposed issuance of one (1) Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class II-D permit to Catalyst Energy, Inc. (Catalyst) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On December 8, 2020, the UIC program received an application from Catalyst for a UIC Class II-D commercial permit. The proposed injection well was drilled by Belden and Blake Corporation in 1990 to a total depth of 5,420 feet and completed in the Onondaga Reef Formation through perforations from 5,170 feet to 5,188 feet below ground surface. The applicant requests an injection volume of 100,000 barrels per month and a surface pressure limit of 2,889 pounds per square inch (psi). The draft permit will have a thirty (30) day public comment period. If there is significant public interest a virtual public hearing will be held to solicit oral comments from interested parties.

The proposed UIC well is located near the community of Cyclone, in Keating Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. The coordinates for the injection well are:

Catalyst energy lot 580-1 well Latitude 41° 49' 50.109" and Longitude -78° 34' 54.2634"

For this reason, the Region would like to respectfully offer the Nation an opportunity to comment on the draft permit and to consult and coordinate with the Region in this matter. The Region would appreciate input from the Nation regarding any additional information that the Nation believes the Region should consider regarding this draft permit and underlying permit application and welcomes the opportunity for discussion with the Nation's designated representatives. Following the conclusion of the public comment period and consultation with the Nation, the Region will formally respond to all public comments timely received, and oral testimony provided at the public hearing in a formal *Response to Comments*. At that time, EPA will also make a final permit decision.

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The Region proposes that this consultation and coordination process be conducted in accordance with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes* (http://www.epa.gov/tribal/pdf/cons-and-coord-with-indian-tribes-policy.pdf). The Region invites you and your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process, through which relevant concerns, information, proposals and options may be discussed and shared. The Region currently anticipates this consultation and coordination process can occur between now and the close of the public comment period for this draft permit. The Region expects to publish the notice for this permit in early March 2021 with a 30-day public comment period. However, if more time is needed to ensure that the overall range of concerns and options is properly shared and carefully deliberated, the Region is more than willing to make such an accommodation.

The official EPA contact person for this consultation and coordination process is Kevin Rowsey, Senior Permit Specialist in the Source Water & UIC Section at EPA Region III (rowsey.kevin@epa.gov or 215-814-5463). Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Rowsey should you have any questions on this action or would like to request alternative arrangements to the process outlined in the consultation plan.

The Nation may accept this offer to consult with the Region by contacting Mr. Rowsey as soon as possible, in order to allow sufficient time for the Nation's complete input, a thorough discussion of its concerns and proposals, and the Region's careful consideration before making a final decision about this pending permitting action.

We look forward to hearing from you, and working together with you, on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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