Division of Mineral Resources staff is reviewing the drilling permit application submitted by Tioga Energy Partners for the proposed Snyder E 1 stratigraphic test well and request that the applicant provide the following additional information to supplement the application:

1. Provide a diagram showing the proposed well construction to its total depth with hole sizes, casing and cement as described on the application form.

2. The EAF under "Description of the Project" states "Drill and complete exploratory vertical gas well into the Utica Formation". Revise the EAF to state "Drill and complete a stratigraphic test well ".

3. Will cement bond logs be run? If so, on what casings and when would they be run?

4. Will rock core samples be taken? If "yes", please state what technique will be used (diamond drilling, sidewall coring), and list the estimated depths and formations to be cored.

5. What is the estimated total duration of drilling the well to its proposed total depth, and what are the anticipated days of week and hours that operations will be conducted?

6. Since the Snyder E 1 well will be plugged back you must submit a Notice of Intention to Plug and Abandon with the drilling permit application. This form should be completed based upon the planned casing and cementing program and proposed total depth and plug-back depth. The Notice of Intention to Plug and Abandon form can be obtained from our website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/4761.html.

Financial Security must be in place prior to permit issuance – see our website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/1622.html. Mr. Christopher McKelvey with the Division of Mineral Resources in the Albany office should be contacted to discuss financial security requirements. Chris can be contacted by: telephone - 518-402-8056; email – christopher.mckelvey@dec.ny.gov.

Please don’t hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding this request.

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