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I certify that **Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant**, which operates under NPDES Permit No. PA002, will not accept any oil and gas exploration and/or production wastewater at this facility. In addition, the Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority has not accepted any Marcellus Shale drilling fluids since August 2008. The Authority has also stopped accepting any shallow oil and gas well fluids since April 1, 2011. For the purpose of this certification, oil and gas exploration and/or production wastewaters includes, but is not limited to: ground water produced from coal seams, shale formation ground water, well drilling fluids, fracturing fluids, shale gas produced water, water produced from conventional and unconventional wells, pit water, containment pond water, and storage pond water.

If **Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority - Wastewater Treatment Plant** desires to accept oil and gas exploration and/or production wastewater after signing this certification, **Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority - Wastewater Treatment Plant** will, prior to acceptance: Notify EPA Region III and PADEP of its intent, take all actions necessary to comply with the Clean water Act (CWA) and receive all necessary approvals from EPA and PADEP.

As a managing company official, I certify that this statement is true and correct. I am aware that violations of CWA are punishable under the civil and criminal provisions of Section 309 of the CWA, which provide for the assessment of penalties, injunctive relief and imprisonment.

By Richard C. Chiavetta
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Plant Manager

October 3, 2011
Date