



**Columbia-Montour Coalition for Source Water
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July 25, 2016

David Garg
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Dear Mr. Garg,

The Columbia-Montour Coalition for Source Water Protection believes in proactive water protection. As the agency responsible for the permitting of project with potentially significant impacts on water quality and quantity in our Columbia County, we urge the Department of Environmental Protection to hold a public hearing on the application for water obstruction and encroachment permits for Transcontinental Pipeline Company (Transco) for the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline (FERC Docket: CP15-138).

Transco proposes to cross a minimum of 578 waterbody and wetlands in their pipeline route in Pennsylvania, which would impact several exceptional value (EV) and high quality (HQ) watersheds, including Fishing Creek in Columbia County. Water withdrawals, blasting, and vegetation removal at these locations could greatly impact the land, water, animal habitat and citizens in the proposed areas. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also cited in their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding streams of concern, that "it should not be assumed that impacts have been minimized and are not significant."

In the best interest of the citizens of Pennsylvania, we believe these concerns should be open for discussion at a public hearing. Thank you for your consideration of our request,

Sincerely,

Members of the Columbia-Montour Coalition for Source Water Protection (see attached page)
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