

## Conemaugh River Crossing Project

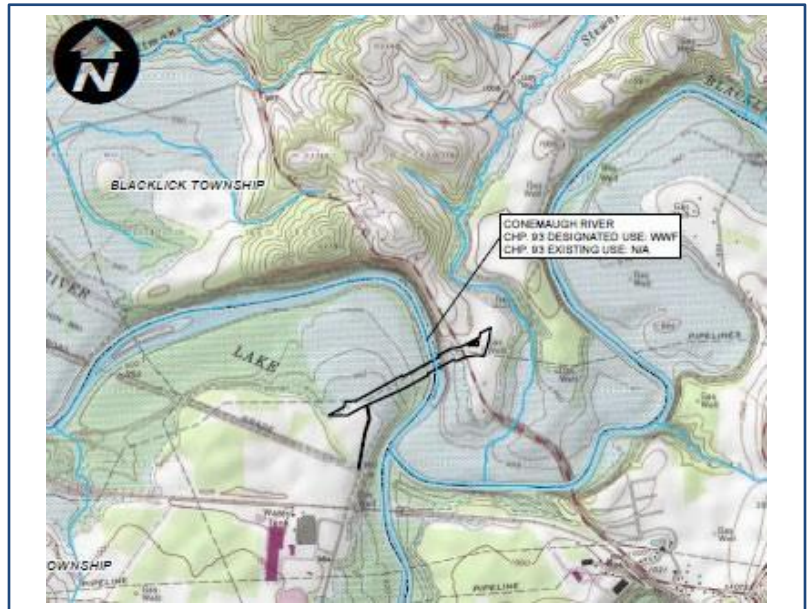
The Conemaugh River Crossing Project is a pipeline replacement project that includes a HDD under the Conemaugh River and is located in Indiana and Westmoreland Counties.  
*For more detailed information on this project, see link at the end of this document.*

### WHAT

The Project involves replacing a section of existing Line 12, a 24-inch natural gas pipeline, beneath the Conemaugh River. A section of Line 12 will be replaced in-situ from the existing mainline valve (MLV) on the west side of the Conemaugh River to the horizontal direction drilling (HDD) bore pit; HDD will be used to install a section of pipeline under the Conemaugh River; and a section of pipeline will be installed between the HDD bore pit and a new MLV on the east side of the Conemaugh River.

### WHERE

The Conemaugh River Crossing Project is in Blacklick Township, Indiana County and Derry Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The project area contained within the limit of disturbance including pipeline and additional workspace is approximately 12.23 acres.



### LEAD DEP REVIEWING OFFICE(S):

Regional Permit Coordination Office

### DEP PERMITS REQUIRED

Multiple DEP permits and approvals are proposed for this project. These include:

- **Section 401- State Water Quality Certification:** Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, DEP will process a State Water Quality Certification to ensure that activities associated with proposed interstate natural gas transmission pipeline project regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) complies with state law requirements necessary to protect the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth. This certification is often authorized conditionally and serves as an index for all DEP water-related permits/approvals that may be required for a pipeline project.
- **Chapter 105 – Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits:** This type of permit is required for water obstructions or encroachment activities located in, along, across or projecting into a watercourse, floodway or body of water, including wetlands. For this project, the majority of the regulated activities are associated with crossing the Conemaugh River. The company applied for a Joint Permit Application (JPA).
- **Chapter 102 – Erosion & Sediment Control Permit:** This type of permit is required for earth disturbance associated with oil and gas exploration, production, processing or treatment operations or transmission facilities when earth disturbance is five acres or greater. For this project, DEP staff will work closely with the County Conservation Districts to review and process applications. The company applied for an Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESGP-3).

- **NPDES Permit for Hydrostatic Test Water Discharges:** This permit is required for proposed discharges of wastewater generated as a result of pressure testing of pipes to detect any leaks before the pipeline is put into service.
- **Air Quality Permit:** This permit is required for modification(s)/addition(s) of compressor station(s) and other activities of the project that may need to comply with federal and/or state air emissions regulations. Each DEP Regional Office where emissions are proposed will likely receive Request(s) for Determination or application(s) for state operating plan approval(s).

#### **PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS: HIGHLIGHTS**

- On June 11, 2020, DEP received an application for a state water quality certification.  
On July 10, 2020, an Incompleteness letter was sent to the applicant.  
On July 27, 2020, a response was received  
On August 3, 2020, a completeness letter was sent. The application has moved into technical review status.  
On October 28, 2020, the application has been technically reviewed and a technical deficiency letter was sent to the applicant.  
On November 25, 2020, a response was received.  
On March 25, 2021, DEP issued a conditional State Water Quality Certification.
- On June 11, 2020, the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) Notice of Intent (NOI) and Chapter 105 Joint Permit Application (JPA) were received by the Department.  
On July 10, 2020, an Incompleteness letters were sent to the applicant.  
On July 27, 2020, a response was received.  
On August 3, 2020, a completeness letter was sent. The application has moved into technical review status.  
On October 28, 2020, the applications have been technically reviewed and technical deficiency letters for the ESCGP, JPA, and SWQC applications were sent to the applicant.  
On November 25, 2020, a response was received.  
On January 12 & 14, 2021 technical deficiency letters for the ESCGP and JPA applications were sent to the applicant.  
On January 22, 2021, responses were received.  
On March 25, 2021, DEP issued the Chapter 102, Erosion and Sediment Control permit and the Chapter 105, Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits.

#### **TO PROVIDE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Questions or comments regarding DEP's review of the project can be submitted to the Regional Permit Coordination Office at [RA-EPREGIONALPERMIT@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPREGIONALPERMIT@pa.gov).

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Additional information, including copies of documents submitted to DEP and opportunities for public involvement, can be found on DEP's Pipeline Portal.

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/ProgramIntegration/Pennsylvania-Pipeline-Portal/Pages/default.aspx>