

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC. PennEast Pipeline

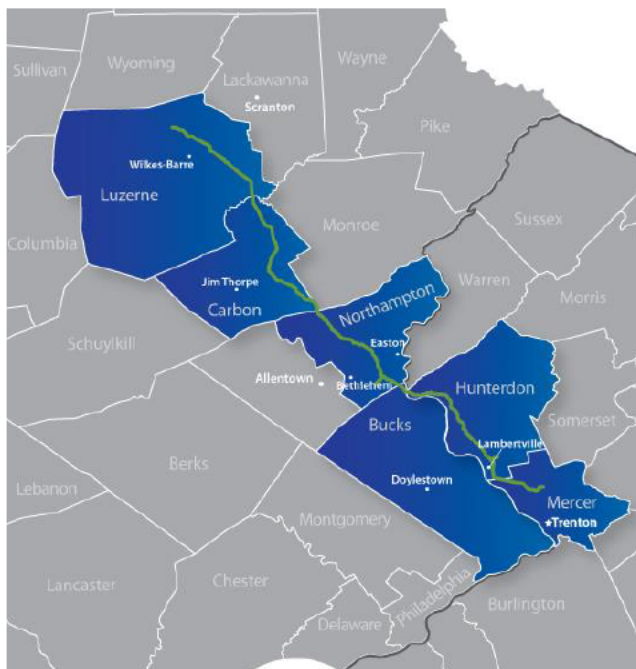
*This information sheet serves as a summary overview of the project
Additional information on the project can be found at www.dep.pa.gov.*

WHERE

The PennEast pipeline is a natural gas transmission pipeline proposed by the PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC. The proposed natural gas transmission line is a 118-mile project consisting primarily of 36-inch pipeline which will traverse 4 counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. The PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC. is a limited liability corporation formed by AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, PSEG Power; SJI Midstream, Spectra Energy Partners and UGI Energy Services.

WHAT

The overall project involves construction of one pipeline to convey natural gas. Since the pipeline will convey natural gas across state lines it is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Safety regulations for the pipeline are administered by U.S. Department of Transportation through the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.



The proposed pipeline will extend more than 100 miles across two regions of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It is proposed to cross 3 counties in the Northeast Region, and 1 county in the Southeast Region. The proposed project involves the construction of pump stations, and includes avoidance of environmental or cultural resources and avoidance of surface features.

The proposed project requires several DEP permits:

- **Clean Water Act – 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC):** This certification is needed for a proposed Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulated interstate natural gas transmission pipeline project and is required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to ensure FERC includes State law requirements in its federal authorization necessary to protect the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and achieve State water quality standards.
- **Chapter 105 – Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits:** These permits are required for 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 crossings of wetlands, streams and floodways.
 - Each DEP regional office received a separate Ch. 105 application for each county crossed in their respective region, for a total of four Ch. 105 permit applications.
- **Chapter 102 – Erosion & Sediment Control Permit:** A permit is required for earth

disturbances 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, regional staff are working closely with the County Conservation Districts to review and process applications.

- One ESCGP-2 application has been submitted. Review of this application is being coordinated with the applicable county conservation districts.
- **NPDES Permit for Hydrostatic Test Water Discharges (PAG-10):** This general permit authorizes the discharge of wastewater generated when the pipes are pressure tested for leaks before they are put into service.
 - To date, no general permits have been submitted for this activity.
- **Air Quality Permit:** The permits will contain terms and conditions to ensure that the sources are constructed and operating in compliance with applicable requirements in the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act, the Federal Clean Air Act and regulations adopted under the Federal Clean Air Act.
 - The Northeast Regional Office received one plan approval application for the Kidder Township compressor station located in Kidder Township, Carbon County. This application is under review. The Department held a public hearing on this application on March 1, 2017.

The Northeast Regional Office of DEP has been assigned as lead region to provide oversight of the entire project, to be a point of contact for the applicant, and to coordinate with Southeast Regional Office of DEP to ensure that the technical reviews are consistent and are being conducted in a timely manner.

CURRENT STATUS

- The Department received an application for a state water quality certification on February 9, 2016. It was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on May 14, 2016. The application was determined complete on June 29, 2016 and published again in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on August 27, 2016. Submitted public comments were evaluated by the Department prior to the request being approved. On February 7, 2017, DEP approved the applicant's request for State 401 Water Quality Certification. The conditional State 401 Water Quality Certification was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on February 25, 2017.
- The ESCGP2 NOI and Ch. 105 applications were submitted to DEP in 2016. To date the applications are incomplete and have not yet been deemed complete. Incompleteness letters were sent to the applicant on December 23, 2016.

NEXT STEPS

- For the air quality permit, the Department will review testimony from the public hearing, any submitted public comments that were provided in response to the published notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and will continue to complete its technical review of the permit application.
- The Department will continue to conduct its completeness review of the Chapter 105 applications and ESCGP2 NOI when a response is received by the applicant.

MORE INFORMATION

This information sheet will be updated periodically to reflect any status changes in the permit review process. For more information, and to track updates, visit DEP's PennEast Pipeline web page.

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

- Project-wide inquiries may be directed to the DEP's Northeast Regional Office. For region-specific questions, send an email to the following respective regional address: Northeast Regional Office: RA-EPWW-NERO@PA.GOV OR Southeast Regional Office: RA-EPWW-SERO@PA.GOV