



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.
- **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.
- **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 March 31, 2021, DEP received an application for a State Water Quality Certification. This request is currently under review.
- On April 9, 2021, DEP received the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) Notice of Intent (NOI) and Chapter 105 applications.
- On June 2, 2021, DEP sent an incompleteness letter for the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP).
- On July 26, 2021, DEP received a response to the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) incompleteness letter.
- On August 26, 2021, DEP sent completeness letters for the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP), Chapter 105 applications, and the State Water Quality Certification.
- On September 18, 2021, the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP), Chapter 105 applications, and the State Water Quality Certification were published as a Special Notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Public comments will be accepted until October 18, 2021.
- On October 15, 2021, DEP extended the public comment period for the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP), Chapter 105 applications, and the State Water Quality Certification until December 6, 2021.

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

Questions or comments regarding DEP's review of the project can be submitted to RA-EPREGIONALPERMIT@pa.gov or 717-772-5987.

#### **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>