

## Schuylkill River Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Project

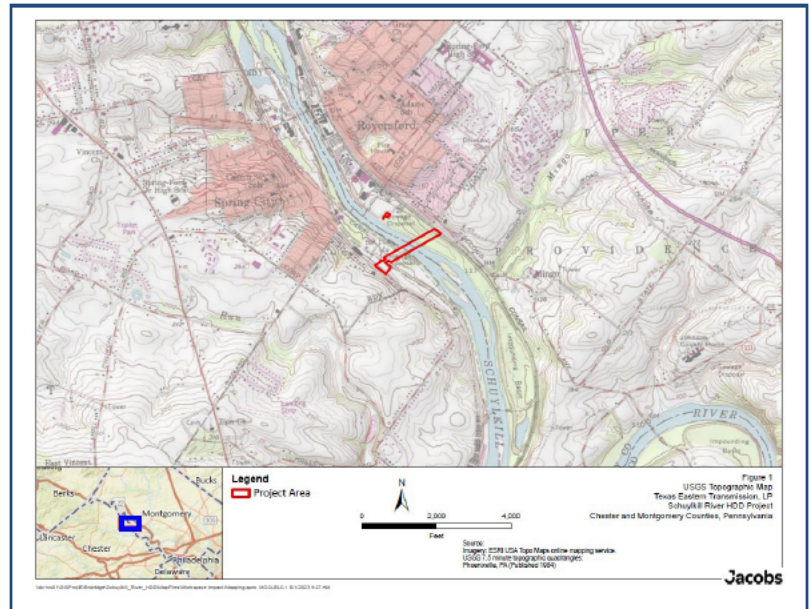
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### WHAT

The Project proposes to install a new 20-inch diameter pipe with a horizontal directional drill (HDD) of approximately 1,111 linear feet. The new pipeline will be parallel and offset approximately 20 feet from the existing Line 1 within the existing easement. Additionally, the existing 20-inch diameter Line 1 pipeline will be removed. Temporary workspace consists of the existing easement and additional temporary workspace parallel to the easement. Access to the site will be along existing roads.

### WHERE

The Schuylkill River Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Project is located in Spring City Borough, Chester County and Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County



### TIMETABLE:

Project is proposed to commence first quarter 2024.

### LEAD DEP REVIEWING OFFICE(S):

Regional Permit Coordination Office

### DEP PERMITS REQUIRED

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

- **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). Section 401 State Water Quality Certification will be evaluated and granted concurrently with the Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit once all regulatory criteria are met.
- **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 Individual Permit through the ePermitting system

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

- On June 27, 2023, DEP received a Chapter 105 Joint Permit Application (JPA).
- On June 27, 2023, DEP received the application for the Chapter 102 ESCGP-3 Permit Application.
- On August 15, 2023, Chester County Conservation District deemed the Chapter 102 ESCGP-3 Permit complete.
- On August 30, 2023, DEP deemed the JPA application complete.
- On September 16, 2023, Water Obstruction and Encroachment Application was published in the PA Bulletin, opening a 30-day Public Comment Period.
- Due to public comments received, on November 25, 2023, the Water Obstruction and Encroachment Application was published in the PA Bulletin, opening a 30-day Public Comment Period
- On December 12, 2023, the JPA Technical deficiency letter was sent to Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.
- On December 13, 2023, the ESCGP-3 Technical deficiency letter was sent to Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.
- On January 11, 2024, DEP received responses to the Chapter 102 technical deficiency letter sent on December 13, 2023.
- On January 12, 2024, DEP received responses to the Chapter 105 technical deficiency letter sent on December 12, 2023.
- On January 25, 2024, DEP received the Project's updated Aid to Navigation (ATON) Plans and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's approval letter via email.
- February 1, 2025, DEP received the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission clearance letter regarding the consultation on the Northern Red-bellied Cooter.
- On February 28, 2024 the second JPA and ESCGP- 3 Technical deficiency letters were sent to Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.
- On March 1, 2024, DEP received responses to the Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 technical deficiency letters sent on February 28, 2024.
- On March 13, 2024, DEP issued the Chapter 105, Water Obstruction & Encroachment Permit (JPA).
- On March 14, 2024, DEP issued the Chapter 102, Erosion and Sediment Control Permit (ESCGP-3).

## **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.

## **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>