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ESG00300015002, Piney Creek Major Amendment

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Mr. Gordon, Mr. Simcik, and Mr. Schaeffer

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Blair County Conservation District (District) have completed the technical review of the subject major amendment application. The items identified below are likely provided in the application or in the previously approved permit and plan documents. However, the DEP and District could not easily locate the information and therefore are asking SPLP to respond to the comments/questions below. Provide a page or plan sheet reference location for the items or otherwise revise the application documents to include the items.

- 1. If utilities exist in the proposed route, provide a plan location for the utilities. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(i)]
- 2. A soils map of the new proposed work area could not be located within the plan. Revise to show soil boundaries on the plan sheets or provide a soils map for the proposed work area. If the additional area is in hydric soils, provide a wetland determination and delineation shown on the plan sheets. [25 Pa. Code § 102.4(b)(5)(ii)]
- 3. According to the "Receiving Wetlands Table" provided in the narrative, there are three (3) wetlands located along an unnamed tributary to Piney Creek. Provide the locations of these wetlands within the plan sheets. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(ii) and §102.4(b)(5)(v)]
- 4. Provide past and present land use for the proposed work area. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(iii)]
- 5. Provide a reference to where the stream trenching BMPs, which include the bypass method(s), are within the ES plans. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(vi)]
- 6. Provide a reference to where the limits for utility trenching activities, such as the maximum length of open trench and maximum time any given section of trench will be open are located within the ES plans [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(vii) and §102.11(a)(1)]
- 7. Provide erosion blanket installation details or specify which ES plan sheet installation details can be located. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(vii) and §102.11(a)(1)]
- 8. Revise the Avoidance Measure Table on Sheet ES-0.03, dated April 1, 2019, to include the new avoidance measures. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(vii)]
- 9. Topsoil should be separated from the other soil and rock as it is being removed so it can be put back down after project completion. Provide the topsoil stockpile locations on the plan sheets and any appropriate notes to better ensure topsoil is separated or provide a reference location to where a typical site layout is shown within the plan that depicts the appropriate soil segregation. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(viii) and §102.4(b)(5)(ix)]
- 10. Clarify if a level spreader is being utilized for the reroute. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(viii) and §102.4(b)(5)(ix)]

- 11. Provide within the ES plan, site specific drawings for stream restoration as discussed in the narrative, Page 3-17, "Protection of Streams and Wetlands." [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(viii) and §102.4(b)(5)(ix)]
- 12. The silt socks are not shown to be parallel with the contour. Revise as appropriate. If the socks cannot be shown properly on the plan due to scale, provide notes indicating the proper orientation for sock installation. [25 Pa. Code §102.4(b)(5)(ix) and §102.11(a)(1)]

Provide 1 copy of response document to the DEP and 2 of the response documents to the Blair County Conservation District, 1407 Blair Street, Hollidaysburg, 16648 by 4 pm, Friday, November 15, 2019. Please contact me with any questions you have regarding the contents of this email.

Best Regards

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