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Statewide Notices

Conditional State Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the United States Army Corps of Engineers Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit-7 (PASPGP-7)

- On December 10, 2024, the United States Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Districts (Corps) under section 404(e) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1344(e)) issued jointly by Special Public Notice 24-36 the proposed (PASPGP-7) for a 30-day public comment period which closed on January 24, 2025. On April 18, 2025, the Corps’ Baltimore District requested State Water Quality Certification (SWQC) on behalf of the Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Districts under section 401 of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1341) from the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) for discharges of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, within this Commonwealth that would be authorized under PASPGP-7. Section 401(a) of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1341(a)) requires an applicant seeking coverage under PASPGP-7 to provide the Corps with certification from the Commonwealth that its discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301—303, 306 and 307 of the CWA (33 U.S.C. §§ 1311—1313, 1316 and 1317). The Department has established water quality standards for this Commonwealth and programs to achieve those standards consistent with the applicable provisions of the CWA, which have been approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Department is providing notice of its conditional SWQC for use

by applicants seeking coverage under PASPGP-7 for projects that do not require any Federal license or permit other than a section 404 permit under the CWA. PASPGP-7 continues the Corps' recognition of the Commonwealth's permitting process for activities affecting watercourses, bodies of water and wetlands authorized under the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act (32 P.S. §§ 693.1—693.27) and its implementing regulations under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 105 (relating to dam safety and waterway management). PASPGP-7 allows applicants to obtain both Corps section 404 permits and coverage under State permits or other authorizations for water obstructions and encroachments submitted to the Department and for projects requiring permits or authorizations in this Commonwealth. Through the incorporation of Federal and State permitting standards in one process, PASPGP-7 continues a streamlined process for permit applicants without compromising comprehensive environmental protection. This conditional SWQC applies to activities that qualify for PASPGP-7 within the jurisdiction of section 404 of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1344) and structures or work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States under section 10 of the Federal Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403). The Department published a notice at 55 Pa.B. 6477 (September 6, 2025) to accept comments on the proposed SWQC for the PASPGP-7 during a 30-day public comment period that concluded on October 6, 2025. No comments were received. Consistent with section 401 of the CWA, the Department certifies that activities authorized by the Corps under the PASPGP-7 will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301—303, 306 and 307 of the CWA (33 U.S.C. §§ 1311—1313, 1316 and 1317). The Department further certifies that the construction, operation and maintenance of the projects in accordance with PASPGP-7 will comply with the Commonwealth's water quality standards provided the project applicant complies with the following SWQC conditions and constructs, operates and maintains the project in compliance with the terms and conditions of State law permits obtained to meet these SWQC conditions:

- 1. Prior to beginning any activity authorized by the Corps under PASPGP-7, the applicant shall obtain from the Department all necessary environmental permits or approvals, and submit to the Department environmental assessments and other information necessary to obtain the permits and approvals, as required under State law, 284 NOTICES PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN, VOL. 56, NO. 2, JANUARY 10, 2026 including The Clean Streams Law (35 P.S. §§ 691.1— 691.1001), the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act (32 P.S. §§ 693.1—693.27), the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (52 P.S. §§ 1396.1—1396.19b), the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (52 P.S. §§ 3301—3326), The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act (52 P.S. §§ 1406.1—1406.21), the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act (52 P.S. §§ 30.51—30.66), the Solid Waste Management Act (35 P.S. §§ 6018.101—6018.1003), the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (35 P.S. §§ 6020.101—6020.1305), the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation

Standards Act (35 P.S. §§ 6026.101—6026.908), 58 Pa.C.S. §§ 3201—3274 (relating to development), the Air Pollution Control Act (35 P.S. §§ 4001—4015) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 25 Pa. Code Chapters 77, 78, 78a, 86—91, 92a, 93, 95, 96, 102, 105, 127 and 260a—299.

- 2. Environmental assessments required under these regulations, in addition to other regulatory requirements, must be complied with as a condition of the SWQC for PASPGP-7 consistent with section 401 of the CWA.
 - 3. Fill material may not contain any waste as defined in section 103 of the Solid Waste Management Act (35 P.S. § 6018.103).
 - 4. Applicants and projects eligible for the PASPGP-7 must obtain all State permits or approvals, or both, necessary to ensure that the project meets the State's applicable water quality standards, including a projectspecific SWQC.
- The Department has determined that these SWQC conditions are necessary to achieve the Commonwealth's water quality standards, which have been approved by the EPA as compliant with the CWA. The SWQC conditions achieve these standards through compliance with existing environmental programs administered by the Department under State laws and regulations. This SWQC would be subject to the Department's determination that the final PASPGP-7 activities are consistent with the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451—1468). This SWQC would only be available for projects that do not require any Federal authorization other than authorization from the Corps under section 404 of the CWA or section 10 of the Federal Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Applicants seeking authorization for activities not eligible for coverage under PASPGP-7, or for activities that require another Federal authorization (such as an interstate natural gas pipeline, a gas storage field, a nuclear or hydroelectric project requiring authorization by another Federal agency), must submit a request to the Department for a project-specific SWQC. Persons aggrieved by this action may appeal the action to the Environmental Hearing Board (Board) under section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act (35 P.S. § 7514) and 2 Pa.C.S. §§ 501—508 and 701—704 (relating to Administrative Agency Law). The Board's address is Environmental Hearing Board, Rachel Carson State Office Building, Second Floor, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Hamilton Relay Service at (800) 654-5984. Appeals must be filed with the Board within 30 days of receipt of notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law. A Notice of Appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained online at www.ehb.pa.gov or by contacting the Secretary to the Board at (717) 787-3483. The Notice of Appeal form and the Board's rules are also available in Braille and on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board. **IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF THEY CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, THEY MAY**

QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD AT (717) 787-3483 FOR MORE INFORMATION. INDIVIDUALS DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE BOARD. INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, THE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITH AND RECEIVED BY THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF THIS ACTION. A hard copy of the PASPGP-7 may be obtained by contacting Brenda Harrison, United States Army Corps of Engineers, State College Field Office, 1631 South Atherton Street, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801, (814) 235-1763, Brenda.L.Harrison@usace.army.mil.

Washington County Notices

COAL & NONCOAL MINING ACTIVITY APPLICATIONS

- Mining Permit No. 63100101. NPDES No. PA0251933. **Neiswonger Construction, Inc.**, 17592 Route 322, Strattanville, PA 16258, **Somerset Township, Washington County**. Application for a permit renewal for continued mining at an existing surface mine site with corresponding NPDES renewal, affecting 293.0 acres. Receiving streams: Unnamed tributaries to Center Branch Pigeon Creek, South Branch Pigeon Creek and Pigeon Creek; classified for the following use: WWF. Application received: December 12, 2025. Accepted: December 19, 2025.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- ESCGP # 4 ESG076325022-00 Applicant Name **Range Resources Appalachia LLC— Leavitt to Buffalo Temporary Waterline** Contact Person Karl Matz, (724) 743-6700, kmatz@rangeresources.com Address 0.13 mile south of Jolly School Road and S Bridge Road (SR-221) City, State, Zip Washington, PA 15301 Township(s) Buffalo Township County Washington County Receiving Stream(s) and Classification(s) 001. Lat 40.12739, Long -80.32718, UNT to Buffalo Creek, Ch 93 class HQ-WWF. Application received: November 20, 2025 Issued: December 19, 2025

WATER OBSTRUCTIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS

- Applicant: **Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC**, 1700 MacCorkle Ave SE, Charleston, WV 25325, Line 1758 and Gibraltar Longwall Mining Mitigation Panel 28. To construct, operate and maintain water obstruction and encroachments associated with the Line 1758 and Line Gibraltar Longwall Mining Mitigation Panel 28 (Project). The overall project will include exposing approximately 1,330 feet of existing 26-inch diameter steel Columbia Line 1758 and approximately 1,410 feet of UGI's existing 36-inch-diameter steel Line Gibraltar pipeline, located adjacently within the same Right-of-Way, prior to the Tunnel Ridge Panel 28 mining. Upon completion of longwall mining activities, the pipelines will be inspected for any damage, recoated if necessary, and re-buried. The Line 1758 pipe exposure construction is proposing to temporarily impact approximately 127 feet of two unnamed tributaries (UNT) to Middle Wheeling Creek (WWF), 0.43 acre of floodway, and 0.06 acre of a PEM (Other) wetland. Line Gibraltar pipe exposure construction is proposing to temporarily impact approximately 131 feet of two UNT to Middle Wheeling Creek (WWF), 0.38 acre of floodway, and 0.09 acre of three PEM (Other)

wetlands. Line Gibraltar will have two temporary access road crossings impacting approximately 21 linear feet of a UNT to Middle Wheeling Creek (WWF), and 0.12 acre to two floodways of UNTs to Middle Wheeling Creek. The proposed project is located approximately 0.29 mile south of the intersection of Beham Ridge Rd and McGuffey Rd (Latitude: 40.07752°; Longitude: 80.45395°) **West Finley Township, Washington County**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Bid Opportunity

- OSM 63(1861)101.1, **Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project, Centerville, Centerville Borough, Washington County**. The principal items of work and approximate quantities include: implementation of the erosion and sediment pollution control plan—rock construction entrance, 1 each; implementation of the erosion and sediment pollution control plan—compost filter sock (12 diameter), 1,108 linear feet; implementation of the erosion and sediment pollution control plan—weighted sediment filter tube, 38 linear feet; clearing and grubbing, 3.15 acres; permanent channel excavation, 1,046 cubic yards; rock lined channel, 1,017 square yards; ford crossing, 2 each; pipe installation—30 reinforced concrete, 295 linear feet; dewatering impoundment, 1 lump sum; selective grading, 2.95 acres; and planting—planting preparation, 2.95 acres. This bid issued on January 9, 2026, and bids will be opened on February 5, 2026, at 2 p.m. Bid documents, including drawings in PDF format and AutoCAD Map 3D format, may be downloaded for free beginning on the issue date from the Department of Environmental Protection by going to www.BidExpress.com. This project is financed by the Federal government under the authority given it by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (act) (30 U.S.C. §§ 1201—1328) and is subject to the act and to the Federal grant for this project. Contact the Construction Contracts Section at (717) 787- 7820 or RA-ConstructionContr@pa.gov for more information on this bid. Note this is a Small Construction Business Program bid opportunity

Greene County Notices

AIR QUALITY

- GP21-30-00856A: **Perennial Energy CMM, LLC**, 1375 Country Road 8690, West Plains, MO 65775, **Franklin Township, Greene County**. The Department has issued a GP21-30-00856A, general plan approval for one (1) enclosed flare rated at 40 MMBtu/hr manufactured by Perennial Energy LLC model FL-100-34-E with pilot ignition and control efficiency of 98% and one (1) 55 kW Engine, manufactured by Power Solutions International, model EG-5.7-18 that is fired with propane, gasoline or natural gas that has a U.S. EPA certificate of conformity for emissions that is equipped with a selective catalytic reduction system located at Borehole EM7 (39.878278 N, -80.170639 W) that is associated with the **Emerald Mine**. Application received: September 9, 2025. Issued: December 18, 2025.
- PA-30-00129B: **Swanson Industries Inc., dba Morgantown Technical Services**, 2608 Smithtown Rd, Morgantown, WV 26508, **Perry Township, Greene County**. For plan approval modification to reflect initial temporary operation for the use of a new primer and an increase in VOC emissions in the previously installed paint

booth. Application received: December 23, 2025. Issued: December 24, 2025. New expiration date: May 28, 2026.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT SECTION 401 - DAM SAFETY

- D30-055. **Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC**, 275 Technology Drive, Suite 101, Canonsburg, PA 15317-9565, **Richhill Township, Greene County**. Application proposes to modify the reclamation phase of the Coal Refuse Disposal Area No. 3 Slurry Impoundment of the Bailey Central Mine Complex. Application received: March 29, 2023. Permit issued: December 18, 2025.
- D30-056. **Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC**, 275 Technology Drive, Suite 101, Canonsburg, PA 15317-9565, **Richhill Township, Greene County**. Application proposes to modify the reclamation phase of the Coal Refuse Disposal Area No. 3 Slurry Impoundment of the Bailey Central Mine Complex. Application received: March 29, 2023. Permit issued: December 18, 2025.
- D30-057. **Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC**, 275 Technology Drive, Suite 101, Canonsburg, PA 15317-9565, **Richhill Township, Greene County**. Application proposes to modify the reclamation phase of the Coal Refuse Disposal Area No. 3 Slurry Impoundment of the Bailey Central Mine Complex. Application received: March 29, 2023. Permit issued: December 18, 2025.
- D30-058. **Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC**, 275 Technology Drive, Suite 101, Canonsburg, PA 15317-9565, **Richhill Township, Greene County**. Application proposes to modify the reclamation phase of the Coal Refuse Disposal Area No. 3 Slurry Impoundment of the Bailey Central Mine Complex. Application received: March 29, 2023. Permit issued: December 18, 2025.
- D30-059. **Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, LLC**, 275 Technology Drive, Suite 101, Canonsburg, PA 15317-9565, **Richhill Township, Greene County**. Application proposes to modify the reclamation phase of the Coal Refuse Disposal Area No. 3 Slurry Impoundment of the Bailey Central Mine Complex. Application received: March 29, 2023. Permit issued: December 18, 2025.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- ESCGP # 4 ESG073025016-00 Applicant Name **EQM Gathering OPCO LLC—Cole Farm Compressor Station** Contact Person Kirsten Kiesel, Permitting Specialist III, (412) 660-0979, kirsten.kiesel@eqt.com Address Silo Road City, State, Zip Spraggs, PA 15532 Township(s) **Wayne Township County Greene County** Receiving Stream(s) and Classification(s) 001. Lat 39.81520, Long -80.28144, UNT to Hargus Creek, Ch 93 class HQ-WWF 002. Lat 39.81618, Long -80.27885. UNT to Pursley Creek, Ch 93 class HQ-WWF 003. Lat 39.81551, Long -80.27849, UNT to Pursley Creek, Ch 93 class HQ-WWF 004. Lat 39.81438, Long -80.27911, UNT to Pursley Creek, Ch 93 class HQ-WWF Application received: November 18, 2025 Issued: December 22, 2025
- ESG833024001-01. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) provides notice of final action regarding the following Chapter 102, Erosion and Sediment Control Permit Application related to Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or

Notices from The Observer-Reporter:

Public Notice

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Location

Washington, Greene County, Pennsylvania

Notice Text

Rate increase hearings

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) will conduct 10 Public Input Hearings concerning the general rate increase request filed by Pennsylvania-American Water Company on November 14, 2025, seeking to increase water and wastewater distribution rates by \$168.7 million per year. PUC Administrative Law Judges Jeffrey A. Watson and Emily DeVoe will preside over the public input hearings.

In-Person Public Input Hearings

A total of eight in-person public input hearings will be held at the following locations and times:

(Note: Pre-registration is not required for the in-person hearings)

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 (Washington County)

Crossroads Center

Meeting Room G-16

95 West Beau St.

Washington, PA 15301

Hearing #1 will begin at 1 p.m.

Hearing #2 will begin at 6 p.m.

Legal Notice

Published in Observer-Reporter on January 7, 2026

Location

Washington, Greene County, Pennsylvania

Notice Text

Module 2 - Marshall County Mine

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rules and Regulations, the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, and the Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act as amended, notice is hereby given that Marshall County Coal Resources, Inc., 46226 National Road, St. Clairsville, OH 43950, is making application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for an amendment to the Marshall County Mine Coal Mining Activity Permit No. 30161301 and related NPDES permit.

The revision proposes 5.49 acres for the construction of the 6N6E-1A and 6N7E-1 degasification borehole sites, access road, and erosion and sediment control structures. The proposed revision area is located in Aleppo Township of Greene County and is on the north side of McCracken Road (SR-3016) approximately 4,000 feet northeast of the intersection of McCracken Road (SR-3016) and Greene Valley Road (SR-3012). The site is located on the Cameron, WV and New Freeport, PA 7 USGS map.

The following stream variance has been requested for all activities within 100 feet of a stream.

UNT 32441 of Grave Creek beginning approximately 4,000 feet northeast of the intersection of McCracken Road (SR-3016) and Greene Valley Road (SR-3012). For the purpose of the construction of an access road, pad site and any associated erosion & sediment controls.

The following road variance has been requested for all activities within 100 feet of a public road.

A road variance for activities proposed within 100 feet of the outside right of way within Segment 0010 of McCracken Road (SR-3016) for access road and erosion and sediment control proposed for site construction.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection, and copying for a fee, by appointment at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, California District Office, 25 Technology Drive, California Technology Park, Coal Center, PA 15423. Written comments, objections, or a request for an informal conference may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, District Mining Operations, 25 Technology Drive, California Technology Park, Coal Center, PA 15423, no later than thirty (30) days following the final (4th) publication date of this notice.

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