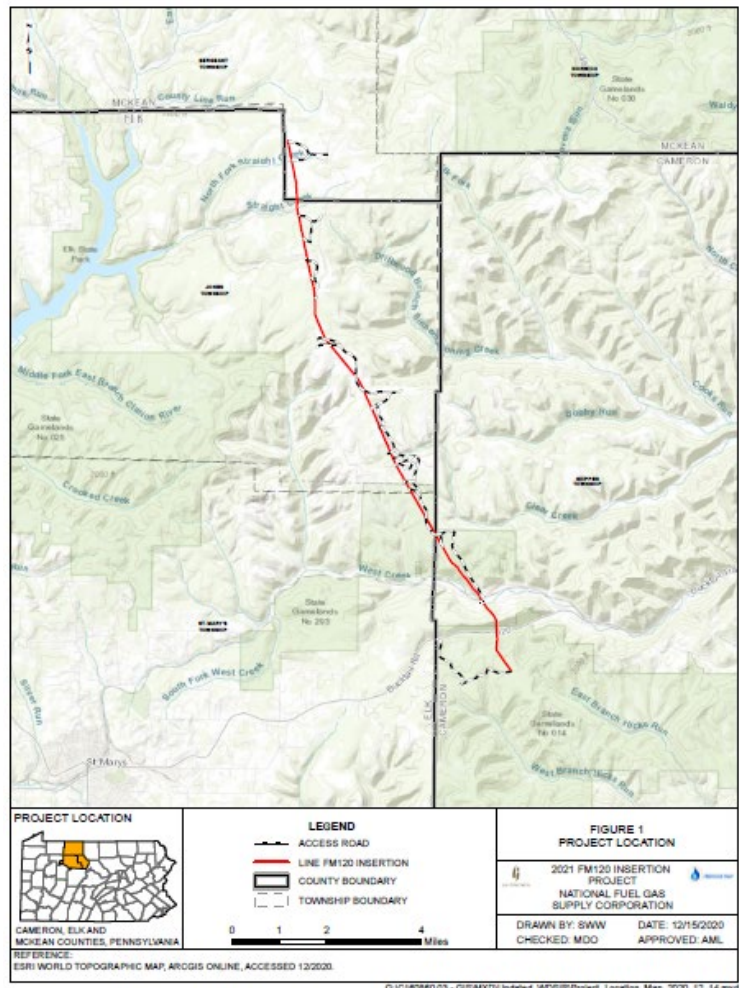


## National Fuel Gas – FM120 Insertion Project

*Project Summary-This information sheet serves as a summary overview of the project.  
For more detailed information on this project, see link at the end of this document.*

### WHAT

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation proposes to replace approximately 12.5 miles of an existing 12-inch diameter steel pipeline, originally built in the 1950's, known as the FM120 Pipeline. The new 6-inch diameter "FlexSteel" composite pipeline will be inserted through the existing 12-inch diameter pipeline which would otherwise require significant maintenance and repair to return to pressurized natural gas service. The existing pipeline will be purged of residual natural gas and pigged of free-flowing liquids, requiring no ground disturbance. Insertion of the FlexSteel into the existing pipeline is a low impact alternative that will significantly reduce excavation, earth disturbance, and other activities associated with removal of the existing 12-inch steel pipeline and installation of a new steel pipeline into the right-of-way (ROW). The entire 50-foot wide existing FM120 Pipeline ROW is not anticipated to be disturbed. Disturbance will be limited to approximately 33 bell holes along the pipeline corridor for installation and pull out, as well as cathodic protection. Bell hole excavation areas are designed to be located outside of environmentally sensitive areas to the extent practicable; however, temporary disturbance within wetlands and/or floodways will be required at minimal locations to facilitate removal of existing pipeline elbows.



The project's permitted limit of disturbance consists of 87.0 acres in total, of which 8.2 acres is within McKean County, 56.1 acres is within Elk County and 22.7 acres is within Cameron County. Following construction, earth disturbances will be restored, except for one aboveground site which will meet Pennsylvania's stormwater permitting requirements. Access roads will be returned to pre-construction conditions or better.

### WHERE

The proposed project will be located in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Northwest and Northcentral Regions. The project proposes work in Shippen Township in Cameron County; City of St. Mary's and Jones Township in Elk County; and Sergeant Township in McKean County.

## TIMETABLE

- On January 19, 2021, DEP received an application for a state water quality certification.
- On January 19, 2021, the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) Notice of Intent (NOI) and Chapter 105 general permit applications were received by the Department.
- The project is anticipated to begin construction in the winter of 2021 to meet a targeted in-service date of fourth quarter 2022.

## LEAD DEP REVIEWING OFFICE(S)

DEP's Regional Permit Coordination Office has been assigned to provide permitting oversight of the entire project, to be a point of contact for the applicant, and to coordinate with the County Conservation Districts to ensure that the technical reviews are consistent and are being conducted in a timely manner. Upon issuance of all permits/approvals, DEP's Northcentral Regional Office and the pertinent county conservation districts will be the lead for inspections, compliance, and enforcement.

## DEP PERMITS REQUIRED

The project requires several permits from DEP. These include:

- **Section 401- State Water Quality Certification:** Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, DEP will process a State Water Quality Certification to ensure that activities associated with proposed interstate natural gas transmission pipeline project regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) complies with 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.
- **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Hydrostatic Test Water Discharges:** This permit is required for any proposed point source discharges of wastewater to waters of the Commonwealth such as wastewater generated as a result of pressure testing of pipes to detect any leaks before the pipeline is put into service.

## PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS: HIGHLIGHTS

- On January 19, 2021, DEP received an application for a state water quality certification, the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) Notice of Intent (NOI), and Chapter 105 General Permit (GP) Applications for McKean, Elk, and Cameron counties.
- On February 26, 2021, completeness letters were sent and all applications moved into technical review status.
- On March 27, 2021, the request for State Water Quality Certification and the completeness notifications for the Chapter 102 ESCGP NOI and Chapter 105 GP applications were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- On May 11, 2021, DEP sent technical deficiency letters to the Applicant for its State Water Quality Certification, Chapter 102 ESCGP NOI, and Chapter 105 GP applications.

## TO PROVIDE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Questions or comments regarding DEP's review of the project can be submitted to [RA-EPREGIONALPERMIT@pa.gov](mailto: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>