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RE: Scenic River Reviews - 2023

Project Name: Schuylkill River HDD Project **Description:** maintain existing pipeline

Location: Spring City and Upper Providence Townships, Chester and Mongomery

Counties

Applicant Code: 991

Request Date: August 31, 2023

Dear Sara Hayes:

Information submitted regarding the subject application has been reviewed. The project lies within the Schuylkill River Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Corridor System. Because of Scenic River involvement compliance with Sec 2.of the "Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act" of 1972, P.L. 1277, No. 283 as amended May 7, 1982, P.L. 379, No. 110, is necessary:

"Many of the rivers of Pennsylvania or sections thereof and related adjacent land areas, possess outstanding aesthetic and recreational values of present and potential benefit to the citizens of Pennsylvania. It shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to protect these values and to practice sound conservation policies and practices within this scenic rivers system."

To protect the river values, it is requested that the following actions be integrated into the project:

- An approved erosion and sedimentation control Plan must be utilized.
- Construction should be done either in late fall or early spring when recreational use of the stream is minimal.
- The construction staging areas should be screened by vegetative buffer and set back as far as possible from the river's edge.
- Once construction is underway, appropriate safety signage should be used at the construction crossing on the Schuylkill River Trail to notify trail users that they are entering a construction crossing area.

- During construction and cleanup, all debris entering the waterway shall be removed.
- Minimize ROW width in riparian zones as much as possible. Cross streams at a perpendicular angle.
- Native vegetation shall be incorporated in the disturbed areas to maintain the natural character and scenic qualities of the waterway. Vegetated buffers should be planted along the riparian area consisting of a combination of native grasses, forbs, shrubs and trees.

If you concur with implementation of these actions, please sign off on the line provided below and return a copy to me (contact information below). Once signed, you may include this letter with your required permit documentation submission to DEP to verify that the subject plans are consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act.

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Should you have any questions regarding our review, process or recommendations for this or future applications, please contact me.

Sincerely,
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