



Oil and Gas Management

# Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) Prioritized Review

## Draft Guidance Document

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# ESCGP Prioritized Review

- Program Goals
- Stakeholder Workgroup
- Draft Document
- Current Status and Next Steps

# ESCGP Prioritized Review Workgroup

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## Primary goal of Prioritized Review: Replace Expedited Review process

- Order of permit received concept vs. time-based concept
- Expedited Project expectations
  - PE stamped/project criteria/base requirements
- Prioritized Project expectations
  - Environmentally superior projects/exceed minimum requirements

# ESCGP Prioritized Review Workgroup

Series of six meetings 2019 through 2020

- BMPs
- Construction Practices
- Restoration
- Impaired Resource Enhancement
- Scoring System
- Voluntary program
- No exclusionary rules
- Transmission projects are excluded

## 1.0 Background

- Rules and regulations that apply
- 14 Scoring categories
- Environmental Enhancement Plan (EEP)
- Attachment F
- Prioritized Review NOIs – Technical review is the same as standard review project

## 2.0 Prioritized Review NOI Standards and Submission Requirements

### 2.1 Resource Assessment

2.1.1 Wetlands/Streams

2.1.2 Ecological Survey

2.1.3 Environmental Impact Assessment

## **2.0 NOI Standards and Submission Requirements**

2.2 Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Clearance

2.3 Administratively Complete and Accurate NOI

2.4 Compliance Status

2.5 Pre-Application Meeting



## 3.0 Scoring Categories: 22 possible points

**Group A** - E&S and PCSM practices and BMPs  
possible points = 9

**Group B** - Not typically associated with E&S and PCSM  
possible points = 12

**Preconstruction meeting** = 1 point

Total of 9 points required to qualify

## 3.0 Scoring Categories Group A

- 3.1 Forest Conservation Minimizing Canopy Fragmentation
- 3.2 Wetland Conservation and Protection
- 3.3 Species Protection/Enhancement - (T&E Species)
- 3.4 Species Protection/Enhancement - Special Concern Species and Resources
- 3.5 Seeding and Mulching (PA Native Species only)
- 3.6 Stormwater Management/Non discharge BMPs/ABACT BMPs
- 3.7 Invasive Species Management
- 3.8 Extended Setbacks
- 3.9 Restoration Practices

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## 3.0 Scoring Categories Group B

3.10 Noise Management

3.11 Impaired Resource Enhancement - Water Resources

3.12 Impaired Resource Enhancement - Abandoned/Orphaned Wells

3.13 Air Quality Improvements - Use of Low or Zero Emission Tech

3.14 Carbon Neutrality

3.15 Renewable Energy

## 4.0 Environmental Enhancement Plans and Notifications

4.1 Environmental Enhancement Plans

4.2 Notifications

## 5.0 Review Process

5.1 Scoring

5.2 Review

5.3 Permit Requirements

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- **Current status of the project**
- **Next Procedural Step**
- **Final Procedural Step**



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# QUESTIONS?