

NPDES PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities

Northwest Regional Office: Waterways and Wetlands Program Manager, 230 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335, Phone: 814.332.6984.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received an application for an Individual NPDES Permit from the applicant named below to authorize discharges of stormwater associated with construction activities to surface waters of the Commonwealth. In addition, DEP has made a tentative decision to issue an Individual NPDES Permit to the applicant. Interested persons may submit written comments to DEP at the address above within 30 days of the publication of this notice for DEP's consideration in taking a final action on the permit application. You may also review the permit application file by contacting DEP's File Review Coordinator at 814-332-6078.

Applicant: Homer City Generation LP

Applicant Address: 1750 Power Plant Road, Homer City, PA 15748-8009

Application Number: PAD320011

Application Type: New

Project Site Name: **HCPP Pipeline**

Project Site Address: Off Marco Road, Blairsville, PA 15717

Municipality / County: **Indiana County**

Total Earth Disturbance Area: **101.8** acres

Surface Waters Receiving Stormwater Discharges: **Muddy Run, Blacklick Creek and Various UNTs to Muddy Run and Blacklick Creek**

Proposed Effluent Limitations: The draft permit requires implementation of an Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Plan and a Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) Plan and compliance with federal technology-based effluent standards at 40 CFR Part 450.

Rate or Frequency of Discharge: Stormwater discharges during and following earth disturbance activities are precipitation-induced and will vary depending on factors such as the area of impervious surfaces, the size and placement of best management practices (BMPs) and the intensity of precipitation.

Project Description: Installation of approximately 5.8 miles of 30-inch diameter steel natural gas pipeline to transport natural gas from a proposed Metering and Regulation (M&R) and Interconnect Facility in Burrell Township to the proposed redeveloped Homer City Generating Station in Center Township. The project was designed to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands, streams, and floodways to the maximum extent practicable. The project requires 9 utility line crossings (GP-5) and 10 temporary road crossings (GP 8) of streams, floodways, and wetlands. The project also includes 24 resource crossings located within streams and floodways with drainage areas less than 100 acres [§105.12(a) Waiver 2] and 2 resource crossings of a single pole overhead electric powerline [§105.12(a) Waiver 3]. Equipment will cross wetlands and streams using timber mats. Timber mats will also be placed overtop existing stream culverts. Appropriate erosion and sediment controls will be utilized to protect on-site and downgradient aquatic resources. Tree cutting and grubbing within the pipeline right-of-way will be limited to only what is necessary for pipeline installation.

Special Conditions: N/A