

The table below has been prepared to broadly describe all types of pipeline projects handled by PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and/or County Conservation Districts (CCDs) to help clarify and avoid confusion with other projects that may require a Chapter 102 permit, as noted below for each way Ch. 102 permit applications are processed.

DEP and CCD Roles and Responsibilities in Chapter 102 Permit Reviews

Type of Pipeline	Permit Type & DEP Involvement	CCD Review	Admin. Fee ¹
FERC ² -Regulated Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline - Projects requiring a Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN)	<u>Indiv. E&S Permit³</u> . DEP's Regional Permit Coordination Office (RPCO) leads and coordinates completeness and technical review comments from CCDs.	CCDs involved per Delegation Agreement (E&S, PCSM).	If 1 County → CCD If 2 County → CCD with most earth disturbance If 3+ Counties → RPCO
FERC-Regulated Natural Gas Transmission Pipelines – Projects qualifying for Blanket Certification or 2.55 Auxiliary Projects	<u>ESCGP⁴</u> . DEP's Regional Permit Coordination Office (RPCO) leads and coordinates completeness and technical review comments from CCDs.	CCDs involved per Delegation Agreement (E&S, PCSM).	If 1 County → CCD If 2 County → CCD with most Earth Dist. If 3+ Counties → RPCO
Non-FERC Regulated Transmission Pipeline (one county)	<u>ESCGP</u> . No DEP involvement unless technical assistance requested. Technical assistance would be provided by DEP Regional Office.	CCD handles ESCGP unless otherwise specified.	CCD
Non-FERC Regulated Transmission Pipeline (two counties & one region)	<u>ESCGP</u> . No DEP involvement unless technical assistance requested. Technical assistance would be provided by DEP Regional Office.	CCD with most earth dist. would process ESCGP and coordinate with other county.	CCD with most Earth Dist.
Non-FERC Regulated Transmission Pipeline (two counties & two regions)	<u>ESCGP</u> . No DEP involvement unless technical assistance requested. Technical assistance would be provided by DEP Regional Office.	CCD with most earth dist. would process ESCGP and coordinate with other county. Both regions should be notified.	CCD with most Earth Dist.
Non-FERC Regulated Transmission Pipeline (three counties & one region)	<u>ESCGP</u> DEP regional office leads and coordinates completeness and technical review comments from CCDs.	CCDs involved per Delegation Agreement (E&S, PCSM).	DEP Regional Office
Non-FERC Regulated Transmission Pipeline (three+ counties & two+ regions)	<u>ESCGP</u> . RPCO leads and coordinates completeness and technical review comments from CCDs.	CCDs involved per Delegation Agreement (E&S, PCSM).	RPCO
Gathering Pipelines	<u>ESCGP or Indiv. E&S Permit</u> . Handled by O&G Program.	No CCD involvement.	O&G Program
Distribution Pipelines	<u>NPDES Construction Permit</u> . Handled by appropriate DEP regional office.	CCDs involved per Delegation Agreement (E&S, PCSM). Follow NPDES (IP or PAG-02) SOP.	Follow NPDES (IP or PAG-02) SOP

¹ Administrative fees are as follows: ESCGPs are \$500 and Individual E&S Permits are \$1500. This column indicates where the fees should be sent.

² Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

³ At RPCO's discretion, an ESCGP may be utilized for a FERC CPCN project, but RPCO will lead the review similar to an Individual E&S permit.

⁴ RPCO may require an Individual Permit, at its discretion, based on a variety of factors. (see [Project Consultation and Submission \(pa.gov\)](#) for more info)