

Roles and Responsibilities in Chapter 102 Permit Reviews

The table below broadly describes the types of pipeline projects handled by Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the County Conservation Districts (CCDs). This document was prepared to provide consistency and clarification on how permit applications are processed for projects that may require a Chapter 102 permit. For more information about RPCO, please visit www.dep.pa.gov/RPCO.

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>Individual 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 ⁵	<u>ESCGP or Individual 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 This column indicates where administrative fees are sent and the amount (ESCGPs = \$500 and Individual E&S Permits = \$1500).

² Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

³ At RPCO's discretion, an ESCGP may be utilized for a FERC CPCN project with RPCO leading the review.

⁴ At RPCO's discretion an Individual E&S Permit may be required (see [Project Consultation and Submission](#) for more information)

⁵ This includes pipelines associated with production wells or storage wells.