

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT
FOR STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FROM OIL AND GAS LINEAR
TRANSMISSION LINE AND GATHERING LINE INSTALLATION**

Public Notice No.: 18-04-019
Date of Issue of Public Notice: April 13, 2018

On the basis of staff review and application of standards and regulations, the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will issue a draft general permit for the statewide regulation of storm water associated with construction activity from oil and gas linear transmission line and gathering line installation. The draft permit will be issued as a final action unless the Director revises the draft after consideration of the record of a public hearing or written comments. Any person may submit comments on the draft permit and administrative record.

The General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity from Oil and Gas Linear Transmission Line and Gathering Line Installation (Permit No. OHCG00001) is the first generation of this general permit. This permit would afford coverage to new and existing discharges of storm water from construction activity associated with the installation of oil and gas linear transmission lines and gathering lines throughout the State of Ohio. The permit identifies who can be covered, how an entity obtains coverage, and how a permittee terminates coverage. The permit contains requirements for permittees to develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) to minimize or eliminate the potential for contamination of storm water from these projects. In addition, a Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Contingency Plan must be developed and incorporated in the SWP3. The HDD Plan must be implemented as a condition of this permit in the event HDD is anticipated for the construction and installation of transmission and gathering lines.

The public notice, associated fact sheet and general permit may be viewed over the internet at http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/permits/GP_PipelineCGP.aspx. Copies are also available for inspection at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency-Central Office, Division of Surface Water, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Michael Joseph at 614-752-0782 or via email at Michael.Joseph@epa.ohio.gov.

The processing of this general permit and associated Notices of Intent for coverage is and will be done, respectively, in accordance with Ohio's antidegradation rule and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-1-05.

An Ohio EPA public hearing to accept comments on the draft general permit has been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on May 30, 2018 in Conference Room A at the Ohio EPA Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43216. The public hearing will end when everyone in attendance has had an opportunity to provide comments related to the draft general permit. In lieu of attending the public hearing, written comments may be submitted as outlined in the following paragraph.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this draft general permit. Comments should be submitted in person or by mail no later than June 6, 2018. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of this hearing. Deliver or mail all comments to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Surface Water - Permits Processing Unit
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

The OEPA permit number (OHCG00001) should appear next to the above address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments.