



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army
Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore
District

In Reply to Application Number
**CENAB-OP-RPA(PPL MONTOUR,
LLC/ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND 12 MILE
PIPELINE CORRIDOR)06-01094-5**

PN-06-09

Comment Period: March 6, 2006 to April 4, 2006

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as described below:

APPLICANT: Robert *Domermuth*
PPL Montour, LLC
2 N. Ninth Street (*GENPL6*)
ALLENTOWN, PA 18101-1179

LOCATION: Middle Branch and West Branch to Chillisquaque Creek, Mud Creek, Beaver Run, Warrior Run, West Branch Susquehanna River, and unnamed tributaries to these streams. The construction lay down area, limestone handling area and gypsum stockpile and storage area is located at and adjacent to the PPL Generation Facility in Derry Township Montour County. The proposed pipeline corridor runs from the PPL facility in a westerly direction for 12 miles to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, through Derry, Anthony, and Limestone Township in Montour County and Lewis Township, Turbotsville Borough, and Delaware Township in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania

WORK: To upgrade the existing power plant by retrofitting the two Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) scrubbers for the removal of sulfur dioxide emissions. The operation of the scrubbers requires fluidized limestone mist. To ensure a continuous supply of limestone, facilities for the delivery, storage, and handling of the bulk limestone material will be constructed. A conveyor system will be constructed to transfer the reacted limestone (gypsum) to a storage area and/or to a proposed U.S. Gypsum plant that will use the material to make dry wall. This work, at the facility, will permanently impact 0.973 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands and 0.848 acres of palustrine scrub-shrub wetlands. A new 12 mile water pipeline will be constructed to carry water removed from the residuum back to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. The residuum water will be discharged through a new diffuser located just downstream from the existing intake. The new pipeline will be adjacent to the existing intake pipeline. The new pipeline will temporarily impact 4.472 acres of palustrine emergent wetlands, 0.657 acres of palustrine scrub shrub wetlands, and 1.552 acres of palustrine forested wetlands; and will cross 23 waterways, temporarily impacting 768 linear feet of streams. The applicant proposes to create a minimum of 5 acres of non-tidal wetlands in a field adjacent to the Middle Branch of Chillisquaque Creek. The field is currently farmed and has ditches that drain hydric soils directly into the Creek. Wetland creation will include the plugging of a main drainage ditch that carries significant flow into the creek; creation of micro-topography; placement of clean organic material (mushroom compost); spreading a wetland plant seed mix; and some plantings. A more detailed wetland mitigation plan is being developed. The purpose of the project is to retrofit the two FGD scrubbers at the Montour Steam Electric Station for 97% removal of SO₂.

All work will be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Marion Gall at (814) 235-1761.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonable may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof: among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factor; must be received by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, State College Field Office, 1631 South Atherton Street, Suite 102, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, within the comment period specified above.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the issuance of a Section 105 permit or through direct application to the Regional Office in the area of the proposed project. The Section 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year in which to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect Federal listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

The evaluation of the impact of this project on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, State College Field Office, 1631 South Atherton Street, Suite 102, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Also it must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

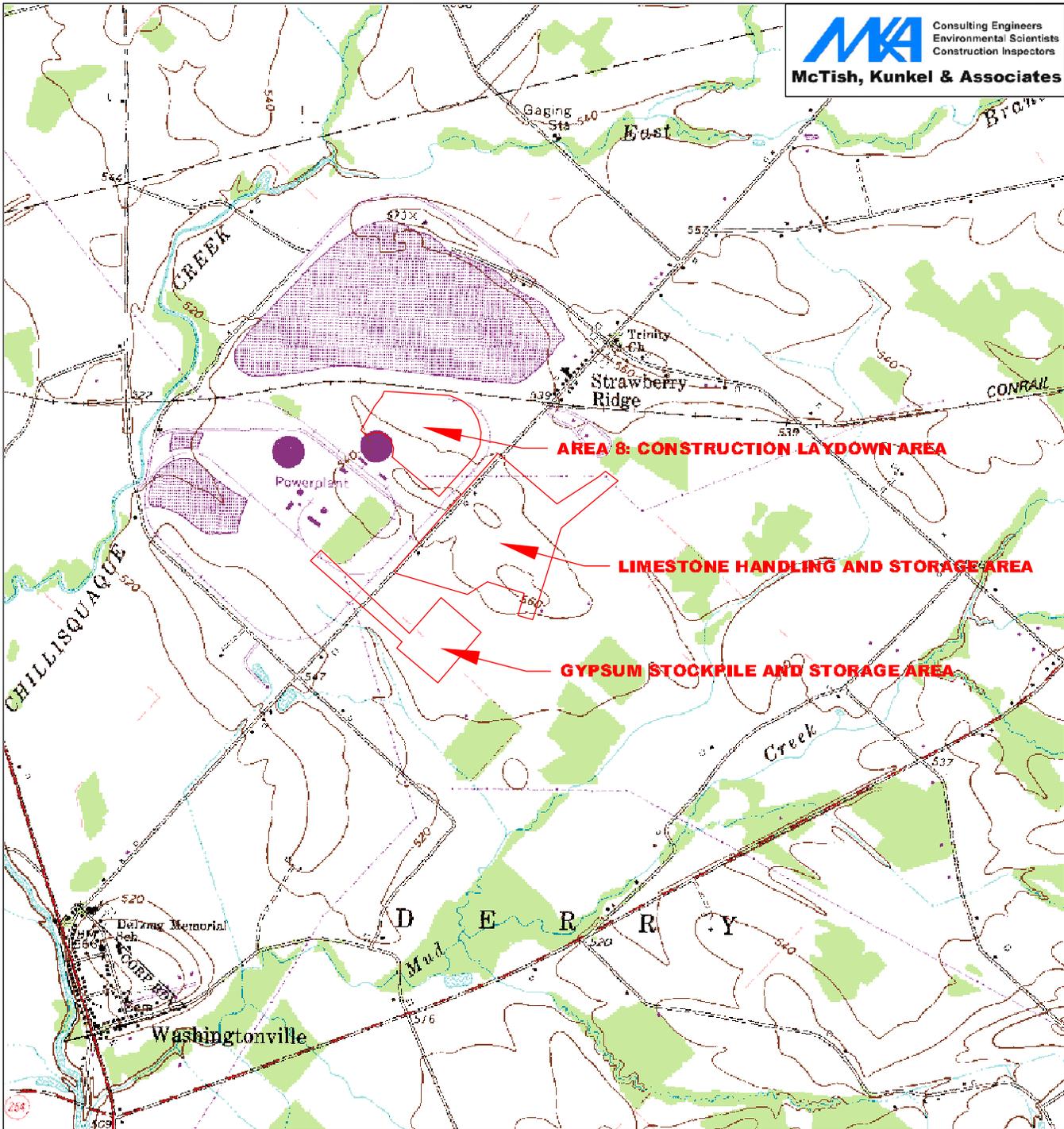
It is requested that you communicate this information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER



Irwin Garskof
Chief, Pennsylvania Section

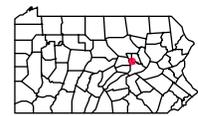
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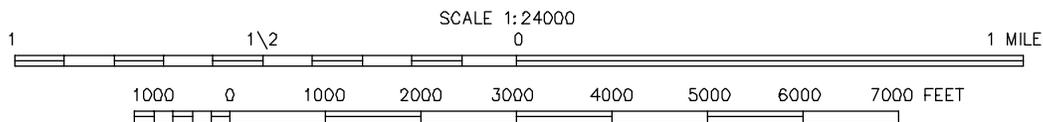
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WASHINGTONVILLE QUADRANGLE
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FT
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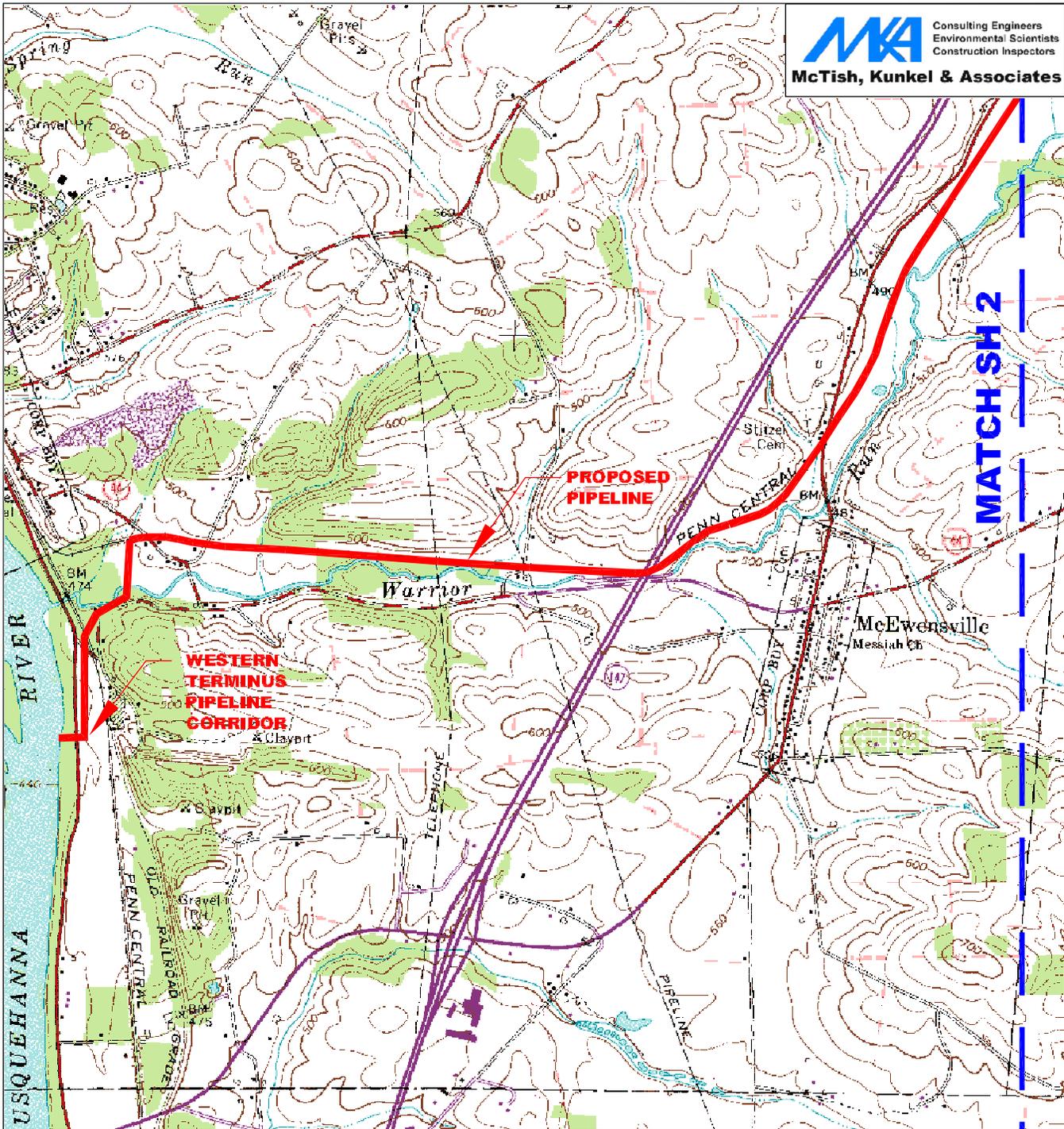
PPL GENERATION, LLC
FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AREA
DERRY TOWNSHIP, MONTOUR COUNTY



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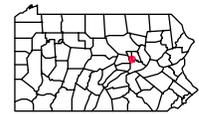


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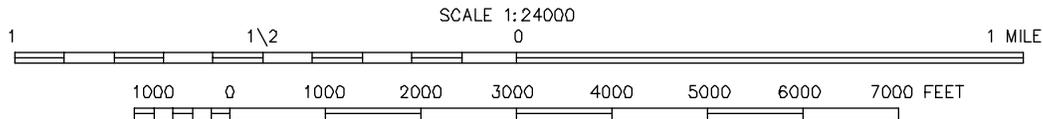


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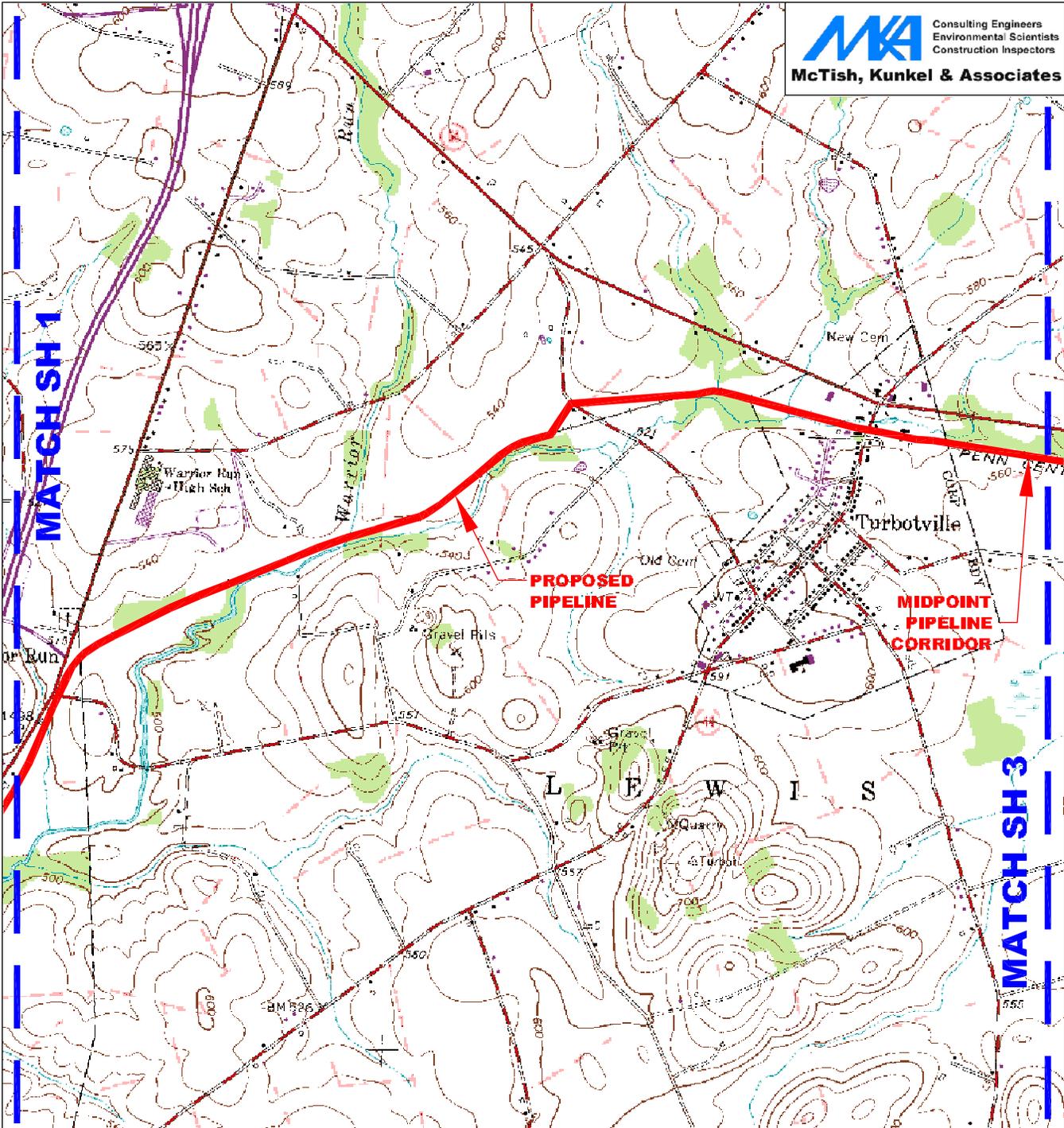
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PPL GENERATION, LLC
PROPOSED PIPELINE CORRIDOR
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY



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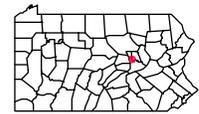


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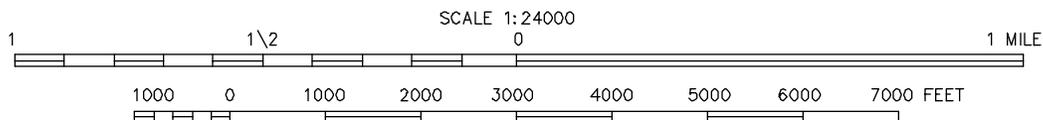


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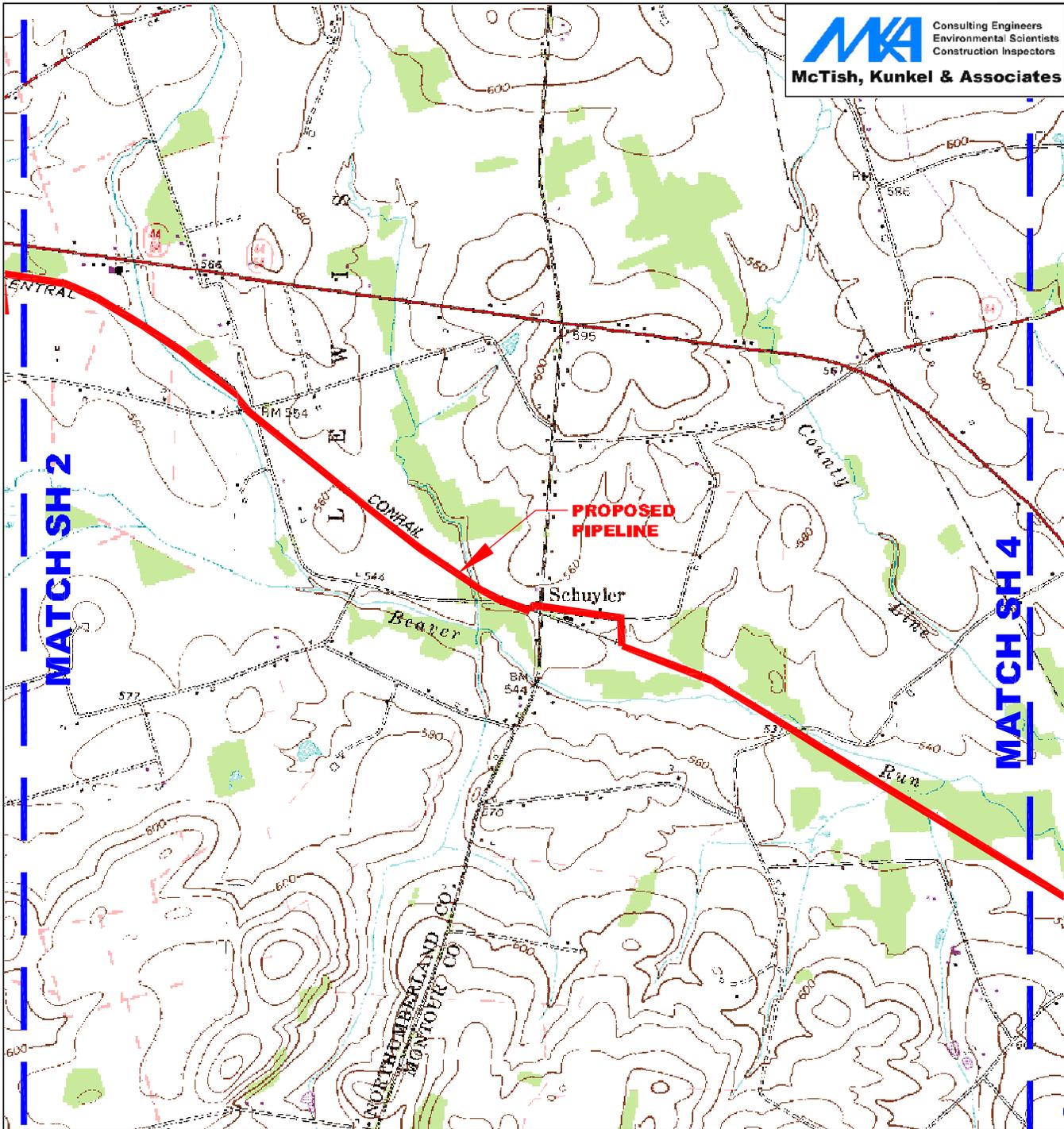
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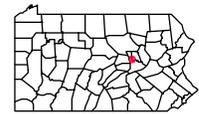


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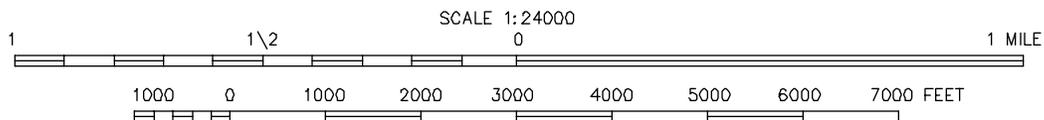


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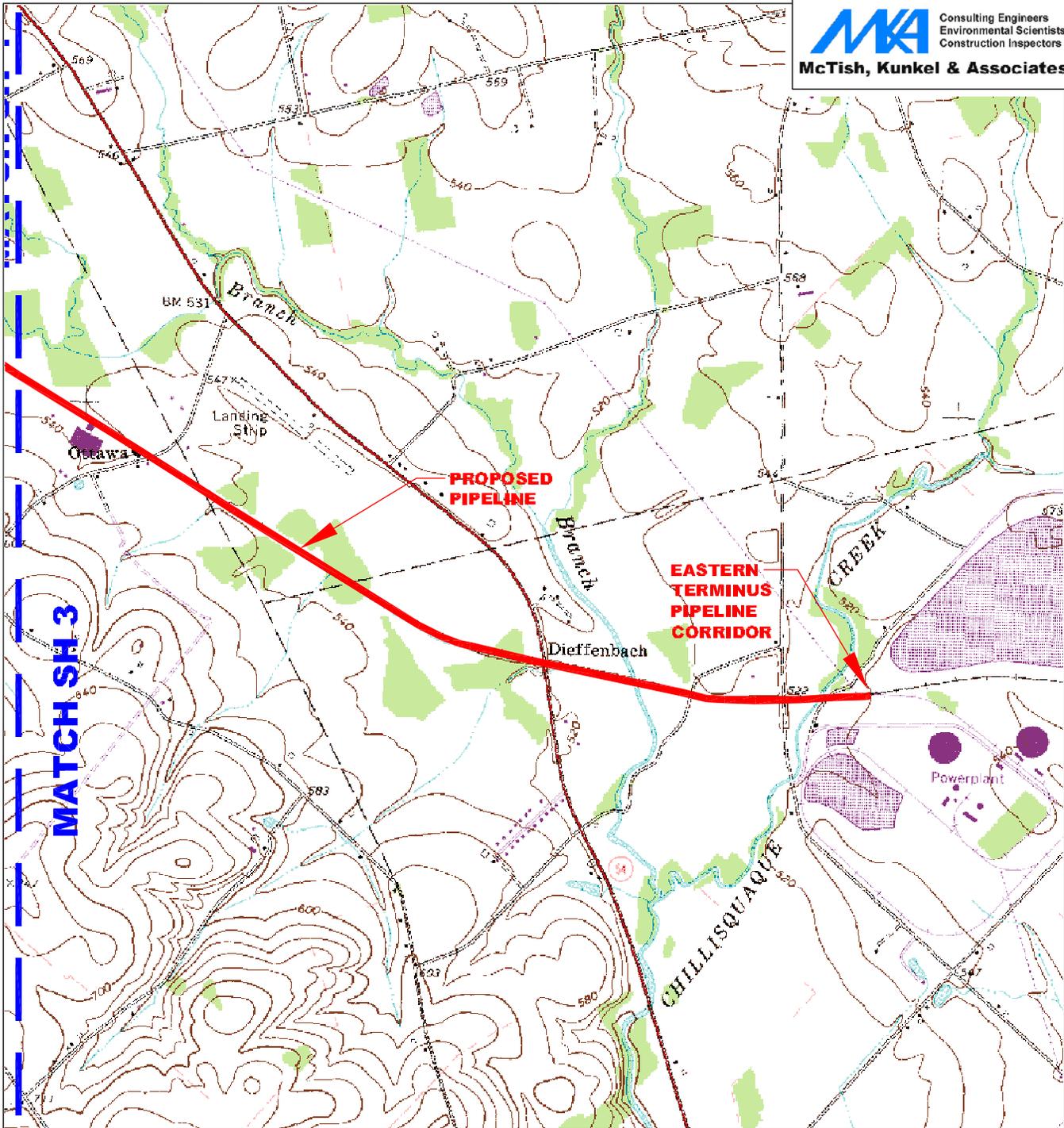
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PPL GENERATION, LLC
PROPOSED PIPELINE CORRIDOR
NORTHUMBERLAND & MONTOUR COUNTIES



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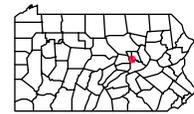


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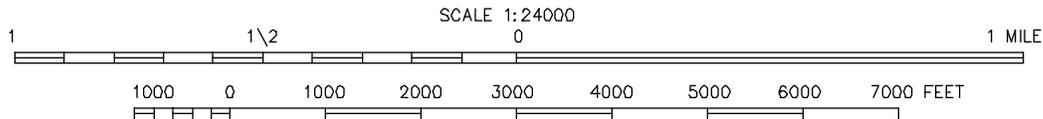


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PROJECT LOCATION MAP
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PPL GENERATION, LLC
PROPOSED PIPELINE CORRIDOR
MONTOUR COUNTY



• PROJECT LOCATION



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ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
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DESIGN	CHECK	INTER DISCIPLINE REVIEW	ELECT	DATE

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Shaw Stone & Webster, Inc.
TRENTON, NJ.

ppl PPL Montour SES
FCD Retrofit Project

**WETLANDS DISTURBANCE PLAN
SHEET INDEX**

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