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Douglas Sipe serves as the Outreach Manager for the Division of Gas-Environment and Engineering (DG2E) within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or the Commission) Office of Energy Projects. DG2E is responsible for the environmental review of interstate natural gas certificate applications for the construction and operation of facilities under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and applications for import and export authorization under Section 3 of the NGA, including liquefied natural gas (LNG) import facilities.

Doug advises the natural gas industry; Federal, state, and local agencies; and other stakeholders on the Commission's Pre-Filing Process and Outreach initiatives. Doug is also responsible for educating federal and state agencies on the implementation of the Commission's regulations for the coordination and processing of federal authorizations.

Doug has been with the Commission since 1998 and has been responsible for managing the environmental analyses of numerous major certificate applications and advising the Commission on the environmental issues associated with those projects.

Prior to his employment at FERC, Doug worked as an environmental consultant for various segments of the energy industry. Doug has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Resource Management from the Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania.

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Shannon Jones is the Certificate Compliance Manager for the DG2E within FERC's Office of Energy Projects. Shannon provides oversight of DG2E's post-certificate compliance program and advises stakeholders regarding laws, regulations, and policy affecting natural gas facility construction and compliance techniques.

Shannon joined the FERC in 2003 as an Environmental Biologist. She has directed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document preparation and monitored environmental compliance on numerous pipeline and LNG projects. Shannon has a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management from University of Maryland, College Park.



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Eric Tomasi is an environmental engineer and the technical expert for air quality, noise and pipeline safety with FERC's Office of Energy Projects, Division of Gas – Environment and Engineering. In his role with the Commission, Eric provides guidance to industry and stakeholders for noise and air quality requirements and is designated as the primary lead for all natural gas facility noise complaints.

Eric joined FERC in 2001 as an environmental engineer. He has directed NEPA document preparation and monitored environmental compliance on numerous major natural gas pipeline projects. Prior to his employment at FERC, Eric worked as a regulatory compliance manager for a hazardous waste facility. Eric has a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Boston University, Boston Massachusetts, and undertook graduate studies at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.



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Larry Brown is a Principal at Natural Resource Group, LLC (NRG) specializing in project management of interstate natural gas pipeline projects and preparation of documents necessary to comply with the NEPA and other federal and state regulations. Larry has 19 years of experience working on FERC-regulated pipeline projects. This experience includes managing, providing senior review, and/or authoring sections of numerous permit applications and more than 20 FERC Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) and Environmental Assessments (EAs). Larry has also managed environmental field surveys, environmental compliance programs during construction, and conducted environmental inspection and post-construction monitoring.

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Tim Drake is a senior consultant at NRG specializing in routing, construction, restoration, and environmental inspection issues related to linear projects. Tim has extensive experience working with clients to develop and support environmental inspection and compliance programs. He has worked closely with project engineers, construction supervision teams, and agency regulators to develop and implement project plans and techniques to construct through sensitive resource areas including trout streams, wetlands, and national forests. Tim's responsibilities have also included the preparation of wildlife, surface water quality, and wetland sections of the Environmental Reports for FERC 7(c) applications.

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Jennifer Lee is a senior consultant at NRG, specializing in the preparation of FERC 7(c) Environmental Report Applications; third-party EISs; and federal, state, and local permits necessary for the construction and operation of natural gas and petroleum pipelines and LNG facilities. She has extensive experience with the FERC Pre-Filing Process, and has worked on behalf of both applicants and regulators on natural gas-related projects. Jennifer also manages feasibility studies and third-party EISs for other linear energy facilities including electric transmission line projects. She has worked on behalf of numerous state and federal agencies, including the FERC, USFS, BLM, and FWS. Her areas of expertise include land use analysis, alternatives analysis, and document preparation.



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Brian Cole, a consultant at NRG, has performed multiple roles for natural gas pipeline projects since 2002 and has experience working on behalf of both applicants and the FERC to develop, permit, and implement project plans and programs. Brian has supported and managed environmental compliance inspection programs for FERC regulated projects in more than 20 states, and has served as the Compliance Manager on large projects utilizing FERC's Third Party Monitoring Program. He has also served as an Environmental Inspector on linear projects ranging from a few miles to more than 100 miles in length, as well as natural gas storage facilities and LNG terminals.

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Andy Lane has been working in the energy industry since 2005. Andy specializes in managing both FERC and company environmental compliance programs and leading environmental inspection teams on large-scale construction projects. Andy has experience in compliance management, construction planning, and environmental inspection. He has worked with project engineers, construction management, and agency regulators to develop and implement site-specific project plans through sensitive areas including wetlands, waterbodies, and certified organic farms.