



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Philadelphia District

Wanamaker Building  
100 Penn Square East  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390  
ATTN: CENAP-EC-EG

# Public Notice

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Application No.

CENAP-EC-EG-16-408-01

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In Reply Refer to:

**Engineering Branch**

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The US Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District has received an application to alter a US Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Project, pursuant to 33 USC 408.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for the work described below.

**APPLICANT:** PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC  
1 Meridian Boulevard, Suite 2C01  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

**AGENT:** Sarah K. Binckley, PWS, AECOM

**Federal Project:** Beltzville Dam and Reservoir

**LOCATION:** Pohopoco Drive, Lehighton, Carbon County, Pennsylvania

**ACTIVITY:** Construction and permanent easement for 36" natural gas pipeline crossing Beltzville State Park and Reservoir. The pipeline will be horizontally directionally drilled approximately 6,100 feet in length. One temporary 1.4 acre bore pad is proposed in a field off Pohopoco Drive between the Christman and Wildcreek Trailheads. The attached plan and profile drawing details the proposed alignment.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the proposed modification specifically to the authorized federal civil works project to ensure that it is not injurious to the public interest or affect the USACE project's ability to meet its authorized purpose(s).

In addition, a decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. The decision for work proposed at existing civil works projects includes an evaluation of the probable environmental impacts of that project on Corps owned facilities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, will prepare appropriate documentation in accordance with the provisions of the NEPA of 1969, as amended, the Council of

Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Corps' Engineering Regulation (ER) 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA, 4 March 1988. This process potentially involves multiple phases and steps that are dependent on an evaluation of the potential impacts of the proposed project with regard to the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem, endangered and threatened species, hazardous and toxic materials, aesthetics and recreation, cultural resources, the general needs and welfare of the public, and other considerations. As the potential significant impacts of a project increase, so does the complexity of reaching an agency action.

The Corps of Engineers has jurisdiction under Section 408 only over the specific activities or portions of activities that have the potential to alter a USACE project. Therefore, if the proposed alteration is part of a larger project (and/or its associated features) that extends beyond the USACE project boundaries, the USACE District will determine what portions or features of the larger project USACE has sufficient control and responsibility over to warrant their inclusion in the USACE review. The scope of analysis for both the technical review and NEPA compliance evaluations for the Section 408 review will be limited to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that are directly or indirectly affected by the alteration found on USACE property or other easements.

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 which involve the federal real estate interest within the USACE project limits. 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 to the authorized project.

Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

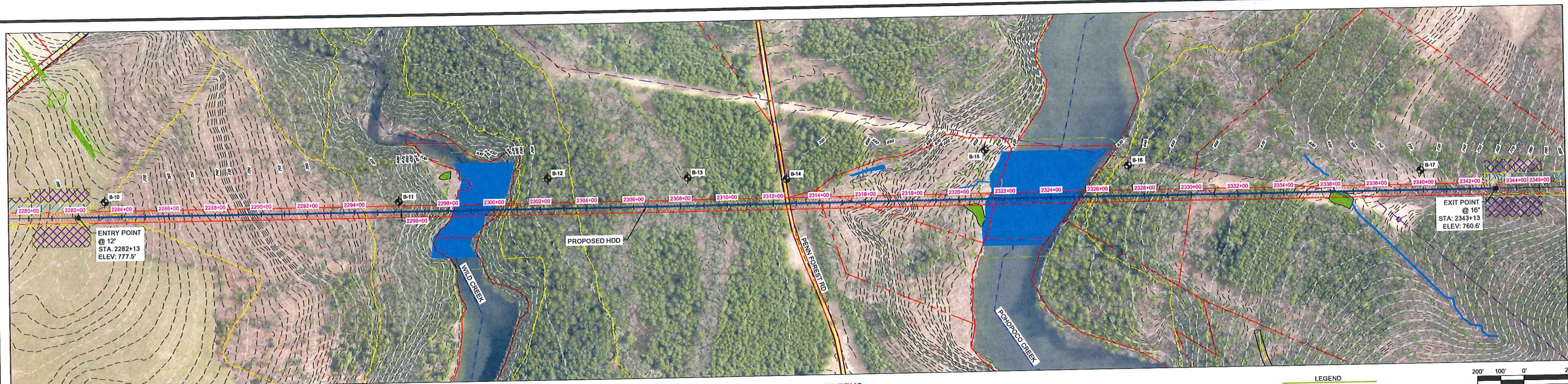
Comments on the proposed work should be submitted via email to the undersigned below, or, in writing, within 60 days to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state in writing, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by calling Robert Phillips, P.E. at 215-656-6682, via email at [robert.w.phillips@usace.army.mil](mailto:robert.w.phillips@usace.army.mil), or writing this office at the above address.

Robert Phillips, P.E.  
Section 408 Coordinator

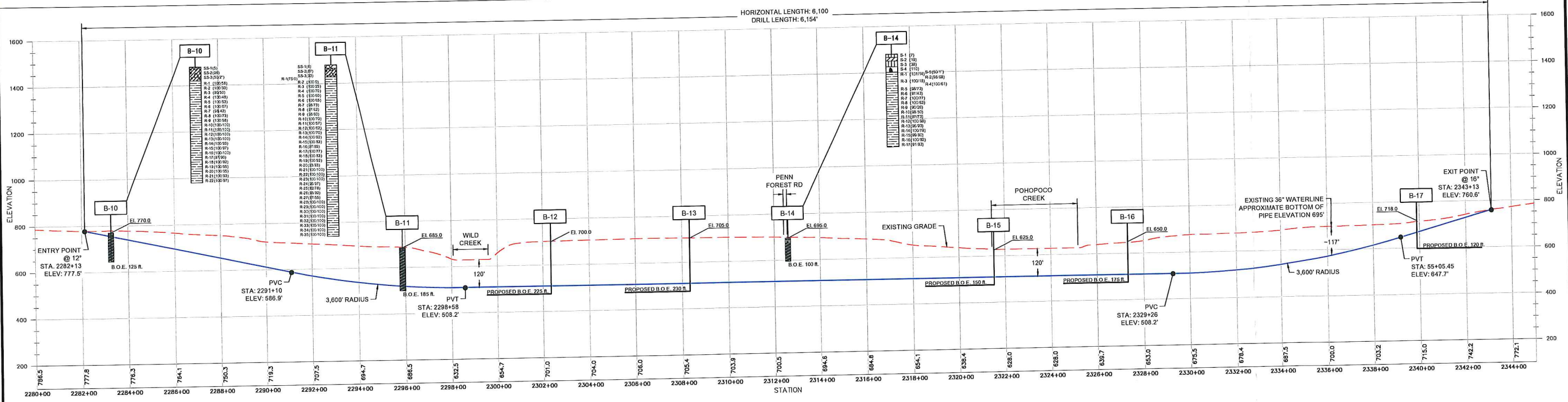
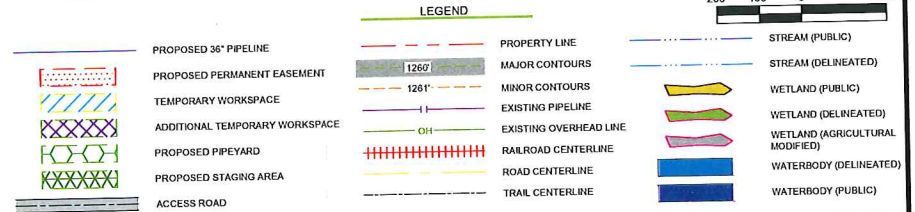




**POHOPOCO AND WILD CREEKS  
HDD PLAN VIEW**

**DRAFT CONCEPTUAL HDD NOTES:**

- THE HDD BORE PATH DEPICTED ON THIS DRAWING IS CONSIDERED "DRAFT CONCEPTUAL" AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GEOTECHNICAL DATA, TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY, AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BIOLOGICAL FEATURE DELINEATIONS. THE HDD BORE PATH WILL BE ISSUED AS "FINAL CONCEPTUAL" AFTER COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF BOTH TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY AND GEOTECHNICAL DATA AND AFTER BIOLOGICAL FEATURE DELINEATIONS ARE FINAL.
- EXISTING CONTOURS TAKEN FROM PICTOMETRY, 2015.
- FINAL EQUIPMENT LAYOUT AND GRADING WITHIN THE DEPICTED WORKSPACES IS BY OTHERS.
- EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IS NOT DEPICTED ON THIS DRAWING. REFER TO ESCGP PLANS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS.
- ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT SHALL REMAIN WITHIN THE PERMITTED LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE DEPICTED ON THIS DRAWING UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY THE CLIENT. HORIZONTAL LENGTH: 6,100'  
DRILL LENGTH: 6,154'  
PROPOSED PIPE IS 36" O.D. X 0.951 W.T., GR, X-70, WITH FBE ARO COATING.
- SOIL BORING LOCATIONS OFF RIGHT-OF-WAY ARE APPROXIMATE IN PROFILE.
- UTILITY LOCATIONS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND SHALL BE FIELD VERIFIED. PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES AT LEAST 48 HOURS AND NO MORE THAN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS NOTICE BEFORE EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION.
- STATIONING ON THIS DRAWING REFLECTS UPSTREAM STATION EQUATION. STATIONING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON PROJECT PROGRESSION.



**POHOPOCO AND WILD CREEKS  
HDD PROFILE**

NOTE: THIS DRAWING HAS BEEN PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A COMPLETED GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION PROGRAM. THE PRELIMINARY/CONCEPTUAL ALIGNMENTS WERE DETERMINED BASED UPON CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CROSSING. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL CONSTRAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CROSSING WILL BE DISCOVERED AFTER A GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED, RESULTING IN ALIGNMENT AND OTHER DESIGN CHANGES. ELEVATION DATA IS BASED ON PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATASETS.

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PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT		
PROPOSED 36" PIPELINE HDD EXHIBIT PLAN AND PROFILE POHOPOCO CREEK AND WILD CREEK HDD CARBON COUNTY, PA		
SCALE: AS SHOWN	DRAWING NO: 096-03-07-02	REVISION: A

