



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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June 26, 2007

Southwest Regional Office

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Re: Shaffer Mountain Wind Farm, LLC
Shade and Ogle Townships
Somerset County
Napier Township
Bedford County

Dear Concerned Citizen:

Thank you for your inquiry into the Shaffer Mountain Wind, LLC permit application (Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) File No. PAI055607001) located in Shade and Ogle Townships in Somerset County and Napier Township in Bedford County. This application is currently under review by DEP's Permitting and Technical Services Section and by the Somerset and Bedford County Conservation Districts.

As part of DEP's review, the applicant is required to provide a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) search for potential impacts to endangered plants, animals and fish located within the project boundaries. This requires coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PAFBC), Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The applicant has contacted these agencies and is working to satisfy their concerns and obtain the required clearance letters from them. In order to address the agencies' concerns, the applicant has hired various consultants to perform surveys and field investigations. A permit decision will not be made until the DEP determines that the agencies' concerns have been adequately addressed.

DEP is reviewing the permit application to determine its compliance with the regulations for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities. As part of the permit application review process, the County Conservation Districts are reviewing the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for the proposed project and DEP is reviewing the post construction stormwater plans. Both of these reviews evaluate the impacts the proposed project would have to the streams and any wetlands located in and around the project limits.

It does not appear at this time that an individual Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for stream or wetland impacts will be needed for this site. There may be some aerial crossing of streams and wetlands that could instead qualify for a general permit or a waiver. The applicant's consultant has delineated the wetlands at this site and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has field reviewed this delineation.



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DEP plans to conduct a public hearing for this application. The logistics have not been finalized. You are now on our mailing list and you will be notified in advance of the date, time and location of the hearing.

Thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any additional comments, please send them to the DEP's Permitting and Technical Services Section, Watershed Management, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita A. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rita A. Coleman
Program Manager
Watershed Management