

# Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Pittsburgh District

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US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District  
1000 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. LRP-2014-81      Date: November 17, 2014

Notice No. 14-48

Closing Date: December 17, 2014

1.     TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
  
2.     APPLICANT:             Rich DiMichele, President  
                                          Halcon Field Services LLC  
                                          1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 6700  
                                          Houston, Texas 77002-6003
  
3.     AGENT:                     Martin Friday  
                                          RETTEW Associates, Inc.  
                                          130 Court Street, Suite 200  
                                          Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701
  
4.     LOCATION: in wetlands abutting and adjacent to unnamed tributaries to the Little Shenango River, Pine Run, Sawmill Run, Butchery Creek, Sulphur Run, Sandy Creek, and unnamed tributaries to Sandy Creek in Stoneboro Borough, Fairview, Lake, and Sandy Lake Townships, Mercer County and Mineral Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania. Approximate center location of project is at 41.33879N, -80.07883W.
  
5.     PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct the Allam 1H to Pilgram pipeline which consists of the installation of 17 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline to transport natural gas produced at the Pilgram well pad to the previously permitted Allam 1H to National Fuel pipeline. Drawings of the proposed project may be found at the following website by clicking on Public Notice number 14-48  
<http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx>.  
Construction of the pipeline which begins near Five Points in Mercer County and extends to the east passing south of Sandy Lake and terminates near Wallace Corners in Venango County involves 29 stream crossings and 26 wetland crossings. Temporary impacts associated with the proposed project include a total of 3.92 acres of wetland impacts and 1700 linear feet of stream impacts. The temporary wetland and stream crossing impacts will be restored to preconstruction conditions with no significant alternations occurring. The project will result in 0.8 acre of permanent conversion impact from palustrine scrub-shrub wetland to palustrine emergent and 0.4 acre of permanent conversion impact from palustrine forested wetland to palustrine emergent wetland. To compensate for these conversion impacts the applicant has proposed to restore 2.9

acres of palustrine forested wetlands adjacent to the Little Shenango River in Sugar Grove Township, Mercer County.

The crossing of Wetland M1 will result in 1.72 acres of temporary impact.

6. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant must obtain a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit which includes 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Northwest Regional Office  
Bureau of Oil and Gas Management  
230 Chestnut Street  
Meadville, PA 16335

Telephone: 814-332-6984

7. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The applicant has conducted coordination with the PA Game Commission, PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The PA Game Commission indicated that No Impact Anticipated-PNDI Species. The PA Fish and Boat has indicated that the project will not result in adverse impacts to threatened or endangered freshwater mussels and that if specific management practices be followed adverse impacts to the Eastern Massasauga are not anticipated. The PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has indicated that No Impact is Anticipated as per Survey. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has indicated that the project will not impact endangered mussels and that if tree clearing activities are conducted between October 15 to March 31 no impact to threatened or endangered bats are anticipated to occur.

This Public Notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

8. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The applicant has consulted with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation and has obtained written clearance in letters dated February 26, 2014. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended(including Public Law 96-515).

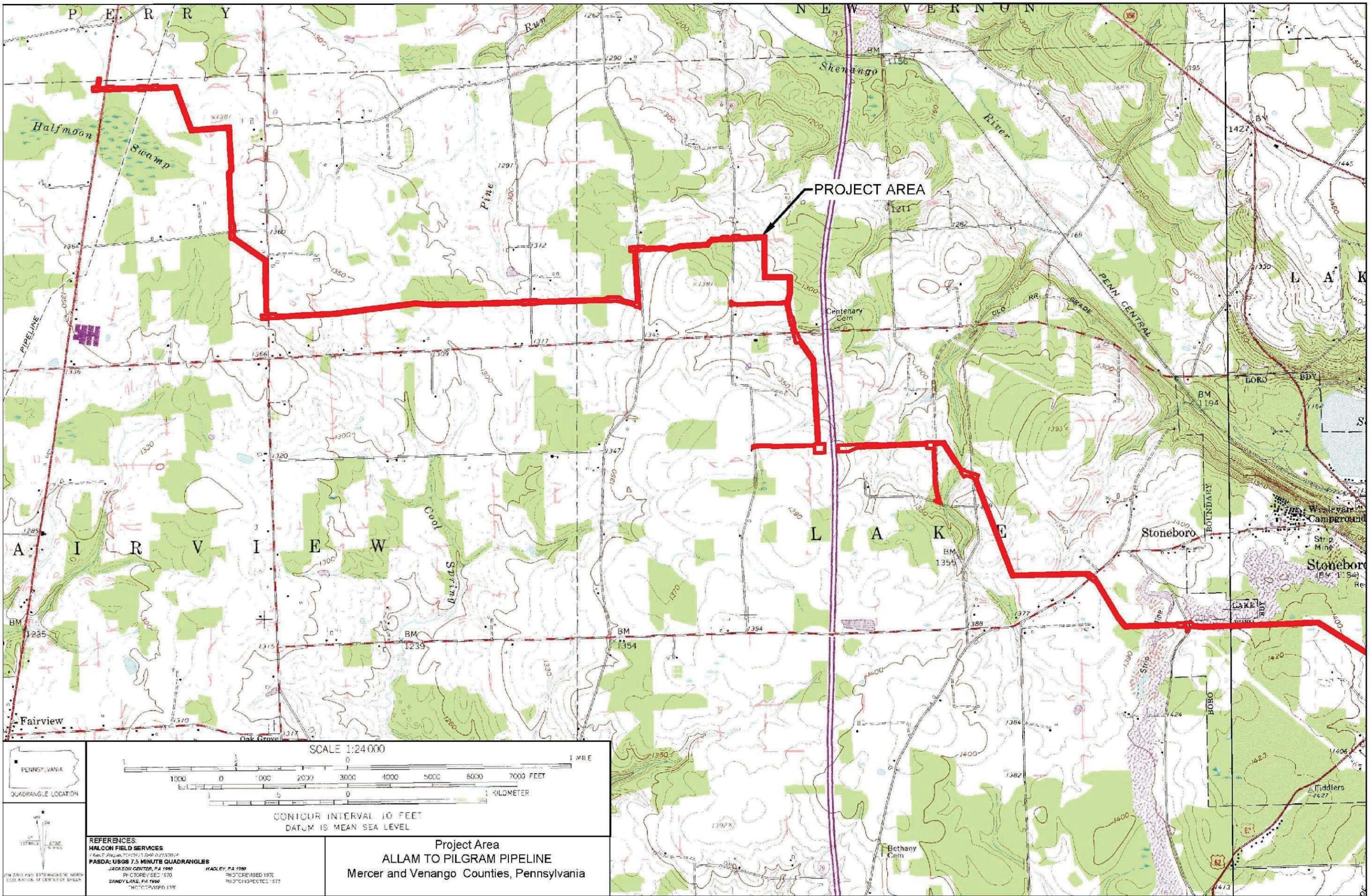
9. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

10. **EVALUATION:** Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals 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, historic properties, 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 and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership 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 overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

11. **RESPONSES:** A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Matthew Mason at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7129, or by e-mail at Matthew.R.Mason@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2014-81 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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Nancy Mullen  
Chief, Northern Section  
Regulatory Branch



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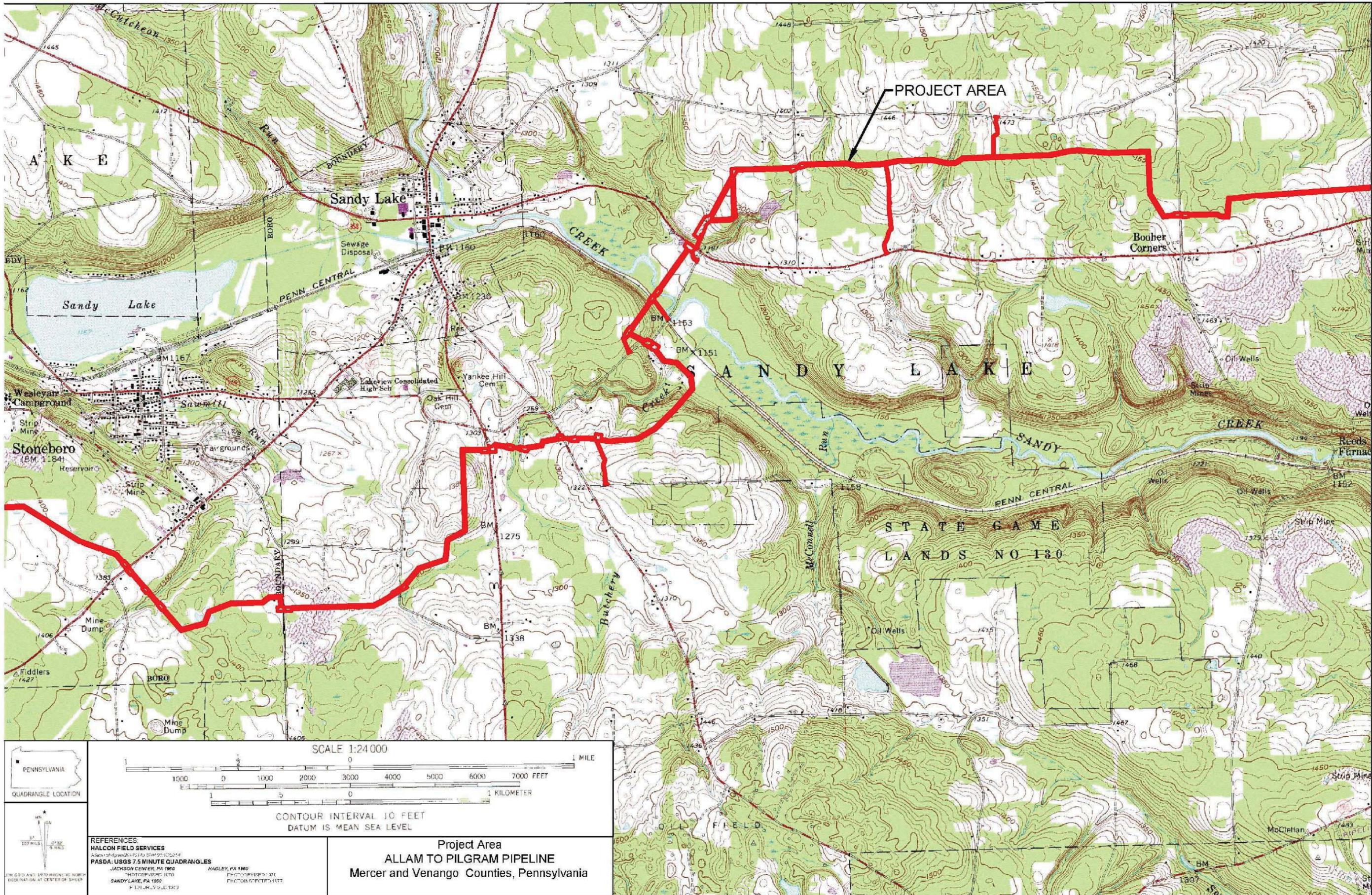
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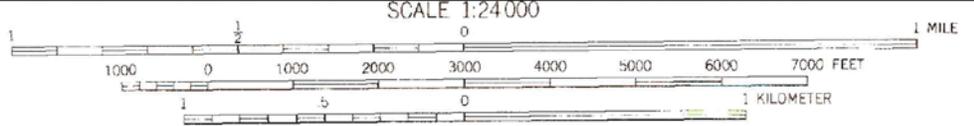
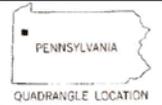
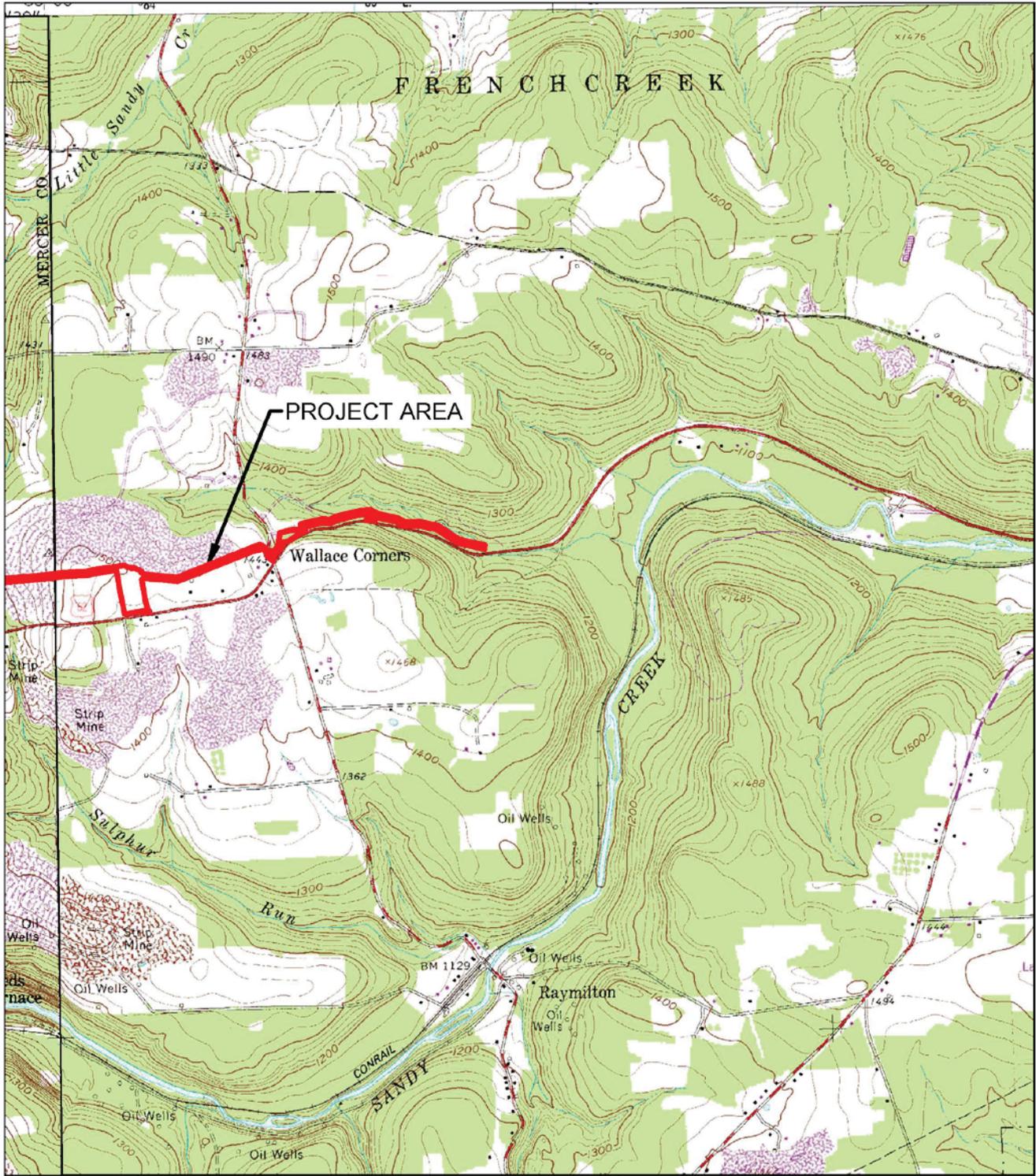
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Project Area  
ALLAM TO PILGRIM PIPELINE  
Mercer and Venango Counties, Pennsylvania



**MAP OF PROJECT LOCATION (CONTINUED): SANDY LAKE AND POLK, PA, 7.5' USGS MAP**



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