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Corps, Dominion Peoples to begin gas line relocation as part of SLDA site prep

- WHO:** US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District and Dominion Peoples Gas
- WHAT:** Natural gas line relocation
- WHEN:** Relocation begins Monday, February 7, and will last approximately three weeks.
- WHERE:** Shallow Land Disposal Area, Parks Township,
- WHY:** The natural gas line will be permanently relocated from running directly through the site to around the site. The relocation work will last approximately three weeks and will enable the workers to clean up the site in a safe manner. There should be minimal impact to traffic on Kiskimere Road. However, if residents notice a significant increase or have additional concerns, they may contact the Corps Public Affairs Office at the contact information provided below. The remediation work is scheduled to start this spring.
- BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District has been assigned to clean up radioactive waste at the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The SLDA, encompassing 44 acres of privately owned land, is located approximately 23 miles east-northeast of Pittsburgh in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. It is on the right bank of the Kiski River, a tributary of the Allegheny River, near the communities of Apollo and Vandergrift. Radioactive waste disposal operations were conducted between 1960 and 1970. As part of work done under Atomic Energy Commission contracts, low-level radioactive materials were produced, primarily for fuel for nuclear powered submarines and power plants. Disposal operations were conducted by the firm NUMEC, Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation, in the early 1960s. In 1967, ARCO purchased stock in NUMEC. In 1971, ARCO sold the stock of NUMEC to Babcock & Wilcox which has changed to BWX Technologies. BWX Technologies is the current owner of the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area.

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