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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

PENNSYLVANIA PIPELINE PROJECT CROSSING OF LOYALHANNA LAKE, CONEMAUGH RIVER LAKE, AND RAYSTOWN LAKE

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, *as amended*, 42 USC 4321 *et seq.* (NEPA), 40 CFR 1500-1508, and 33 CFR 230, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to evaluate the potential impacts associated with the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project where it crosses through United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) owned/administrated properties at the Loyalhanna Lake, Conemaugh River Lake, and Raystown Lake. The Proposed Action includes 30-year easement agreements under the authority of 30 U.S.C. 185, allowing Sunoco Pipeline, Limited Partnership (SPLP) to construct and operate five (5) miles of pipeline through USACE owned/administered properties, parallel and adjacent to and partly within the SPLP's existing right-of-ways (ROWs) and parallel and adjacent to other utility ROWs. The Proposed Action also includes authorizations for temporary work areas on USACE properties to be used to facilitate those construction activities. The purpose of this project is to transport fuel extracted from Utica and Marcellus Shale formations to Pennsylvania distributors and consumers, and for potential export at the applicant's existing facilities in Marcus Hook, PA. The action is necessitated by a lack of infrastructure to transport fuel to receipt points for distribution or to port facilities.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action considered in this EA include the Preferred Alternative, the No Action Alternative, and three different routing alternatives at Raystown Lake in conjunction with separate routing alternatives at Loyalhanna Lake and Conemaugh Lake. The Proposed Action entails installation of five linear miles of pipeline parallel and adjacent to and partly within existing ROWs at Raystown, Loyalhanna, and Conemaugh via horizontal direction drilling and is the preferred alternative because it will have the least amount of surface impacts. All natural and social environmental factors that may be relevant to the Proposed Action, including the cumulative effects thereof, were considered in the EA.

The No Action Alternative, which provides environmental baseline conditions, was rejected as it does not address the project's purpose and need. The three Raystown Lake alternatives – 1.) Routing along the SPLP ROW .33 miles south of the Preferred Alternative, 2.) A variation of the first alternative deviating south and east to avoid recreational areas, and 3.) Construction of a block valve station – were analyzed and dismissed as they entailed additional surface disturbance, more substantial vegetation clearing than the Preferred Alternative, or viewshed impacts. Likewise, Alternative 4.) Open-cut construction at Loyalhanna and Alternative 5.) Open-cut construction at

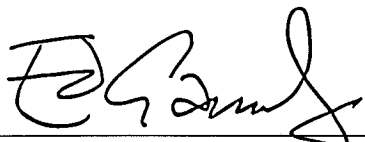
Conemaugh were analyzed and rejected due to potential significant adverse effects to aquatic resources and water quality.

The EA determined that the Proposed Action will not result in significant impacts to the natural or human environment, but impacts will include, and are not limited to, tree clearing, limited changes in existing land uses and existing visual/aesthetic resources, impacts to wetlands/streams. Coordination under the Endangered Species Act determined that no threatened and endangered species will be impacted on USACE properties. Also, coordination under the National Historic Preservation Act determined that no tribal or other cultural resources will be impacted on USACE properties. The Proposed Action will minimize its impacts to aquatic resources, recreation and traffic. The Proposed Action includes restoration and mitigation, such as the reforestation and revegetation of both temporary and permanent workspaces within the project ROW, consistent with USACE's restoration goals.

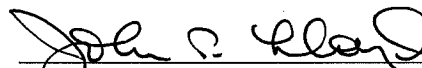
After having carefully evaluated and balanced all beneficial and detrimental aspects of the Proposed Action, including all regulatory agency input, I have reasonably concluded that the proposed project would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Consequently, the preparation of an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act for this action is not warranted.

A draft version of this document was circulated for a 30-day review to agencies, organizations and the interested public for review and comment. No comments on the document were received. Prior to the 30-day public review, a webinar was held 7 October 2016 to discuss the proposed project with six tribal nations. No issues were identified at this webinar by the tribes. A copy of this Final FONSI will be placed on the Pittsburgh District's website (<http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil>) and Baltimore District's website (<http://nab.usace.army.mil>).

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