

CASE NO. 14-1717-GA-BLN LON Avon Lake Gas Addition Project Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline

ATTACHMENT H

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CORRESPONDENCE



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Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife Ohio Natural Heritage Program 2045 Morse Road, Building G-3 Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693

Subject: NRG Ohio Pipeline Company LLC Avon Lake Pipeline Project Lorain County, Ohio

Dear Program Manager:

On behalf of NRG Ohio Pipeline Company LLC ("NRG"), AECOM hereby requests rare, threatened and endangered species consultation for NRG's proposed 20-mile Avon Lake Pipeline Project (the "Project") (Figure 1) which will be located in Lorain County, Ohio.

NRG will seek approval from the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") process. AECOM has been retained to assist NRG with the preparation of environmental studies, permits and consultations required for planning and construction of the Project. On behalf of NRG, AECOM hereby requests information related to the presence of state-listed species and their habitats located within 0.5 miles (1 mile total centered over the pipeline centerline) of the Project area. More specifically, AECOM seeks the following information for the Project area:

- state-listed threatened or endangered species;
- state-proposed threatened or endangered species;
- state-proposed or designated critical habitat; and
- Other unique ecosystems or sensitive communities.

Upon your review, we ask that you please send a written response to the AECOM address above, listing specific findings or concerns. In order to assist you in this process, we have attached 7.5-minute USGS quadrangle maps of the Project area (Figure 1), aerial maps of the Project area with NWI wetlands (Figure 2), shapefiles of the proposed alignment, and longitude/latitude for every mile increment along the proposed route.

If you require any further information or have any questions regarding the Project, please do not hesitate to contact Heather Brewster at (215) 244-7155 or e-mail <u>heather.brewster@aecom.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

cc: Mr. Ron Bevacqua, NRG Mr. Nate Rozic, NRG

Attachments: USGS Location Map (Figure 1) Aerial Location Map (Figure 2) Longitude/Latitude Project Shapefiles

NATURAL HERITAGE DATA REQUEST FORM

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OHIO NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM 2045 MORSE RD., BLDG. G-3 COLUMBUS, OHIO 43229-6693 PHONE: 614-265-6452; EMAIL: <u>obdreguest@dnr.state.oh.us</u>



INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete both pages of this form, sign and return it to the address or email address above along with: (1) a brief letter describing your project, and (2) a map detailing the boundaries of your project site. A copy of the pertinent portion of a USGS 7.5 minute topographic map is preferred but other maps are acceptable. Data requests will be competed within approximately 30 days. There is currently no charge for data requests.

WHAT WE PROVIDE: The Natural Heritage Database is the most comprehensive source of information on the location of Ohio's rare species and significant natural features. Records for the following will be provided: plants and animals (state and federal listed species), high quality plant communities, geologic features, breeding animal concentrations and unprotected significant natural areas. We also provide locations for managed areas including federal, state, county, local and non-profit sites, as well as state and national scenic rivers. A minimum one mile radius around the project site will automatically be searched. Because the data is sensitive information, it is our policy to provide only the data needed to complete your project. The information is generally provided without comment on potential impacts to the species and their habitats and therefore does not constitute coordination with ODNR under NEPA, the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. If your project requires ODNR coordination, please submit it for a more extensive environmental review by contacting John Kessler in the Office of Real Estate at 614-265-6621 or john.kessler@dnr.state.oh.us

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| Date: | Company name: | |
| Name of person response letter should be addressed to: Mr. Ms. | | |
| Address: | | |
| City/State/Zip: | | |
| Phone: | Fax: | |
| E-mail address: | | |
| Project Name: | | |

Project Number: _____

Project Site Address: ______Linear Project - See attached USGS mapping

Project County: _ Lorain County

Project City/Township: Cities of Avon Lake, Avon, N. Ridgeville, Elyria, Twps of Eaton, Carlise, Lagrange

Project site is located on the following USGS 7.5 minute topographic quad(s):

See attached USGS and aerial mapping and provided Shapefile.

Project Latitude and Longitude if available (decimal degrees is preferred): ______ See attached shapefiles, USGS mapping, and table of lat/long given for every mile.

Description of work to be performed at the project site: <u>Proposed 20-mile natural gas</u> pipeline.

How do you want your data reported? (Both formats provide exactly the same data. The only difference is in the format of our response. The manual search is most appropriate for small scale projects or for those who do not have GIS capabilities. <u>Please choose only one option</u>.)

Printed list and map (manual search) _____ OR GIS shapefile (computer search) _____ X

Additional information you require: <u>Listings for any rare plants and animals, high quality</u> plant communities and other natural features.

How will the information be used? _____ Will be used for planning purposes and ultimately for

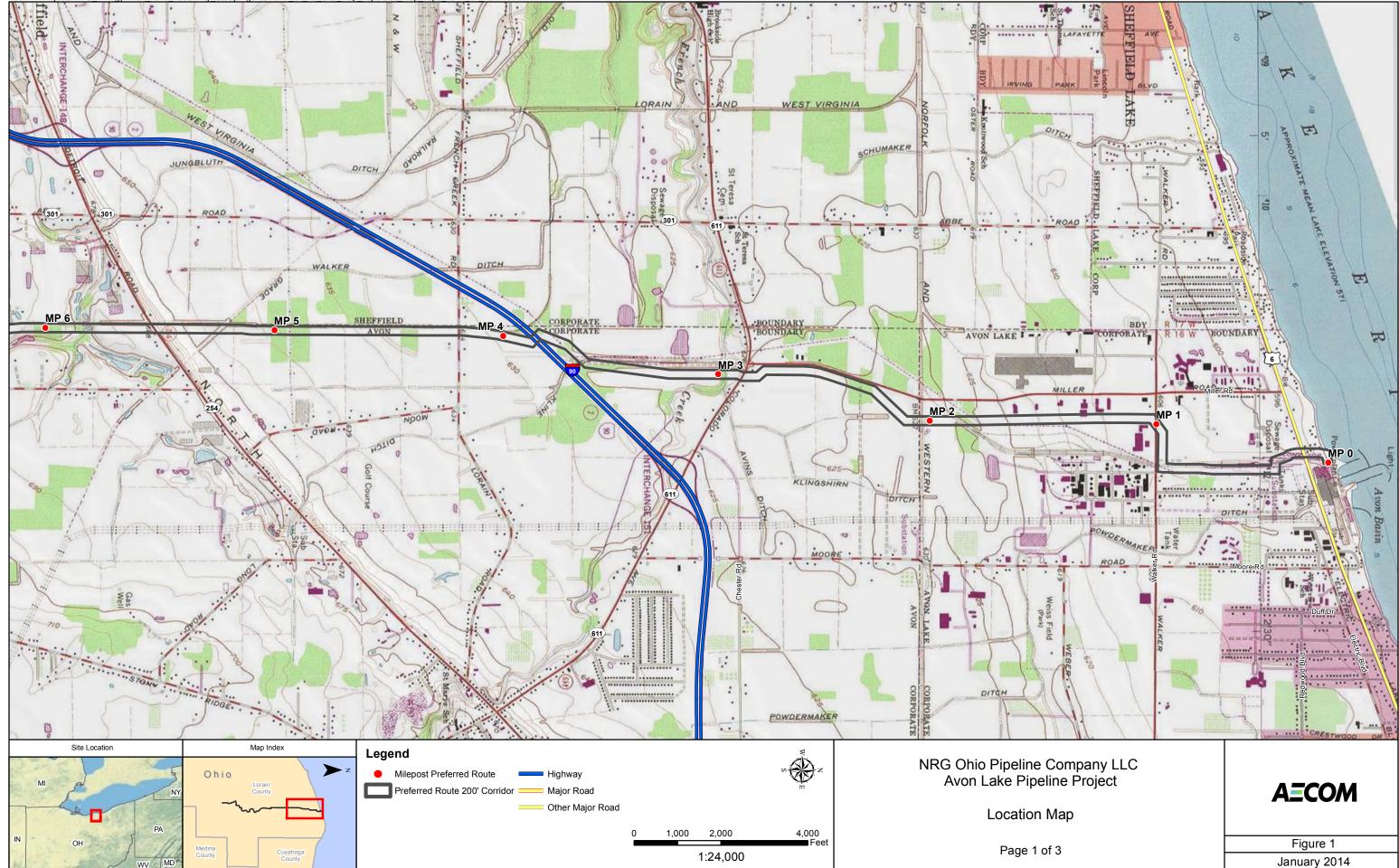
federal and state permitting applications.

I certify that data supplied by the Ohio Natural Heritage Program will not be published without crediting the ODNR Division of Wildlife as the source of the material. In addition, I certify that electronic datasets will not be distributed to others without the consent of the Division of Wildlife, Ohio Natural Heritage Program.

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Data Sources: Lorain County GIS Data 2013 Imagery: Bing Map Topo

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Summary: Application of NRG Ohio Pipeline Company LLC continued - Attachments G (Part 6) - H (Part 1) electronically filed by Teresa Orahood on behalf of Sally Bloomfield