

March 2, 2023

Tanowa Troupe, Secretary Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Letter of Notification for the Application of AMP Transmission, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Case No. 22-0956-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please see the attached Department of the Army Nationwide Permit No. 57 for AMP Transmission, LLC's Amherst 2nd Source Reinforcement Project (Case No. 22-0956-EL-BLN). Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at <u>Imcalister@amppartners.org</u> or 614-540-1111.

Sincerely,

Joa Mutster

Lisa G. McAlister General Counsel

Attachment

cc: James O'Dell, PUCO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1776 NIAGARA STREET BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

February 28, 2023

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Permit No. LRB-2023-00030, Nationwide Permit No. 57 as Published in the Federal Register, Volume 86, No. 8, on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Kim Magovac AMP Transmissions, LLC 1111 Schrock Road Columbus, OH 43229

Dear Ms. Magovac:

This pertains to AMP Transmissions, LLC's application for a Department of the Army permit to temporarily place fill material into waters of the U.S. in association with construction of the proposed Amherst #2 Substation and 138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project, in the City of Amherst, Lorain County, Ohio (Sheets 1-3 of 3). The activity will result in the temporary discharge of fill material into 0.055 acres of wetland. All temporarily placed fill material shall be removed and the area restored to preconstruction conditions within 10 days of project completion.

I have evaluated the impacts associated with your proposal, and have concluded that they are authorized by the enclosed Nationwide Permit (NWP) provided that the attached conditions are satisfied.

Verification of the applicability of this NWP is valid until March 26, 2026 unless the NWP is modified, suspended, revoked, or the activity complies with any subsequent permit modification. Please note in accordance with 33 CFR part 330.6(b), that if you commence or are under contract to commence an activity in reliance of the permit prior to the date this Nationwide permit expires, is suspended or revoked, or is modified such that the activity no longer complies with the terms and conditions, you have twelve months from the date of permit modification, expiration, or revocation to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of the permit, unless the permit has been subject to the provisions of discretionary authority.

It is your responsibility to remain informed of changes to the NWP program. A public notice announcing any changes will be issued when they occur and will be available for viewing at our website: http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. Finally, note that if your activity is not undertaken within the defined period or the project specifications have changed, you must immediately notify this office to determine the need for further approval or reverification.

In addition to the general conditions attached to the NWP, your attention is directed to the following Special Conditions which are also appended at the end of the NWP General Conditions:

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Permit No. LRB-2022-00692, Nationwide Permit No. 29 as Published in the Federal Register, Volume 86, No. 8, on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

- 1. To reduce any potential adverse effects on the Federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), trees (woody stems greater than 5 inches Diameter at Breast Height) must not be cut between April 1 and September 30, of any year.
- 2. To reduce any potential adverse effects on the Federally threatened Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), trees (woody stems greater than 3 inches Diameter at Breast Height) must not be cut between April 1 and September 30, of any year.

This affirmation is limited to the attached NWP and associated Water Quality Certification, and does not obviate the need to obtain any other project specific Federal, state, or local authorization.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and to Jennifer Nietz (POWER Engineers).

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to me at 716-879-4339, by writing to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207, or by e-mail at: keith.c.sendziak@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

Keith C Sendziak

Keith C. Sendziak Biologist

Enclosures

COMPLETION FORM / COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Each permittee who receives a Nationwide Permit (NWP) verification letter from the Corps must provide a signed certification documenting completion of the authorized activity and any compensatory mitigation.

APPLICANT: AMP Transmissions, LLC 1111 Schrock Road Columbus, OH 43229 POINT OF CONTACT: Kim Magovac (same) File No.: 2023-00030 File Closed: 2/28/23 NWP No.: 57

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any required compensatory mitigation sign this certification and return it to the address listed below within 30 days of project completion.

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit you are subject to permit suspension, modification, revocation, and/or assessment of administrative penalties.

The permittee shall certify the completion of the authorized work and mitigation:

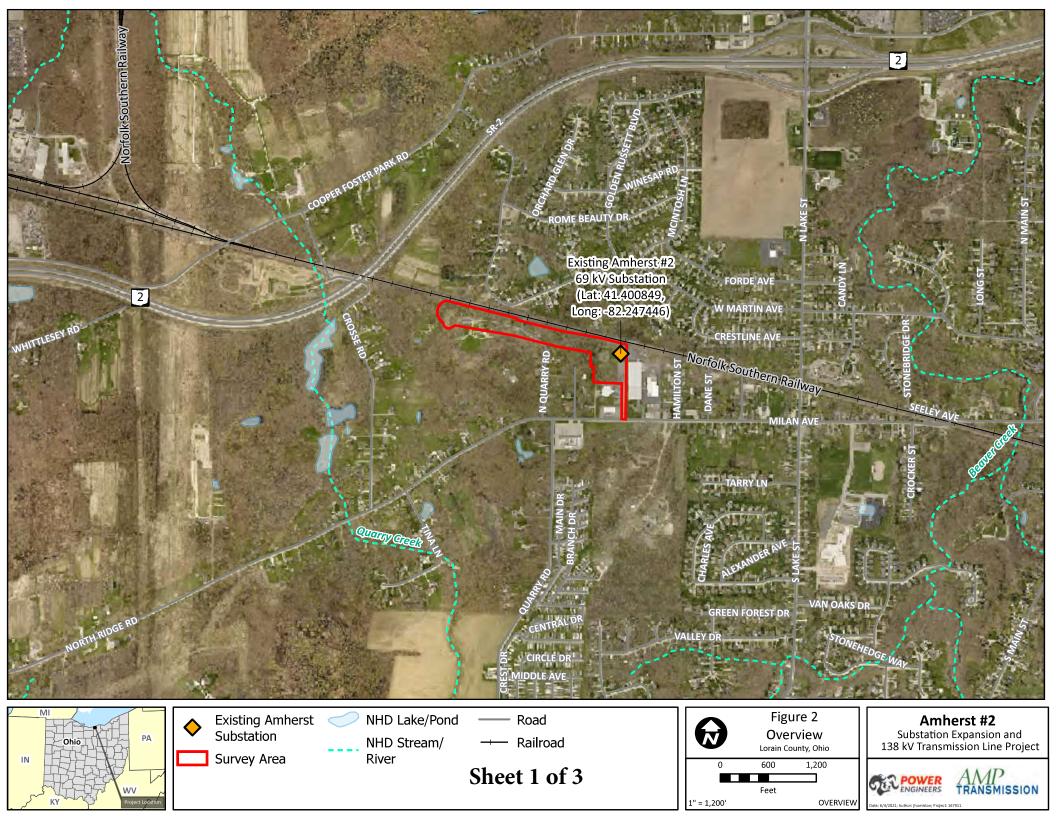
- a. The authorized work was done in accordance with the NWP authorization, including any general, regional, or activity specific conditions.
- b. The implementation of any required compensatory mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions. If credits from a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program are used to satisfy the compensatory mitigation requirements, this certification must include the documentation required by 33 CFR 332.3(1)(3) to confirm that the permittee secured the appropriate number and resource type of credits.

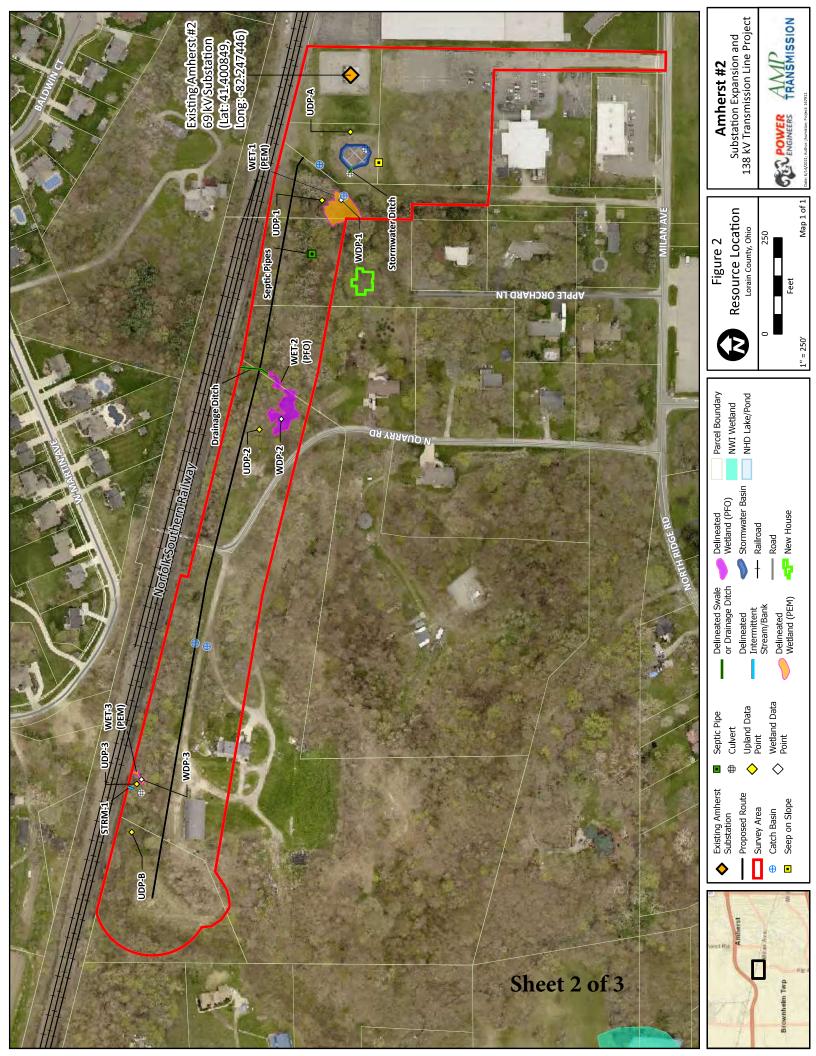
Kim Magovac (AMP Transmissions, LLC) Date

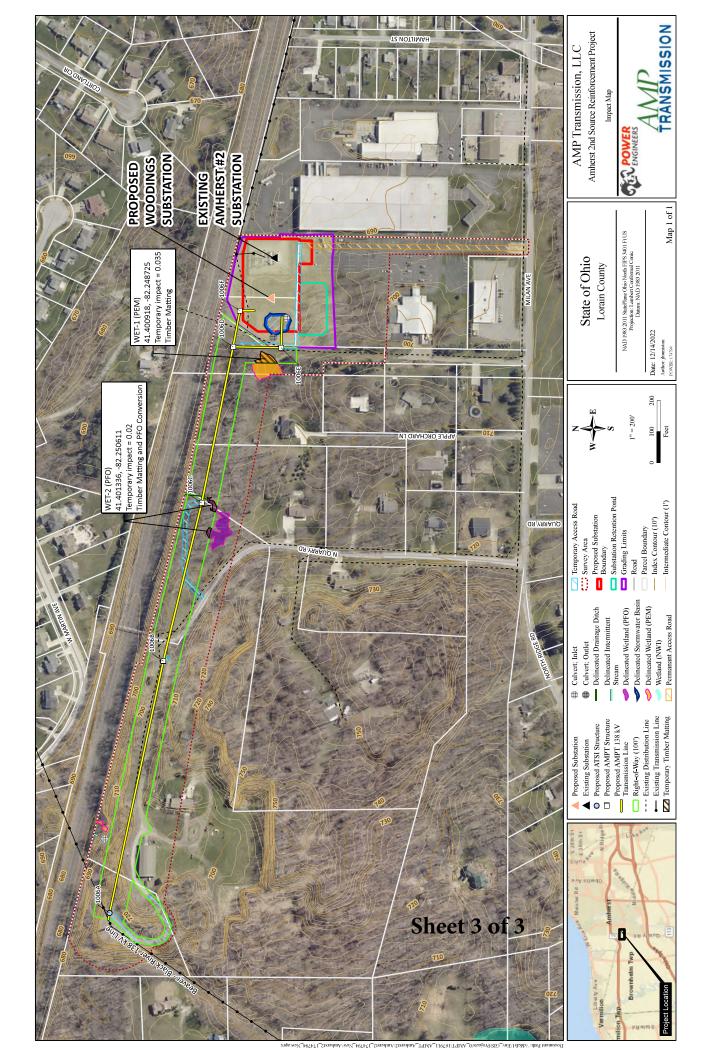
Permittee Telephone Number:

Project location/description: temporarily place fill material into waters of the U.S. in association with construction of the proposed Amherst #2 Substation and 138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project, in the City of Amherst, Lorain County, Ohio. The activity will result in the temporary discharge of fill material into 0.055 acres of wetland.

Return completed form to: Mr. David Leput Regulatory Branch U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1776 Niagara Street Buffalo, NY 14207







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Summary: Permit Issued - Department of the Army Nationwide Permit No. 57 electronically filed by Errin C. Harris on behalf of AMP Transmission, LLC