

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation Empire Pipeline, Inc.

Northern Access 2016 Project Wheatfield Public Information Forum January 13, 2016

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Northern Access 2016 Project

- \$455 million project to expand the natural gas infrastructure of Western New York headquartered National Fuel Gas Company subsidiaries:
 - National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation
 - Empire Pipeline, Inc.
- Enable economically produced regional supplies of natural gas to enter the North American pipeline grid, including Western New York utility markets
- Project facilities span McKean County, Pa., and Alleghany, Cattaraugus, Erie and Niagara counties, N.Y.
- Project is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 - Lengthy and rigorous environmental and regulatory review of project began July 2014
 - FERC Application filed March 2015
 - FERC Certificate typically received approximately 1 year after application

Project Context



North American Markets



Empire Pipeline, Inc. to construct a natural gas dehydration facility:

- Remove moisture from pipeline quality gas to meet downstream tariff limited operation
- Existing Marcellus gas supply serves local market and meets National Fuel gas quality tariff
- Located in the M-1 (Industrial) zoned area on Liberty Drive
- Occupy 1 acre SE corner of 40acre parcel
- Approximately half mile to closest residence
- \$275,000 in annual local property taxes for facility

Wheatfield Project Facility

Wheatfield Dehydration Station

Process Plant



Similar Facility — Cambria, N.Y.

The Natural Gas Industry



- Dehydration process is designed to remove water vapor (humidity) from the natural gas stream
- Proposed Wheatfield dehydration facility assures downstream interconnect gas quality standards are met
- Based on Calendar 2015 data....ONLY 2 DAYS OF ACTUAL NEED TO OPERATE

Purpose & Usage



Wheatfield Facility Aerial View

Wheatfield Facility Schematic





Contactor Tower







Thermal Oxidizer



Dehydration System



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Air Quality Requirements and Management at the NFG Wheatfield Dehydration Facility

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Primary Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements that trigger emission control regulations:

- <u>The Clean Air Act</u> requires EPA to regulate hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions
- <u>National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Pollutants (NESHAPs)</u>: (a.k.a. Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards)
 - 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart HHH National Emission Standards for HAP from Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Facilities regulates dehydrators
 - Regulates benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene (BTEX) emissions
- <u>Wheatfield facility is NOT subject to HHH due to low emissions</u>
 - Wheatfield facility HAP emissions result in an EPA minor source categorization (less than 10 TPY of individual HAP or 25 TPY aggregate HAPs)
 - Wheatfield dehydrators are considered "small" per Subpart HHH <u>uncontrolled</u> benzene emissions are significantly less than 1 ton per year
- <u>Addition of state-of-the-art controls</u> reduces volatile organic compounds emissions (e.g., BTEX) by 99 percent

Primary Clean Air Act (CAA) Requirements

State-of-the-art controls selected:

- Natural gas at Wheatfield facility will have negligible BTEX When removing moisture or "natural gas liquids" at upstream dehydrators or processing plants, BTEX is removed
- Controls represent industry established best practices for the dehydration equipment at this station
 - The voluntary addition of flash gas separator tank reduces volatile organic compound and methane emissions
 - Installing thermal oxidizer for further reduction of pollutants <u>beyond</u> state and federal requirements resulting in additional environmental benefit
 - Thermal oxidizer is designed and optimized for the sole purpose of destroying volatile organic compounds and BTEX
- Dehydrators emissions will be less than applicable EPA and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) standards

State-of-the-Art Controls

Committed to Compliance with Air Quality Regulatory Requirements:

- National Fuel is committed to complying with all Federal CAA, FERC, and state air quality and emissions-related regulatory requirements during both construction and operation of the Wheatfield facility
 - Resulting controlled BTEX emissions are expected to be <u>below</u> analytical detection levels (i.e., measured value is "not detectable")
- Annual permitted emissions are worst-case assuming 8,760 hours per year and not representative of projected facility run time
 - Based on natural gas quality records, the Wheatfield facility is projected to operate for a minimal number of hours per year
- National Fuel encourages residents and surrounding communities to review the project website: <u>www.natfuel.com/supply/NorthernAccess2016</u>

Compliance





NOT APPLICABLE -NO NSPS **ESTABLISHED**

NYSDEC Implementation

NYSDEC Implements Federal CAA Requirements:

EPA oversees and approves NY State Implementation Plan (SIP) for attainment of air quality standards

✤ NYSDEC develops and enforces NYS regulations which meet or exceed corresponding federal standards

Construction/Operating Permits

Reviews and approves air permit applications

✤ NYSDEC issues air operating permits in accordance with the CAA

Inspection and Enforcement

Regulatory Agencies:

Conduct facility inspections

Perform enforcement activities for NYS and delegated federal regulations

Review mandatory regulatory required recordkeeping elements included in the air permit



Low PTE Emissions = Minor Facility Permit

The NYSDEC is delegated permitting authority by the EPA under the CAA to regulate new/modified sources of air emissions in New York State

New York State classifies facilities as Major or Minor and issues permits based on the facility annual Potential to Emit (PTE) emissions

PTE = The maximum capacity of a facility to emit any regulated pollutant under its physical and operational design (i.e., worst case emissions)

Based on natural gas quality records, the Wheatfield Dehydration Facility is likely to operate for a minimal number of hours per year. Therefore, projected actual annual emissions are anticipated to be significantly less than the annual PTE emissions at which the facility is permitted.

MAJOR Facilities – "Largest Emitters"

PTE emissions greater than Major Source Three

- New Source Review (NSR)
 - Prevention of Significant Deterioratio
 - Nonattainment New Source Review (
- Title V Permit

Major Source Thresholds = Annual facility PTE emissions thresholds in tons per year (tpy) that classifies a facility as Major if exceeded for any of the specified pollutants.

MAJOR SOURCE THRESHOLDS (tpy)						
NOx	CO	VOC*	Particulate Matter	SO ₂	Total Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)	Individual HAPs
100	100	50	100	100	25	10

* The proposed Wheatfield Dehydration Facility is located in the "Ozone Transport Region" and therefore a reduced major source threshold for VOC of 50 tpy is applicable.

sholds	MINOR Facilities PTE emissions less than Major Source Thresholds	The proposed Wheatfield Dehydration Facility is
n (PSD) NNSR)	 State Facility Air Permit Air Facility Registration Certificate [actual emissions less than 50% of major source thresholds] 	anticipated to be classified as a Minor facility with PTE emissions less than 50 % of major source thresholds

The Natural Gas Dehydration Process

Utilizing an electric pump instead of the more common gas-assisted pump increases dehydration system efficiency The flash tank and thermal oxidizer (green objects) are emissions control equipment. National Fuel will utilize these state-of-the-art emissions control technologies at the Wheatfield Dehydration Facility



The thermal oxidizer is guaranteed to reduce still vent VOC/BTEX emissions by 99%



Natural gas in the transmission & storage sector has already been dehydrated and processed upstream to remove liquids (production & processing). This removes the majority of BTEX before entering the transmission pipeline. The Wheatfield Dehydration Facility is located in the transmission sector and therefore BTEX emissions will be substantially reduced from upstream dehydration and processing plants.



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