CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE

Overall construction is more than 50 percent complete as Atlantic Sunrise crews continue to make safe, steady and environmentally responsible progress six months into our construction schedule.

Despite sustained low temperatures, approximately 5,000 construction personnel remain busy completing a wide range of on-site activities, such as site grading and trenching, pipe stringing, welding, backfilling and site cleanup. We are continuing activities related to five horizontal directional drills (HDD) for specialized stream crossings across the project area, with the majority of HDD activities nearing completion. ▲

Community Benefits – Warihay Construction Vendor

For many contractors, the chill of winter leads to a chill in business. Companies such as Warihay Enterprises, however, have kept busy over the last several months thanks to Atlantic Sunrise. The Manheim, Pa.-based commercial landscaper provides trucking services, equipment rental and straw to support the construction of the pipeline.

"This year, with the pipeline coming through, we've pretty much maintained a busy, 50- to 60-hour workweek straight through," co-owner Rob Warihay Jr. said. "It's very unusual to have this much workload this time of year."

The workload is only one reason Warihay is excited about the pipeline. He also sees Atlantic Sunrise as a vital part of America's future.

"If we're allowed to tap these natural resources, but not allowed to build the infrastructure to move them, then what good [are the resources]?" Warihay asked. ▲

ASKED AND ANSWERED

What are aerial patrols?

Williams uses aerial patrols to inspect thousands of miles of pipelines. This surveillance allows pilots to effectively inspect pipeline rights-of-way with real-time reporting so that operators on the ground can take immediate action to correct any issues found. These inspections are necessary for safe pipeline operations and help to ensure public safety. ▲

Construction Update – Schuylkill, Northumberland and Columbia Counties

Environmental, safety, health and compliance training has been administered to all new construction personnel. The installation and maintenance of erosion control devices (ECDs) and best management practices is ongoing, along with stabilization of the topsoil and subsoil stockpiles, and other areas within the right-of-way where no construction is occurring.

The Huntington Creek horizontal directional drill (HDD) continues drilling activities using a 42-inch reamer with no issues. Kitchen Creek HDD completed bore activities using a 28-inch reamer and is progressing with a 36-inch reamer. Lowering in, backfilling, welding and coating activities are ongoing. Road-bore activities continue, and there was one successful waterbody and one wetland crossing this month. The contractor completed the hydrostatic pressure test of the Huntington Creek HDD pipe section.

At Compressor Station 517, tree felling and clearing has been completed. Continued mobilization of equipment and materials to the site and the maintenance of ECDs are ongoing.

At Compressor Station 610, erosion and sediment control installation has been completed. Mobilization of equipment and materials to the site, as well as rough grading, facility infrastructure installation and maintenance of ECDs, is ongoing.

We're continuing to do outreach across the region as we meet with local elected officials, first responders and community leaders. We look forward to the opportunity to give a presentation April 18 to the Pottsville Rotary. Meeting with community leaders, at venues like this, is the best way to keep ourselves up to speed on what is happening at the local level, giving us the ability to respond effectively and efficiently to any and all issues. ▲

Spring Grant Round Note

Decisions on the Spring Grant Round are coming soon!

We received a significant number of outstanding applications – over 340 proposals – for the latest Atlantic Sunrise Community Grant Program. Our team is busily reviewing these applications, and decisions will be made in April. ▲