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Subject: FW: [External] Oil & Gas Extraction Wastewater Discharges - Upper Allegheny

For your information.

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Brian:

Response from NWRO:

There are no proposed facilities that meet this criteria that we are aware of.

There is one existing CWT that accepts/treats OG wastewater then discharges to a POTW that is upstream of SNI. SNI was fully engaged during the process of approving this CWT/issuance of the IU permit by the POTW.

Response from NCRO:

NCRO is not aware of any upcoming projects that would discharge, or propose to discharge, to the Allegheny/Ohio River drainage. Although quite frequently we get inquiries from entities that do not come to fruition or a permit application.

Sean

From: Trulear, Brian <Trulear.Brian@epa.gov>
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Sean,

As you are aware, EPA Regions 2 & 3 have been in consultation with the Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI) in New York based on their 2018 request. SNI continues to be interested in addressing water pollution by the regulation of resource

extraction point sources that have a potential to discharge pollutants to surface waters within the Upper Allegheny watershed that enter SNI lands.

EPA Region 2 is leading the consultation process given the geographic location of the SNI. EPA Region 3 is participating in consultation and is supporting EPA Region 2 with the technical review of any proposed project in Pennsylvania to consider impacts to the water quality standards of downstream waters and to ensure that the SNI's concerns are addressed. One area of concern for the SNI is transparency of information pertaining to proposed projects to treat and discharge oil & gas extraction wastewaters within the watershed.

To continue to address this consultation request, could you please investigate and let me know about any proposed project(s) to discharge oil & gas extraction wastewater, whether directly to surface waters or indirectly through a POTW, to the Alleghany River or its tributaries upstream of the New York state boarder. We are having a call with Region 2 in a couple of weeks to continue our discussions, so if you could provide me with any details on this by next Friday, July 12th, it would be much appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
Brian

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