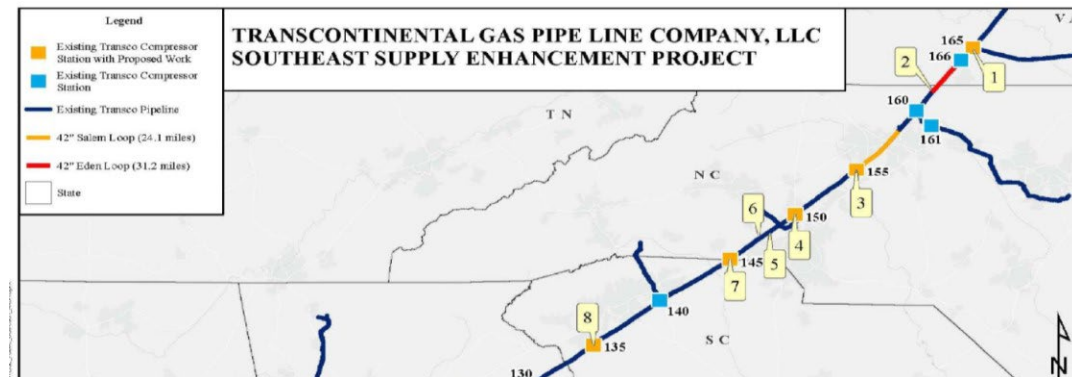


NCDEQ to hold public hearing on water quality impacts from Transco natural gas pipeline expansion



North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Division of Water Resources (DWR) 401 water quality certification, buffer authorizations

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co. LLC applied to DWR for a 401 Individual Water Quality Certification, a

Jordan Lake Riparian Buffer Authorization, and a Randleman Lake Riparian Buffer Authorization in connection with the proposed construction of a natural gas pipeline expansion project known as the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Submit comments using any of the following options:

In-person: 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2, Rockingham Community College Advanced Technologies Building Auditorium, 560 County Home Road, Wentworth, N.C., 27375

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Kernersville Municipal Council Chambers, 134 East Mountain St., Kernersville, N.C., 27284

Register: Speaker registration opens at 5:30 p.m. onsite via sign-in sheet.

Mail: Public comments may be mailed to: Samantha Wooten, 401 Permitting, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1617.

Phone: Public comments may also be submitted by leaving a voicemail at 919-707-8495.

Email: Comments will be accepted online until 5 p.m. Oct. 6. Please submit written comments using this link (use project number 20240801; version 2): https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/401_Public_Notice_Comments

What is the project proposal?

In North Carolina, the project includes construction of approximately 4.4 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline in Rockingham County and approximately 24.1 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline in Guilford, Forsyth, and Davidson counties. The project also includes modifications to existing compressor and other facilities.

What are the certifications, authorizations for?

The 401 water quality certification would assess whether the proposal would meet state water quality standards, and whether the project has avoided or minimized impacts to surface waters or wetlands. The riparian buffer authorizations are required since the proposed project would impact streams located in the Jordan Lake and Randleman Lake watersheds. The state has rules requiring riparian buffers, or vegetation, within a certain distance of streams and waterways that flow into these lakes to protect them as drinking water sources.

What's in the proposal?

Along the route of the pipeline in North Carolina, the proposed project would temporarily impact 8,100 linear feet (1.5 miles) of jurisdictional intermittent and perennial streams, and 11.2 acres of 404 jurisdictional wetlands.

Questions? Contact Laura Oleniacz, public information officer, at laura.oleniacz@deq.nc.gov, 919-707-8604.

