

# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Northern Access 2016 Project

## Extensive review by Federal, State and Local Agencies:

Federal	
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo & Pittsburgh Districts	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
New York	
New York State Department of Transportation	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation	New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
New York Natural Heritage Program	
Pennsylvania	
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Pennsylvania Game Commission	Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission	Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historical Preservation, State Historic Preservation Office
County/ Local	
McKean (PA), Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie and Niagara (NY) County Soil and Conservation Districts	McKean (PA), Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie and Niagara County (NY) - Road permits
Local towns and townships - Road and building permits	

**Over 3,200 pages of environmental analysis included in FERC application.** National Fuel's FERC application contains a thorough and detailed review of potential impacts to environmental resources, including numerous environmental studies and associated mapping related to the Project. This includes a robust review of the following:

- Aquatic Resources
- Vegetation and Wildlife
- Cultural Resources
- Geology
- Soils
- Land Use
- Air Quality and Noise
- Alternatives

**Over 900 pages of supplemental environmental analysis (to date).** This includes over 500 pages of additional information responsive to FERC environmental data requests.

### **FERC has retained an independent third-party environmental contractor to review the Project.**

As part of FERC's extensive and independent review of National Fuel's application, FERC has hired a third-party contractor to assist with its environmental review of the Project, including preparation of an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

### **FERC will issue a draft environmental assessment and solicit public comment BEFORE approving the Project.**

The environmental assessment is an integral part of FERC's decision on whether to issue National Fuel a certificate to construct and operate the proposed facilities. As part of this process FERC will:

- identify and assess potential impacts on the natural and human environment that could result from the Project;
- assess reasonable alternatives to the Project that would avoid or minimize adverse effects to the environment;
- identify and recommend specific mitigation measures, as necessary, to minimize environmental impacts.

**FERC's environmental assessments typically recommend various mitigation measures.** These mitigation measures are included to ensure that the Project and its related facilities do not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.