Stream Biological Conditions EA Report

Project Name	H-600 Pipeline Spread F	**AFE**	124300135	**Spread**	H-600 Pipeline Spread F
Contractor	Price Gregory			**Report #**	291
Environmental Auditor	Beth Burdette			**Date/Time**	10/13/2023 9:53 AM

Stream ID	S-K14	**Crossing Start Date**	10/16/2023	**Crossing Completion Date**	10/24/2023
Milepost	169.74	**Pre-Con Assessment Date**	10/13/2023	**Post-Con Assessment Date**	10/24/2023
Station	8962+23	**Bankfull Width (ft.)**	4.0	**Riffle:Pool Complexes Present?**	No
State	WV	**Stream Classification**	Ephemeral		
County	Summers	**303(d) Impairment Listing**	None		

	Resource Post-Crossing Conditions	
1	Were all applicable resource specific crossing conditions satisfied?	N/A
	Time of Year Restrictions (TOYR)? N/A Mussel Relocation? N/A	
2	This question is not applicable in WV.	
3	Which crossing methods were utilized during the stream crossing? (If so select one or more) Dam & Pump Flume X Cofferdam Conventional Bore Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) Bore	
4	Was the top 1-foot (12-inches) of streambed substrate segregated and stockpiled separate from trench spoils?	Yes
5	Was excess material not needed for backfill removed and disposed of in an upland area?	Yes
6	Was the top 12-inches of backfill made with clean native stream substrate?	Yes
7	Was the pre-construction survey data utilized during restoration in attempt to re-establish pre-construction contours?	Yes
8	Were any field modifications to the stream implemented by project or regulatory personnel to address potential drainage or bank restoration limitations?	No
9	Were impervious trench breakers/plugs properly installed within 25-feet of top-of-bank to prevent subsurface erosion to or from the resource area?	Yes
10	Was permanent seed and stabilization material (straw or matting) applied to riparian areas and stream banks prior to re-establishing flow to the impact area of the channel?	Yes
11	Was the time of disturbance minimized by conducting resource work continuously to completion?	Yes
12	Have civil surveys been scheduled to verify as-built conditions meet pre-construction conditions in accordance with the project Mitigation Framework and federal/state permit requirements?	Yes
13	Are bareroot saplings required and/or scheduled to be planted for the dormant season (10/1 - 4/30)?	N/A
14	Did any unauthorized discharges to unpermitted resources occur during the crossing? If so, explain the corrective actions implemented in the Comments section and include additional photos.	No

	Biological Conditions	Pre-Con	Post-Con
15	**Predominant Substrate Type (select one):** Bedrock, Boulder (>10"), Cobble (2-10"), Gravel (0.1-2"), Sand (<0.1"), Mud/Silt/Clay	Mud/Silt/Clay	Mud/Silt/Clay
16	**Channel Conditions:Rating:** 1-Optimal (80-100% stable banks), 2-Sub-optimal (60-80% stable banks), 3-Marginal (40-60% stable banks), 4-Poor (20-40% stable banks), 5-Severe (0-20% stable banks, highly eroded or unvegetated banks	1	4
17	**Riparian Buffer Zone within ROW and ≤50 ft. from Stream Top-of-Bank: Rating:** 1-Optimal (60-100% heavy vegetative cover), 2-Sub-optimal (30-60% mixed vegetated coverage), 3-Marginal (<30% vegetative coverage), 4-Poor (Mowed/maintained area or farmland, impervious area, sparsely vegetated coverage, etc.)	1	4

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	Biological Conditions Continued	Pre-Con	Post-Con
18	**Instream Habitat Conditions:** Examples: Varied substrate sizes, varied combination of water velocities & depths, presence of woody/leafy debris, stable substrate with low amount of mobile particles, low embeddedness, shade protection, undercut banks, root mats, Varied combination of water velocities, submerged aquatic vegetation Rating: 1-Optimal (Habitat conditions present in >50% of resource), 2-Suboptimal (Habitat conditions in 30-50% of resource), 3-Marginal (Habitat conditions in 10-30% of resource), 4-Poor (Habitat conditions in 0-10% of resource)	4	4
19	**Channel Alterations:** Examples: Straightened channel, non-MVP stream crossings, non-native riprap/rock along banks, concrete/gabions/concrete block, manmade embankments, constrictions w/in channel, livestock or agricultural impacts Rating: 1-Negligible (unaltered/natural stream), 2-Minor (20-40% of resource disrupted by channel alterations), 3-Moderate (40-80% of resource disrupted), 4-Severe (>80% of resource disrupted)	1	1

Additional Notes

Pre-Construction Notes
Pre-Construction Meeting 10/13/2023
18. No stream flow.

10-16-2023 - Flume constructed. Top 12 inches of stream substrate removed (Photo 1). Material segregated and stored in Morooka in upland area (Photo 2). Began excavating trench through aquatic resource (Photo 3).

10/17/2023 - Trench excavation continued. Attempt to install pipe, trench not wide enough. Additional hammering and excavation outside of resource area. Padding inserted in trench.

10/18/2023 - Lowering pipe into the trench (Photo 4). Cutting and welding of pipe outside of resource area.

10/19/2023 - Pipe in trench lifted for fitting and cutting. Adjustments required so pipe was removed and additional excavation occurred. Once pipe was returned to trench additional welding occurred.

10/20/2023 - Steady rain. No work. No flow noted in aquatic resource.

10/21/2023 Welding and x-ray ongoing. Survey team onsite.

10/22/2023 - Coating completed. Survey team surveyed pipe and identified trench breaker locations. Trench breakers constructed (Photo 5) and backfilling in aquatic resource area occurred (Photo 6).

10/23/2023 - Additional backfill placed in trench. Flume removed. Contouring of channel. Survey verified channel elevations and established OHWM (Photo 7). Stream substrate returned to channel. Seeding and curlex placement completed on right descending bank of stream.

10/24/2023 - Seeding and curlex placement completed on left descending bank (Photo 8). Resource restored.

Post Construction Notes
16., 17. Crossing and riparian areas have been recently restored. These areas will be monitored until 80% vegetative coverage has been achieved and areas that do not have 80% vegetative cover within 30 days will be reseeded.
18. Low score partially due to lack of flow.
19. Does not include timber mats that remain in place for travel lane.

In accordance with the Mountain Valley Pipeline Comprehensive Stream and Wetland Monitoring, Restoration and Mitigation Framework, this independent report was completed to document the on-site monitoring of instream invertebrate and fisheries resources during all construction activity related to waterbody and wetland crossings, and document instream conditions and any impacts to the resources.

Name	Signature	Company	Date
Beth Burdette		Potesta	10/24/2023

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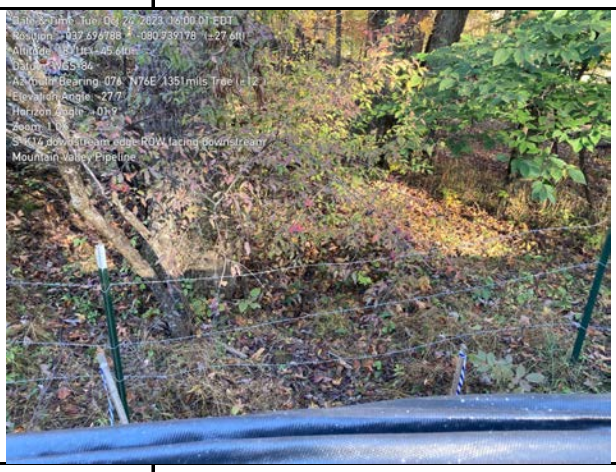
Required Photos

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Downstream view of permitted impact area during pre-construction assessment. DS view from US edge of ROW

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Downstream view of unimpacted area during pre-construction assessment. DS view from DS edge of ROW

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Downstream view of permitted impact area during post-construction assessment. DS view from US edge of LOD post construction



GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Downstream view of unimpacted area during post-construction assessment. DS view from DS edge of LOD post construction taken from edge of TMB

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Photo 1: Removal of stream substrate.

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Photo 2: Stream substrate segregated and stored in upland area.

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Optional Photos

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Photo 3: Excagating trench through stream substrate.

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Description	Photo 4: Pipe lowered into trench in upland down through aquatic resource area.

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Photo 5. Completed trench breaker in northern side of aquatic resource crossing.

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Photo 6: Backfilling of trench in aquatic resource area.

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Photo 7: Survey establishing OHWM.

GPS Location	See Photo
Description	Photo 8: Installing curlex above OHWM in 10-foot buffer.