

Citizen Watch-Dogging Gas Pipeline Projects

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Delaware Riverkeeper Network will review a new visual assessment for volunteer monitors who are concerned with gas drilling impacts related to large pipeline projects to carry marcellus shale gas to various markets. During this session participants will learn the types of impacts that are violations and what to look for and how to report potential problems and violations to the proper agencies and how to ensure a record of the observations are compiled via the FERC website. Basic pipeline construction techniques and processes, types of wet crossings implemented, pipeline environmental impacts, and types of pipelines associated with natural gas development will also be covered. DRN will also share on the ground experiences with its own Pipeline Watch Program that has mobilized about 30 volunteer monitors to document pipeline impacts for a pipeline cutting through Exceptional Value and High Quality streams of the Delaware River Watershed. Field photos of one specific intra-state pipeline currently under construction from Bradford County PA eastward and across the Delaware River into New Jersey will be shared to show on the ground construction. How to share your observations with the public will also be shared based on DRN's experiences and ways to get the data out to the local press outlets and public.