



## CITIZEN ADVISORY

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### **Public Comments Sought for Proposed NEXUS Pipeline**

*Hearing Set for Possible Pipeline Project in Columbiana, Stark, Summit, Wayne, Medina, Lorain, Huron, Erie, Sandusky, Wood, Lucas, Henry and Fulton Counties*

Ohio EPA will hold a public meeting at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, at the Elyria High School Performing Arts Center, 601 Middle Ave., Elyria, to present details and answer questions concerning an application related to a proposed pipeline and accept comments as part of a public hearing.

An application was submitted by NEXUS Gas Transmission for a 401 water quality certification to install a 36-inch, 209-mile pipeline from Columbiana County to Fulton County to move natural gas produced in the Marcellus and Utica shale areas.

Discharges from the proposed project would have a potential to affect the quality of streams and wetlands in the following watersheds: Upper Ohio, Tuscarawas, Mahoning, Cedar-Portage, Lower Maumee, Ottawa-Stony, Black-Rocky, Huron-Vermilion and Sandusky. The proposed project may result in a change from current water quality conditions, but cannot violate Ohio's water quality standards that protect human health and the environment. Ohio EPA will consider technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the project before deciding whether to issue or deny a water quality certification.

Copies of the application and technical support information are available for review online at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/permitting.aspx> (see file folder [154669](#)) or by calling 614-644-2001. A fact sheet detailing the permitting process is online at: [http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/401\\_water\\_quality\\_certification.pdf](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/401_water_quality_certification.pdf).

Anyone planning to discharge, dredge or use fill material in a way that impacts waters of the state must first obtain a water quality certification from Ohio EPA and a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ohio EPA reviews the project to ensure it will comply with Ohio's water quality standards. Ohio EPA values public comment. All interested parties are welcome to attend or be represented and give written or verbal comments on the project.

Written comments are considered equally with oral testimony presented at the hearing. Written comments must be received by close of business Oct. 26, 2016, and should be mailed to Ohio EPA–DSW Attn: PPU, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, or via email: [epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov).