Appendix D - Threatened ar	nd Endangered Species	Consultations	



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USFWS Reference USFWS Project #2014-1013 (PAFO) and 05E2NJ00-2014-F-0543 (NJFO)

**AECOM Reference** 60414094

Pamela Shellenberger United States Fish & Wildlife Service Pennsylvania Field Office 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101 State College, PA 16801

## PennEast Pipeline Project - Newly proposed aboveground facility

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PennEast has previously consulted with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding federally-listed species within the Project study corridor. Based on those consultations, and because no impacts to wetlands, streams, or forested areas are planned at this site, PennEast does not anticipate any adverse effects to federally listed species as a result of the new facility or the phasing of Project construction.

At this time, on behalf of PennEast, AECOM respectfully asks that the USFWS review the enclosed materials and provide any feedback relating to threatened or endangered species under the jurisdiction of the USFWS. AECOM also respectfully requests the USFWS' confirmation that the construction of the Church Road Interconnects would be compliant with the existing Biological Opinion for this Project, issued on November 28, 2017, and amended July 29, 2019. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone.



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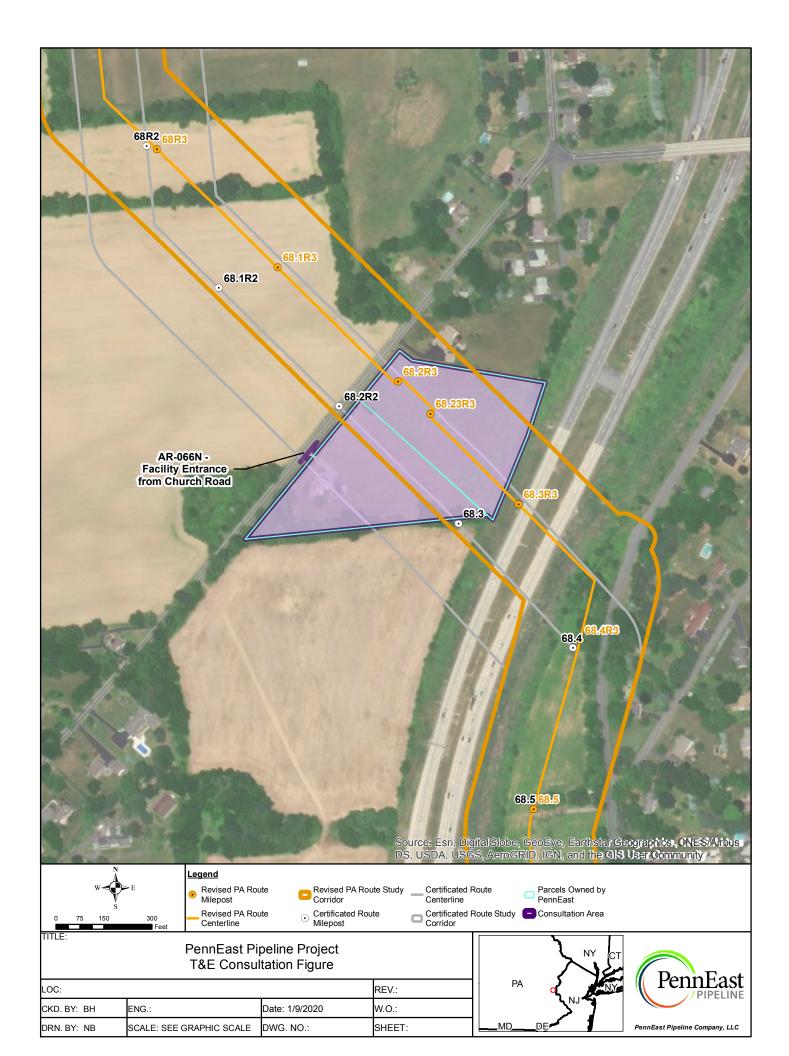
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**PFBC Reference** SIR #44756

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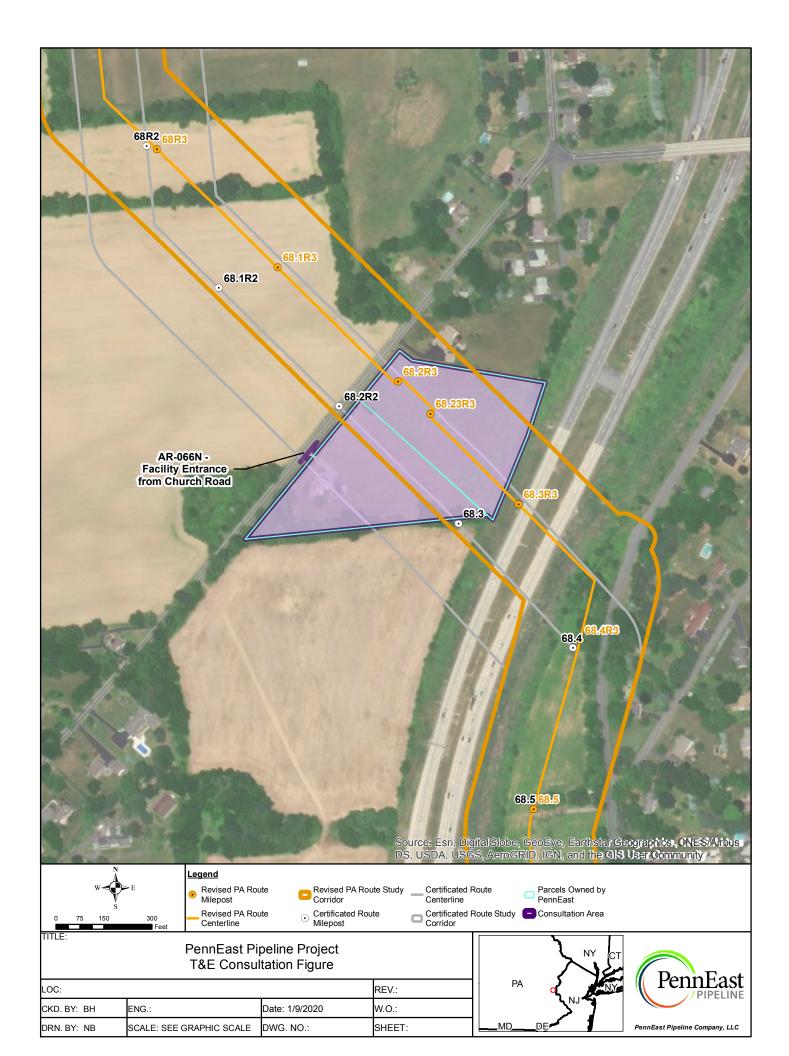
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PennEast has previously consulted with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR) regarding state-listed plant species within the Project study corridor. Based on those consultations, PennEast does not anticipate any adverse effects to state-listed plant species as a result of the new facility or the phasing of Project construction.

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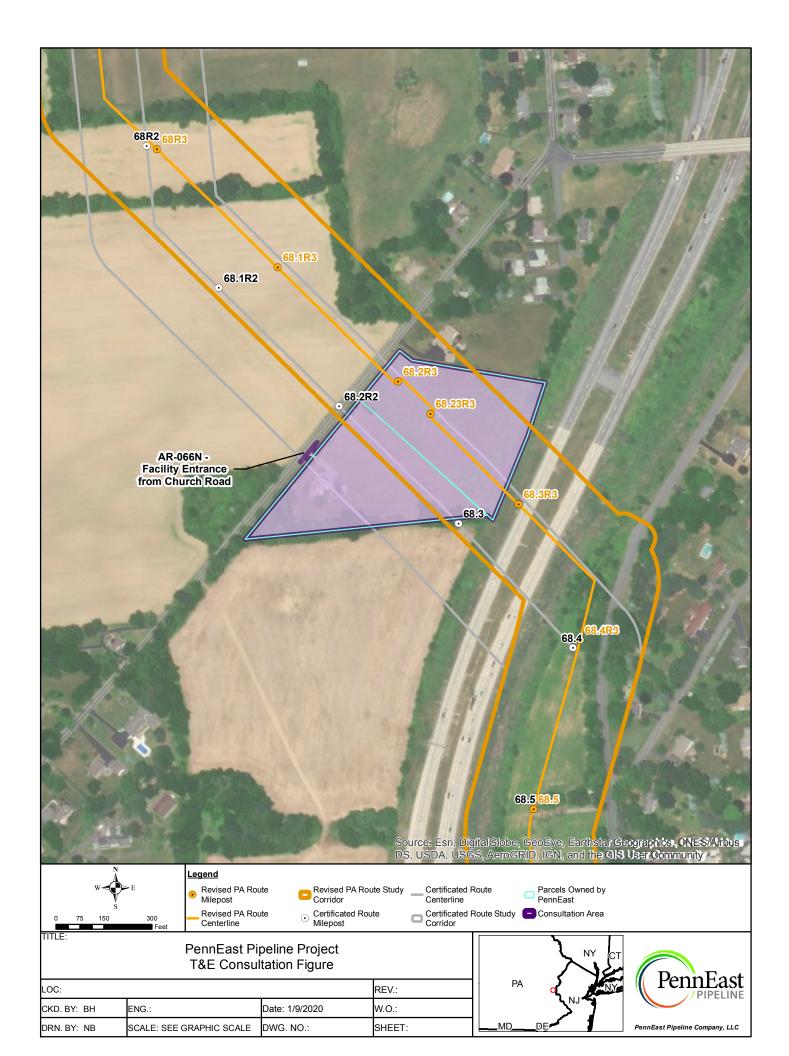
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