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**Ambridge Water Authority Asks DEP for 60-days, Public Meeting to Address  
Technical Concerns on Shell Falcon Pipeline's Planned Crossing of Raw Water Line**

Ambridge, Pennsylvania – The Ambridge Water Authority has issued a statement in opposition to the location of the Shell Falcon Pipeline and requested that the Dept. of Environmental Protection give the water authority 60-days and a public meeting in Ambridge to address concerns from the authority and its 30,000 water customers.

Ambridge Water Authority General Manager Michael Dominick issued the following statement to the public today:

“The Falcon Pipeline will not cross the Ambridge Reservoir at any point, however it does pass through our watershed and intersects with 3 bodies and streams of water that flow directly to our reservoir. It will also intersect, at some point, with our raw water line spanning from the AWA reservoir to our plant.

AWA did not give any easement or make any agreement whatsoever with Shell or anybody else regarding the land where this pipeline is scheduled to be built. We have in fact turned down numerous offers and agreements of this nature and will continue to do so in order to protect our reservoir. AWA only owns the land within and around our reservoir. There is a lot of other land in our watershed owned by many other property owners that AWA has no control over. We can only control the land we own, which is the reservoir and the land surrounding it.

AWA is sending a letter, similar to that of CPAR (Citizens to Protect Ambridge Reservoir) and The Breathe Project, addressed to the DEP, that requests the “review time” for this Falcon Pipeline project be extended from 30 to 60 days and for a public meeting.

AWA also is sending a letter explaining that our reservoir is our only source of raw water. We value it incredibly, and we will do everything in our power to protect it. That said, the Falcon pipeline plans to cross 3 streams in our water shed that directly flow to our reservoir and also intersect at some point with our raw water line from our reservoir to our plant. This is not acceptable to us, and we will do everything in our power to try and have the pipeline relocated outside of our watershed and away from our main and only raw water line. It is very unsettling and honestly dangerous to imagine this pipeline being constructed as it has been proposed.

We have reached out to State Representative Rob Matzie and hope to work together to do everything in our ability, to protect and ensure the safety of the Ambridge Reservoir which provides water to just under 30,000 citizens.

We realize we have a very rare resource in our reservoir here at AWA. I can't stress enough how much we value it, and how much we value being able to provide the quality of water we do, to our customers. Not many citizens have a resource like this anymore. AWA will do absolutely everything in our power to protect our reservoir, and our customers who consume AWA water."

AWA's response followed Pittsburgh-based FracTracker Alliance's public release of an environmental assessment and digital maps with details of the route of Shell Pipeline Co.'s Falcon Pipeline that will feed Shell Appalachia's ethylene petrochemical plant in Potter Township, Pa.

Shell recently filed construction permits with the DEP to build a 97-mile pipeline that will feed the Shell Petrochemical Plant. The pipeline will traverse 22 townships in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio. Should the pipeline leak or explode at any point, multiple areas will be particularly at risk, especially in the "blast zone" which is within 1,000 feet of the pipeline. These areas include: some 550 family homes, 20 businesses, 240 groundwater wells, 12 public parks, 5 schools, 6 daycare centers, major hiking and biking trails including the Montour Trail, 16 emergency response centers and tributaries and a water service line of the Ambridge Reservoir.

Citizens to Protect the Ambridge Reservoir (CPAR), the Breathe Project and the Ambridge Water Authority are among many who have asked the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) for more time for a technical review of the application. The current deadline is Feb. 20, 2018. The groups have also requested a public meeting with the DEP in Ambridge to address these concerns.

The Ambridge Reservoir supplies water to 70,000 businesses and customers in Beaver and Allegheny counties, including providing 30,000 customers with drinking water.

Sunoco's Mariner East 2 pipeline has shown that inadequate permitting processes and oversight, lack of adherence to permitted activities on the part of industry and inadequate geotechnical studies at proposed horizontal directional drilling sites (HDDs) can have a catastrophic effect on nearby groundwater wells, streams and wetlands.

**Access to the FracTracker Maps:**

Project landing page: <https://www.fractracker.org/projects/falcon-public-eia/>

Press release: <https://www.fractracker.org/2018/01/wingspan-falcon-pipeline/>

**About Ambridge Water Authority**

AWA is a municipal authority serving Ambridge Borough, Harmony Township, Economy Borough, Bell Acres, Baden Borough, Edgeworth, Leetsdale, Leet Township and New Sewickley Municipal Authority. It was the first running water system built in 1824 west of the Allegheny Mountains, piped from the Ambridge Reservoir.

**About FracTracker Alliance**

Started in 2010 as a southwestern Pennsylvania area website, FracTracker Alliance is now a national non-profit with regional offices across the United States in Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, New York, Ohio, and California. The organization's mission is to study, map, and communicate the risks of oil and gas development to protect our planet and support the renewable energy transformation. Its goal is to support advocacy groups at the local, regional, and national level, informing their actions to positively shape our nation's energy future.

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