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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

State Water Quality Certification, as required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, has been requested of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for:

Nucor Steel West Virginia
(Name of Project)

Nucor Steel West Virginia LLC, 29618 Huntington Road, Apple Grove, WV 25502
(Name and address of Applicant)

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION: Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, the State may, either certify, certify with conditions, deny or waive certification that the proposed activity will comply with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Federal Clean Water Act and other appropriate requirements of State law. When issuing certification, the WVDEP may consider the proposed activity's impact on water resources, fish and wildlife, recreation, critical habitats, wetlands and other natural resources under its jurisdiction. Procedural and interpretive regulations governing the scope of the Department's certification, public comment, hearings and appeals are in Title 47, Series 5A.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY:

Nucor Steel West Virginia LLC is proposing the Greylock Pipeline Connection in Mason County, West Virginia near the town of Mercers Bottom. Nucor Steel West Virginia LLC received Clean Water Act Individual State 401 Water Quality Certification previously on October 21, 2022 for construction of the Nucor Apple Grove facility and is currently proposing a natural gas pipeline connection located outside of the previously permitted facility. The proposed activity would include installation of approximately 840 feet of 16-inch diameter high-density polyethylene natural gas pipeline and supporting appurtenances for the service tap on a gravel pad at an existing transmission pipeline. Installation of the service pipeline is proposed to be accomplished by horizontal directional drill (HDD) methods under two tributaries to Sixteenmile Creek. Access to the natural gas pipeline connection is proposed to be established by improving an existing farm road that currently connects to Hereford Lane. Proposed improvements to the road include widening from approximately 12 feet to 24 feet, resurfacing with gravel, and replacing and lengthening two culverts that will result in unavoidable impacts to 107 linear feet of unnamed tributaries of the Sixteenmile Creek.

Other State issued permit numbers:

- Individual Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit #LRH-2022-55-OHR-Ohio River MP 281-282 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE);
- Stream Activity Application from the Office of Land and Streams (OLS);

PROJECT LOCATION:

The overall project is located north of the confluence of Sixteenmile Creek and the Ohio River at River Mile 282 in Mercers Bottom, Mason County, West Virginia. The additional project activities are located south of Hereford Lane approximately 0.7 miles upstream of the confluence with Sixteenmile Creek and 2.5 miles upstream of a confluence with the Ohio River. The project site is located at latitude 38.652604, and longitude -82.156434. Refer to the map enclosed.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE: The Water Quality Certification application is available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following location:

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management, 401 Certification
Program
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

COMMENTS: Comments and information relating to Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this activity are hereby solicited. Such information on the activity's impact will be considered if postmarked prior to the expiration date of this notice. The need for a public hearing will be determined based on an evaluation of specific request for such hearing. All comments and information should be mailed to:

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Director, Division of Water and Waste Management
Attn: 401 Certification Program, WQC-22-0007-M1
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

Comments and information postmarked later than the expiration date may not be considered.

