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Philadelphia District

## PROJECT FACTSHEET

### **Susquehanna & Delaware River Basins, PA (Pine Knot Interim Feasibility Study)**

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:** Reps. Kanjorski (PA-11), Holden (PA-17).

**APPROPRIATION / PHASE:**  
General Investigations / Reconnaissance

**BUSINESS PROGRAM:**  
Watershed Planning

**AUTHORITY:** This study was authorized by the House Resolution dated 22 May 2002 by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

**LOCATION:** The Pine Knot study area is located near Minersville, Schuylkill County Pennsylvania.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Southern Anthracite Region was the subject of considerable degradation in the 19th and early 20th centuries, providing power to the eastern United States to fuel the country's industrial development. The Reconnaissance Study was initiated in the Spring of 2003 and assessed the Federal interest for further feasibility studies to develop potential solutions for watershed restoration, ecosystem restoration, fish and wildlife habitat restoration and allied purposes. As part of the reconnaissance phase an expedited reconnaissance study was completed in accordance with Section 905(b) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1986. The reconnaissance phase will end with the signing of a Feasibility Cost Sharing agreement.

**STATUS:** Under overall management by Baltimore District, FY 2003 and 2004 funds were used to initiate environmental investigation and complete the Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) analysis while coordinating with potential sponsors over future action. FY05 funds of \$250,000 were added by Congress; \$50,000 was allocated to Philadelphia District. FY06 funds were used to develop a project management plan (PMP) for the Pine Knot Discharge Interim feasibility study and to execute a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) with a local non-Federal sponsor. FY07 funding was used to begin negotiating a PMP.

**SPONSOR:** Potential non-Federal sponsor for the feasibility phase of the study is the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

**COMMENTS:** Existing conditions environmental investigation was completed and summarized as part of the expedited reconnaissance study's Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) analysis.

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