

APPENDIX G-10
Invasive Species Plan



ROVER PIPELINE LLC

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Rover Pipeline Project (Project) is a new natural gas pipeline system that will be constructed by Rover Pipeline LLC (Rover) and will consist of Supply Lateral and Mainline pipelines, compressor stations, and associated meter stations and other aboveground facilities that will be located in parts of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan. While the region encompassing the Project area is not prone to aggressive invasive species that would require extensive preconstruction measures, this Invasive Species Plan outlines the procedures Rover would implement to minimize the spread of invasive species.

2.0 INVASIVE SPECIES PLAN

During the restoration phase of the Project, Rover will monitor for any areas where the species may become established and control them in accordance with Rover's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan (Rover's Plan), Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plans (AIMP) for Ohio and Michigan, and any additional requirements in other federal or state permits or clearances. These requirements are designed to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species, noxious weeds, and soil pests resulting from construction or restoration activities.

- Conduct follow-up inspections of all disturbed areas, as necessary, to determine the success of revegetation and address landowner concerns. At a minimum, conduct inspections after the first and second growing seasons.
- Revegetation in non-agricultural areas will be considered successful if upon visual survey the density and cover of non-nuisance vegetation are similar in density and cover to adjacent undisturbed lands.
- Revegetation in wetlands will be considered successful only if invasive species and noxious weeds are absent, unless they are abundant in adjacent areas that were not disturbed by construction.
- In agricultural lands:
 - On any right-of-way over which Rover has jurisdiction as to its surface use, (i.e., valve sites, metering stations, compression stations, etc.), Rover will provide for weed control in a manner that prevents the spread of weeds onto adjacent lands used for agricultural purposes. Spraying will be done by a pesticide applicator that is appropriately licensed for doing such work in the state.
 - Should Rover fail to control weeds after being given written notice and a 45-day opportunity to respond, Rover will be responsible for reimbursing all reasonable costs for weed control incurred by owners of land adjacent to surface facilities when the land accommodating the pipeline surface facility is determined to be the weed source.
- Rover intends to control the spread of diseases such as oak wilt through adherence to federal- and state-specific regulations for preventing the spread of this disease by burning or chipping the wood resulting from all clearing activities.
- Rover will ensure that in agricultural lands where imported soil materials are employed for backfill, the imported soil materials would be free from noxious weeds and other pests to the extent possible;



- Quarterly activity reports documenting the results of follow-up inspections will be provided to the FERC as required by Rover's Plan, Section VII.A.1. These reports will identify any problem areas, including those identified by the landowner, and corrective actions taken for at least 2 years following construction.
- If revegetation does not meet the established criteria, Rover will develop a site-specific plan for the species of concern in consultation with the appropriate federal or state agencies.