

Drillers seek permits for river water

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BINGHAMTON | Permits for withdrawing water from the Chemung, Tioga and Cowanesque rivers for gas drilling are on the agenda when the Susquehanna River Basin Commission Water holds its quarterly meeting Thursday in Binghamton.

Among the 32 project applications on the agenda are a renewal of SWEPI LP's permit to withdraw up to 107,000 gallons of water per day from a station on the Chemung River in the Town of Big Flats, along the River Road.

Also, Talisman Energy USA is seeking to renew and modify its permit to pull water from the Chemung at a station located in the Town of Chemung. Talisman wants permission to pull up to two million gallons of water daily.

Also, LDG Innovations wants to increase its permit for a station on the Tioga River in Lawrenceville, Pa., to withdraw

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up to 750,000 gallons daily.

SWEPI LP wants to modify and renew a permit to pull up to two million gallons per day from the Tioga River at a station in Lawrence Township, Pa.; and to renew a permit to withdraw up to 942,000 gallons from the Cowanesque River in Lawrence Township, Pa.

A public hearing was held in May and public comment will not be taken at Thursday's meeting. Information is available online at www.srbc.net.

The SRBC is a joint agency of the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland that regulates water resources in the Susquehanna basin. The river starts in Cooperstown and flows 444 miles to the Chesapeake Bay.