

May 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

Community Name: Bull Shoals, AR

EPA Region: 6

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I. Attendees Invited

Role	Name	Email	Phone Number	In Attendance?
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Add Eva Schwendimann and Sarah Pierce (ADPCE)

II. Updates to Previous Meeting Action Items

- Outstanding
 - Bull Shoals perform smoke testing and share results with ERG / AECOM
 - AECOM review smoke testing and provide recommendations for documentation
 - Bull Shoals will provide update on timeline for clearing and generating access to the transmission line corridor for inspection efforts
 - Develop Project Meeting Schedule for next meeting in late May.
- Completed
 - SWEFC provided examples of documentation for smoke testing. SWEFC will also share excel form and example of cloud-based system for documentation of smoke testing.

III. Workplan and Timeline:

Below is the anticipated timeline for the main project tasks/deliverables.

Task / Deliverable	Lead TA Provider	Anticipated Completion Date	Completion Date
1. Kick-Off Meeting	ERG Team	April 2026	April 22, 2026
2. Smoke Testing Plan	ERG Team	May 2026	
3. Smoke Testing and Field Work Summary/Analysis	ERG Team	May 2026	
4. Field Investigations Plan	ERG Team	May 2026	
5. Pre-site visit meeting	ERG Team	May 2026	
6. Site Visit	ERG Team	June 2026	
7. Field Investigations Report	ERG Team	June 2026	
8. Draft PER	ERG Team	July 2026	
9. Final PER	ERG Team	August 2026	

IV. Smoke Testing

- Any updates?
 - ERG, Bull Shoals, and SWEFC met recently to discuss smoke testing tracking tools.

V. Field Investigations

- Update on clearing efforts along transmission lines to reestablish access to this area.
 - City Council gave approval for purchasing machinery up to \$150k to clear transmission lines. However, the company they were working with to purchase the equipment changed pricing so now it is out of price range. Now Bull Shoals is investigating other equipment options including an excavator with mulching attachment to restore access pathways along transmissions.
 - City Council will make decision between renting equipment or purchasing excavator on May 28.
 - In the meantime, Bull Shoals could start videoing certain portions of system where access is available. Bull Shoals is looking into purchasing CCTV equipment as well.

- Flippin, AR recently went through process of lining their pipes. Bill is unsure how they funded this because it is expensive.
 - Bull Shoals recently repaired a pipe with root intrusion that was 9 ft deep.
 - Transmission line pipes are 12" diameter, currently it is not possible to access these with any equipment to be able to CCTV.
- Potential changes to field inspection scope identified last meeting. Review and discuss timeline for visits.
- Possibility of evaluating new alternatives with new pipe alignment / pump station for PER.
 - Bull Shoals will resend access to diamond maps which contain pipe alignments. Diamond maps do not include pipe or manhole invert elevations.
 - Include Kevin, Joslyn, Esther, and Katrina
 - Katrina still has access
 - Blue prints of manholes are available in pdf – Bull Shoals will provide
 - These blue prints are the best available data but have not been verified with survey, so some variations in elevations may exist in the field.
 - AECOM will add topo to diamond maps to begin defining alternatives. Map generated will include topography elevations overlayed on top of pipe alignments and will supplement manhole / pipe elevations in transmission line corridor from blueprint data.
 - Dawn is willing to support generating maps if needed to help maintain budget on ERG's side.
 - After initial review of maps and potential alternatives, the team will evaluate if any scope modifications are needed.
- What about potential for an above ground pipeline? Can consider but hold until looking at maps with topo.
- Bull Shoals will send model information on CCTV equipment they are looking at purchasing and Dawn will provide comment.
- Next Meeting will be June 17

VI. Preliminary Engineering Report

- Will be provided following completion of field investigations.

VII. Open Discussion

- Project schedule (see anticipated completion dates, above)
 - Hold until next meeting after evaluation of new alternatives for PER.

Next Steps

- Bull Shoals perform smoke testing and share results with ERG / AECOM.
- AECOM review smoke testing and provide recommendations for documentation.
- Develop Project Meeting Schedule for monthly meetings.
- Bull Shoals will provide access to Diamond Maps and blueprints for manholes
- AECOM will generate a map of the transmission line area with pipes and manholes from Diamond Maps supplemented with elevation contours and pipe / manhole invert elevations from blueprints.



- AECOM will propose a new pipe alignment to replace the current path through the transmission line corridor to review at the next progress meeting