



Becks Run Water Treatment Facility Documentation

Pittsburgh, PA

CLIENT:

Gannett Fleming, Inc./Pennsylvania American Water Company

KSK was retained to document Becks Run Water Pumping Station and related water treatment facilities prior to their alteration or demolition as a result of consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Pumping Station is being replaced by a new facility on the site. The Pumping Station has provided a consistent supply of water from the Monongahela River to consumers within the South Side neighborhood of Pittsburgh and the greater suburban South Hills area since the late 19th century. KSK provided a physical description and historical narrative for the Pumping Station consistent with Historic American Building Survey (HABS) standards.

KSK also prepared Pennsylvania Historic Resource Survey forms for two related facilities, the Hays Mine Station Filtration Plant and the Hays Mine Station Chemical Treatment Plant. These buildings, in conjunction with the Becks Run Water Pumping Station, form the core of water supply and treatment to the South Side and South Hills areas in and around Pittsburgh. KSK conducted historical research and a site visit to prepare the historical narrative and physical description for each of these resources. This project illustrates KSK's familiarity with industrial buildings, and our capacity for using our understanding of industrial processes to communicate the significant history and architectural features of these utilitarian buildings.



Hays Mine Station Filtration Plant



Hays Mine Station Chemical Treatment Plant



Becks Run Water Pumping Station