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Mr. Paul Friedman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10
Revisions to Direct APE for Variances MVP-ATWS-1624 and MVP-WB-125.02
FR: 15-67-MULTI-167

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the information that was submitted for the abovementioned undertaking. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, U.S. 36 CFR § 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to the submitted information, Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) proposes to add to the pipeline project one temporary workspace, MVP-ATWS-1624, and one access road, MVP-WB-125.02. The proposed variances are located in Webster County, WV. The workspace is located near the town of Guardian. The access road will intersect the pipeline corridor at MP 93.07 and extend south to its terminus at Camp Run Road (CR 28/1). Portions of both variances were previously surveyed and reviewed in 2015. The direct and indirect areas of potential effect (APE) are consistent with that for the previously surveyed pipeline corridor.

Archaeological Resources:
Archaeological survey of the proposed variance extensions included visual inspection and shovel test pit excavation. No archaeological deposits were encountered. As a result, we concur that no further archaeological survey is warranted. In our opinion, no archaeological historic properties are present within the proposed variance extensions.

Architectural Resources:
We have reviewed the submitted documentation and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project elements. Neither of the two variances will require tree clearance and both fall within the previously established visual APE for the undertaking. Furthermore, no additional historic resources were located within their immediate vicinities. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding these project elements; however, we ask that you contact our office if the project should change.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Lora A. Lamarre-DeMott, Senior Archaeologist, or Mitchell K. Schaefer, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

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