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Mr. Brian Clauto
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Re: *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Site 44RN0408 Phase I Archaeological Survey Report Including an Avoidance Plan and Contingency Treatment Plan, Roanoke County, Virginia*
DHR File No. 2014-1194; FERC #CP16-10

Dear Mr. Clauto:

We have received for review the report referenced above prepared by Tetra Tech for Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (MVP). It is our opinion that this report meets DHR's *Survey Guidelines* and other applicable standards. We provide the following comments as assistance to MVP and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in meeting their collective responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Archaeological survey of Tract VA-RO-045 identified site 44RN0408 within the proposed limits of disturbance. It is acknowledged that site 44RN0408 may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); however, due to time constraints, Phase II evaluation was not completed. The consultant recommends that site **44RN0408** be treated as eligible for listing in the NRHP for the purposes of compliance with Section 106 and DHR concurs. MVP intends to avoid impacts to site 44RN0408 by boring under the site. We support this approach. Should the boring fail and impacts to site 44RN0408 be unavoidable, we concur with the Contingency Treatment Plan presented in Section 6.0 of the report.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or our review of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Kirchen".

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