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Mr. Paul Friedman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
Proposed Trinity – Beckley Laydown Yard
FR: 15-67-MULTI-58

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the additional 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, LLC (MVP) identified a location in Raleigh County, WV to use as a temporary laydown yard during construction of the of the pipeline. The proposed laydown yard is located just north of I-64 and east of Clifftop. As stated in the submitted materials, no previously documented archaeological sites are located within the proposed laydown yard. In addition, our records indicate that no structural resources have been identified within the proposed laydown yard. It is our understanding that a pedestrian reconnaissance was conducted on January 15, 2018, during which significant disturbance caused by clear cutting, grubbing and grading was observed. This makes it unlikely that significant archaeological sites would be encountered. No aboveground resources were observed within the proposed yard. As a result, we concur that use of the proposed laydown yard will have no effect on historic properties and that no further cultural resource work is necessary.

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,

Susan M. Pierce
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