

Mountain Valley Pipeline Project

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Re: *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project, Letter Report, Results of Criteria of Effects Assessment, Tasks 2 and 3, Viewshed and Viewpoint Analysis* (February 2017)
DHR File No. 2014-1194; FERC #CP16-10

Dear Ms. Neylon:

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has received for review and comment the report referenced above prepared by Tetra Tech. The letter report documents Tetra Tech's analysis of the potential visual effects to identified historic properties from construction of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline project. DHR, Tetra Tech, and Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, agreed upon the multi-step methodology which is designed to identify those properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and assess whether any visual changes from construction would diminish one or more characteristics that make the property worthy of NRHP listing.

After implementing Tasks 1, 2, and 3 of the agreed upon methodology for the viewshed and viewpoint analysis, Tetra Tech eliminated all but nine (9) NRHP-eligible or listed properties from further study under Task 4. The historic properties identified by Tetra Tech as requiring additional analysis are: Newport Historic District (035-0151), Greater Newport Rural Historic District (035-0412), Cemetery (035-0412-0465), Big Stony Creek Historic District (035-5127), North Fork Valley Rural Historic District (060-0574), Barn (060-0574-0125), Bent Mountain Rural Historic District (080-5677), Cabin (080-5677-0006), and Coles-Terry Rural Historic (080-5689). Based on the information provided, DHR concurs with the consultant's recommendation that these nine (9) properties warrant further study under Task 4 of the established viewshed and viewpoint analysis.

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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