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

RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project  
Proposed Laydown Yard MVP-LY-068, Raleigh County, WV  
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-90

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.

The submitted information states that Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) identified an area, designated MVP-LY-068, in Raleigh County, West Virginia for use as a temporary laydown yard during pipeline construction. The laydown yard is located along State Route 16/US Route 19 (Robert C. Byrd Road) in the community of Prosperity. The laydown yard will be accessed via an existing road, Midtown Avenue, from its intersection with State Route 16. The direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as the proposed footprint for the laydown yard and covers approximately 6.45 hectares.

Archaeological Resources:

As stated in the submitted materials, our records reflect that no previously documented archaeological sites are located within the proposed APE. In addition, available information, including aerial photographs, indicates the proposed APE has been heavily disturbed by stripping and grading, which has removed any intact landforms. This makes it unlikely that archaeological materials would be encountered during MVP's use of the area as a laydown yard. As a result, we concur that use of Laydown Yard MVP-LY-068 will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary.

Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information. Based on available aerial imagery, the proposed laydown yard expansion is devoid of tree growth and no standing structures or buildings exist therein. Therefore, it is our opinion the proposed expansion will have *no effect* on the characteristics that may qualify a property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we ask that you contact our office if your project should change.

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants