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Mr. Paul Friedman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
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RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
Proposed MVP-LY-052 Laydown Yard, Harrison County, WV
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10
FR: 15-67-MULTI-61

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 in Harrison County, WV for use as a temporary laydown yard during construction. The proposed yard is located along Route 279 in the northeastern corner of the North Central West Virginia Airport, northeast of the City of Bridgeport, WV. Several access roads, air traffic lanes, and four small modern structures are currently located within the proposed yard.

Archaeological Resources:

As indicated in the submitted materials, our records reflect that no previously documented archaeological sites are located within the footprint of the proposed laydown yard. In addition, personnel from Tetra Tech conducted a site visit and documented significant disturbance resulting from extensive grading and leveling of the hillside for use by the airport. Soil probes revealed the presence of imported clay and gravel over bedrock or rock refusal. No archaeological materials were observed. As a result, we concur that use of the laydown yard will have no effect on archaeological historic properties and that no further archaeological investigations are necessary.

Architectural Resources:

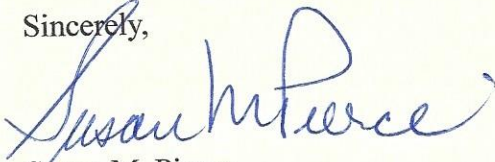
We have reviewed the submitted documentation and concur the proposed lay-down yard will have *no effect* on historic architectural properties. As the report noted, aerial and topographic imagery confirm the four (4) buildings standing on the subject parcel were constructed between 1997 and 2003. Those properties are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are a few homes in the surrounding area that may be fifty (50) years of age or older, but the topography and vegetation will shield any view those resources may have of the proposed yard. Furthermore, any potential visual effects would be temporary in nature. Therefore, it is our opinion the proposed project element will have *no effect* on historic above-ground properties. No further consultation is necessary.

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regarding the proposed lay-down yard; however, we ask that you contact our office if your 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "P".

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants