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Mr. Paul Friedman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project
Phase II Archaeological Investigations of Site 46ME327
Mercer County, West Virginia
FR: 15-67-MULTI-80

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the technical report titled *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Addendum 12 to Volume IV Phase II Archaeological Investigation Site 46ME327 Mercer County West Virginia*. 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.

At the conclusion of the Phase I survey, site 46ME327 consisted of a very low density lithic scatter that had produced a total of four artifacts, including a weakly bifurcated projectile point that likely suggests a Middle Archaic occupation. Phase II investigations of site 46ME327 included the excavation of five test units, which resulted in the recovery of an additional 22 lithic artifacts. The assemblage primarily consists of tertiary flakes and flake fragments. No diagnostic artifacts were recovered, nor were cultural features identified. Consequently, we concur that site 46ME327 is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. No further investigation of this resource 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, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

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