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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 MVP-LY-058 Laydown Yard, Raleigh County, WV
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10
FR: 15-67-MULTI-77

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 a location in Raleigh County to use as temporary laydown yard MVP-LY-058. The proposed yard is located on County Route 9/9 (Airport Road) in the City of Clifftop. The direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed yard is defined as its footprint, which totals 7.4 acres.

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 indicates this area has been previously disturbed by a variety of activities associated with modern development and is currently covered in gravel. This makes it unlikely that significant archaeological resources would be encountered. As a result, we concur that use of the parcel as a laydown yard will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary regarding this laydown yard.

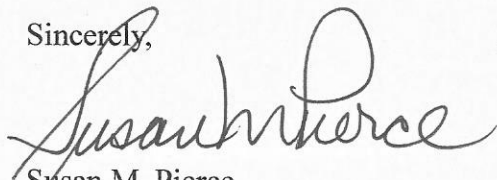
Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information and concur with Tetra Tech's finding that the temporary use of the identified laydown yard MVP-LY-058 in Raleigh County will have *no effect* on the characteristics of any nearby historic properties. No further consultation is necessary regarding the proposed laydown yard; however, we ask that you contact our office if the 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 black 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