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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  
FERC Docket No. CP 16-10  
Proposed Workspaces MVP-ATWS-1576 and MVP-ATWS-1577 and  
Parking Area MVP-PA-002  
FR: 15-67-MULTI-107

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) has added three new variances to the proposed pipeline project. The variances consist of two proposed additional temporary workspaces in Wetzel County (MVP-ATWS-1576 and MVP-ATWS-1577) and a proposed parking area (MVP-PA-002) in Harrison County, WV. The direct and indirect Areas of Potential Effect (APE) that have been defined for the variances are consistent with those associated with the previously considered project. It is our understanding that a portion of the direct APE for MVP-ATWS-1577 was previously surveyed. The submitted information covers those areas that have not been previously surveyed.

Archaeological Resources:

According to the submitted materials, archaeological survey of the proposed variances included pedestrian reconnaissance and shovel probe excavation. Most of the currently proposed APE was observed to consist of previous disturbance or steeply sloped terrain. One new prehistoric isolated find, 46WZ157, was identified within the area proposed for MVP-ATWS-1577. The isolated find consists of a single prehistoric unifacial tool fragment intermixed with modern debris. Close interval shovel probes were negative for additional prehistoric materials. We concur that 46WZ157 is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and that the addition of these variances to the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. No further consultation is necessary.

Architectural Resources:

We have reviewed the submitted information and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned three (3) project elements. None of the project areas will require tree

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clearance. No new or additional historic architectural resources were documented within any of the project elements' direct or indirect APEs. Therefore, it is our opinion the proposed workspaces and parking area will have *no effect* on historic architectural resources. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we ask that you contact our office if the 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 cursive script that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Ms. Evelyn Tidlow, GAI Consultants