

**Mountain Valley Pipeline Project**

**Docket No. CP16-10-000**

**Attachment DR6 Question 3a**



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RE: Mountain Valley Pipeline Project  
Cultural Resources Survey Report Addendum 3 to Volume IV  
Monroe County, West Virginia  
FR# 15-67-MULTI-38

Dear Ms. Landfried Neylon:

We have reviewed the report, *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project, Phase I Archaeological Survey, Addendum 3 to Volume IV, Monroe County, West Virginia*, which was submitted in order to determine project effects to cultural resources. 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.

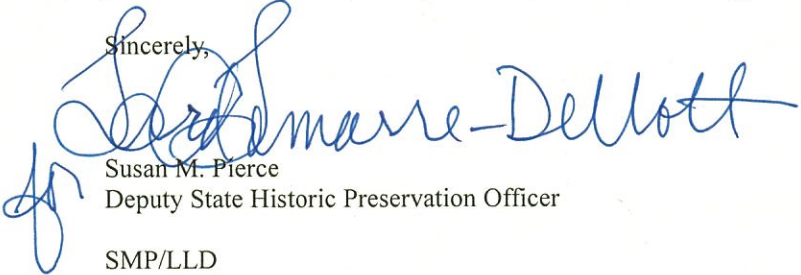
According to the submitted report, archaeological survey was recently conducted within tax parcels located in Monroe County, WV where access had been previously denied. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) that was defined for this survey is consistent with the APE for the previously considered pipeline corridor. It is our understanding that no structural resources are present within the direct APE in these tax parcels that that the results of architectural survey for the indirect APE was presented in the report titled *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Cultural Resource Survey Volume IV, Summers and Monroe Counties, West Virginia* (Clement et al. 2016).

Archaeological Resources:

Systematic archaeological survey within the tax parcels in Monroe Counties, WV covered 15 acres. In total, 175 shovel probes were excavated resulting in the documentation of one new archaeological site, 46ME311. The site is described as a diffuse, prehistoric lithic scatter of unknown age. The artifact assemblage, which is comprised of 29 lithic artifacts that were recovered from the Ap soil horizon, suggests lithic reduction and/or tool maintenance activities occurred at this location. The report recommends that 46ME311 undergo a Phase II National Register evaluation due to the distribution of artifacts and the landform on which the site is located. The phase II work plan for this site was submitted as an appendix to the report mentioned above. It is our understanding that the Phase II has been conducted and that a detailed Phase II report will be submitted in the near future. We will provide further comment on site 46ME311 upon receipt of that report.

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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