

Mountain Valley Pipeline Project

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Attachment DR6 Question 8a



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- Re: (1) *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Phase I Archaeological Investigation in Jefferson National Forest, Monroe County, West Virginia, and Giles and Montgomery Counties, Virginia* (May 2016)
- (2) *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Phase I Archaeological Investigation Modification FS78 Survey Boundary in Jefferson National Forest, Monroe County, West Virginia, and Giles County, Virginia* (September 2016)
- (3) *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Phase I Archaeological Investigation Craig Creek to Brush Mountain Route Survey in Jefferson National Forest, Monroe County, West Virginia, and Giles County, Virginia* (November 2016)
- (4) *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Phase I Archaeological Investigation Craig Creek to Brush Mountain Route Survey and Mystery Ridge Route Survey in Jefferson National Forest, Giles and Montgomery Counties, Virginia* (December 2016)

DHR File No. 2014-1194; FERC #CP16-10

Dear Mr. Madden:

We have received for review the reports referenced prepared by Tetra Tech. We provide the following comments as assistance to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in meeting their responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

These archaeological surveys identified 12 sites within the study area. All 12 of the following sites are recommended by the USFS as *potentially eligible* for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and DHR concurs: **44GS0238, 44GS0239, 44GS0240, 44GS0241, 44GS0242, 44GS0243, 44GS0244, 44GS0247, 44GS0251, 44MY0577, 44MY0579, and 44MY0580**. Due to project revisions, some of the identified archaeological sites will be avoided; however, the USFS recommends and DHR concurs that the following sites should be evaluated at the Phase II level: 44GS0238, 44GS0240, 44GS0241, 44GS0242, 44GS0243, 44GS0244, 44GS0247, 44GS0251, and 44MY0577. Furthermore, we concur that remote sensing at cemetery 035-5129 is appropriate.

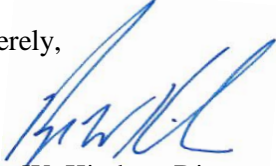
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Thank you for seeking our concurrence on these studies and the recommendations of the USFS. If you have any questions regarding these comments or our review of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



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