

U S Army Corps of Engineers

Huntington District Regulatory Division Energy Resource Branch

Public Notice

In reply refer to Public Notice No.

LRH-2015-00592-GBR LRP-2015-798 NAO-2015-0898

Stream

Closing Date: May 28, 2021

Issuance Date: April 23, 2021

Elk, Gauley, Greenbrier, Roanoke, Blackwater Rivers (Section 10 waters) and various

other Section 404 streams

Please address all comments and inquiries to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

ATTN: CELRH-RD-E Public Notice No. (reference above)

502 8th Street

Huntington, WV 25701-2070 Phone: (304) 399-5610

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published on March 29, 2021 for public comment Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC's proposal to discharge dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States associated with the construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline. The public comment period on this proposal has been extended until May 28, 2021. All aspects of the proposal, described in the original public notice, remain unchanged and may be referenced at: https://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/Article/2553962/lrh-2015-592-gbr/.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW AND COMMENT: This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR 320-332, the Regulatory Program of the Corps, and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both the protection and the utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those factors are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, the Federal, state, and local agencies and officials, the Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. For accuracy and completeness of the administrative record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear

understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Written statements received in this office on or before the expiration date of this Public Notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: The Huntington District has been designated as the lead Corps district, thus all comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach our office on or before the close of the comment period listed on page one (1) of this Public Notice. If no comments are received by the closing date (see above), it will be considered that there are no objections. Comments should be submitted electronically to Mr. Adam Fannin by email at CELRP-MVP@usace.army.mil. If you do not have internet access, comments may be submitted through the United States Postal Service (USPS) to the following address:

United States Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District ATTN: CELRH-RD-E
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502 Eighth Street
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070.

Copies should only be provided through the USPS when electronic transmission is not possible. Precautionary internal mail handling procedures may be instituted to protect our workforce, which may result in longer than normal times to process and receive hard copy submissions. To be considered in our evaluation, comments submitted through the USPS should have a postmark dated on, or prior to, the close of the comment period listed on page one (1) of this Public Notice.

Please note names and addresses of those who submit comments in response to this Public Notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, may be available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning this Public Notice, please contact Adam Fannin of the Energy Resource Branch at (304) 399-5610, by mail at the above address, or by email at: CELRP-MVP@usace.army.mil.