WVDEP Pipeline Webpage Overview

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection launched a pipeline webpage to help inform citizens about the 5 major pipelines currently or soon to be under construction in WV including the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Mountain Valley Pipeline, the Mountaineer Gas Company Eastern Panhandle Expansion Project, Mountaineer Xpress Pipeline, and the Rover Pipeline. The criteria for inclusion on the pipeline webpage is whether the pipeline has gone to public notice which means it will disturb over 100 acres or take more than one year to construct. Each pipeline includes a description of the project, the miles of pipe, acreage disturbed, and the counties impacted by construction.

Permit Comments

The webpage provides easy access to the pipelines' various press releases announcing public hearings on their permit, public comments on permits made at the hearings, and WVDEP's response to comments. To access actual permits, you must go to WVDEP's electronic submission system and search by the permit number provided next to the title of each pipeline.

Online Mapping

The webpage also includes a link to WVDEP's new online map of the State's major pipeline projects, including the pipeline right-of-way and access roads. The online mapping includes a search box where you can enter GPS coordinates to zoom into a specific location. You can also use the measurement tool to calculate acreage and distances using the ruler function or by entering GPS coordinates. A variety of basemaps are available in addition to the default imagery. By clicking on the arrow tab at the bottom of the map, you can see the company responsible for the project, their permit number, and the acreage of each pipeline.

Document Database

Additional information provided by WVDEP's pipeline webpage includes a link to DEP's document database. The database requires user to login to the database using DEP as the username and DEP as the password. Once in the database, you can search by pipeline and view correspondence, approved permit modifications, inspections, notices of violations, and cease and desist orders.

Reporting Issues, Spills and Complaints

Under each pipeline, there are instructions on how to notify WVDEP's Environmental Enforcement Department. The spill hotline is provided, 1-800-642-3074, to report an emergency spill. You are also instructed on how to file a complaint using DEP's internet complaint form (where you can remain anonymous or be part of the public record) or by emailing DEP.EEWebcomplaint@wv.gov. The e-mail option allows you to attach photographs. The electronic complaints are only reviewed during normal business hours.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

At the bottom of the page, WVDEP provides a link to FERC's online library and docket numbers for each pipeline.