

Comment on Mountain Valley Pipeline's Army Corps of Engineers Permit



Department of the Army Permit Section 404 of Clean Water Act Section 10 of Rivers and Harbors Act



Factors the Army Corps must consider in their review:

- Alternatives Analysis: Applicant must show the project is the Least Environmentally Damaging Practical Alternative (LEDPA)
- Applicant Avoided and Minimized Impacts
- Public Interest Review
- Cumulative Effects

Mountain Valley Pipeline's Application

- “Temporary” and Permanent Impact to:
 - 7.5 miles of streams
 - 14 acres of wetlands
- Failure to avoid and minimize impacts:
 - Cross several streams more than once
 - Trenching through sensitive trout streams



Public Hearing: How it Works

- Must RSVP to speak: CELRP-MVP@usace.army.mil
- Virtual Public Hearings:
 - West Virginia: November 1, 6-8pm
 - Virginia: November 4, 6-8pm
- 2 minutes to speak
 - Prepare your comments in advance
 - Personalize them and speak about your concerns
 - Read from written comments
 - Time them

Example Comments

- Not Least Environmentally Damaging Alternative
- Did not avoid and minimize impacts
- Not in the public's interest:
 - Economic impacts
 - Aesthetic impacts
 - Environmental concerns
 - Drinking water supplies
 - Flooding hazards
 - Wetlands
 - Recreation
 - Water quality
 - Climate change
 - Energy needs



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How to prepare effective comments

- **Who:** Who you are and where you live
- **What:** What action you want the Army Corps to take
- **Why:** Why the army corps should take this action based on their review factors:
 - **Not the least environmentally damaging alternative because...**
 - **Did not avoid and minimize impacts because...**
 - **Not in the public's best interest because....**
- **What:** Close by restating the action you want out of Army Corps

Written Comments

- Following the hearing, you can submit written comments until Nov 19th
- Expand on your oral comments from the hearing and submit them via email:
- CELRP-MVP@usace.army.mil

