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Army Corps of Engineers Hold Virtual Public Hearings on Mountain Valley Pipeline

Rivers and streams slated to be crossed need your voice!

The Army Corps of Engineers has announced public hearings for the Mountain Valley Pipeline's stream crossing permit. If you are concerned about MVP's impact on our mountains and streams now is the time to speak up!

Even if you are not within a directly impacted community, the completion of the MVP will affect all of us by damaging the region's most precious resource, our scenic mountains and valuable water resources. MVP has already caused irreparable damage to our water resources with the steepest terrain and the most sensitive water crossings remaining.

The Pipeline has yet to cross some of our most treasured areas; sensitive trout streams, endangered Candy Darter habitat, the Greenbrier, Gauley and Elk Rivers, and the Appalachian Trail. You can make a difference by telling the Army Corps of Engineers that this pipeline is not in the public's best interest. Speak up for our land and water, and tell the Army Corps of Engineers to deny this permit!

You must RSVP to Army Corps of Engineers to get on the speaker list:

Email CELRP-MVP@usace.army.mil with subject "RSVP to Speak at West Virginia Public Hearing" or "RSVP to Speak at Virginia Public Hearing" include your full name, email address, and contact phone number with area code.

The following points are issues that you may want to mention in your comments:

- The Environmental Protection Agency pointed out major deficiencies in MVP's application around the minimization and avoidance of impacts to water resources and the need to establish baseline water quality conditions.
- The National Park Service expressed serious concerns about the crossing of the Greenbrier River and potential impacts on the New River National Park and Preserve

The Army Corps issuance of MVP's permit would be contrary to the public's interest for the following reasons:

- MVP has and will continue to severely degrade the aesthetics of scenic areas such as the Appalachian Trail on Peters Mountain, the Greenbrier River, the Gauley River and the Elk River.
- MVP is devastating to the surrounding environment by impacting endangered species habitat, degrading water quality, and contribute to the effects of climate change that disproportionately impact underserved and minority populations.

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- This project will permanently alter the soils and hydrology of approximately 10 acres of wetlands which are vital for habitat, flooding reduction and improving water quality.
- This project creates flooding hazards with increased scouring of the unconsolidated material in the stream bed potentially exposing the pipe during high flows.
- In addition to numerous private wells and springs along the route, MVP has the potential to impact drinking water supplies of 8 public water utilities.
- Recreation on popular rivers such as the Gauley, Greenbrier, and Elk will be severely disrupted during construction that would last up to 4 months.
- The MVP has already degraded water quality and they have only completed a small fraction of the waterbody crossings. VADEQ and WVDEP cited them approximately 300 times for violating water quality standards.
- The pipeline isn't needed and will contribute significant amounts of methane to the atmosphere accelerating the impacts of climate change.
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We encourage you to speak to one or more of these issues at the Nov 1 public hearing and be sure to personalize your comments.

Is commenting at a public hearing new and overwhelming to you? We are here to help! Please join us for a comment prep session on October, 26th at 7:30pm. Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lc-2srz0iHtazYyiaaVvAdb1NGi3Z5VHp>

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