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Ms. Megan L. Neylon  
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Re: *Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Phase IB Archaeological Survey Report Addendum 1 and Phase II Archaeological Evaluations, Sites 44CG0253, 44CG0254, 44CG0255, Craig County, Virginia*  
DHR File No. 2014-1194; FERC #CP16-10

Dear Ms. Neylon:

We have received for review the report referenced above, dated December 2016, prepared by Tetra Tech. We provide the following comments as assistance to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in meeting its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The archaeological survey of 60 acres in Craig County resulted in the identification of three (3) sites and three (3) isolated finds. The isolated finds are, by definition, not eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and no further consideration of these resources is warranted. Following the Phase I study, the consultant recommended that sites 44CG0253, 44CG0254, and the prehistoric component of 44CG0255 warrant avoidance or further evaluation. We concur with this assessment.

The Phase II evaluations of sites 44CG0253, 44CG0254, and 44CG0255 have been completed and the results are presented in the referenced report. The archaeological subcommittee of our Department's National Register Eligibility Evaluation Team met to consider the eligibility of sites **44CG0253**, **44CG0254**, and **44CG0255**. The committee concurs that all three (3) sites are *not eligible* for listing in the VLR/NRHP and no further archaeological investigations of these resources are warranted.

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](mailto:roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Kirchen".

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