# STREAM BIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITOR REPORT

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| Stream ID: S-E17         | Crossing Start Date: 09/19/2023                                       | <b>Crossing Completion Date:</b> 09/25/2023 |  |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| Milepost: 276            | Pre-Con Assessment Date: 09/13/2023                                   | Post-Con Assessment Date: 09/25/2023        |  |
| <b>Station:</b> 14582+99 | Stream Classification: Perennial (Perennial, Intermittent, Ephemeral) | Bankfull Width (ft.): 8                     |  |
| County: Franklin         | 303(d) Impairment Listing: Not Impaired                               | Riffle:Pool Complexes Present? No           |  |

| Item # | Resource Crossing Conditions   | N/A | YES      | NO |
|--------|--|-----|----------|----|
| 1.     | Were all applicable resource specific crossing conditions satisfied?  Time of Year Restrictions (TOYR)? N/A Fish Relocation? Yes Mussel Relocation? N/A                                      |     | Х        |    |
| 2.     | Is this resource designated a wild or stockable trout stream?  |     |          | Χ  |
| 3.     | Which crossing methods were utilized during the stream crossing? (Select one or more)  Dam & Pump, Flume, Cofferdam, Conventional Bore, Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) Bore?             |     | am & Pun | пр |
| 4.     | Was the top 1-foot (12-inches) of streambed substrate segregated and stockpiled separate from trench spoils?   |     | Х        |    |
| 5.     | Was excess material not needed for backfill removed and disposed of in an upland area?   |     | Х        |    |
| 6.     | Was the top 12-inches of backfill made with clean native stream substrate?   |     | Х        |    |
| 7.     | Was the pre-construction survey data provided and utilized during restoration in attempt to re-establish pre-construction contours?  |     | Х        |    |
| 8.     | Were any field modifications to the stream implemented by project or regulatory personnel to address potential drainage or bank restoration limitations?                                     |     |          | Х  |
| 9.     | Were impervious trench breakers/plugs properly installed within 25-feet of top-of-bank to prevent subsurface erosion to or from the resource area?   |     | Х        |    |
| 10.    | Was permanent seed and stabilization material (straw or matting) applied to riparian areas and stream banks prior to re-establishing flow to the impact area of the channel?                 |     | Х        |    |
| 11.    | Was the time of disturbance minimized by conducting resource work continuously to completion?  |     | Х        |    |
| 12.    | Have civil surveys been scheduled to verify as-built conditions meet pre-construction conditions in accordance with the project Mitigation Framework and federal/state permit requirements?  |     | Х        |    |
| 13.    | Are bareroot saplings required and/or scheduled to be planted for the dormant season $(10/1 - 4/30)$ ?   | Х   |          |    |
| 14.    | Did any unauthorized discharges to unpermitted resources occur during the crossing? If so, explain the corrective actions implemented in the Comments section and include additional photos. |     |          | Х  |

| Item # | Biological Conditions   | Pre-Con        | Post-Con       |  |  |  |
|--------|---|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| 15.    | Predominant Substrate Type (select one):  Bedrock, Boulder (>10"), Cobble (2-10"), Gravel (0.1-2"), Sand (<0.1"), Mud/Silt/Clay   | Bedrock        | Boulder (>10") |  |  |  |
| 16.    | Channel Conditions:  Rating: 1-Optimal (80-100% stable banks), 2-Sub-optimal (60-80% stable banks), 3-Marginal (40-60% stable banks), 4-Poor (20-40% stable banks), 5-Severe (0-20% stable banks, highly eroded or unvegetated banks)   | 1 - Optimal    | 1 - Optimal    |  |  |  |
| 17.    | Riparian Buffer Zone within ROW and ≤50 ft. from Stream Top-of-Bank:  Rating: 1-Optimal (60-100% heavy vegetative cover), 2-Sub-optimal (30-60% mixed vegetated coverage), 3-  Marginal (<30% vegetative coverage), 4-Poor (Mowed/maintained area or farmland, impervious area, sparsely vegetated coverage, etc.)  | 1 - Optimal    | 2 - Suboptimal |  |  |  |
| 18.    | Instream Habitat Conditions:  Examples: Varied substrate sizes, varied combination of water velocities/depths, presence of woody/leafy debris, stable substrate with low amount of mobile particles, low embeddedness, shade protection, undercut banks, root mats, submerged aquatic vegetation.  Rating: 1-Optimal (Habitat conditions present in >50% of resource), 2-Suboptimal (Habitat conditions in 30-50% of resource), 3-Marginal (Habitat conditions in 10-30% of resource), 4-Poor (Habitat conditions in 0-10% of resource) | 1 - Optimal    | 1 - Optimal    |  |  |  |
| 19.    | Channel Alterations: Examples: Straightened channel, non-MVP stream crossings, non-native riprap/rock along banks, concrete/gabions/concrete block, manmade embankments, constrictions w/in channel, livestock or agricultural impacts.  Rating: 1-Negligible (unaltered/natural stream), 2-Minor (20-40% of resource disrupted by channel alterations), 3-Moderate (40-80% of resource disrupted), 4-Severe (>80% of resource disrupted)   | 1 - Negligible | 1 - Negligible |  |  |  |

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## **Comments/Remarks**

MVP EI Kieth Davis, Forman Kevin Green. 09-12-2023 Pre-Con meeting took place, discussed 10 feet buffer and soil management.

9/18/2023: Preliminary work on 50' buffers took place began setting up pump systems. -S. Johnson

9/19/2023: Fish removal took place. Primary dam and pumps set up. Secondary dam set up on ROW to address any back flow issues. Top 0"-6" of streambed rock separated and covered. 6"-12" of streambed rock separated and stored on mats. Excavation of trench commenced. Slow progress due to bedrock. -S. Johnson

9/20/2023: Blasting took place outside 10' buffers. Negligible results, digging continued. Trench complete. -S. Johnson

9/21/2023: Pipe installation/ welding. -S. Johnson

9/22/2023: Trench breakers installed. Trench backfilled. Stream subsoil restored. Top 12" of native stream bed restored. 10' buffer restored stabilized and seeded with riparian mix. Dam and pumps removed. Stream flow restored. Rock checks placed at 4:30 pm and left over night.

9/23/2023: Rock checks removed. -S. Johnson

9/25/2023: Energy dissipater removed and crossing complete. Post-construction assessment completed. -S. Johnson

In accordance with the Mountain Valley Pipeline Consent Decree, Case No. CL18006874-00, (Issued October 11, 2019) this independent report was completed to document the on-site monitoring of instream invertebrate and fisheries resources during all construction activity related to waterbody and wetland crossings, and document instream conditions and any impacts to the resources.

This report was written by Samuel Johnson
Print Name

Samuel Johnson
Signature

09/25/2023
Date

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### **Required Photos**





**Photo Description:** Downstream view of permitted impact area during post-construction assessment.

**Photo Description:** Conditions of the downstream area outside the ROW during post-construction assessment.

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Photo Description: Bank restoration with riparian seed mix and erosion control matting.

Stabilization material (matting)installation and riparian seeding

Photo Description: View of upstream dam for pump around operation.