

# STREAM BIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITOR REPORT

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| <b>Stream ID:</b> S-IJ16-a | <b>Crossing Start Date:</b> 12/16/2024  | <b>Crossing Completion Date:</b> 12/20/2024 |
| <b>Milepost:</b> 209.4     | <b>Pre-Con Assessment Date:</b> 12/10/2024                                      | <b>Post-Con Assessment Date:</b> 12/20/2024 |
| <b>Station:</b> 11061+21   | <b>Stream Classification:</b> Ephemeral<br>(Perennial, Intermittent, Ephemeral) | <b>Bankfull Width (ft.):</b> 4              |
| <b>County:</b> Giles       | <b>303(d) Impairment Listing:</b> Not Impaired                                  | <b>Riffle:Pool Complexes Present?</b> No    |

| Item # | Resource Crossing Conditions   | N/A               | YES | NO |
|--------|--|-------------------|-----|----|
| 1.     | Were all applicable resource specific crossing conditions satisfied?<br>Time of Year Restrictions (TOYR)? <u>N/A</u> Fish Relocation? <u>N/A</u> Mussel Relocation? <u>N/A</u>               |                   | X   |    |
| 2.     | Is this resource designated a wild or stockable trout stream?  | X                 |     |    |
| 3.     | Which crossing methods were utilized during the stream crossing? ( <i>Select one or more</i> )<br>Dam & Pump, Flume, Cofferdam, Conventional Bore, Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) Bore?  | Flume, Dam & Pump |     |    |
| 4.     | Was the top 1-foot (12-inches) of streambed substrate segregated and stockpiled separate from trench spoils?   |                   | X   |    |
| 5.     | Was excess material not needed for backfill removed and disposed of in an upland area?   |                   | X   |    |
| 6.     | Was the top 12-inches of backfill made with clean native stream substrate?   |                   | X   |    |
| 7.     | Was the pre-construction survey data provided and utilized during restoration in attempt to re-establish pre-construction contours?  | X                 |     |    |
| 8.     | Were any field modifications to the stream implemented by project or regulatory personnel to address potential drainage or bank restoration limitations?                                     |                   |     | X  |
| 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?   | X                 |     |    |
| 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?                 |                   | X   |    |
| 11.    | Was the time of disturbance minimized by conducting resource work continuously to completion?  |                   | X   |    |
| 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?  | X                 |     |    |
| 13.    | Are bareroot saplings required and/or scheduled to be planted for the dormant season (10/1 – 4/30)?  | X                 |     |    |
| 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. |                   |     | X  |

| Item # | Biological Conditions  | Pre-Con        | Post-Con       |
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| 15.    | <b>Predominant Substrate Type (select one):</b><br><i>Bedrock, Boulder (&gt;10"), Cobble (2-10"), Gravel (0.1-2"), Sand (&lt;0.1"), Mud/Silt/Clay</i>  | Cobble (2-10") | Cobble (2-10") |
| 16.    | <b>Channel Conditions:</b><br><b>Rating:</b> 1-Optimal (80-100% stable banks), 2-Suboptimal (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)   | 2 - Suboptimal | 2 - Suboptimal |
| 17.    | <b>Riparian Buffer Zone within ROW and ≤50 ft. from Stream Top-of-Bank:</b><br><b>Rating:</b> 1-Optimal (60-100% heavy vegetative cover), 2-Suboptimal (30-60% mixed vegetated coverage), 3-Marginal (<30% vegetative coverage), 4-Poor (Mowed/maintained area or farmland, impervious area, sparsely vegetated coverage, etc.)  | 2 - Suboptimal | 2 - Suboptimal |
| 18.    | <b>Instream Habitat Conditions:</b><br><b>Examples:</b> 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.<br><b>Rating:</b> 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) | 3 - Marginal   | 3 - Marginal   |
| 19.    | <b>Channel Alterations:</b><br><b>Examples:</b> 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.<br><b>Rating:</b> 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 | 2 - Minor      |

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**Comments/Remarks**

12/10/2024- Pre-construction meeting was held and pre-construction assessment was completed. Work is anticipated to start on 12/16/2024. MVP EI is Adam Taylor. All work will be conducted in the dry and a flume will be utilized to convey water through the work zone. -A. Breeding

12/16/2024- Crews removed existing timber mat bridge and prepped the stream bed for the box culvert to be installed. -C. VanEeckhout

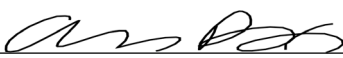
12/17/2024- A dam and pump were installed even though the stream is dry. Energy dissipator was placed on the downstream side in case of flow. Substrate was removed and segregated properly. The stream bed was excavated and excess dirt was hauled off. Area was measured out and prepped for culvert delivery. Flume was installed for overnight flow coverage. -A. Breeding

12/18/2024- Crane was delivered and culvert portions were delivered. Culvert was delivered, sealed and backfill began after the crane was removed. -A. Breeding

12/19/2024- Headers were installed and backfill was completed. No impacts to biological conditions were observed. -A. Breeding

12/20/2024- Culvert was capped off and gravel was restored to the road. Stabilization was applied and ECM was installed. The dam was removed from the stream and post-construction photos were taken. Post-construction assessment was completed and no impacts to biological conditions were observed during the culvert installation process. -A. Breeding

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.

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| <i>This report was written by</i> | <b>Alyson Breeding</b><br><i>Print Name</i> | <br><i>Signature</i> | <b>12/23/2024</b><br><i>Date</i> |
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## Required Photos



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



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



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



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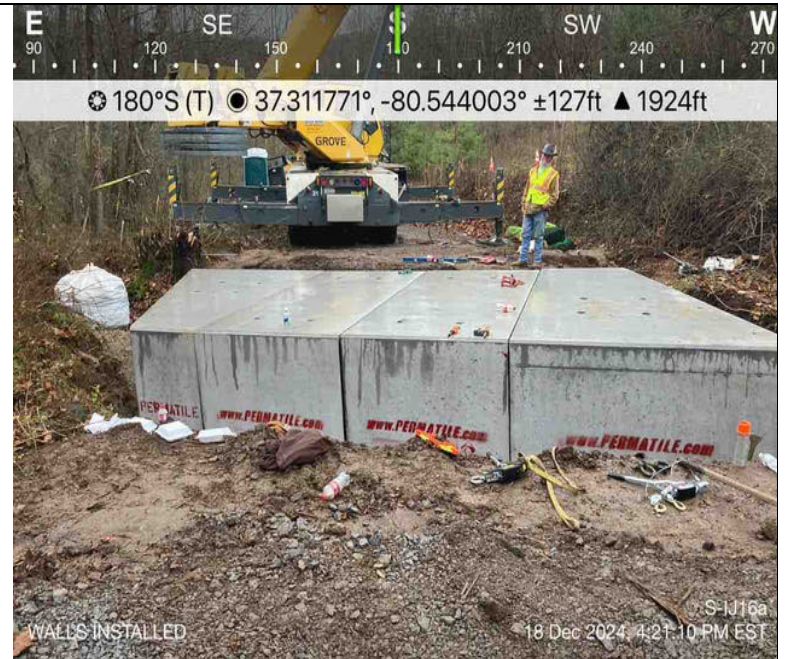
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## Optional Additional Photos



**Photo Description:** Stream substrate was segregated.



**Photo Description:** Culvert was installed in four sections.



**Photo Description:** Stream substrate was restored.



**Photo Description:** Banks were seeded and strayed and ECM installed.