

# STREAM BIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITOR REPORT

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<b>Stream ID:</b> S-KL6	<b>Crossing Start Date:</b> 11/04/2024	<b>Crossing Completion Date:</b> 11/04/2024
<b>Milepost:</b> N/A	<b>Pre-Con Assessment Date:</b> 11/01/2024	<b>Post-Con Assessment Date:</b> 11/04/2024
<b>Station:</b> N/A	<b>Stream Classification:</b> Perennial (Perennial, Intermittent, Ephemeral)	<b>Bankfull Width (ft.):</b> 4
<b>County:</b> Montgomery	<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? Time of Year Restrictions (TOYR)? <u>No</u> Fish Relocation? <u>Yes</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? (Select one or more) Dam & Pump, Flume, Cofferdam, Conventional Bore, Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) Bore?	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
15.	<b>Predominant Substrate Type (select one):</b> <i>Bedrock, Boulder (&gt;10"), Cobble (2-10"), Gravel (0.1-2"), Sand (&lt;0.1"), Mud/Silt/Clay</i>	Gravel (0.1-2")	Gravel (0.1-2")
16.	<b>Channel Conditions:</b> <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> <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> <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. <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)	4 - Poor	4 - Poor
19.	<b>Channel Alterations:</b> <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. <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)	3 - Moderate	3 - Moderate

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**Comments/Remarks**

11/01/2024: Pre-construction meeting and assessment completed. This impact is associated with the replacement of a pre-existing culvert along MVP access road MVP-MN-270. Pre-existing culvert is clogged/blocked with debris and transitions from a 27" concrete culvert to an 18" steel culvert underneath the roadway. -N. Fillip

Item #4: Marked as "Poor" due to majority of impact area consisting of a culvert, with little to no habitat conditions.

11/04/2024: James Simmons was MVP EI. Jeremy was the PPL foreman. Josh Hale from MBP was present. Nets were set up on upstream and downstream areas, and the fish relocation was completed for the impact area by Edge. The dam and pump method was used for stream conveyance, and a dewatering operation was set up for workspace dewatering. Minimal amount of brush was removed from the road embankments immediately above the culvert and for the excavators' swing radius. No trees were removed for the work effort. The road base was pulled back and excavation of the road down to the culvert began. The existing culvert was severely rusted and broke apart as it was being removed. The initial installation of the new culvert was not countersunk properly (6"), therefore it was pulled out and additional excavation was performed to achieve proper depth. After the culvert was installed to proper countersinking depth, backfill began with appropriate compaction, the road embankment was re-established. Seed with erosion control matting was applied to the disturbed area. The post-construction assessment was completed, and no unauthorized impacts to the resource or biological conditions were observed. -S. Fisher

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.

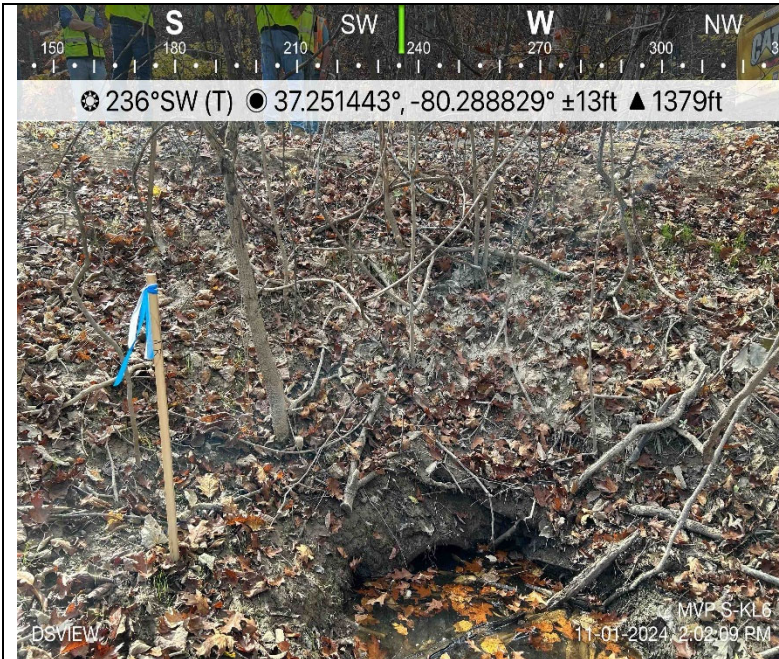
<i>This report was written by</i>	<u>Stephen Fisher</u> <i>Print Name</i>	<u>Stephen Fisher</u> <i>Signature</i>	<u>11/04/2024</u> <i>Date</i>
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## Required Photos



**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.



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## Optional Additional Photos



**Photo Description:** Dam and pump installation on upstream side of culvert.



**Photo Description:** Existing culvert removal. Steel culvert was heavily rusted and disintegrated during removal.



**Photo Description:** New culvert installed with proper countersinking depth of 6" below natural stream bottom.



**Photo Description:** View of upstream conditions from the new culvert installation after final stabilization.