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June 14, 2017

VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL: david.paylor@deq.virginia.gov

David K. Paylor, Director
Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Environmental Quality
P. O. Box 1105
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Re: DEQ – Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (MVP)

Dear Mr. Paylor:

I want to express the concerns of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia (“the Board of Supervisors”) and its citizens about reports that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) has seemingly backtracked on its earlier decision to require certification for each individual segment of the MVP project that crosses or affects a Virginia waterway. The Board of Supervisors urges you to reconsider. Relying on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under a blanket permit instead of exercising DEQ jurisdiction under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act is not the best means to preserve clean water in the County of Montgomery or the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board of Supervisors believes it is both unnecessary and unwise to delegate the authority to protect Virginia’s and the County of Montgomery’s streams and rivers to the Corps of Engineers when a Virginia agency such as DEQ has jurisdiction to preserve cleanwater for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

While the Board of Supervisors appreciates DEQ’s decision to examine and review environmental impacts of the MVP project on areas not covered by the Corps of Engineers blanket permit, the assessment of each water crossing is something that should remain within DEQ’s jurisdiction under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The Board of Supervisors respectfully asks that DEQ retain control and individually permit each crossing in Montgomery County.

The Board of Supervisors also respectfully requests on behalf of its citizens that Melanie Davenport and James Golden with DEQ schedule a time in the near future to come visit the County and its residents in order that they have an opportunity to observe first-hand the environmentally sensitive areas that will be put at risk by the MVP project.

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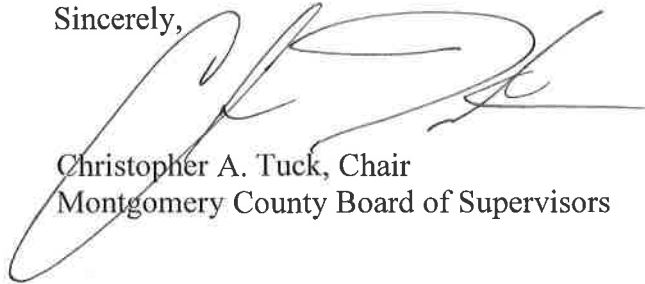
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Thank you for your attention in this matter and please advise when Ms. Davenport and Mr. Golden can visit so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Tuck", written over the printed name and title.

Christopher A. Tuck, Chair
Montgomery County Board of Supervisors

cc: Board of Supervisors
F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator
Martin M. McMahon, County Attorney