

## WATER QUALITY AND MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – WHAT TO SAY

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

And I live at \_\_\_\_\_

And my phone number is \_\_\_\_\_

I am personally concerned about the Mountain Valley Pipeline and my water because:

- The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is collecting important, detailed information from Mountain Valley Pipeline about upland impacts, but these public comment periods are occurring before the information has even been collected and posted on the DEQ website.
- DEQ has the legal authority – and responsibility - to deny permits to Mountain Valley Pipeline under Virginia Administration Code 9 VAC 25-210-80 but is instead relying solely on the much less rigorous U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Nationwide Permit 12 process.

The public expects the right to examine and comment on threats to water quality from any aspect of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, both during and after construction. I ask that DEQ

1. Comply with its own Virginia Water Protection Permit Program to analyze the water quality and health impacts of individual streams and wetlands by Mountain Valley Pipeline.
2. Follow the recommendations of the Department of Health to protect groundwater and drinking water, by requiring a complete sanitary survey within 1000 feet of the pipeline on either side of the pipeline and dye testing of any karst areas that Mountain Valley Pipeline proposes to cross.
3. Suspend the comment period on DEQ's draft 401 water quality certification until the agency has reviewed and performed this analysis and made the results available to the public for review.
4. After the comment period for the certifications is reinstated, hold additional public hearings in communities that would be affected by pipeline construction and operation.
5. Deny permits to noncomplying applicants.