

MOUNTAIN VALLEY WATCH

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SUBJ: Mountain Valley Pipeline Soil Cover

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN WOOD AND BOARD MEMBERS,

The Mountain Valley Watch is pleased to submit reports on lack of stabilization in the right-of-way of the Mountain Valley Pipeline. During a July 7, 2020 flight over the route of the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) in West Virginia and Virginia, the pilot captured several thousand aerial photos of the MVP under construction. Volunteers from the MVW recently reviewed thousands of aerial photos to determine the extent of bare unvegetated soil in the pipeline right of way.

The aerial flyover photos linked in these reports show that seeding of disturbed areas in the MVP right-of-way has not met minimum cover requirement standards. The MVW has recorded several aerial photo flights which shows that many of the areas in the photos have remained bare for long periods of time.

Reports for Pittsylvania, Franklin and Montgomery Counties in Virginia are included in this submission.

The photos are continuing evidence of unvegetated areas that require corrective action for lack of ground cover. We request action to correct these site stabilization violations.

Respectfully,

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