



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
NORFOLK DISTRICT  
FORT NORFOLK  
803 FRONT STREET  
NORFOLK VA 23510-1011

October 5, 2018

Regulatory Branch  
NAO-2017-0898 / VMRC#'s 2016-0305 and 2017-1609

**NOTICE OF NATIONWIDE PERMIT 12 VERIFICATION SUSPENSION**

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC  
Attn: Mr. Robert Cooper  
555 Southpointe Blvd., Suite 200  
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317

Dear Mr. Cooper:

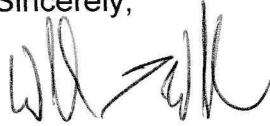
Please reference the January 23, 2018 Department of the Army permit verification letter, project number NAO-2015-08998 (VMRC #'s 2016-0305 and 2017-1609) issued to you authorizing under Nationwide Permit (NWP) #12, impacts to waters of the US (streams and wetlands) at 383 separate stream crossings and 142 separate wetland crossings within the Commonwealth of Virginia. These impacts facilitate the installation of a 302 mile 42 inch natural gas pipeline known as the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). On October 2, 2018, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit vacated the Corps' verification of MVP's compliance with the NWP 12 in West Virginia (order enclosed). Because of that order, it is uncertain whether NWP 12 will ultimately be available to authorize work for MVP in West Virginia. Therefore, the Norfolk District finds it appropriate to suspend your authorization and await clarity on this issue.

Exercising our authority under 33 CFR §330.5, we hereby suspend the January 23, 2018, authorization to conduct work under NWP 12. Effective immediately you must stop all activities being done in reliance upon the authorization under the NWP. You may take measures necessary to stabilize any work in progress. This suspension will remain in effect until the authorization is reinstated, modified or revoked.

Within 10 days of receipt of this notice of suspension, you may request a meeting with the Norfolk District to present information on this matter. After completion of such meeting or within a reasonable period of time after this notice, if no meeting is

requested, the Corps may take action to reinstate, modify or revoke the authorization. If you have any questions and/or concerns about this permit verification suspension, please contact me via telephone at (757) 201-7657 or via email at William.t.walker@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.T. Walker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William T. Walker  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure(s)

Cc:

Mike Rolband, Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.  
Randy Owen, Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
Steven Hardwick, Department of Environmental Quality  
Brian Clauto, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC