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DWR # 20181638 v2
Alamance & Rockingham Counties

Mountain Valley LLC
Attn: Kathy Salvaor
700 Universe Boulevard
Juno Beach FL 33408

Subject: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mountain Valley Pipeline – Southgate (MVP Southgate)

Dear Ms. Salvaor:

On August 14, 2019, the Division of Water Resources (Division) received your application dated August 9, 2019, requesting a Major Variance to the Jordan Lake Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 02B .0267) for your project. On September 23, 2019 the Division notified you that your application was incomplete and requested additional information. On October 30, 2019 the Division received a response to our request and upon review of that information the Division has determined that your application is incomplete and cannot be processed. **The application is on-hold until all of the following information is received [15A NCAC 02B .0267]:**

1. Provide a detailed buffer restoration plan for all temporary workspace areas within Zone 1 that are not within the operational corridor shown on the plans. The plan must include a replanting design including species and location, vegetation monitoring parameters, and proposed success criteria. Your response indicated that you were developing a buffer restoration plan in accordance with Section 9.(C)(7)(e) of the Riparian Buffer Protection (Model) Ordinance for Lands within the Jordan Watershed. Please ensure that the restoration plan is also in accordance with Item (n) of the Consolidated Buffer Mitigation Rules 15A NCAC 02B .0295.
2. The response letter dated October 30, 2019 indicates that “Routine vegetation management activities will only occur within 15 feet of the pipeline in the Jordan Lake riparian area.” however the Jordan Lake Watershed Impacts Major Variance Application Addendum Maps do not indicate a 30’ permanent maintenance/operational corridor within Zone 1. Please review the impact maps and adjust them, and the impact tables accordingly.



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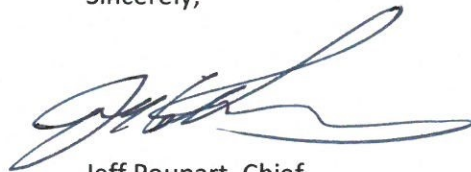
Pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0267, the applicant shall furnish all of the above requested information for the proper consideration of the application. Please respond in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter by sending one (1) copy of all of the above requested information to the 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617 OR by submitting all of the above requested information through this link: <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/Supplemental-Information-Form> (note the DWR# requested on the link is referenced above).

If all of the requested information is not received within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter, the Division will be unable to approve the application and it will be denied as incomplete. The denial of this project will necessitate reapplication to the Division for approval, including a complete application package and the appropriate fee.

Please be aware that you have no authorization under the Jordan Lake Riparian Buffer Rules for this activity and any work done within riparian buffers may be a violation of North Carolina General Statutes and Administrative Code.

Please contact Sue Homewood at 336-776-9693 or Sue.Homewood@ncdenr.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jeff Poupart, Chief
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