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I have reviewed the DEIS and EIS. This final Atlantic Coast Pipeline report is a sham. It ignores the public comments of hundreds of citizens and hands over property rights to corporate interests.

I urge the DEQ to do it's job by using laws in place, e.g. NEPA of 1970, CWA of 1972 and SWDA of 1974 to deny section 401 permits to Dominion. These laws provide tools to protect from discharge and prevent spills. These regulations (safe guards) were established to protect the water quality. The EIS is not a permit.

The ACP will cross 21 miles of national forest land, 430 acres, threatening 7 species of animals, cross 100 miles of mountain slopes adding significant risk of land slides. It will cross both the Monongehelia and Geo. Washington forests as well as the Blue Ridge Parkway and Applachian Nat. Scenic Trail. The pipeline will cross 189 streams and 43 wetlands in Augusta County alone. FEIS fails to address fully and correct many of the comments in the DEIS. There is no requirements of Dominion to minimise ridge top removal. We need to preserve our pristine wilderness, not destroy it.

There is no consideration for renewable energy. There is no significant need for this pipeline. We urge the DEQ to adhere to all conditions and safeguards in the 401 certification process. Our drinking water needs protection since small streams provide water for over 100 million Americans. The ACP will dump waste and pollutants into these streams. American tapwater already contains about 250 pollutants.

We need more safeguards for our water, not fewer.

Respectfully,



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