



MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE (MVP) INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD'S PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SEPT. 27 AND 28, 2021

- The public hearings will be recorded and the recordings will be available to view on DEQ's YouTube meeting channel (the link will be published on the DEQ MVP webpage).
- COVID-19:
 - Sept. 27 - Pigg River Community Center advises that face masks are required indoors.
 - Sept. 28 - Radford University requires face masks in indoor spaces regardless of vaccine status.
- Speaking at the public hearing: You will need to sign-in and indicate a desire to speak.
- Time limitation on comments: Each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes. There is no pooling or combining minutes allowed at the public hearing. Comments may also be submitted in writing.
- Courteous and respectful behavior is expected from everyone here tonight. Disruptive attendees may be asked to leave or, if considered necessary, a recess may be called, or the hearing could be adjourned.
 - Water is permitted, but no outside food or drink can be brought in.
 - Protests, demonstrations, signs and banners are not allowed. Tables may not be set up and written materials by other groups may not be distributed on the property, including all parking areas.
 - No possession or use of any device that may disrupt the conduct of business is permitted, including voice-amplification equipment, bullhorns, blow horns, sirens, or other noise-producing devices.
 - Attendees shall not block or gather in exits, doors or aisles.
 - No tobacco, smoking, e-cigarettes, alcohol, fireworks, pyrotechnics, weapons, or any substance/item controlled by law are permitted. No firearms except for those carried by law-enforcement officers or authorized security personnel are permitted.
 - No animals are allowed except for ADA service animals.
 - Attendees are welcome to record the proceedings; however, you may not interfere with the business of the meeting, nor impede the view or participation of other meeting attendees and staff.
- **After the Public Hearings – Next steps:**
 - Public comment period remains open for written comments through **Oct. 27, 2021**.
 - Comments will be reviewed and considered by DEQ in developing its final recommendations on the permit action. DEQ will prepare responses to relevant comments on the draft permit. DEQ will present its responses to comments and its recommended action to the State Water Control Board for its consideration and final action.
 - The Board will consider the comments received, DEQ's responses to comments and recommendation, and take final action at their meeting currently being planned for **Dec. 14, 2021**.
 - Since there will be a quorum of the Board at both public hearings held on the draft permit, there will **not** be an opportunity for public comment on the draft permit at the December Board meeting. The State Water Control Law does not require that there be an opportunity for public comment at the meeting when the public hearing regarding that action is conducted by a quorum of the Board.
- **Web Addresses for Information:**
 - Public Hearing Notice: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notice/water/wetlands-streams>
 - Public Calendar - Sept. 27 Public Hearing: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/356/17>
 - Public Calendar - Sept. 28 Public Hearing: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/358/17>