



ABRA Update #23 – April 10, 2015

Taking over the ABRA Updates

Greetings! As mentioned in the last ABRA Update, I'll be taking over this duty to help Lew focus on other issues. I hope that I'll be as good at keeping everybody informed as Lew has been and I'll be asking for his input as I get up to speed on this. One thing you may notice immediately is a slight format change. I will break down "the News" into three sections. First I'll deal with ACP-related stories that have a local focus. Next I'll cover some regional stories that focus on other projects (like MVP) but are relevant to our groups and efforts. Finally, the Big Picture section will attempt to present stories that integrate what is happening here with industry, regulatory agency and opposition actions and efforts across the country. We are not acting in isolation and I feel it is good to keep track of what is happening at all levels. If I find *good* news in any category, I'll finish the category with that!

Thanks! *Dan Shaffer*

Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition Launches Website

You've all heard the rumors! Now here it is! On April 2nd, DPMC launched its official website – <http://pipelineupdate.org>. Rick Webb has done a great job putting this together. The site is aimed at educating the public AND regulatory agencies about pipeline construction and regulation processes and highlighting deficiencies and areas of concern for both. The site provides news updates as well as an investigation of the regulatory system that is supposed to protect the public and public lands from industry run amok. A highlight of the site will be its use of specific Case Studies of individual pipeline projects, describing the many problems encountered before, during and after construction, including post-project monitoring efforts (or lack thereof). Thanks for your hard work on this, Rick!

In The News...

ACP/Local Concern:

Basic questions about pipeline remain unanswered

– The News Leader - 4/7/15

<http://www.newsleader.com/story/opinion/columnists/2015/04/07/basic-questions-pipeline-remain-unanswered/25417455/>

Dominion's Alt. Pipeline Path Stalls Development of Nelson Co. Resort

- NBC29 Charlottesville – 4/6/15

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/28726446/dominions-alt-pipeline-path-stalls-development-of-nelson-co-resort>

Dominion to withdraw lawsuits against landowners over pipeline surveys — and start over – The Daily Progress – 4/7/15

http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/dominion-to-withdraw-lawsuits-against-landowners-over-pipeline-surveys-and/article_02d78830-dd81-11e4-9fd4-833eaf2afc1.html

Regional Projects (MVP, AppCon, etc.):

Company Wants 100 West Virginians' Land For A Pipeline

- Climate Progress – 4/3/15

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2015/04/03/3642329/pipeline-company-sues-west-virginians/>

Buford: Wishful thinking vs. grassroots growth – Roanoke Times – 4/7/15

http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/buford-wishful-thinking-vs-grassroots-growth/article_69eb4533-faca-5a4c-ab07-a8d9dbf94e6a.html

Company apologizes after smoking subcontractor starts brush fire in Franklin County – Roanoke Times – 4/7/15

http://www.roanoke.com/business/news/franklin_county/pipeline-company-apologizes-after-smoking-subcontractor-starts-brush-fire-in/article_d690855d-d82f-5c0b-856f-175e563f31a0.html

Big Picture:

Virginia water demand to jump 32 percent by 2040, report says

- The Daily Progress – 4/10/15

http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/state/virginia-water-demand-to-jump-percent-by-report-says/article_85ab3bc0-dd96-11e4-9fad-3f4e9bb89bc3.html

Dominion selects Greenville County for site of new power station

- TidewaterNews – 4/7/15

<http://www.tidewaternews.com/2015/04/07/dominion-selects-greenville-county-for-site-of-new-power-station/>

PJM reports large number of coal plant shutdowns scheduled soon

- Electric Light & Power – 4/2/15

<http://www.elp.com/articles/2015/04/pjm-reports-large-number-of-coal-plant-shutdowns-scheduled-soon.html>

PG&E Fined \$1.6 Billion for San Bruno Pipeline Explosion

- Natural Gas Intelligence – 4/9/15

<http://www.naturalgasintel.com/articles/101930-pge-fined-16b-for-san-bruno-pipeline-explosion>

PHMSA's pipeline cases drop as accidents increase

- Environment and Energy Publishing – 4/8/15

<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060016386>

Resolution urges pipeline cooperation

- SavannahNow.com, Savannah Morning News – 4/6/15

<http://savannahnow.com/news/2015-04-06/resolution-urges-pipeline-cooperation>

It Turns Out That You Can't Divide Americans Over Renewable Energy

- CleanEdge.com – 4/6/15

http://cleanedge.com/views/It-Turns-Out-That-You-Can%E2%80%99t-Divide-Americans-Over-Renewable-Energy?utm_source=CE+Master&utm_campaign=ddd8e70bd-Cleanwatch+February+2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a0c361efc9-ddd8e70bd-72275309