



ABRA Update #51 – October 20, 2015

Saturday's ABRA Meeting Registration Deadline Tomorrow

Registrations for the Saturday, October 24 meeting of the Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance are due Wednesday, October 21. "The Road Ahead" will convene at 10 am and conclude at 2:30 pm at the Augusta County Government Center, 18 Government Center Lane, Verona, VA 24482 (Directions: <http://www.co.augusta.va.us/Index.aspx?page=27>)

To register for the meeting, email the name(s) of each registrant, their associated organization, and the email address and phone number for each person to Dan Shaffer at dshaffer@abralliance.org. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Please note: The meeting is open only to representatives of ABRA member organizations, and with up to 3 attendees per organization.

"The Road Ahead" will identify strategies that should be considered by ABRA and its member organizations to successfully oppose the construction of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The agenda is:

10:00 am	Welcome remarks, self-introductions
10:15	Appraising the Road Ahead – a panel discussion reviewing the status of the ACP proposal and foreseeable scenarios. Participants: Greg Buppert, Joe Lovett, Nancy Sorrells, Rick Webb
12:00 pm	Strategy discussion groups (including lunch) on legal, legislative, environmental resources and communications
1:30 pm	Discussion group reports
2:30	Adjournment

ABRA Committee Chairs Named

Chairs of the newly-created ABRA standing committees, announced in last week's Update, have been appointed:

- Legal Committee – Greg Buppert, Southern Environmental Law Center
- Outreach and Advocacy Committee – Nancy Sorrells, Augusta County Alliance
- Environmental Resources Committee – Rick Webb, Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition
- Finance Committee – Kate Wofford, Shenandoah Valley Network

Committee members and some special task forces will be appointed by the ABRA Chair in consultation with the ABRA Steering Committee and will be announced within the next few weeks.

In the News:**Local/Atlantic Coast Pipeline****Cameras focus on proposed Dominion pipeline**

- News Leader – 10/17/15

<http://www.newsleader.com/story/news/local/2015/10/17/cameras-focus-proposed-dominion-pipeline/74157266/>

Group aims to capture the natural beauty and resources along the proposed ACP route...and help ensure that we do not lose them

Activists Rally for Climate Change Response at Downtown Mall

- NBC29.com – 10/14/15

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/30263532/activists-rally-for-climate-change-response-at-downtown-mall>

Regional/Mountain Valley Pipeline, other**Worried about pipeline-related erosion and sediment, counties seek DEQ involvement**

- Roanoke Times – 10/14/15

http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/worried-about-pipeline-related-erosion-and-sediment-counties-seek-deq/article_4ab0codf-343d-5c6f-b387-c6d62adcb29a.html

Hats off to the Pipeline Air Force for bringing this to our (and DEQ's) attention!

Pipeline must be closely monitored by DEQ

- The Franklin News-Post – 10/16/15

http://www.thefranklinnewspost.com/editorials/pipeline-must-be-closely-monitored-by-deq/article_949b193a-743a-11e5-afb4-0301a7129baa.html

The message is catching on...

Porterfield: Why candidates' views on the pipeline should matter

- Roanoke Times – 10/19/15

http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/letters/porterfield-why-candidates-views-on-the-pipeline-should-matter/article_8dede23e-87fc-5eee-8604-e5c5535874fb.html

Response to Oct. 6 opinion piece advising the opposite

Big Picture:**The Federal Agency Behind The Gross Expansion Of Fracking Pipelines**

- TruthOut.org – 10/17/15

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/33239-the-federal-agency-behind-the-gross-expansion-of-fracking-pipelines>

Discusses FERC and its role and actions during the current rush to build NG infrastructure – Good Read

Plenty Of Oil And Gas Flows In Texas Pipelines, But Money For Safety Research?

- HoutsonPublic Media – 10/20/2015

<http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/news/plenty-of-oilampgas-flows-in-texas-pipelines-but-money-for-safety-research/>

“It has never made less sense to build fossil fuel power plants”

Appalachian gas pipeline developers facing more challenges from environmentalists: execs

- Platts.com – 10/16/15

<http://www.platts.com/latest-news/natural-gas/pittsburgh/appalachian-gas-pipeline-developers-facing-more-21310494>

IECA: Customers Should Get Refunds for Overcharges by Gas Pipelines

- Energy Manager Today – 10/14/15

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/ieca-customers-get-refunds-overcharges-gas-pipelines-0116838/>

Between 2009 and 2013, interstate pipelines overcharged customer s more than \$3 billion