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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

*Docket # CP15-554*

To Whom it May Concern:

Please see Waterkeepers Chesapeake's comments below regarding Docket # CP15-554. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Katlyn Clark  
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*Waterkeepers Chesapeake*  
240-320-7711

Anacostia Riverkeeper  
Assateague Coastkeeper  
Baltimore Harbor Waterkeeper  
Chester Riverkeeper  
Choptank Riverkeeper  
Gunpowder Riverkeeper

Lower James Riverkeeper  
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper  
Miles-Wye Riverkeeper  
Potomac Riverkeeper  
Sassafras Riverkeeper  
Severn Riverkeeper

Shenandoah Riverkeeper  
South Riverkeeper  
Upper James Riverkeeper  
Upper Potomac Riverkeeper  
Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper  
West Rhode Riverkeeper



## **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC): Docket # CP15-554**

150 people have signed a petition on Action Network telling you to Stop Fracked Gas Pipeline In VA, WV & NC!.

Here is the petition they signed:

FERC's conclusion that any impacts on the environment of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline could be mitigated so that "the majority of project effects would be reduced to less-than-significant levels" is not supported by the overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is grossly inadequate and incomplete. The burden is on FERC to fully investigate the environmental risks and costs associated with the ACP, including all new and supplemental information. FERC has not done this.

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Washington National Forests; and

- \* Degrade the usefulness of affected agriculture and forest resources.

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- \* Degradation of scenic and recreational values in our national forests.

6. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is incomplete and fails to meet commonsense safety guidelines and the minimum legal requirements of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FERC should reject the Atlantic Coast Pipeline application.

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

Robin Broder

1. An anonymous signer (zip code: 15238)

2. Alexis Baden-Mayer (zip code: 22309)

3. alicia divens (zip code: 21742)

4. Amanda Dewey (zip code: 20740)

5. Amy Isaacs (zip code: 21804)

6. Amy Smeltzer (zip code: 21532)

7. Anastasia Wrioughtson (zip code: 21654)

PLEASE reconsider this pipe line. Fracking has now been outlawed in the state of MD and for good

reason.

8. Andrew Bain (zip code: 22924)

9. Mallory Mlynarek (zip code: 20876)

This is taking a huge step back for America. Why are we putting our water and other natural resources at risk of extreme contamination when our efforts can be put into clean energy alternatives? Corporate bribes are the only reason I can think of why our congressmen and women

are still pushing for these polluting practices. Time to put our environment and human safety above

personal profits.

10. Alan peltzer (zip code: 21120)

11. Barbara Cunningham (zip code: 28739)

Fracking is dangerous and should be banned! Too many lives are affected by this procedure which

destroys communities, people's health, water supplies and causes earthquakes!

12. Brad Bell (zip code: 22408)

13. Bev Morgan (zip code: 19966)

Please protect our planet from the greed of fossil fuel miners. Stop the pipeline now!

14. Angela Perkins (zip code: 23320)

Please do not destroy our lands, health and wildlife for corporate greed!

15. William Reuter (zip code: 21230)

16. Shirley Ford (zip code: 21727)

17. Brian Dick (zip code: 22046)

18. Robin Broder (zip code: 22205)

19. Cameron McElroy (zip code: 99352)

We need to Stop Fracked Pipeline in Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina!

20. Caleb Laieski (zip code: 22406)

Thank you for your time and consideration, Caleb Laieski

21. Lisa Stevens (zip code: 22015)

Save our forests! Cheap gas is not nearly as important to our future!

22. Carrie Eichelberger (zip code: 21230)

23. Chris Preperato (zip code: 22003)

24. Lucinda Snow (zip code: 20874)

25. clint marallo (zip code: 12572)

26. Joan Muzzillo (zip code: 21601)

HAVE YOU NO SHAME! Is there nothing politicians and business won't do for profit, power and fame

at the expense of we citizens and our environment who bear the nasty results of your madness?!

STOP - NO 600 mile fracked gas ACP!

27. Carol Smith (zip code: 21532)

28. Colin deLeyer (zip code: 21047)

29. Daphne Byron (zip code: 20906)

Please ensure that a complete and thorough Draft Environmental Impact Statement is made in order

to explore all the environmental risks and costs associated with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline before

making a decision to proceed.

30. Dorothea Newport (zip code: 21042)

Support more renewable energy sources, not environmentally damaging fossil fuels.

31. Donna Feirtag (zip code: 22205)

32. Kevin Hurleu (zip code: 21403)

33. Dudley Lindsley (zip code: 20650)

34. Donald Howard (zip code: 20724)

FERC: Harnessing solar energy is increasing rapidly. We do NOT need more gas pipelines. Heed the

local opposition and reject the ACP pipeline!

35. Richard McDonough (zip code: 22851)

36. m drucker (zip code: 22032)

37. doug meikle (zip code: 20120)

38. Evan Isaacson (zip code: 21403)

Not only has there not been sufficient analysis of whether the pipeline will be needed but more importantly there is scant attention paid to the inconsistency of the pipeline with the goals of the Clean Water Act. It would significantly hinder compliance with the Bay TMDL targets at a time when

everyone is spending billions to try to meet the Bay restoration goals on time. This pipeline is a horrible idea.

39. Erin May (zip code: 22204)

40. Cynthia Erville (zip code: 20901)

41. ELLEN ZIMMERMAN (zip code: 22602-6935)

Imagine that YOUR children and grandchildren have been drinking tainted water for a few years - and

no one knew what havoc this was wreaking in their little bodies. How can you pretend that the

consequences of approving this pipeline won't affect REAL PEOPLE. How can you stand by and let

the almighty dollar hurt the region economically and environmentally? How is it possible that science

and fact are being overlooked so rampantly in this administration? How do you explain the phenomenal increase in earthquakes in Oklahoma? Where have common sense and compassion gone?

42. Franklin Shap (zip code: 21550)

I am opposed to the pipeline, and its potential environmental impact.

43. Frelenda Dacquisto (zip code: 20650)

44. Zoe Friedman (zip code: 21213)

45. Raymond Frizzell (zip code: 15206)

Put the rubber stamp away!

46. will guthrie (zip code: 22205)

47. Geraldine Rosen (zip code: 20714)

Please stop fracked gas pipeline in VA , WV and NC.

Environmental impacts must be considered!

48. Andrew Heer (zip code: 21054)

49. Stephanie Felton (zip code: 21716)

50. Gail Criger (zip code: 22630)

51. judi decker (zip code: 20715)

Fracking leads to poison water and earthquakes. Not worth the trade offs.

52. Hedda Haning (zip code: 25302)

53. Henri Bowman (zip code: 24401)

We do not need this pipeline. Please do your job and access the environmental impacts building this

pipeline will have on our land.

54. Heidi Pringle (zip code: 21042)

55. Stephanie Joyner (zip code: 21228)

56. Hank Stone (zip code: 14475)

57. David Hurley (zip code: 21015)

58. S Long (zip code: 21046)

I am against this pipeline near it thru rivers/parks. Thank you.

59. Michael Kahn (zip code: 19320)

60. yvonne Irvin (zip code: 20640)

61. Jason Woodby (zip code: 23836)

It is dangerous to build pipelines in karst topography

62. Jean Cushman (zip code: 21286-5427)

63. Jean Pitaro (zip code: 90069)

64. Julie Giessler (zip code: 14469-9514)

Check out Dimock, Pa, and what happened to their drinking water!!! This is just one community. NY

State, under Governor Cuomo banned fracking! WHY? The consequences of hydrofracking

devastated and destroyed this town. There is plenty of evidence to DENY fracking since it is harmful

to environments! THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU ENACT THE APC PIPELINE!

65. John Neumeister (zip code: 10032)

66. Joy Kroeger-Mappes (zip code: 21532)

67. Joan Clement (zip code: 21053)



68. Roger Gilpin (zip code: 21522)

69. John Roach (zip code: 21214)

70. John McPeck (zip code: 22031)

And we were just starting to get somewhere in the Chesapeake! Our grade is finally up to D+!

71. James Strick (zip code: 20901)

The environmental and public health risks of this project outweigh the potential gains.

James Strick, Professor

Dept. of Earth and Environment

Franklin and Marshall College

Lancaster, PA 17604-3003

72. JT Merryman (zip code: 21228)

We have alternatives to fossil fuels. There are no alternatives to clean water.

73. Judith Burch (zip code: 22903)

74. Judy Bryan (zip code: 22306)

75. Karen Fedorov (zip code: 22712-7844)

Keep it in the ground! Promote truly clean energy!

76. Kelly Catlett (zip code: 21037)

77. Avis Ogilvy (zip code: 70118-4057)

78. Leslie Back (zip code: 22301)

79. Louise Wallace (zip code: 22031)

No pipeline carrying anything toxic should be anywhere near water of any kind.

80. Carolyn Armstrong (zip code: 21617)

I am totally against fracking. Please do not ruin the forests left to the public to enjoy. These are critical

environmental areas.

81. Lois Hybl (zip code: 21218)

82. Elizabeth Heneghan (zip code: 19707)

The Chesapeake Bay and watershed area should be considered natural treasures. Is there not another solution to fracking, rather than threatening this delicate environment which is already in a precarious state?

83. Linda Woods (zip code: 21601)

84. lois lommel (zip code: 23235)

85. Lucie Geinzer (zip code: 21738)

86. Lynne Lee (zip code: 22485)

87. Lynn Maher (zip code: 21701)

Vote No to ACP.

88. David Lyon (zip code: 07601)

89. Daryl Manuel (zip code: 20657)

Stop poisoning our planet

90. Martin Abramo (zip code: 22602)

91. maya gorina (zip code: 20895)

92. Mark Zimmerman (zip code: 22602)

93. Megan Cooley-Klein (zip code: 20874)

FERC should fully investigate the environmental risks and costs associated with the Atlantic Coast

Pipeline.

94. Marcia Fairman (zip code: 22520)

95. Martha Keeley (zip code: 22620)

96. MICHAEL LEICHT (zip code: 21225)

97. Michael Lombardi (zip code: 19054-2023)

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98. Molly Jean Kirkup Heer (zip code: 21409)

99. Michael Klump (zip code: 23005)

100. Matthew Reid (zip code: 22611)

Please do not allow this pipeline to pollute our great state of va

101. Joanne Christofel (zip code: 21403)

102. Nancy Plaxico (zip code: 21403)

103. Todd Lipcsey (zip code: 22193)

104. Ned Stone (zip code: 22308)

105. Edward Newcomen (zip code: 21620)

Most rural Marylanders have their own well water - fracking is a serious danger to these people's health - stop the fracking and stop the poisoning of well water

106. Nicki Sikler (zip code: 18301)

Pipes leak, whether oil or gas pipelines. Do not risk our water, land and air.

107. oza Bell (zip code: 22454)

Please do NOT use fracking in my state of Virginia!

108. Lori Parks-Murphy (zip code: 21742)

109. Christine Payden-Travers (zip code: 24503)

110. mark perreault (zip code: 23508)

111. Jeffry Iliff (zip code: 25411)

Please do not risk our environment with more dangerous pipelines.

112. Laura Livesay (zip code: 24086)

113. Thomas Fisher (zip code: 31620)

114. Randy Murbach (zip code: 210425325)

115. Alan Harper (zip code: 23225)

116. An anonymous signer (zip code: 21620)

117. Robin Broder (zip code: 21037)

118. Christopher Rossi (zip code: 20832)

119. Robin Broder (zip code: 22205)

120. Robert Shippee (zip code: 23233)

121. Ruth Carlson (zip code: 21028)

122. Hugh Mealy (zip code: 21401)

123. Alex Bryan (zip code: 98368)

124. Sheila Sawyer (zip code: 21921)

125. Lorenz Steininger (zip code: 86558)

126. An anonymous signer (zip code: 20016)

127. Sharon Reuter (zip code: 21230)

128. Rebecca Jeffery (zip code: 21663)

NO FRACKING!! Living in Colorado in 1960's. Had earthquakes because the Rocky Mountain Arsenal was pumping waste into the ground. When they stopped, the quakes stopped.

129. Annette Fay (zip code: 22209)

130. Sophia Marx (zip code: 21037)

This is an unnecessary project. This is not for building a greater America. A great America is one that

uses renewable energy. Stop with the fracking and the pipelines. They are detrimental to our physical

health. They are detrimental to our environmental health.

131. Sondra Novo (zip code: 21084)

132. Susanne Groenendaal (zip code: 16801)

133. Mitchelle Stephenson (zip code: 21037)

134. Randy and Lydia Stettler (zip code: 18343)

We are against fracking. We want clean wind & solar energy and jobs. NO FRACKING ON STATE OR

FEDERAL FOREST LANDS!!!!

135. Thomas Wasmund (zip code: 22485-4763)

We DO NOT WANT OR NEED another fracked gas pipeline

136. Shane Worth (zip code: 20011)

137. Richard Owens (zip code: 23146)

The fracked gas pipeline is not in citizens best interests.

138. Tracey Katsouros (zip code: 20601)

139. Theresa Waldspurger (zip code: 28607)

140. Barbara Quist (zip code: 20876)

141. Cary Moy (zip code: 60302)

142. Vicki Carlson (zip code: 21550)

143. Vonda Vandaveer (zip code: 22314)

144. Rose Levering (zip code: 32176)

Please do not go through with the ACP. My husband and I were born and raised in Virginia and Maryland, respectively. Friends and family are still there. But, fracking is a bad idea pretty much wherever it may occur.

Rose Levering

145. wendy perry (zip code: 21620)

A full and complete Environmental Impact study must be done! We don't even need another pipeline,

existing pipelines are sufficient, and the emphasis must be put on renewable energy. Not enough is

known about the permanent damaging effects of fracking.

146. patricia winkelmayer (zip code: 21811)

147. Winnie Carpenter (zip code: 21043)

148. An anonymous signer (zip code: 20747)



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