



ABRA Update #33 – June 18, 2015

35 Organizations Sign-on to ABRA Policy on the ACP

Thirty-five ABRA members have endorsed the new ABRA policy statement on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The policy is being sent today with a press release to media in Virginia and West Virginia. It is also being sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, state legislators in Virginia and West Virginia and the congressional delegations and governors of both states. The press release and policy statement are posted on the ABRA website at <http://abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/ABRA-policy-press-release-6-18-15.pdf> and <http://abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/ABRA-policy-position-on-the-Atlantic-Coast-Pipeline-6-18-15.pdf>, respectively. ABRA members are urged to distribute the new policy to their local government officials.

In the News:

Local/Atlantic Coast Pipeline

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline goes to court

- WMRA.com – 6/12/15
<http://wmra.org/post/atlantic-coast-pipeline-goes-court>
One couple's fight to preserve their land from the ACP

Battle heats up over controversial Atlantic Coast Pipeline

- McClatchy Washington Bureau – 6/15/15
<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2015/06/15/269955/battle-heats-up-over-controversial.html>
Discusses legal actions, opposition fundraising, potential customers' opinions

Opposition to Pipeline Questions Validity of Survey on the Issue

- NBC29.com – 6/14/15
<http://www.nbc29.com/story/29316940/opposition-to-pipeline-questions-validity-of-survey-on-the-issue>
Opponents say survey doesn't accurately reflect opinions on the project

Regional/Mountain Valley Pipeline, other

Smith: We don't want the MVP in anybody's back yard

- Roanoke Times – 6/17/15
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/smith-we-don-t-want-the-mvp-in-anybody-s/article_27c003fd-b1dc-58af-a84c-d45440bfo31c.html
Strength in unity, failure in division – a good message to remember

Montgomery County supervisors opt for unity in regional fight against Mountain Valley Pipeline

- Roanoke Times – 6/15/15
http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/montgomery-county/montgomery-county-supervisors-opt-for-unity-in-regional-fight-against/article_81d3e713-d78d-51eb-904b-5a0563097712.html
“Don’t throw your neighbors under the bus!”

Pipeline protesters hold rally at government center

- The Franklin News Post – 6/17/15
http://www.thefranklinnews.com/news/pipeline-protesters-hold-rally-at-government-center/article_f3f41e14-1467-11e5-be5e-0f6c96772fee.html
Residents want county supervisors to take a stand

Our view: Why isn’t FERC like the EPA?

- Roanoke Times – 6/13/15
http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-why-isn-t-ferc-like-the-epa/article_27b21744-a7ca-584a-a981-2a66997aocfe.html
Mainly because of its mandate and leadership. Not to mention the Administration’s energy goals

Class project about pipeline turns into long-term community resource

- WDBJ7.com – 6/12/15
<http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/class-project-about-pipeline-turns-into-longterm-community-resource/33559506>

Big Picture:

New NASA data show how the world is running out of water

- The Washington Post – 6/16/15
http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2015/06/16/new-nasa-studies-show-how-the-world-is-running-out-of-water/?wpisrc=nl_headlines&wpmmm=1
The waters of the Appalachian Mountains may be called upon to supply the eastern part of the state. They need to be protected!

House Panel OKs Bill Calling for Pipeline Corridors in National Forests

- West Virginia Public Broadcasting – 6/12/15
<http://wvpublic.org/post/house-panel-oks-bill-calling-pipeline-corridors-national-forests>
Score one for the gas industry...

Natural Gas Boom Prompts Questions in Congress on the Industry’s Future

- Roll Call – 6/12/15
http://www.rollcall.com/news/natural_gas_boom_prompts_questions_in_congress_on_the_industrys_future-242324-1.html?pg=2&dczone=policy
It seems some in Washington are looking ahead – but through the right lens?

Bill targets “loopholes” for fracking pollution

- The Hill – 6/12/15
<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/244802-dem-seeks-to-close-fracking-pollution-loopholes>
Bill aims to roll back Clean Water Act exemption for fracking

Attorney General Maura Healey urges caution on building new natural gas pipelines

- MASSLive.com – 6/17/15
http://www.masslive.com/politics/index.ssf/2015/06/attorney_general_maura_healey_7.html