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**PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION**

Special Projects Regulatory Section  
NAO-2025-1787 (Snow Creek)

Jeffrey Klinefelter  
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2200 Energy Drive  
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Dear Jeffery Klinefelter:

This letter is in regard to your request for a preliminary jurisdictional determination of the aquatic resources (e.g., wetlands, streams, and ponds), on an approximately 25-acre project area located at 1699 Airport Road, known as the Snow Creek Permittee Responsible Mitigation Site, in Franklin County, Virginia (tax map parcel # 1090002401) hereinafter referred to as project area.

The map entitled "Figure A-4, Location of Wetlands and Waterbodies, Snow Creek Permittee Responsible Mitigation Project, Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC", by Burns & McDonnell dated August 7, 2025 and received by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on August 7, 2025 (copy enclosed) provides the locations of the aquatic resources within the project area referenced above. This letter is not confirming the Cowardin classifications of these aquatic resources.

These aquatic resources exhibit wetland criteria as defined in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and the Eastern Mountains and Piedmont Regional Supplement. This site also contains aquatic resources with an ordinary high-water mark.

This preliminary jurisdictional determination and associated aquatic resource delineation map may be submitted with a permit application.

Please be aware that you may be required to obtain a Corps permit for any discharge of dredged and/or fill material, either temporary or permanent, into a water of the U.S. In addition, you may be required to obtain a Corps permit for certain activities occurring within, under, or over a navigable water of the U.S. subject to the Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Furthermore, you may be required to obtain state and local authorizations, including a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), and/or a permit from your local wetlands board.

This delineation and preliminary jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. Therefore, if you or your tenant are US Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

This is a preliminary jurisdictional determination and is not a legally binding determination regarding whether Corps jurisdiction applies to the aquatic resources in question. To determine Corps' jurisdiction, you may request and obtain an approved jurisdictional determination.

This delineation of aquatic resources can be relied upon for no more than five years from the date of this letter. New information may warrant revision. Enclosed is a copy of the "Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form". Please review the document, sign, and return one copy to the Corps, either by email [steven.a.vanderploeg@usace.army.mil](mailto:steven.a.vanderploeg@usace.army.mil) or by standard mail to Attn: Steven VanderPloeg, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, CENAO-WR-R, 9100 Arboretum Parkway, Suite 235, Richmond Virginia 23236.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven VanderPloeg either via telephone at (804) 397-9836 or via email at [steven.a.vanderploeg@usace.army.mil](mailto:steven.a.vanderploeg@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure(s):

cc: Mr. Christian King, Burns McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.  
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