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## Gov. Justice Issues Statement on Mountain Valley Pipeline Decision

Gov. Justice issued this statement on the recent MVP decision:

"As governor of this state and in conjunction with WVDEP, I can say without a shred of doubt that we will always do what is in the best interest of protecting the waters of this state and the health of its people.

While the WVDEP is not a party to this lawsuit, we can say that this project is extremely important to West Virginia. This project represents thousands of jobs and millions of dollars being spent to benefit this state, not to mention the long term stability and boost the energy economy of this country will see as a result of this project's completion.

I have been in contact with WVDEP leadership and they report that the builders of each segment of this pipeline work hard to protect the waters of this state, and they are doing a good job. While there have been violations that have

resulted from the WVDEP's inspection of this pipeline, these violations have been corrected quickly.

We will continue to monitor these proceedings closely to determine what role the state may play in expediting the construction of this pipeline. This project is vital to the energy future of the United States and we will do everything we can to ensure it is constructed in an environmentally sound manner."



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