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## Pipeline opponents to develop guidance for well and spring monitoring; funding sought

MONTEREY — Among the significant concerns about the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline is the potential for damage to private and public water supplies. Although Dominion, the developer, indicates it will monitor the quality and quantity of water supply springs and wells, some believe the information it has provided about its monitoring plans is incomplete. Landowners and communities need to establish a baseline and collect the data necessary to hold Dominion responsible for water supply damage caused by its pipeline.

In response to this need, the Environmental Resources Committee of the Allegheny-

Blue Ridge Alliance is undertaking a project to provide guidance on monitoring wells and springs at risk due to pipeline construction.

Downstream Strategies, a Morgantown, W.Va., environmental consulting firm, will examine the potential implications of pipeline development on private and public water supplies and will provide recommendations for water quality and quantity monitoring for landowners and water providers.



**The Mackey Spring, on the left, flows into the upper Jackson River, south of Vanderpool in Highland County. The Mackey Spring is known to run muddy due to disturbance in the karst recharge area further up the valley. The source of the muddy water in this photo, taken in February 2015, was not determined. (click [here](#) for photo enlargement)**

The report will address both the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline.

The report is expected to be available at the end of April and will be made public. It will consist of the following sections:

- **An overview of risks, potential impacts, and other water supply issues related to pipeline development;**
- **A description and evaluation of ACP and MVP water supply monitoring plans;**
- **Recommendations for monitoring water sources for quality and quantity in relation to pipeline development; and**
- **A guide for consulting and laboratory services to conduct water monitoring**

Rick Webb, chair of the Environmental Resources Committee and program coordinator of the Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition, will manage the study for ABRA.

Special funding for the study is being provided by support from ABRA members and supporters. So far, **two-thirds of the needed \$10,630 has been raised** from contributions by the Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, Highlanders for Responsible Development, and individual donations.

Further financial help is needed, and the groups urge others to consider making a contribution to support this important study.

Checks should be made out and mailed to: Highlanders for Responsible Development–ABRA (with “Water Study” in the memo line), P.O. Box 685, Monterey, Va. 24465.

For further questions about the project, contact Webb at [rwebb.dpmmc@gmail.com](mailto:rwebb.dpmmc@gmail.com).

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