

## **Another Short Letter to the Governor**

Dear Governor McAuliffe,

I am writing to ask you to carefully reconsider your pro stance on the EQT/NextEra Mountain Valley Pipeline Project proposed to come through the Roanoke and New River Valleys. The EQT project will have as its source natural gas resulting from hydro-fracking in the Marcellus Shale field of West Virginia.

There is increasing evidence of the potential detrimental effects that hydrofracking can have on a resident's well water, air quality, and damage to the environment. Any reliance on the limited resource of fossil fuels is shortsighted. All of the funding and technological expertise being put toward development of oil and gas should be redirected to the development of renewable energy sources as you advocated during your gubernatorial race. I implore you to return to the pro-green platform relied on by many Virginia in voting for you.

The pipelines to transport the fracked natural gas from West Virginia will inevitably require coming through some part of Southwest Virginia. There is nothing "green" about these pipelines, as they will be unprecedentedly large and under extraordinary high pressure, 1,400 pounds per square inch. The lines will require periodic compressor stations which will require between 10 and 25 acres of land and will have between two and five 1,340 horsepower compressors which will run and make unpleasant noise 24/7. The industrialization of our rural landscapes and the alteration of our small town lifestyles will be destroyed forever. These are quality of life issues which may be difficult to quantify, but nonetheless are the reason that many of us choose to live in Southwest Virginia. I hope you will not allow this to be your legacy. Please return to your campaign pledge to be a pro-green governor.