

The Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance (ABRA) applauds the action Friday evening by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to order that all work on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) cease. The action, which was in response to an August 6 decision by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals and an August 6 request to FERC by several ABRA members, was indeed appropriate. The Court properly recognized in its decision that permits issued for the ACP by some federal agencies were done in haste and in contradiction to those agencies' own regulatory standards. ABRA and its members have long argued that the approval process for the ACP was deeply flawed. We are heartened that the 4th Circuit has recognized the legitimacy of our arguments and we hope that FERC and other relevant government agencies will take a second look at their earlier decisions to approve the project in the first place.

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