The Atlantic Coast Pipeline

A danger to Virginia's environment

Overview

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline is a 600-mile 42-inch diameter natural gas pipeline being constructed along the East Coast of the United States by Dominion Energy. The pipeline begins in West Virginia, runs through Virginia, and terminates in North Carolina. The project, which began in 2010, is a danger to the environment of the Commonwealth of Virginia as it runs directly through the Blue Ridge Mountains, the George Washington National Forest, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Appalachian Trail.

Specifications

- The pipeline will cut through two national parks, the George Washington National Forest, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- 2. The pipeline will also cut across the Appalachian Trail, the longest walking path in the United States.
- 3. The pipeline will run across approximately 1,500 streams and rivers.

Milestones

- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals: This court ruled that the National Park
 Service violated its mission by allowing the Pipeline to cut a 50-foot scar
 through the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- 2. **Army Corps of Engineers:** The Army Corps of Engineers has suspended construction on the project after a court made a ruling regarding the pipelines danger of crossing 1,500 streams.
- 3. **The US Forest Service:** A court revoked a permit allowing the pipeline to cut through two national parks and the Appalachian Trail.
- The US Fish and Wildlife Service: A panel of federal judges threw out a permit as it failed to
 consider the damage the pipeline could cause to the endangered Indiana bat and Madison cave
 isopod.

