

## **Wild Virginia files a motion to intervene in Dominion's plans for a gas export facility in Cove Point**

Dominion Resources recently applied to construct a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility on the coast at Cove Point, Maryland. In response, Wild Virginia of Charlottesville, VA responded this Monday, submitting comments and a motion to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to intervene. Wild Virginia urged them to reject the Dominion's application.

The proposed Cove Point facility will rely on increased fracking in the Marcellus shale, the geologic formation under parts of Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, New York, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Increasing demand for burning fossil fuels and exporting our natural gas is not in our country's best interest.

Once the industry has fracked its gas, sacrificing people's health and drinking water along the way, the industry wants to get that gas to the coast. Hence three new proposed pipelines that slice through Virginia and one Dominion Pipeline that would bisect some of the most rare and pristine areas in the George Washington National Forest. "These pipelines inevitably leak methane and rupture, further polluting the water and air," said Misty Boos, Wild Virginia Managing and Development Director. "Landowners all throughout central Virginia have begun receiving survey notices from Dominion, Spectra and New Era/EQT for access that can't be denied."

Fracking is a significant threat to watersheds and ecosystems in the George Washington National Forest. Wild Virginia wants to see the moratorium on fracking, that was in the draft version of the forest management plan, maintained or strengthened in the new plan due out this summer.

Wild Virginia is a grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving wild forest ecosystems in Virginia's national forests through education and advocacy.

[Read Wild Virginia's submitted comments on Cove Point here](#)