Response from Mountain Valley Pipeline

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Mountain Valley Pipeline to respond to allegations that the company has used strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs) and/or other judicial harassment tactics in attempts to silence or punish critics in the United States. More information can be found in the report linked below.

• "The Fossil Fuel Industry's Use of SLAPPs and Judicial Harassment in the United States". EarthRights International, September 2022

Mountain Valley Pipeline sent the following response:

"In reference to the excerpt of information listed in your report (copied below), Mountain Valleyrespects the opinions of those who are opposed to the fossil fuel industry and related infrastructure projects and those who protest in a lawful manner. The subpoena was issued to FaceBook to respond to a continuing criminal trespass on Mountain Valley Pipeline's right-of-way seeking to unlawfully impede construction progress. Therefore, it is inaccurate to infer that the referenced subpoena was in regards to an opposition group setting up a FaceBook page that contained information regarding project protests."

Valley Pipeline LLC	Setting up a Facebook page that allegedly had connections to protests against the Mountain Valley Pipeline	Subpoena via Facebook ¹⁸²
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