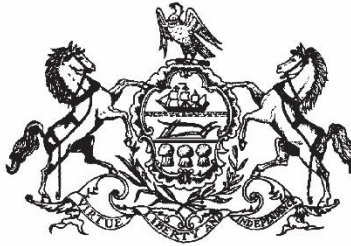


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**Comments regarding the Eagleview Boulevard Crossing (EBC) Pipeline
Permit number E15-862
HDD Reference number PA-CH-0256-0000-RR**

The continued use of HDD and other installation methods in high consequence, highly developed communities like Exton has proven time and again to be damaging, to be dangerous, and to cause irreparable harm to natural resources and private property. In my district, Energy Transfer has purchased at least one home as a result of irreparable damage they caused to the septic system for a property in Upper Uwchlan Township. The property was unable to perk following the incident, and the home now sits vacant and uninhabitable in an otherwise populated and vibrant community. On Lisa Drive in Exton, not far from the pipeline crossing in question, five homes have been purchased by Energy Transfer as a result of continued land subsidence that has resulted in sinkholes. These “inadvertent” consequences of utilizing experimental installation methods near densely populated communities are not simply an issue of property rights for one individual homeowner. These methods, and the resulting pipelines, carry potential and significant consequences for entire communities.

Vacant, poorly maintained, and unstable properties that are rendered unsafe, unsanitary, or unlivable affect the property values of every neighbor who is adjacent or nearby, leading to financial loss, diminished quality of life, and blight for entire communities.

The Mariner East project in this area presents an involuntary risk to life and property to every landowner and business owner within the impact radius. In addition to hundreds of family homes, the Eagleview Boulevard Crossing is in proximity to a middle school, an urgent care, multiple hotels and more than 10 restaurants. Energy Transfer/Sunoco Pipeline L.P., even after devastating incidents including the explosion in Beaver County that risked many lives and resulted in a home burning to the ground, continues to plan for the best-case scenario, instead of the worst-case scenario on this project. It is the responsibility of the DEP to be stewards of the land and natural resources of this Commonwealth, looking out for the common good of every community in Pennsylvania.

While Mariner East poses the opportunity for enormous profit for an out-of-state corporation and a few landowners in Southwestern PA, it presents enormous economic and environmental risk to the landowners across the 350 miles that Mariner East traverses. The Mariner East experiment has proven to be disastrous for Pennsylvania property owners, and it is time that the state of Pennsylvania holds this company accountable.

In the 45-page re-evaluation plan, nowhere are adequate solutions presented for preventing future inadvertent returns or “punchouts” during HDD. The pipeline operators are simply asking for approval to utilize the same methods of installation, in the same locations, with the same challenges, with simply the expectation that there will be problems. The DEP permits address responses to these problems, but not prevention.

Furthermore, looking at the long-term impact, with or without ignition, a leak of natural gas liquids like propane, ethane, or butane into groundwater could have a devastating effect on the public drinking water supply, public safety, and property values. There are no plans for mitigation, prevention, or clean-up of Natural Gas Liquids. Due to the unique properties of NGLs, this is not just a risk to the environment; this is risking a catastrophe, as we saw in the Revolution Pipeline explosion in Beaver County. If a rupture or leak of that magnitude were to happen in Exton, hundreds, if not thousands of lives would be at risk.

I am requesting that the Department place a hold on any further approvals on this project until a complete public risk assessment is conducted, including but not limited to a full study of all effects on public and private drinking water supply, impacts on public health from industrial operations in residential areas, and the implementation of an adequate plan for public health and safety is implemented in Chester County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Friel Otten". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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