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My name is Michael Di Domenico. I reside at 1530 Woodland Road, Westtown Township, West Chester, PA. Due to the proximity of the proposed Route 352 horizontal drilling site, of which my property lies less than 250', I contacted two hydro-geologists and three well drillers to **confirm my suspicions**; there is a high likelihood my 405' private water well will be negatively impacted within six months of drilling to include two pipelines.

In August of 2016, I had reached out to Sunoco Logistics' representative, Mr. Donald Zoladkiewicz and one of Sunoco's lawyers, Mr. Curtis Stambaugh, requesting Sunoco Logistics pay for testing my 405' well before drilling commences. This sampling would be a baseline of data for myself and Sunoco Logistics. This request is not unusual, as Sunoco Logistics has agreed to test private water wells within the easement area.

My unique situation is my private water well is the only viable option to supply water for my home. Due to PVC piping used in my home, public water is not an option because of water pressure issues.

My request has been rejected because "You are an elected official of the township. How would that look if we tested your well, and not others? We don't want to set a precedence." Additionally, Mr. Stambaugh had acted unprofessionally and not in good faith by **not** returning my attorney's phone calls or requests.

Since 2016, I have had my well water privately tested. With copious amounts of assertion, Sunoco agreed to test my well. I believe we are Location Code WL-12192017-634-01 of the SLP Response to DEP letter 2-22-18, although it's difficult to ascertain from the Well Location Map HDD# PA-CH-0421.0000-RD Chester County, PA map prepared by TetraTech - 4-10-2018.

For Sunoco to state on page 7 of their response is complete deception. We requested a pump yield test along with quality. We were told Sunoco would only perform quality testing, at their cost.

**e. Water quantity test results (pump yield tests) of the private water supplies that may be affected.**

SPLP has notified each water supply well owner within 450 feet of the HDD profile that they have the option to have water quantity tests of their well. To date, water supply well owners have not asked to perform any water quantity tests at any well location.

Referring to page 4, number 4 (abbreviated response):

**4. The Report discusses potential changes in water *quality*, but also needs to discuss potential changes to water *quantity*, as the potential exists for the HDD bore to adversely impact the yield of private water supply wells. Please describe how this will be done consistent with applicable provisions of the latest versions (February 6, 2018) of the Inadvertent Return Assessment, Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan, and the Operations Plan (January 2018).**

In addition, both the Inadvertent Return Assessment, Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan ("IR Plan") and the Operations Plan require SPLP to offer alternative water supplies to landowners with water supply wells within 450 ft of the drill profile. **The best means to protect a water well during the HDD is non-use. Obviously, to the extent a landowner accepts this offer, their water supply should not be adversely affected during HDD activities.** Moreover, even if the landowner does not accept an offer of alternative water supply, the IR Plan requires SPLP to address to the satisfaction of the landowner any complaints associated with water quantity during HDD activities. Finally, if a landowner identifies any impact to a private water supply attributable to pipeline construction after post-construction sampling, including impacts to yield, the IR Plan obligates SPLP to restore or replace the impacted water supply to the satisfaction of the private water supply owner.

We have never been offered an alternative water supply. We, and our neighbors along the easement, have never been informed to protect against contamination of our wells by "non-use". In fact, Sunoco's offer for "alternate water supply" may be potable, but how can households do "non-use" of a water supply, to protect against contamination throughout the HDD process with only a tank of water sitting on their property, from which drinking water can be drawn? How will elderly (and disabled) residents, as in olden day "go down to the stream" to gather buckets or jugs of water from a tank?

According to Pennsylvania DEP, water degradation falls into two (2) categories - reduced water volume or the presence of "constituents" found in higher levels after drilling than before drilling. Constituents can be naturally-occurring, drilling related chemicals, or methane gas that seeps into aquifers and water wells. Whether it be by vertical/"fracking" or horizontal drilling..

The responsibility of Pennsylvania's DEP is to "protect human health and the environment and water". Westtown citizens are not reaping benefits from this gas exportation operation, only headaches and sincere inconvenience.

As with the "fracking" operations in other parts of the state, is Pennsylvania's DEP still of the mindset to put the onus of proof on the homeowner to prove contamination of our water wells within a half mile from a drilling site? There are other residents in our neighborhood being serviced by wells, who have not been tested by Sunoco for water **quality and quantity**, without hours of telephone conversations .

Will this section of pipeline drilling receive similar numbers of citizen complaints? Will the DEP be ready to handle said complaints, or will the case files sit in some file cabinet? Wouldn't it be prudent for Sunoco Logistics, not a public utility, to pretest the half mile area private water wells, to obtain baseline information for the condition of my, and possibly other wells? DEP

should **demand** from Sunoco compliance with **each and every regulation for public water supply**. According to the geologists I contacted, AQUA, our local public water supplier, also draws from the exact aquifer into which **my well is drilled**.

Doesn't the DEP have a responsibility to plan, monitor, and provide safe drinking water, equally, in non-public water systems? Who protects private citizens? Isn't this the mission of the DEP?

I find it incomprehensible, the DEP passes unfunded mandates to Pennsylvania townships, requiring the cleanup of streams, creeks, pond, lakes, etc., to remove phosphorous/nitrates and revert the water quality to that of the 1700's . . . at the cost to taxpayers, yet the DEP has no concern of the condition of private water wells (some of whose quality **remains** the quality of the 1700's - due to the depth.) Why doesn't the DEP use its power to require Sunoco to have ME2 traverse Westtown in a fashion that would **absolutely not adversely affect our private wells**?

I understand the 'public comment period' is closing. In a heartbeat, will gladly provide the contact information of the aforementioned, local Chester County, hydro geologists and well drillers, to confirm the necessity of immediate intervention of DEP to make Sunoco comply with each and every regulation that **governs and complies** with the Federal and Pennsylvania Clean Water Acts.

I look forward to having a telephone conversation with someone at DEP, regarding these comments. Feel free to contact me at the phone number listed below.

Cordially,

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