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East Swedesford Road HDD (West Whiteland Township)
Drill S3-0381 / DEP Permit # E15-862

Response to Sunoco's letter on 1/18/18

To whom it may concern,

This segment of ME2 is of great concern to our family and community because it would pass immediately through our neighborhood.

While Sunoco's response argues the merits of the proposed alternate drilling methods, a key truth is overlooked — trenching/boring these pipelines in the heart of Exton is still not acceptable. These construction methods were off the table (originally in favor of HDD) for good reasons.

- 1) They will result in irreparable damage to wetlands, waterways, property, and treelines separating residential and commercial areas.
- 2) Despite being purportedly lower-risk than HDD, they still carry a host of consequences, including sinkholes, IRs, damage to water supplies, and increased flooding in this already flood-prone SFHA. Even Sunoco's response acknowledges the company's inability to assess such unknowns because they claim they can't do local geological studies.
- 3) Post-construction, leaks in this High Consequence Area result would result in catastrophic loss of life and property for thousands of people who live, work, shop, travel in/through the area. This includes our home, the Chester County Library, and the Exton Mall. Recall that we're in this situation because Sunoco didn't do their due diligence to determine that HDD wasn't viable for this segment. They conveniently built out adjacent segments, and are now positioning it as a foregone conclusion that these pipelines must traverse Exton (a 'missing link'). Accordingly, the company is vague, presumptive, and avoidant in their responses concerning rerouting.

1) Rather than providing transparent, verifiable details about specific paths they've considered (and their respective considerations) Sunoco mentions general regions, directions, and "considerable efforts". Without specificity and supporting maps/illustrations, the DEP and residents are asked to blindly trust Sunoco's conclusions that no other possibilities exist. For example, there's open space on either side of Exton (especially to the northeast) that needs to be openly vetted.

2) Given that adjacent sections are in place, Sunoco assumes an artificial constraint that an alternate route would have to fall within a relatively narrow distance from its original path. The evaluation radius should be expanded to identify more options, even if this results in a more significant reroute that minimizes impacts to developed areas.

3) Despite the DEP requesting that Sunoco "explain alternatives that have been considered, aside from the PITF recommendation of co-locating the route", Sunoco's response still largely rests on the justification that the pipelines should be co-located — essentially ignoring the DEP's request.

Sunoco's response and unaltered plans are unacceptable considering the consequences to our environment and safety. Please do not grant these permits, and demand that the company legitimately and transparently vet alternate routes in accordance with the August 9th agreement.

Sincerely,
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