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To the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:

As President of Eastern Controls, an Industrial Process Controls Sales and Engineering organization that has been based in Delaware County for 40 years, I wanted to share some perspective on the ground-level impact of the state's energy industry in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Our company provides customers with process measurement and control equipment such as control valves and instruments as well as sensors that provide personnel and environmental protection such as gas leak detection and sample transportation, While we provide process control expertise to a number of industries, we have been serving the energy industry since 1969 in places like Philadelphia and Marcus Hook.

At Eastern Controls' headquarters in Edgemont, PA, our workforce has nearly doubled over the last three years, and we hope to expand even more in the future. During that time, we have directly experienced, and also seen in other companies, the demand for trained process control workers surge with the development of the Marcellus Shale. However, there are not enough trained people to fill those jobs as the experienced workers reach retirement age.

To that end, we recently invested \$1 million in a hands-on process controls training facility here in Edgemont to not only help train our own staff, but also help match the region's workforce with the quality careers available from companies such as Sunoco Logistics, whose Marcus Hook Industrial Complex is alive with activity connected to the shale areas.

Our training facility has been embraced by manufacturers throughout the region, validates the need to close this workforce gap, and offers a great opportunity for a whole generation of career-seekers.

As you consider Sunoco Logistics' permit application, please understand that the Mariner East 2 project is driving economic development and jobs right here, right now. We have worked with the company for more than four decades, and can attest to their commitment. Please issue these permits so that the Delaware Valley can continue to grow and thrive using these Pennsylvania resources.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Clifton E. McLaughlin, Jr.'.

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