



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Region
Southeast Region
Waterways and Wetlands Program
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Norristown, PA 19401

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Penn-Del-Jersey and Western Pennsylvania Chapters of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) represent nearly 200 electrical contracting firms employing thousands of IBEW electrical workers throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Our Associations support the completion of the Mariner East 2 Pipeline and the major modification at HDD 290 in Upper Uwchlan Township. We urge the DEP to approve Energy Transfer's requested Chapter 102 and 105 Permits (ESG0100015001 and E15-862) at this week's hearing.

First, it is important to note that Energy Transfer's implementation of an open cut pipeline installation method reflects a dedication to environmental safety. This open cut process prevents inadvertent returns and ensures a defined construction timetable for communities near the construction site.

Second, pipelines like Mariner East are efficient and necessary pieces of American energy infrastructure. They are also cleaner energy transportation options than highway and rail.

In fact, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, it would take a "constant line of tanker trucks, about 750 per day, loading up and moving out every two minutes, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to move the volume of even a modest pipeline."

Finally, energy infrastructure projects like Mariner East create numerous jobs for NECA Contractors, their employees, and the Pennsylvania energy industry. This industry has generated over \$40 billion in Pennsylvania over the past decade and is integral to the Commonwealth's economy


Considering Energy Transfer's standards of construction and the positive impact of energy infrastructure development, the Penn-Del-Jersey and Western Pennsylvania Chapters of NECA support the Mariner East Pipeline major modification at HDD 290 and urge the DEP to allow the project's completion.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the addresses below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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