



May 25, 2021

PA Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
Waterways and Wetlands
2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401

RE: Permit Modifications for the Mariner East Pipeline

Dear Permit Review Team:

The Mariner East projects have spread profit across the state, especially in our region where we have seen direct impacts from the project, which supports a local power plant. From cheaper energy resources, to the creation of thousands of employment opportunities, this project allows all Pennsylvanians to reap the benefits. Approval of the DEP modifications to sections 102 and 105 permits will allow Mariner East to continue its promise to Pennsylvania, while further extending efforts in protecting the environment.

Natural gas is the cleanest fuel available and almost half of Pennsylvania is already using it for their home energy needs. With an abundance of these resources available in the shale region, completion of additional energy infrastructure is absolutely necessary to ensure the safe transport of this products to consumers near and far. Pipeline infrastructure is the safest mode of transporting these liquids and ensuring that they are built in the most environmentally friendly manner is crucial to our future.

Mariner East has dedicated itself to ensuring safety during pipeline construction. Regulators continue to provide strict oversight and the courts have upheld the project at every turn despite multiple attempts from anti-pipeline activists to delay the project. Those opposed to Mariner East have proven to be opposed to all energy projects despite necessity. Mariner East is just the latest energy infrastructure project that will have a positive impact for Pennsylvania energy consumers for the foreseeable future.

The professionals dedicated to this project are not only skilled laborers who are trained under strict circumstances, but they also are members of the community where the pipeline is being built and who care about the environment and the Pennsylvania communities where they live. Like all of us, these highly trained and skilled workers call Pennsylvania their home, and want to see the state not only reap the positive economic benefits, but improve the environment as well. And, like so many of us, we all want to see this project finished the right way.

The DEP modifications to sections 102 and 105 are necessary to make sure the project is as environmentally sound as possible. I urge you to support their approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsay B. Thomson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Thomson, President
Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI)