

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

March 9, 2022

Re: Chapter 102 Permit Amendment

On behalf of Boilermakers Local 13, I am writing to the Department of Environmental Protection to voice our support for the Mariner East 2 amendment application for restoration work at the Marsh Creek so the site can fully completed in a way that maximizes the pipeline's economic and environmental potential.

Boilermakers Local 13 plays a vital role in the construction landscape of eastern Pennsylvania. We are a part of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers --- a labor organization representing more than 50,000 highly skilled workers in all manufacturing industries throughout the United States and Canada. Our local union provides the highest quality services throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware. Our storied reputation in Pennsylvania's energy sector renders us particularly invested in the approval of the proposed amendment for this project.

Pipeline construction has already proven remarkably beneficial to Pennsylvania's labor economy --- supporting over 9,500 good-paying construction jobs to workers throughout the state, many of whom are Boilermakers. I can personally attest to the developer's commitment to hiring local workers. Beyond fostering local employment opportunities, the project has produced an estimated \$9.1 billion in tax revenue and economic impact to the state.

The proposed amendment will allow the developer to effectively rehabilitate the surrounding Marsh Creek construction site to its fullest potential—going above and beyond what is typical for restorative projects of this kind. By increasing the approved limit of disturbance, the developer can dredge more sediment and leave the land in better condition than its original state. This amendment is merely a means of giving the developer the tools and access it requires to thoroughly restore the Marsh Creek area.

For these reasons, Boilermakers Local 13 encourages DEP to allow the complete restoration work at Marsh Creek to move forward by approving the application amendment. I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Best Regards,
John D. Bland
Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Boilermakers Local 13