

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street,
Second Room
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

My name is Pamela H. Onyx, and I am a 70 year old woman residing in the retirement community of Hershey's Mill outside of West Chester, PA. My husband and I purchased our home here about 8 years ago, thinking it would offer us a safe and manageable place to live our latter years, post our retirements as a nurse and an elementary teacher. We are lifelong residents of Pennsylvania, only living elsewhere during the years my husband spent his active duty in the Navy. Even then, we were legally PA residents.

A couple of years ago, we learned about the Mariner East Pipeline and its encroachment into our community. We live within a half mile of the ME pipeline and very close to the Adelphia line that is soon to be converted to also ship NGLs. We have done our best to educate ourselves about the unexpected pipelines now proximal to us. We have attended township meetings and other informational sessions about these pipelines. The more we have learned, the more horrifying the intrusion of these pipelines has become. We bear all the risks of the products' transportation through our area with none of the benefits. We have learned that if there is a leak, we should leave our home on foot, walking upwind, as starting a car or making a phone call could possibly generate an explosion. Needless to say, this is basically a death sentence as mobility issues make this potential escape route impossible for my husband who has physical impairments. Of even greater concern, the pipeline goes right past an elementary school and nursing home just outside of our community. The possibility of a catastrophe is real, even if a leak were detected (unlikely as that may be).

The fact that our densely populated area has been chosen and approved for the transportation of NGLs is unfathomable. I implore you to prevent this pipeline from being completed and put into action. If that is impossible, I ask that you delay the transport of NGLs until such time as there are leak detection systems and alarms in place and realistic escape plans and drills for children and elderly alike before the pipeline goes on line. The pipeline should not be considered a public utility since the pipeline products are almost completely going to Europe by ship from Marcus Hook to make plastics. How in the world could this be considered by the PUC to be a public utility?

Thank you for your attention and hopefully action on this very important concern.