

Docket No. L-2019-3010267

As a resident of Delaware County and the Rose Tree Media School District, I am concerned about the operation of the Mariner East pipeline in a densely populated area. Common sense precautions need to be put in place and the penalty for violation should be a halt to operation. Financial penalties are not effective. The following safeguards are important:

59.139. Operation and maintenance. "... hazardous liquid public utilities [must] consult with emergency responders in developing and updating an **emergency procedures manual**. The manual must address (1) steps to inform emergency responders of the practices and procedures to be followed for providing them with information regarding the pipeline, (2) the development of a continuing education program for emergency responders and the affected public, and (3) table-top drills to be conducted twice a year and a response drill to be conducted annually to simulate a pipeline emergency."

Requiring the operator's involvement in developing an emergency manual is a step in the right direction. **But the PUC should require a plan that is actually feasible.** Telling the public to "walk half a mile upwind" is not feasible.

This section also requires a **public awareness program** that meets standards set by the American Petroleum Institute. For pipelines like Mariner East, it should require (but does not) the wording specified by the judge in the Safety 7 case: leaks from these lines "can cause property damage, personal injury, burns, asphyxiation, and death."

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