

[Docket No. L-2019-3010267](#)

Draft rules on hazardous liquids pipelines

Dear PUC Rulemaking Decision-makers:

As a Chester County Resident and member of the public who is frequently near the Mariner East Pipelines, I would appreciate the strongest rules possible to protect the public. I am not technically proficient in the science involved but feel strongly that we need these protections, and have the responsibility to protect others and ourselves, at present and in the future.

Disclosure of the potential leak impact at the “lower flammability limit” on the “affected public” should be implemented. I am no longer able to take a carefree walk along the trail in Exton or go to the Chester County library, or Marsh Creek, to name a few, without feeling a degree of worry and dismay about the pipeline.

Immediate accident reporting should not provide an hour leeway, which could be too late to protect the public.

Your section 59.135 on design is necessary, in taking into consideration the geology of the area. We have had so many serious incidents and ongoing concerns with sinkholes and subsidence.

Your section 59.136 on construction is needed: keeping pipelines away from structures, and keeping them away from each other when there are multiple pipelines. Valve installation needs rules for placement delineated. Vehicle barrier rules are also imperative.

Your section 59.139 regarding emergency plans is vital, and needs to require clearer instructions for the public. I have heard we need to go upwind but I don't think a lot of people even know what that means. And how would we keep in communication if cell phones could pose a risk? Any information I have received on emergency preparedness has been anecdotal only.

We need a robust leak detection system to provide the pipeline operators, emergency teams and public enough time to respond appropriately.

Requiring land agents to be professionally certified, in your section 59.141, is imperative. Consequences for landowner deceit / eminent domain abuse should be included.

Thank you for drafting these rules and allowing public comment,

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