

Comment to PUC on stricter regulations for hazardous liquids pipelines

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To Whom it may concern,

As a lifelong resident of Chester County and as a person that lives within a “high consequence zone” of the Mariner East pipeline, I can only state, emphatically, that I agree with all the previous comments made that support far stricter regulations on hazardous liquid pipelines. Over the course of the Mariner East project alone, the current PHMSA guidelines have been trampled all over by the industry, have caused lasting damages to property and drinkable water, and have left our communities vulnerable a catastrophic event – in the event of a leak, there are no credible safety plans for our people to evacuate safely.

Just as emphatically, I reject the previous comments made that suggest the current guidelines we have in place are sufficient, reasonable, or adequate to keep our populace safe from harm. PA State Attorney General Josh Shapiro said it best during his announcement that he was bringing over 40 criminal charges against Energy Transfer, the developer of the Mariner East project. I cosign on his statement below.

“Under our state laws, if convicted, this company will be sentenced to fines and restitution. There is no jail time for these environmental crimes, and fines are not enough. That’s why we are, once again, calling for stronger laws to hold these companies accountable and protect Pennsylvanians’ health, and demanding DEP toughen up the independent oversight we need them to provide for the industries they regulate.”

Thank you for taking my comment under consideration.

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