



October 23, 2018

Mr. Paul Metro
Manager of Gas Safety
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Second Floor
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Mr. Metro,

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Downingtown Area School District, Rose Tree Media School District, and West Chester Area School District to ask you to conduct a safety investigation of the old 12 inch Sunoco Pipeline. It is our understanding that Sunoco is going to be running natural gas liquid through this 12 inch pipe since the construction on the Mariner II pipeline has been temporarily halted. We believe it is incumbent upon school districts to keep students, parents, and staff safe. We also believe it is incumbent upon the PUC and the leaders of the state of Pennsylvania to keep its residents safe.

Specifically, we are asking you to conduct a safety assessment of this pipe to include the following:

1. What is the risk for unprotected valve stations, currently many of these valve stations have temporary fencing without adequate protection from a possible accident.
2. Is it safe to run natural gas liquid through this 12 inch pipe?
3. Does this old 12 inch pipe contain shut off valves for emergency shut off in the event of a breach?

While we are not experts in the area of safely transporting chemical products through a 12 inch pipeline we are often asked by our parents about our plans in the case of a catastrophic breach or explosion in this pipe. We need help from the PUC to answer the question about safety.

We understand that Sunoco is planning on transporting product in the near future. We all have developed safety and evacuation plans for hazardous disasters, however, our plans did not take into consideration the risks and dangers involved with moving product through an 80 year old pipe.

Sincerely,

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