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Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

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Sent via First Class USPS and email to: JFMCGINN@sunocoinc.com

Mr. Joseph McGinn, Senior Manager, Public Affairs
Sunoco Logistics-Mariner East Pipeline Project 525
525 Fritztown Road
Sinking Spring PA 19608

Dear Mr. McGinn,

I am writing to ask for information from Sunoco regarding communications protocol in the event of a gas leak in the Mariner 2 Pipeline. It is my understanding that the pipeline will be used to transport natural gas such as propane, butane and methane from the Marcellus Shale region to the Marcus Hook refinery. The products remain under high pressure to be transported as a liquid. However, if the pipe was to leak, the liquid would convert immediately to an extremely combustible gas. We are in the process of working with our local municipalities, hospitals and emergency response personnel to develop a safety response plan for our schools and community.

When we last met with representatives from Sunoco on April 11, 2017 I asked the question about notification protocol when there was a leak or rupture in the line. At that time you indicated that Sunoco's response was to a 911 call center, and notification to other groups was up to the 911 call center, or other emergency responders. I requested to be placed on a text alert, or email alert system, much like I am with Chester County Emergency Management Operations. You stated that Sunoco would need to review its emergency notifications to key communicators and let me know the outcome.

I am asking for an update on the communications protocol so that we can include this in our plan. If there is a leak during the day, and children are in school, we only have two options:

1. Shelter in place
2. Evacuate the building(s) to another location.

If the leak is not in the immediate area of a school, we would most likely shelter in place, but we would close off our outside air unit ventilators to prevent any potentially contaminated air from entering our buildings. If the leak has created a gas cloud heading toward a building, we would most likely evacuate to another location. The sooner we have accurate information about the problem, the sooner we can make an informed decision that ensures the best chance for ultimate safety. If we have to wait for an emergency call center to provide this information, that could take five to ten minutes. That is a lot of time when we are shutting down air ventilators, or evacuating a building.

Please let me know if Sunoco has any plans to immediately notify key stakeholders of any leaks or ruptures in any of the pipelines used to transport gas or liquids. PECO already provides this type of notification to us. I respectfully request that Sunoco does the same. I can be reached at 484-266-1018 or on my cell phone at 484-883-0648.

Thanks for your time and attention to the safety of our students and families. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

James R. Scanlon, Ed D
Superintendent of Schools

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