



# WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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](mailto:JFMCGINN@sunocoinc.com)*

Mr. Joseph McGinn, Senior Manager, Public Affairs  
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Dear Mr. McGinn,

I am writing to express my concern about the construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline running through Thornbury, West Goshen, East Goshen, and West Whiteland Townships. 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.

Three of our elementary schools (Penn Wood, East Goshen, and Exton) are within 1500 feet of this proposed pipeline. While we have evacuation plans in place in the event of a gas leak, I am concerned about the construction of the line, particularly safety measures being put in place to ensure safety of our children and families in these school areas.

I understand that some municipalities have passed ordinances to add safety measures regarding pipeline construction for new residential areas. An ordinance in West Goshen Township requires automatic shutoff valves in the event of detected gas leak.

Please let me know if the plans include these automatic shutoff valves in the pipeline in areas where it runs near schools. If not, I respectfully request that they be included in the plans to ensure safety of our children once the pipeline is completed. 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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