

July 19, 2018

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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Mr. Matthew L. Gordon Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. 535 Fritztown Road Sinking Springs, PA 19608

Re:

Violations of the Clean Stream Law and Dam Safety and Encroachments Act

Pennsylvania Pipeline Project (a.k.a. Mariner East 2)

Permit Nos. E23-524 and ESG 01 000 15 001

Middletown Township Delaware County

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On July 14, 2018, the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") received notice from Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. ("SPLP"), of an inadvertent return of drilling fluids ("IR") occurring at the S3-0620 Glen Riddle Horizontal Directional Drilling ("HDD") Site (PA-DE-0100.0000-RR-16) located in Middletown Township, Delaware County. The notice involved a discharge of approximately one hundred (100) gallons of drilling fluids into Wetland WL - I1, a water of the Commonwealth. DEP's investigation on July 14, 2018, observed that a second IR had occurred near the initial IR location at the site. In subsequent correspondence from SPLP, it was reported that a total of four IRs had occurred on this date at the site. The drilling fluids that comprised these IRs constitute "Industrial Waste" under Section 1 of the Clean Stream Law, 35 P.S. § 691.1. The unauthorized discharge of Industrial waste to waters of the Commonwealth is a violation of Section 301 of the Clean Stream Law, 35 P.S. § 691.301.

DEP Permits E23-524 and ESG-01-000-15-00, and paragraph 5 of the Stipulated Order ("Order") entered by the Environmental Hearing Board on April 16, 2018, require the permittee to follow its "HDD Inadvertent Return Assessment, Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan" (revised April 16, 2018) ("IR PPC Plan") to reduce, minimize, or eliminate pollutants arising from HDD activities.

Allowing the unauthorized discharge of Industrial Waste to waters of the Commonwealth constitutes a violation of Section 301 of the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. § 691.301, and constitutes unlawful conduct under Section 611 of the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. § 691.611 and Section 18 of the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, 32 P.S. § 693.18.

DEP requests that you submit the following to the attention of Mr. Frank De Francesco via e-mail at fdefrances@pa.gov by July 23, 2018:

- 1. Any initial or interim IR reporting form(s) for the Site as required by Section 6.3 of the HDD IR PPC Plan.
- 2. A detailed description, including photos documenting current site conditions, of the actions taken to contain and remove the IR from waters of the Commonwealth and a plan for any additional measures necessary to complete remediation.
- 3. A "restart report" meeting the requirements of Section 5.1.5 (Monitoring Protocol for Condition 3) of the April 2018 HDD IR PPC Plan, that has been prepared and sealed by a Pennsylvania licensed Professional Geologist.

Please be reminded that DEP approval is required before restarting drilling operations for PA-DE-0100.0000-RR-16. Additionally, a reevaluation report is required to be submitted to DEP for the second line, PA-DE-0100.0000-RR, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the August 10, 2017, Corrective Stipulated Order.

This Notice of Violation is neither an order nor any other final action of DEP. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to DEP under any of its statutes. If DEP determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.

I look forward to your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Frank De Francesco, Compliance Specialist, at 484.250.5161.

Sincerely,

John Hohenstein, P.E.

Acting Regional Manager

Waterways and Wetlands

Enclosure(s): DEP Inspection Report

cc: Mr. Embry – Sunoco Pipeline

Mr. Prosceno – TetraTech

Ms. Wheeler – Delaware County Conservation District

PA Fish and Boat Commission, Southeast Office

Mr. Caplan – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District

Middletown Township

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