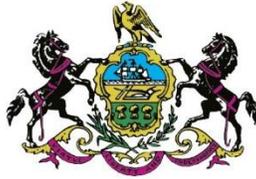


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Re: Public Comments on Report for HDD PA-CH-0199.0000-RD (HDD# S3-0360)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Sunoco Pipeline's request for reevaluation of plans to install a 20-inch pipeline via horizontal direct drilling (HDD) under Biddle Drive, Devon Drive, Valleyview Drive and Shoen Road in Uwchlan and West Whiteland Townships

As state Senator representing Pennsylvania's 19<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District and minority chair of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, I have significant concerns about the potential for this project's substantial and ongoing impacts to environmental safety and public health.

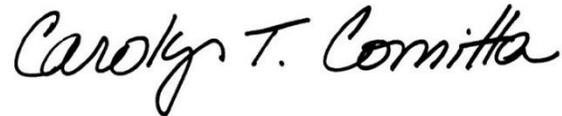
Please keep in mind that in the past, drilling through this same area has encountered geological issues, leading to groundwater discharge and impacts to private and residential wells. In turn, any plans to employ HDD here require and demand thorough, comprehensive, and in-depth geological analysis to prevent harm to our natural environment, local infrastructure, community health, and public and private water supplies.

Specifically, I am alarmed by points raised by my constituents, including local resident and soil scientist, Virginia Marcille-Kerslake. Marcille-Kerslake, who is well-versed on this pipeline project having had its operations negatively impact her property over the years, raises valid concerns regarding the lack of detail and depth in the geophysical survey submitted by Sunoco. She notes multiple inadequacies in the survey – shortfalls that have the potential for major problems, including the potential for groundwater discharge, inadvertent returns, seeps, subsidence, and other geological issues impacting both public and private property.

While Sunoco routinely reminds residents and homeowners that the Mariner East project is nearing conclusion, it must be noted that each reevaluation and permit modification request reminds my constituents of the litany of problems this project has thrust upon their lives, homes, neighborhoods, and communities. It also warns us of the potential for more to come, especially when Sunoco appears to come up short in conducting extensive and diligent geophysical surveys and analysis.

In closing, Sunoco must conduct further geotechnical analysis and submit detailed plans to ensure that its operations do not impact the environment and our communities. I respectfully request that such study be required, and public comment be extended to ensure that residents and homeowners continue to have an opportunity to weigh in on this all-important issue. Until that happens, I encourage the Department of Environmental Protection to reject this report as insufficient and incomplete.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn T. Comitta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolyn T. Comitta  
State Senator – 19<sup>th</sup> District