

My name is Ginny Marcille-Kerslake. I own a home and live in a community in southeastern Pennsylvania that could be impacted by MACH2. I am also the Eastern PA Organizer for the nonprofit Food & Water Watch and on the leadership team of West Whiteland Residents for Pipeline Safety and Del-ChesCo United for Pipeline Safety, two grassroots groups that formed in response to the disastrous Mariner East pipeline project.

When I say that I live in a community that COULD be impacted by MACH2 it's because there is a degree of uncertainty. We know very little about MACH2. We don't know what all the infrastructure will be. We don't know where it will be built. We know bits and pieces, that's all. Chairman Shabazz noted this in his questioning.

There has been a disturbing lack of transparency from both the MACH2 team and the Department of Energy. I personally filed a request last April for the final application for MACH2. Despite the fact that these are public documents under the Freedom of Information Act, I have yet to receive the responsive documents over one year later.

There are environmental justice communities just outside of Philadelphia that we know will be impacted, they are being kept in the dark and out of the conversation. There are also communities beyond, in Delaware County and Chester County who COULD be impacted, and we are also being kept in the dark and out of the conversation.

When will there be real community engagement? The CEO of MACH2 recently stated that it will only happen once shovels are in the ground. Today we heard that same phrase used by Mr Citron. It is NOT acceptable for real community engagement to begin after decisions and plans are made on projects that will impact the places people call home.

Furthermore, community impacts are not limited to alleged benefits that MACH2 MIGHT bring in terms of jobs or training. There are monumental health, safety, welfare and environmental impacts that must be taken into account.

As one final note on MACH2, Ms Bonomo asked and did not get an answer to who the board of directors are for MACH2. This list was recently removed from the MACH2 website. One of those key members of MACH2 is an individual named Joseph Colella, the former Energy Transfer executive who was at the helm during the planning and construction of Mariner East.

You are all likely aware that many communities, including my own, have been impacted by the Mariner East pipeline project - Its poor planning, permitting and execution brought destruction to our communities for 5 years during construction and has left us with the potential for a catastrophic event. And I will tell you, it was frightening to hear Mr Colella speak at a private MACH2 meeting in Philadelphia last February about putting new pipelines in existing easements and repurposing old ones for MACH2.

Community members and environmental advocates are tired of the lack of transparency. We are tired of being kept in the dark and out of the conversation. Until

we have real answers and transparency on what is being planned, we should be **skeptical and expect the worst** - which unfortunately is what this industry has a history of delivering.

And finally, as an aside, at the start of today's meeting Acting Secretary Shirley mentioned the possibility of extracting lithium from fracking wastewater. There are all sorts of problems with this idea, but I want to mention one that's not talked about enough - it's extremely high radioactivity. The EPA defines a liquid waste as radioactive at 60 picocuries per liter. The Marcellus Shale, as determined by the PA DEP, averages 9330 and can be as high as 20,500 picocuries per liter. If you aren't familiar with this issue, I recommend a new book called *Petroleum 238* by award-winning journalist Justin Nobel.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment today.  
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