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To whom it may concern

As I continue to review the DEP proposal for the clean up of the Bishop Tube property, I continue to find areas where your proposal is lacking.

The DEP needs to provide rigorous oversight of this project. The community has lived with this pollution for over 70 years. It is the DEP's responsibility to ensure that the clean up process does not cause additional environmental harm to the nearby residents and communities throughout the affected watershed.

The township cannot take on the role of ensuring the public safety during the environmental clean up process. It does not have the resources or the expertise. This responsibility falls to the DEP. Your plan does not discuss the specifics of how the site will continue to be monitored during the various clean-up phases. It should include the types of machinery, testing, frequency, engineering controls, monitoring off site vapor intrusions, timelines, and specifics concerning the personnel who will be responsible at the DEP.

The plan should entail provisions for communicating each phase to the community. The community needs to be ensured that the clean up continues to be done safely at each stage. Community members should not need to hire lawyers or consultants to get up to date information about what is going on.

The cost of this oversight should not be placed on East Whiteland Township. The township has already endured additional costs above and beyond the \$50,000 grant that was issued to review this proposal. The DEP is responsible for letting this pollution go unchecked and should be responsible to oversee that it is cleaned up in a safe and efficient manner.

While the responsibility for remediation may fall to different parties at different time, it is the DEP's responsibility to be protective off human health and the environment.

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