



CHESTER COUNTY CHAMBER
of Business & Industry
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Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
Norristown, PA
Via Email

Comments on amendment applications for Mariner East 2 pipeline, Chester County

This Chamber asks this agency to approve the amended application to the Mariner East 2 pipeline construction plan.

This project, spanning across the Commonwealth, is nearly complete. Your approval of this amendment will bring this project to completion, both safely and in a timely fashion—both of which are beneficial to our County and the Commonwealth.

There have been problems with this project. Everyone is aware of that, especially in our County. However, those challenges are part of the reason that your approval is needed, which is beneficial to everyone.

These amendments will make the project safer to citizens and the environment both now and in the future. Additionally, approving these amendments now will allow this project to go to completion. Completion not only means that the economic benefits may begin to be realized by consumers and employees; even more importantly, your approval of these amendments means that the process of returning our landscape and our quality of life back to normal is much closer.

Completion of this project has meant—and will mean—family sustaining jobs for countless families in the natural gas industry and also in the countless businesses that will be suppliers and purchasers of the natural gas and its secondary-products. Additionally, it will mean that a low cost, cleaner energy source will be available to America and our allies—keeping us warm in winter, cool in summer and keeping our businesses running, while also removing America and our allies' dependence on dangerous or unpredictable energy-suppliers around the world.

Approving these amendments will allow this project to come to completion. This will bring about economic benefits, good paying jobs and improve the national security of America and our allies.

Despite all of those undeniable positives; if the project cannot be done safely, the benefits might not outweigh the concerns. However, by almost all accounts, the amendments submitted will make the project's completion and operation much safer. It will be safer to the environment and more protective of our water and natural resources.

In addition, we ask this agency to also consider the following. Because of our geographic location, our topography and the size and scope of our citizenry and economy, perhaps no county has endured more disruptions while this worthwhile project has moved to completion. To this day, there are pipes, earth movers, flags, dirt piles, sound barriers and construction vehicles along the pipeline's path and nearby communities. The lengthy construction period has added to the economic and quality of life impacts in our community—a community that is as proud of its quality of life as we are our robust economy and great schools.

Leaving this project stagnant with all this disruption in place is in no one's interest.

With these proposed amendments, this project can be brought to completion in the near term, and done so in a manner that improves the safety of the community and environment.

These amendments allow this project to bring about all its positives, while greatly improving the safety of our community.

The Chamber respectfully asks for this agency to approve the proposed plan. Thank you.

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