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Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Region
Waterways and Wetlands Program
2 Main St.
Norristown, PA 19401

Re: Comments on ME2 Amendment Application, Chester County

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the nearly 300 members of the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, we urge the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to approve the major permit amendment request from Sunoco Pipeline LP for work near Marsh Creek Lake in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County.

The Maritime Exchange is invested in the economic development of the Delaware River and Bay region, and the energy industry has consistently proven its importance in driving growth within port communities and throughout Pennsylvania. The recent completion of the final phase of construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline was a major milestone. Just as important is fulfilling the environmental promise of these projects by conducting necessary restoration work.

This amendment is requested for earth disturbance activities and temporary storage of dredged material to support the dewatering of sediment dredged from areas of Marsh Creek Lake related to a previously reported inadvertent return of drilling fluid. We understand the planned work goes far beyond what would normally be required for any similar event. The labor involved is temporary, with all upland areas to be restored back to existing conditions, grades, and elevations once the job is complete.

Because the plan goes above and beyond minimum essential work, this project will also bring added benefits and improve the local environment in various ways through the construction of additional habitats, the removal of nuisance wildlife, an increase in water depth and reservoir storage capacity, and more. The final project will showcase how environment protection and economic growth go hand in hand.

For these reasons, we once again urge the Department of Environmental Protection to approve the major permit amendment request from Sunoco Pipeline LP for work near Marsh Creek Lake in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Himber
President