



March 10, 2022

DEP Southeast Regional Office  
Waterways and Wetlands Program  
2 East Main Street  
Norristown, PA 19401

**Re: NECA Supports Mariner East 2 Amendment Application, Chester County**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I ask the Department of Environmental Protection to approve the permit application for restoration work near the Mariner East 2 pipeline system at Marsh Creek Lake, Chester County.

The Mariner East pipeline system has generated more than \$9 billion in economic activity for Pennsylvania and thousands of jobs for local businesses and skilled labor, including many of our Member Contractors. Moreover, the increased amount of domestic product coming from the pipeline will help stabilize energy supplies and benefit consumers and businesses alike.

With construction complete, the focus is now on restoring the pipeline route and portion of Marsh Creek where re-routing occurred. This permit amendment would support the dewatering of sediment dredged from an area of Marsh Creek Lake related to a previously reported inadvertent return of drilling fluid. The sediment will be pumped to an upland management area, dewatered, and sent off-site to a disposal facility. All facilities necessary for the work will be temporary, and all areas will be restored back to existing conditions, grades, and elevations.

Beyond dredging, additional planned work includes constructing additional habitats, removing nuisance wildlife, increasing area water depth, and improving and monitoring water quality. Our Association understands the importance of safety and responsibility when expanding our nation's energy infrastructure. This plan is an example of environmental responsibility in action.

If this amendment application is approved, work could begin within a few weeks. Please consider approving it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Chapter's Director of Government Affairs, Aaron Kelley, at [akelley@neca-pdj.org](mailto:akelley@neca-pdj.org). Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey P. Scarpello". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey P. Scarpello  
Executive Director,  
Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA