

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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IN RE: MARCUS HOOK

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BEFORE: STEPHANIE BERARDI,
 Regional Communications Manager
 AMANI REID,
 Environmental Justice Coordinator
 JAMES REBARCHAK,
 Air Quality Program Manager
 JANINE TULLOCH-REID, Air Quality
 Environmental Engineer and Manager
 DAVID SMITH,
 Air Quality Engineering Specialist

HEARING: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
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 Boothwyn, PA 19061

WITNESSES: None offered

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25ALSO PRESENT :

JOE MASSARO	RAFAEL HERNANDEZ
JOE MCGINN	ADAM BURNS
KEVIN SMITH	CARLA STEVENSON
LISA GARCIA	MYRA WHITAKER
ECHO ALFORD	
ZULENE MAYFIELD	
TRACY CARLUCCIO	
BRIAN KELLY	
VIRGINIA MARCILLE-KERSLAKE	
JAMES THOMPSON	
GARLAND THOMPSON	
LIBBY MADARASZ	
CHRISTINA DIGIULIO	
TED UHLMAN	
LUKE WIEDMAN	
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MICHAEL WHITAKER	
LARA SNYDER	
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MS. BERARDI: People just signing in now, and we're going to get started here. There is some water here, there's emergency exits here and there, and the bathrooms are located through the hallway to the left if you need them. We also have a question box. If you want to ask your question in advance, you can go ahead and put them in the box and when we get to the question and answer part, we will be able to take those questions ahead of time. I think that's you'd have opening. Okay, we're going to get started and we just have a few announcements before we actually go into the meeting, so we give people time to sign in.

So, good evening. Welcome to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's meeting and hearing tonight. Thank you all for coming. My name is Stephanie Berardi. I'm the Regional Communications Manager for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Regional Office in Norristown.

I want to thank the Ballrooms at Boothwyn for hosting us. And I'd also like to thank Energy Transfer Marketing and Terminals, also known

1 as AT&T, for coming out this evening. I believe
2 Representative Craig Williams may also be joining us
3 this evening. And Josephine Laird, Borough Council
4 President. I'd like to thank them also for
5 attending.

6 I'm also joined tonight by James
7 Rebarchak, Air Quality Program Manager. We also
8 have Janine Tulloch-Reid, Air Quality Environmental
9 Engineer and Manager. David Smith, Air Quality
10 Engineering Specialist. He is in the back signing
11 people in. Amani Reid, Environmental Justice
12 Coordinator. She's in the back here. And also,
13 Jane Pardys, she is my assistant back there helping
14 everyone get signed in.

15 Public participation is an important
16 part of DEP's regulatory and oversight
17 responsibilities. There are many ways that the
18 public can play a role in DEP's decision making
19 processes. The most effective way is to do this to
20 express comments during designated public comment
21 periods, which includes participating in events like
22 tonight's public meeting and hearing.

23 I'm going to turn things over to Amani
24 to talk about the environmental justice policy. We
25 are in an environmental justice area, so Amani, if

1 you wanted to come over and say a few words.

2 MS. REID: Good evening, everyone.
3 Amani Reid, Eastern Regional Coordinator with the
4 Office of Environmental Justice. Just for some
5 background, the Office of Environmental Justice was
6 established as a point of contact for Pennsylvania
7 residents in low-income areas and areas with a
8 higher number of minorities. Its primary goal is to
9 increase community's environmental awareness and
10 involvement in the DEP's committing process.

11 Under the guidance of the
12 Environmental Justice Advisory Working Group, the
13 DEP developed the Enhanced Public Participation
14 Policy for Environmental Justice. The policy was
15 created to ensure that environmental justice
16 communities have the opportunity to participate and
17 be involved in a meaningful matter throughout the
18 permitting process when companies propose permitting
19 facilities in their neighborhood or when existing
20 facilities expand their operations. And you'll find
21 more information in the policy, we have some
22 information on the back table as well on that.

23 And as we know, Marcus Hook is an
24 environmental justice area. As part of this
25 participation process, we conducted outreach in

1 Marcus Hook, Chester Borough, and Upper Chichester.
2 This included over two dozen churches and
3 congregations, local shops, libraries, community
4 centers, and restaurants in Chester and Marcus Hook.
5 We informed the entire Chichester School District to
6 help get the word out as well. And we outreached
7 the community centers in the area to include Chester
8 City Hall. Multiple email blasts were sent out for
9 this public hearing as well.

10 Once again, our mission and goal is to
11 fulfill a critical role within the Department of
12 Environmental Protection, which is to ensure that
13 Pennsylvania is most at risk from pollution and
14 other environmental impacts have a voice, excuse me.
15 In the decision making process. The Office of
16 Environmental Justice will be hosting a public
17 comment period from September 16th to October 29th
18 of this year. For comments on our interim final
19 environmental justice policy, you can find more
20 information on the table at the front when you
21 leave, and you can find more information on the
22 website as well. Thank you so much.

23 MS. BERARDI: Thank you, Amani. At
24 this time, Energy Transfer will go over the project
25 in more detail, and you'll be able to ask questions

1 and receive the answers by our program staff and
2 Energy Transfer personnel. This will be off the
3 formal record.

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5 (WHEREUPON, AN OFF RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)

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7 MS. BERARDI: It is time - it is time
8 for us to begin the formal public hearing to obtain
9 public comments regarding AT&T's plan approval.
10 DEP's staff here is tonight - is here tonight to
11 receive testimony from the public so that it - so
12 that all relevant comments can be considered in the
13 Department's review of the permit application and
14 draft permit for this proposed project.

15 In addition to providing testimony,
16 the oral testimony presented here tonight, members
17 of the public may also submit written testimony no
18 later than Friday, September 29th, to the DEP by
19 email or by post mail. If you'd like to submit
20 written testimony, please see us afterwards for
21 contact information.

22 DEP gives equal consideration to all
23 public comments, regardless of whether a comment is
24 received verbally tonight or in writing prior to the
25 deadline. Please note that our purpose here tonight

1 is to listen to your comments and gather your input
2 that may be useful during the permit review process.
3 DEP staff does not directly answer questions or
4 respond to individuals commenting during this
5 official proceeding. All formal testimony given
6 tonight or provided in writing by the deadline will
7 be addressed in writing by DEP in what is called a
8 comment and response document.

9 Finally, let's establish a few ground
10 rules. Please turn off cell phones or put them on
11 vibrate. Take any calls outside of the auditorium.
12 I'll call in people to speak in the order which they
13 signed up and who the next speakers will be.
14 Whenever your name is called, please approach the
15 microphone, say your name, spell it, and give your
16 comments. Please speak loudly and clearly into the
17 microphone so everyone can hear you, including the
18 stenographer.

19 Each person will be allowed a maximum
20 of three minutes to offer testimony. We have about
21 27 registered speakers this evening. We will ask
22 all speakers to not exceed their three minutes to
23 keep the proceedings moving forward and to ensure
24 that all speakers have a fair and equal opportunity
25 to present testimony.

1 Each organization is - is requested to
2 designate one witness to present testimony on its
3 behalf, and time may not be relinquished to others.
4 I'll keep the time and hold up warning signs as the
5 speaker approaches the end of their time. As stated
6 previously, if a speaker runs out of time, remaining
7 comments can be submitted in written form. Please
8 respect - please be respectful of everyone's
9 opportunity to speak and to be heard. Don't
10 interrupt the speaker by clapping, booing or
11 speaking out of turn. I thank you in advance for
12 your cooperation with the ground rules.

13 Our first speaker this evening is Echo
14 Alford.

15 MS. ALFORD: My name is Echo Alford.
16 That's E-C-H-O A-L-F-O-R-D.

17 I'm here tonight on the behalf of the
18 Clean Air Council, a member supported nonprofit
19 environmental organization that has been working to
20 protect everyone's right to breathe clean air for
21 over 50 years. Furthermore, I'm also a lifelong
22 resident of this community. I've been here with my
23 family for over 25 years.

24 There are a number of reasons that
25 Energy Transfer's permit application to expand

1 ethane chilling capacity at the terminal should not
2 be approved. Marcus Hook Terminal is one of the
3 largest pollution sources in our heavily polluted,
4 highly industrial region, and it is currently listed
5 as being in high priority violation of the Clean Air
6 Act by the EPA.

7 Marcus Hook Terminal is now attempting
8 to add an additional 10,000 barrels a day ethane
9 chilling operation that will require many new air
10 pollution sources. Marcus Hook and surrounding
11 municipalities are host to a concentrated cluster of
12 major polluting facilities, and DEP does not require
13 an accurate assessment of the effect from the
14 combined exposures from this project with existing
15 pollution sources already in the community. And
16 these cumulative impacts exacerbate health
17 inequalities and racial and social injustices, and
18 absolutely should be considered by DEP in its
19 permitting process.

20 Residents around here are majority
21 black and brown, and many live on incomes below the
22 poverty line, making our community an environmental
23 justice area according to DEP itself. Our community
24 deeply feels the effect of living in close proximity
25 to so many polluting facilities. Residents complain

1 of constant odors, headaches, nosebleeds, burning
2 eyes, nose and throat, increased cancer and asthma
3 rates and much more.

4 Marcus Hook Terminal and Energy
5 Transfer have a long history of permit violations.
6 While Energy Transfer has been indicted on multiple
7 criminal charges related to the construction of
8 Mariner East in Pennsylvania. Violating regulations
9 is not something Energy Transfer does by chance. It
10 is a continual, intentional strategy to maximize
11 profits and undermine the rights and the health and
12 safety of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

13 You've also said that this project has
14 no relation to LNG, but you've also said that the
15 expansion is based on demand from customers. So how
16 can we expect you to believe that at some future
17 time, you know, Energy Transfer will not decide to,
18 you know, sell that ethane to an LNG facility? In
19 fact, a 2005 paper by leading petrochemical industry
20 leaders extolled the virtues of the collocation of
21 NGL and NGL - and LNG facilities -.

22 MS. BERARDI: Thirty (30) seconds.

23 MS. ALFORD: Yes, thank you. So
24 regardless of whether or not they are intending to
25 give this to Energy Transfer - I'm sorry. Yep. Let

1 me start there.

2 My testimony today is only the tip of
3 the iceberg. The council has submitted written
4 testimony outlining many more technical and
5 practical issues. Energy Transfer has shown time
6 and again that they do not respect and will not
7 abide the regulations that DEP and EPA have set for
8 them, nor do they respect or care for the rights of
9 the people to breathe clean air. For these reasons
10 and more, DEP should not approve any new permits for
11 the criminally indicted Energy Transfer or Marcus
12 Hook Terminal anywhere in Pennsylvania.

13 MS. BERARDI: Thank you. I'm going to
14 call the next three speakers so you can line up, and
15 that way we can move to the next speaker. Corwin
16 Walk is the next speaker. Corwin Walk.

17 PUBLIC MEMBER: Corinne. Corinne
18 Walk.

19 MS. BERARDI: Corinne Walk? Okay.

20 Tom Nixon. Tom Nixon, last call. Eve
21 Miari. Okay. We have Physicians for Social
22 Responsibility. We have either Linnea or Tammy. I
23 don't know who would like to give testimony on
24 behalf of the organization.

25 PUBLIC MEMBER: We're - we're going to

1 provide written comment.

2 MS. BERARDI: Thank you. Next is
3 Zulene Mayfield and Tracy Carluccio. Is Tracy here?

4 MS. CARLUCCIO: Yes.

5 MS. BERARDI: Okay.

6 MS. MAYFIELD: Good evening. Zulene
7 Mayfield, Chester Residents Concerned for Quality
8 Living. I am going to submit written testimony.
9 You can put that down because I think it's annoying.
10 First of all, this is a hearing, and I have an issue
11 with the whole process that you got the polluter in
12 here giving the presentation to the community.
13 Either it's going to be an informational meeting
14 held by DEP, or it's going to be a hearing.

15 In 1996, this organization sued the
16 DEP. You guys are ripe for another lawsuit because
17 you are melding a lot of things together. I've
18 never heard of a public hearing where people were
19 relegated to three minutes. Nobody can give
20 testimony in three minutes on an issue this
21 important.

22 PUBLIC MEMBER: Right.

23 MS. MAYFIELD: Nobody. And for you
24 to come into these - into these environmental
25 justice communities where they're supposed to be

1 enhanced, enhanced education, enhanced methods that
2 you are supposed to deal with these communities and
3 you guys are failing every freaking time. Every
4 time.

5 Listen, I can tell you right now, I -
6 I can tell you what Chester Residents Concerned for
7 Quality Living is about to do to DEP. It's going to
8 be despicable. Thirty (30) years and you guys have
9 not learned a damn thing, a thing about dealing with
10 these communities. Our income may not be as
11 affluent as other places, but my damn brain works.
12 Our brains work. And we understand when we are
13 being disrespected. We understand when you are
14 being condescending to our communities. We
15 understand that you are giving the polluters more
16 deference and leeway than you've ever given our -
17 given our communities.

18 Make me understand that. They should
19 - they should not have been here. Either you guys
20 are going to put forth the information or make them
21 and require them to do it in a separate forum. But
22 to meld this mess together, no. No. And I'm going
23 to deal with every legislator and to hold you guys
24 accountable for this BS.

25 MS. BERARDI: Next speaker, please.

1 MS. CARLUCCIO: I'm testifying today
2 in opposition to the approval of the proposed air
3 quality plan on behalf of Delaware Riverkeeper
4 Network's more than 26,000 members, many of whom
5 live and work in this region.

6 First and of the highest priority,
7 Marcus Hook and the areas adjacent are already
8 overburdened with pollution from this terminal and
9 other facilities. There is simply no way to justify
10 any additional air pollution. And there's another
11 problem. DEP states that it's following the
12 Environmental Justice Enhanced Public Participation
13 Policy here, but there are public involvement
14 actions in this policy that must be done before any
15 permitting, before public hearings such as this.

16 Not only is the Marcus Hook community
17 an area of concern, according to the
18 PennEnviroScreen, but this would be a trigger
19 project, we believe, as well, adding more
20 requirements. In short, this hearing is premature.
21 This announced intention of DEP to approve the
22 permit is premature. And as DEP moves ahead, this
23 project will be in violation of its own
24 Environmental Justice Enhanced Public Participation
25 Policy.

1 Dangerous air pollution - pollutants
2 from this expansion, such as nitrogen dioxide,
3 volatile organic compounds, and particulate matter
4 2.5 will harm the health of residents, will
5 negatively impact people's lungs and heart, will
6 impair neurological development, and will increase
7 smog and ozone. And the region currently doesn't
8 even meet federal air quality standards.

9 And as far as water quality, Delaware
10 County has the most polluted streams in all of
11 Pennsylvania. That says it all too. DRN is opposed
12 to this approval because there is no disclosure of
13 the full footprint of this chiller either. Where
14 will the ethane come from? What is it for? Will
15 exports expand? For instance, there's a special
16 permit request before the United States Department
17 of Transportation to transport ethane by railcar
18 into Marcus Hook. Is this how it will get here?
19 Ethane by rail is currently banned to protect public
20 safety. This would add more dangers and a bigger
21 footprint.

22 Will the pipelines need to expand to
23 get it here? We also know that ethane is a
24 refrigerant used to freeze natural gas into liquid
25 methane or LNG. Is this what it's really for? DEP

1 must let the public in on the full implications of
2 this expansion. Otherwise, we are left in the dark
3 once again and without the facts needed to
4 meaningfully participate in DEP's decisions that so
5 directly impact everyone, not only in this room, but
6 in this entire region.

7 Finally, Delaware Riverkeeper Network
8 is opposed to increasing the amount of ethane that
9 is going to be handled here. Ethane is extremely
10 flammable and it's potentially explosive. If it
11 escapes into the air, it can kill. There are no
12 benefits, only burdensome costs to the public and
13 the environment. And that is completely
14 unacceptable. It is intolerable, and this permit
15 must be denied.

16 MS. BERARDI: Brian Kelly. After
17 Brian is Lewis Freeman.

18 MR. KELLY: Good evening. Thanks for
19 having us tonight. My name's Brian Kelly. I'm a
20 resident of Aston, PA and a member of the
21 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
22 right here in Boothwyn. Local 654, has been proudly
23 serving Delaware and Chester County since 1939. We
24 provided skilled labor to more than 100 contractors
25 locally here in the area.

1 Our members and contractors are local
2 craftsmen and business owners. They live in the
3 county, they work here, they pay taxes here, they
4 volunteer here, and they support the local
5 businesses, which is a driving force in the economic
6 structure of our communities. Projects like the one
7 proposed tonight are essential to members of the
8 building trades, especially now in times of economic
9 uncertainty. Local craftsmen working on these
10 projects are highly skilled and trained to deliver
11 the most efficient products safely and
12 professionally. I ask this DEP to approve the
13 permit. Thank you.

14 MS. BERARDI: Thank you, Brian. Lewis
15 Freeman?

16 PUBLIC MEMBER: Lewis is not here.

17 MS. BERARDI: Lewis is not here.

18 Virginia Marcille. Am I saying your name right?
19 Marcille-Kerslake.

20 MS. MARCILLE-KERSLAKE: Close enough.

21 MS. BERARDI: Thank you.

22 MS. MARCILLE-KERSLAKE: Good evening.

23 My name is - I'm sorry.

24 MS. BERARDI: Just say your name and
25 spell it.

1 MS. MARCILLE-KERSLAKE: My name is
2 Virginia Marcille-Kerslake, V-I-R-G-I-N-I-A M-A-R-C-
3 I-L-L-E, hyphen, K-E-R-S-L-A-K-E, and I am a
4 resident of Chester County.

5 I'm here to request the current
6 application be denied. In short, this proposed
7 ethane expansion at Marcus Hook Terminal would bring
8 further harm to communities and the environment.
9 Energy Transfer's Marcus Hook Terminal is already
10 one of the largest pollution sources in this heavily
11 polluted industrial region and has a history of
12 permit violations. Residents in Marcus Hook and
13 surrounding environmental justice communities are
14 already deeply impacted by the effects of living
15 near a cluster of major polluting facilities.

16 This proposed expansion will only
17 worsen the health, inequalities and racial and
18 social injustices in these communities. The DEP
19 should be taking this into strong consideration in
20 its permitting process. The DEP should also be
21 requiring additional evaluations from Energy
22 Transfer, including an estimate of the emergency
23 flaring incidents and emissions associated with the
24 project based on past emergencies at the terminal,
25 how Energy Transfer will reduce methane and VOC

1 leakage and a thorough analysis of the facility's
2 current and proposed air pollution impacts to the
3 surrounding urban area.

4 This expansion would also inversely
5 impact Pennsylvanians along Mariner East. The
6 increased ethane would mean increased risk for
7 densely populated communities in the blast zone such
8 as mine and many others in Delaware and Chester
9 County. It could mean a further increase of
10 pressure in the existing Mariner East pipelines or
11 the repurposing of 90 plus year old pipelines again.

12 I have stood before the DEP and
13 submitted public comment on numerous occasions, as
14 have thousands of Pennsylvanians impacted by Mariner
15 East construction. While it is unpleasant, Mr.
16 McGinn might say uncivil to state that, but it must
17 be stated. That our extremely valid concerns for
18 deficiencies and other problems in Energy Transfer's
19 applications were ignored and the DEP repeatedly
20 issued permits and restarts for the projects anyway.

21 In the end, Energy Transfer racked up
22 close to 200 notices of violation from the DEP and
23 48 criminal charges from the Attorney General. And
24 it is the families and communities, including my
25 own, who suffered the consequences along with our

1 lakes, streams and aquifers. We request that under
2 new leadership, you do not make this mistake again
3 and instead thoroughly consider the deficiencies in
4 this application and the impacts to the environment
5 and communities, particularly these EJ communities.

6 I'm going to end with this bold
7 statement from Governor Shapiro from last August
8 when he was AG. And I quote, every time Energy
9 Transfer bids for a new project here in the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or somewhere across
11 this country, their criminal conduct will stick with
12 them forever. This is now one of those times.
13 Thank you.

14 MS. BERARDI: James Thompson followed
15 by Garland Thompson.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Good evening. My name
17 is James Thompson, J-A-M-E-S T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N. I'm a
18 union electrician. I've lived and worked here in
19 this area for 48 years. I started out my life born
20 in Chester, then I moved to North Wilmington and
21 currently live in Bethel Township.

22 I've been employed on several projects
23 at the Energy Transfer facility in Marcus Hook.
24 I've been able to purchase my home, pay taxes, and
25 raise my family because of manhours worked on these

1 projects. Energy's Transfer's commitment to
2 utilizing the best trained construction workers in
3 the industry has been demonstrated every time.
4 Their job sites create the highest safety standards
5 for workers and the surrounding community. I ask
6 that DEP approve these permits for future work.
7 Thank you.

8 MS. BERARDI: Garland Thompson, that's
9 you?

10 MS. THOMPSON: Good - good evening,
11 I'm Garland Thompson. That's G-A-R-L-A-N-D T-H-O-M-
12 P-S-O-N.

13 Unlike some of the people here who
14 have opposed this project, I was born in Chester
15 Hospital 80 years ago. My father worked at the
16 Marcus Hook refinery. He also made his trade at
17 Sunship (phonetic), or he worked in Viscose, also in
18 Marcus Hook. And as a child, I toured that plant.

19 I am a nuclear submarine sailor. I
20 spent ten years as a Navy submariner and as a
21 telephone switchman, working in technology. In
22 1975, I got into journalism so I could cover science
23 and technology, and for most of my career, including
24 my days at the Baltimore Sun where I was the
25 principal writer about science and technology, and

1 also on WYPR Radio in Baltimore, also editor of the
2 Philadelphia Tribune. And I have to say that as the
3 editor of the Tribune, I remember trying to cover
4 something called a cancer cluster in this region,
5 except that the cancer cluster turned out not to be
6 true after I sent reporters to do it before I left
7 town.

8 I speak as both a journalist and a
9 person who was deeply involved in engineering and
10 had training at the highest levels, but also as a
11 concerned citizen. I live in Delaware County. This
12 is the county and the state where I was born. My
13 father worked in these plants here. My uncles
14 worked in these plants here when there were no
15 pollution controls, and that's not true today.

16 I've heard a number of statements that
17 are factually not true. But I want to talk about a
18 bigger picture. And the bigger picture is this.
19 Because of what I do, I travel the country, and I
20 have seen in Texas very many plants like this one
21 that are growing because there's another pipe called
22 Texas, ATEX, Appalachia to Texas that brings bigger
23 quantities of Marcella Shale natural gas liquids
24 down to Texas to be processed in similar ways to
25 what Energy Transfer is doing here.

1 I've never worked for Energy Transfer,
2 so I can't be seen as their employee, and they've
3 never paid me for anything, though I've met some of
4 their executives. What I see in Texas is this.
5 Doing the things that I hear my neighbors complain
6 about in our state, Texas now is growing so rapidly
7 it has outgrown California, 40.3 million people.
8 All those people are not moving to Texas because
9 they're going to die there. They're moving to
10 Texas. They're going to prosper there.

11 We used to have those kinds of
12 industrial jobs in this region, in this town, in
13 this borough, in my City of Chester, in
14 Philadelphia, where I finished my higher education
15 and law school. We don't have that anymore. We
16 don't have the opportunities. We're watching while
17 the opponents stop things or try to stop things from
18 developing here, but they just go someplace else in
19 the country.

20 PUBLIC MEMBER: That's what we want
21 them to do.

22 MS. THOMPSON: I do not want to see
23 that happen. And I support this project, and I
24 really don't care who doesn't like it. I said what
25 I said.

1 MS. BERARDI: Libby Madarasz, did I
2 say your name right?

3 PUBLIC MEMBER: There you go. Tell
4 the truth about it.

5 MS. MADARASZ: Hi. My name is Libby
6 Madarasz, L-I-B-B-Y M-A-D-A-R-A-S-Z.

7 I'm here tonight as a resident of
8 Chester County. I'm not directly impacted by what's
9 going on at Marcus Hook with the air quality, but
10 the Mariner East pipeline has come through my
11 community. And for four years, I watched ET come
12 through wreaking havoc. They polluted a stream that
13 runs through my neighborhood. They spilled tens of
14 thousands of gallons of sludge in the lake where I
15 kayak every day. They created over 13 sinkholes in
16 my neighborhood, in the wetlands. They plugged up
17 those sinkholes with grout, and now stagnant water
18 sits because it cannot percolate through the soil.

19 Energy Transfer is not a good
20 neighbor. Energy Transfer has the worst safety
21 record of all pipeline companies. Now they want to
22 expand. Expanding requires them to come through
23 neighborhoods like mine again. What damage will
24 they cause this time?

25 We see them digging up the 90-year-old

1 pipeline and putting patches on it. And we are
2 concerned that their - their plan is to repurpose
3 these 90-year-old pipelines and push this ethane
4 through. These same pipelines used to carry
5 petroleum. And just a mile from my house, over
6 70,000 gallons of petroleum leaked out of those
7 pipes. And the fact that they're putting Band-Aids
8 on them and wanting to send ethane through is pretty
9 concerning. And all of this is to make more plastic
10 which will pollute the oceans.

11 I know Virginia Kerslake already said
12 this, but I also wanted to close with a statement
13 because it's so impactful. I met with Josh Shapiro
14 at the lake after the pollution, and I just wanted
15 to repeat the quote from him. Every time Energy
16 Transfer bids for a new project here in the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or somewhere across the
18 country, their criminal conduct will stick with them
19 forever.

20 Let their criminal behavior be a
21 roadblock to their desire to expand. It really
22 should be. They should not be able to keep pushing
23 through. Thank you.

24 MS. BERARDI: Thank you. I just want
25 to remind everybody to please keep all other

1 activity outside of this room so that people can
2 have a turn to testify without interruption. So, if
3 there's any conversations that need to be had
4 outside of this room, please take them outside.

5 Our next speaker is Christina
6 Digiulio.

7 MS. DIGIULIO: This thing's on? Hi,
8 I'm Christina Digiulio, C-H-R-I-S-T-I-N-A D-IG-I-U-
9 L-I-O. I am a resident of Chester County,
10 Downingtown, Pennsylvania, where Mariner East
11 destroys the lake and my water, most likely.

12 So, I could talk about science. I'm a
13 field scientist. I'm not testifying under
14 Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pennsylvania.
15 I'm also a certified demographer. I know Mr.
16 McGinn very well. Interestingly enough, I'm not
17 sure I feel like we're in Delaware County here, but
18 he is an Aston Township Commissioner, ward what?
19 But I don't know if that was mentioned. And he is a
20 public relations, a government, a liaison for a
21 fossil fuel industry. I don't know how that works
22 and how there's no conflict of interest in that.
23 And when somebody's feeding fodder to a community
24 and telling it and saying that it is called
25 education, public education, which they got dinged

1 on in the PUC trials where it's safe to say - I
2 mean, you know, there has to be better public
3 education.

4 I don't consider PR and look at all
5 the jobs. And in fact, everybody here who is
6 talking about jobs and economy to the DEP? Your
7 purview in this permitting has nothing to do with
8 that.

9 PUBLIC MEMBER: Hello.

10 MS. DIGIULIO: So, I don't - I'm - I'm
11 so grateful for your experience and whatnot, but as
12 a scientist, your purview is to listen to that. And
13 when we're talking about the theoretical modeling,
14 we already know that there's no due diligence in
15 getting the actual empirical data that is required
16 to get the known. For these communities, they
17 deserve that. And at least, I'm sorry it will take
18 so much time, but that's a scientist to make sure
19 you're protecting the health and safety of these
20 people.

21 PUBLIC MEMBER: Right.

22 MS. DIGIULIO: And I'm not okay when I
23 know you had empirical data, and still permitted out
24 of - the same with a theoretical data saying it's
25 low risk for sinkholes, low risk to harm our water.

1 And then you went back to the same area they
2 drilled, and they did exactly what we were saying in
3 our comment. At some point, we're not just
4 residents. We're scientists. We're, you know,
5 we're advocates. We are people.

6 We're not, as Zulene said, we got
7 brains. And we're all connected here. So, we're
8 not letting this system that they are a system, and
9 they need each other to function. They have planned
10 us to be a hub. They have planned us to be a
11 sacrifice zone, and we're not allowing that. Your
12 job is to protect us, not their plans, not their
13 expansion.

14 And I'm just speaking as a scientist
15 that I need you guys to absolutely abide by good
16 practice. I don't care what the regulations are,
17 because as a state, you can go above and beyond the
18 federal regulations. Thank you very much.

19 MS. BERARDI: Our next speaker is
20 Laura Obinsky. Is Laura here? Laura Obinsky? Ted
21 Uhlman, followed by Luke Wiedman. Ted.

22 MR. UHLMAN: Yes, I'm Ted Uhlman, U-H-
23 L-M-A-N. I live in Marple Township. And so, I got,
24 like, just four or five bullet points here. First
25 thing I want to do is, you know, everything that

1 Zulene Mayfield said, I agree with her 100 percent.
2 I have to.

3 But, you know, so - so my bullet
4 points are things that have already been said I
5 think pretty much. This is an environmental justice
6 area with high rates of asthma and cancer, and
7 putting an additional facility of this kind in there
8 seems to be a problem. I think, whether it's
9 improved technology or just get rid of some of the,
10 maybe the Covanta place or something like that. I
11 think that the people in Chester deserve to have
12 better air quality, not - not facilities that it's
13 going to add to the problem.

14 So - so again, you got the trainer
15 facility, you got the Covanta incinerator. And -
16 and of course, the Marcus Hook Terminal. And, you
17 know, earlier I was - I was asking about this Marcus
18 Hook Terminal, and I think I had a pretty
19 straightforward question when I said I'm - I'm kind
20 of confused about, you know. Is this the Sunoco
21 race fuels thing or is this the Marcus Hook
22 Terminal? And I think I got a pretty non-committal
23 answer.

24 And then I look at this thing that
25 they, you know, some of the PR stuff that was handed

1 out, and son of a gun, it looks like Energy Transfer
2 owns Sunoco and Energy Transfer owns the Marcus Hook
3 Terminal. And it's all the same stuff. And if they
4 - if they can't come straight with that kind of
5 stuff, what - what else are they not going to be
6 straight about? Okay.

7 So yeah, yeah. You know, when I was
8 looking at the EPA, it kind of said that there was
9 no - that they have been out of compliance since
10 April of 2023. And somebody couldn't give me a very
11 straight answer about, like you know, is this still
12 a problem? Or if you're not in compliance, I think
13 some - some people coming to these meetings should
14 know what the nature of that noncompliance is.

15 And I also saw on the EPA website that
16 there was like \$838,000 in - in penalties for - for
17 you know, environmental problems. Environmental
18 Energy Transfer, of course, has been indicted for
19 its violations of environmental rules in Mariner
20 East. And - and I absolutely share the concerns
21 about how this will fit hand in glove with an LNG
22 export facility. So that concludes my comments.
23 Thank you very much.

24 PUBLIC MEMBER: Thank you.

25 MS. BERARDI: Ted Uhlman. Sorry, Luke

1 Wiedman.

2 MR. WIEDMAN: Hello. My name is Luke
3 Wiedman, spelled L-U-K-E W-I-E-D-M-A-N. I am a
4 member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation and
5 also a lifelong Delaware County resident who has
6 lived and worked in close proximity to the Marcus
7 Hook Terminal for many years.

8 Energy Transfer's disregard for the
9 people of our community and for our health and
10 wellbeing is appalling. They have shown time and
11 time again that they will not adhere to the DEP or
12 EPA's regulations. And yet, the DEP continues to
13 allow them to build new polluting infrastructure in
14 this community. In fact, their practices have been
15 so egregious that the Attorney General of
16 Pennsylvania found saw - saw fit to indict Energy
17 Transfer on 48 counts for crimes committed during
18 the construction of the Mariner East pipeline, 48
19 counts.

20 PUBLIC MEMBER: Crimes.

21 MR. WIEDMAN: Crimes. Criminal
22 activity. This is a community that is already being
23 exploited by far too many corporations seeking to
24 make a quick buck off the backs of residents who are
25 a majority black and brown and living in poverty.

1 These corporations promise jobs and prosperity, yet
2 all we see is pollution while the CEOs rake in
3 millions.

4 The people of Marcus Hook and
5 surrounding communities deserve to bleed - the
6 people of Marcus Hook and surrounding communities
7 deserve to breathe clean air just as much as the
8 people who can afford to live in the more affluent
9 communities where they are not building these. The
10 - the people of these communities deserve to have
11 clean water, to drink more than Energy Transfer
12 deserves to build this polluting monstrosity. You
13 cannot google Energy Transfer without seeing story
14 after story of peoples whose lives have been ruined,
15 communities polluted, and futures in jeopardy. The
16 truth is that everything and everywhere Energy
17 Transfer goes and does, destruction follows.

18 It is DEP - it is the DEP's
19 responsibility to protect the citizens of
20 Pennsylvania by regulating facilities like this.
21 But the DEP allows companies like ET to blatantly
22 ignore those regulations, pay a fine and carry on
23 making money. These fines do nothing to hold them
24 accountable. They simply write it off as the cost
25 of doing business. The DEP's inaction to stop them

1 or hold them accountable is, in my opinion, criminal
2 in itself.

3 Do not listen to the polo shirts and
4 black slacks that have been paid to be here by
5 Energy Transfer and listen to the actual residents
6 of this community. We do not want this. You have
7 the opportunity to do the right thing here. Please
8 do your job. Protect the residents of Pennsylvania.
9 Thank you.

10 MS. BERARDI: The next speaker is
11 Brandon Riboliti. Brandon? Last call for Brandon.
12 Next up is William Adams. After William is Gary
13 Andress.

14 MR. ADAMS: Good evening. My name is
15 - my name is Bill Adams, and I am the President and
16 Assistant Business Manager of IBW Local Union 654.
17 I'm a lifelong Delaware County resident and I live
18 in Aston Township.

19 I appear - can you hear me? I'm
20 sorry. Hold it up? I'm sorry. You want me to
21 start again?

22 PUBLIC MEMBER: No.

23 MR. ADAMS: I appear - I appear this
24 evening in support of approving the permits for the
25 ethane and shelling expansion project in Marcus

1 Hook. Energy Transfer since 2013 has employed
2 thousands of building trades workers on various
3 projects within their Marcus Hook plant. In the
4 last ten years, over seven million man hours have
5 been worked on phased infrastructure upgrades at
6 Energy Transfer facilities. Their commitment to
7 employing highly skilled and trained construction
8 workers from the community has allowed opportunities
9 for residents to pay for homes, pay taxes, and raise
10 their families.

11 I'm here to talk about infrastructure.

12 Infrastructure jobs that Energy Transfer should be
13 applauded for. I ask the DEP to approve the
14 necessary permits for this project. Thank you.

15 MS. BERARDI: Gary. After Gary is
16 George Parsons.

17 MR. ANDRESS: Good evening. My name
18 is Gary Andress, G-A-R-Y A-N-D-R-E-S-S. I'm also a
19 resident of Delaware County, living in Wallingford,
20 born and raised, and spent a lot of my career
21 working in what was Sun Oil, now Energy Transfer,
22 Monroe, Tri Union (phonetic) Chester. These - these
23 jobs, these - these localities, they - they give us,
24 they my members - I'm an Assistant Business Manager,
25 Teamsters Local Union 420. They give our members

1 really good life sustaining jobs, right? High
2 working wages for highly trained people. And Energy
3 Transfer, I think, has been a good partner. And I'm
4 here to just ask you guys to support this project.
5 Thank you.

6 PUBLIC MEMBER: No.

7 MS. BERARDI: George. After George
8 and Bill Delacy.

9 MR. PARSONS: George Parsons, D-E-O-R
10 - G-E-O-R-G-E P-A-R-S-O-N-S. I'm a resident of
11 Garnet Valley since 1998, where we have raised our
12 family. I have lived less than five miles from
13 here, up off of Naamans Creek Road, and I don't
14 believe I have been poisoned on a daily basis. And
15 I apologize for my polo shirt. I happen to like
16 them.

17 I am also a 420 steam fitter for
18 nearly 40 years, and I have worked in the facility
19 when it was a refinery back in the '90s until it
20 closed in 2011. Why does this matter? Because I
21 want our younger generation to have the same
22 opportunities that I have had working as a skilled
23 tradesperson. I was able to send two children to
24 college who are very productive working adults to
25 this day.

1 Be it as if they could be a skilled
2 tradesperson in the facility as a steam fitter,
3 electrician, a boiler maker, carpenter, iron worker
4 or instrument technician, or eventually one of the
5 operators in the facility. These are good paying
6 jobs with benefits that provide a sustainable living
7 wage. Not just 100 jobs that are mentioned in the
8 hearing, but five times that if you consider the
9 support jobs for the project and the ripple effect
10 offered outside the community in - from the facility
11 in these neighboring communities. Everything from
12 truck drivers, equipment repair, warehouse workers,
13 and local hospitality as well. This project will
14 generate revenue for the towns, the county, and the
15 State of Pennsylvania.

16 As I mentioned previously, I have
17 worked in the facility when it was a refinery and
18 also extensively since it had been converted into
19 its current operation. I sit before you here as a
20 working-class resident of this community, not
21 someone with an axe to grind against ETP or the PDAP
22 (phonetic). And I can honestly say I feel safe
23 working in the facility and living in the area. I
24 trust the science that is behind the chiller
25 expansion project design, engineering, and the daily

1 operations of the facility.

2 In conclusion, this is an excellent
3 opportunity for the community to benefit once again
4 from a local project employing local people, and
5 benefit the residents of our communities and the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I urge the PA DEP to
7 approve this permit. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC MEMBER: You live here. Why
9 would you encourage -?

10 MR. DELACY: Hello, everybody. My
11 name is William Delacy.

12 MS. BERARDI: Keep - let's - let's,
13 please let the next person speak uninterrupted.
14 Bill.

15 MR. DELACY: Hello, everybody. My
16 name's William Delacy. I'm a Delaware County
17 resident. I've lived here my whole life. I live in
18 Ridley Park. I've lived in Chester for years. I
19 live in Aston now.

20 I drove right up from the refineries,
21 from - from the money that were dumping into this
22 area to build an energy area. You know, I'm not - I
23 was working in Monroe, but it's different. This
24 money feeds my family. I made it a point to get
25 here. I worked a ten-hour shift, came right here

1 because we need this to go through. We need to keep
2 feeding our families. And people are complaining
3 about, you know, pollutions, and that's something to
4 think about, but you know? We monitor it very well.
5 I see the safety down there. I see them going
6 around with the sniffers guys everywhere.

7 You know what else? We all have food.
8 We all have good jobs. We're working our butts
9 off. There's - this is a good thing.

10 PUBLIC MEMBER: No, it ain't.

11 MR. DELACY: Flat out. I lived in
12 Chester. I understand what they're saying. I lived
13 right down there. You know what?

14 PUBLIC MEMBER: No, you don't.

15 MR. DELACY: I said I did, two years.
16 Oh, I didn't? Okay.

17 MS. BERARDI: We need to focus and
18 allow the speaker to speak uninterrupted.

19 MR. DELACY: Yeah. Some people have
20 problems taking directions, but anyway it is - it is
21 a great opportunity for this area to - this is a
22 great opportunity for this area to grow, to prosper,
23 to go back to the way when we had tons of business
24 down here and use the skills that we have in this
25 area to - to do a safe job. And that's great for

1 our community. I'm one from this community, and I
2 support this.

3 MS. BERARDI: Thank you. If we have
4 any more commentary during the next presenting
5 person, we're going to need to ask you to take it
6 outside. We need to make sure everybody has a turn
7 to speak uninterrupted.

8 The next speaker, I'm sorry. Michael
9 Whitaker. Michael, would you like to offer
10 testimony? This is for the record. After Michael
11 is David Kronheim.

12 MR. WHITAKER: Hello. Well, I wish
13 that they don't approve this thing behind the fact
14 that - like I said, I'm not a chemist, but it seems
15 like, I mean he was showing me all these things far
16 as look how it used to be and how it is now, but
17 it's still cancer. I mean, I don't know how much it
18 goes up in the air and how it spreads, but it's just
19 that we need different kinds of jobs in this area.
20 You know, go from oil to gas. I don't know. That's
21 all I had to say.

22 MS. BERARDI: Thank you. And I
23 apologize. I missed Lora Snyder as well. Lora, you
24 can speak after Michael. Oh, come on down. Come on
25 down. I - I actually missed Lora. I'm sorry.

1 It'll be Michael and then David.

2 MS. SNYDER: All right.

3 Good evening. Lora Snyder, L-O-R-A S-
4 N-Y-D-E-R. I've been in Delaware County my whole
5 life. I'm an occupational therapist for 35 years,
6 working with the residents in Delaware County.

7 We see the asthma; we see the cancer
8 rates skyrocketing. We do not need more cumulative
9 effects of more industry here. We've seen our
10 purple air PM 2.5 go up to 400, which I didn't even
11 think was possible this past summer with the
12 wildfires in Canada. We couldn't breathe. We all
13 see what that felt like. We do not need more
14 emissions in Delaware County. We do not need it.

15 Specifically for Energy Transfer, DEP,
16 you have in your guidelines that you will not issue
17 new permits for companies with criminal records.
18 This company, Energy Transfer, has one felony and 48
19 criminal charges. Governor Shapiro had mentioned
20 that as well as his AG, and his quote was given
21 tonight. But DEP, you also have that in your
22 guidelines. So, I just want to, you know, refresh
23 your memory on that.

24 Everything Zulene has said, everything
25 else, environmental justice, we do not need more

1 cumulative. We need clean air. Article 1 Section
2 27. We deserve the right for clean air, clean
3 water, and to preserve our resources in
4 Pennsylvania. Thank you.

5 MS. BERARDI: Michael.

6 PUBLIC MEMBER: Michael went before
7 Lora.

8 MS. BERARDI: David, you're next.

9 MR. KRONHEIM: Yeah. David Kronheim,
10 K-R-O-N-H-E-I-M. All right. Comments.

11 Marcus Hook Industrial Complex has
12 applied to increase their supply of ethane chilling,
13 which would increase air pollution despite Delaware
14 County failing to meet national ambient air quality
15 standards. Ethane is isolated from natural gas.
16 Natural gas is 85 percent to 90 percent methane.
17 Methane is more than 25 times as potent as carbon
18 dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. That's
19 the main thing.

20 We want to have a healthy environment.

21 If climate change overtakes us, our children won't
22 get any jobs. They'll all be dead. Okay? Natural
23 - natural gas is a fossil fuel that comes from
24 fracking. I could say a few words about fracking,
25 but I don't have time. But nobody likes it. Who's

1 near it? The US gas export industry emits the most
2 methane relative to other major suppliers, according
3 to a US government and UK government analysis in
4 2019, with methane leaks occurring in voluminous
5 quantities during production, transport, and
6 storage.

7 So, I would suggest that DEP, when
8 they look for the best available technology, they
9 look outside the US because we're doing a terrible
10 job. And rewrite this whole application and review
11 it from start to end. Ethane is mainly used to
12 produce ethylene, or feedstock to make plastics. We
13 have more than enough plastic pollution.

14 Marcus Hook is adjacent to Trainer,
15 which is adjacent to Chester City. Marcus Hook,
16 Chester City, and Trainer are all environmentally -
17 environmentally disadvantaged environmental justice
18 communities with high legacy pollution and health
19 burdens. This ethanol project would produce a host
20 of air pollutions, which would worsen the effects
21 for Chester City, where 38 percent of the children
22 have asthma, five times the - the national average.
23 Where am I?

24 The Covanta Plant. Now I'm going to
25 talk about the other environments, the other

1 pollutions we have in the City of Chester. Covanta
2 Plant in the city of Chester has the largest
3 incinerator with the fewest pollution control
4 devices in the country. Hundreds of trucks run with
5 their motors idling in the streets of Chester each
6 day to bring in trash to Covanta and bring out toxic
7 ash from Covanta, which is sent to landfills.
8 Covanta employs six Chester City residents out of
9 105 employees.

10 Covanta, since 2017, decreased their
11 host fees to Chester City by over \$10 million.
12 Chester City has been run for the benefit of vendors
13 and special interests rather than for the benefit of
14 the community. Without Covanta, there will be less
15 air, land, and water pollution. Instead of burning
16 waste, landfills were used instead. This would
17 encourage the use of landfills closer to the origin
18 of the trash now being burnt, rather than trash
19 being shipped to Chester City from multiple states.
20 I request PA DEP to close Covanta down to stop their
21 consistent violations of public health.

22 Am I out of time?

23 MS. BERARDI: Yes.

24 MR. KRONHEIM: All right.

25 I'll also say that you also allow

1 DELCORA to burn sewage. And the problem with that
2 is they're going to double their volume - let me,
3 I'll be finished in a half a second. Double their
4 volume of sewage being sent to us. And the least
5 you could do is make them use the technology to stop
6 burning that stuff. There's anaerobic digesters and
7 pools they could utilize or - or put in more space.
8 It's a horror story.

9 MS. BERARDI: Our last registered
10 speaker is Rafael Hernandez.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Rafael Hernandez. R-
12 A-F-A-E-L H-E-R-N-A-N-D-E-Z. Chester resident,
13 lifelong other than when I was young. But Delaware
14 County, I've lived in Philadelphia ever since I was
15 a kid. After that, I went to service.

16 Anyway, they keep saying, no
17 significant impact from emissions. No significant
18 impact from emissions. They keep saying it, but the
19 residents know better. What does that mean? No
20 impact to those that have moved from the area or
21 never live here? Any emission that adds to the
22 existing fallout to the community. Let's not
23 sugarcoat it. Let's not play the BS. We all know,
24 we're not stupid.

25 Does this mean that we can expect

1 cancer or another health condition a little earlier
2 from this expansion? I know it's not going to
3 reverse it. It's going to make it sooner. I get
4 the benefits to the pipeline trades. I get it. But
5 at the cost of everyone else's wellbeing, it is a
6 negative to everyone. What is the point of a good
7 job and the tax base if our children will suffer the
8 consequences and have a shorter life expectancy?
9 Those highly paid jobs they speak of, those people
10 can afford to live plenty of miles from here. And
11 their opinions do not matter to the affected
12 community.

13 The jobs that are created, sure, there
14 are jobs created. In the healthcare industry,
15 funeral homes, and - and so on with that. They're
16 not created. I'm sorry. The jobs they're claiming
17 is a - claiming their jobs creation is a benefit.
18 It's like saying, let's not worry about crime.
19 Let's just not worry about crime. Because you know
20 what that does? It creates jobs for police. It
21 creates jobs for the - it creates jobs for the
22 hospitals. It create, yeah. So you know what?
23 Let's not worry about crime either. Forget about
24 crime. Next time I hear somebody complain about
25 crime that's in these trades, I'm going to - I'm

1 going to remind them of that.

2 Crime creates jobs. Just like
3 polluters create jobs. I get it. Supply and
4 demand, I get it. Yeah, my damn - excuse me. My
5 cell phone. Pretty much a lot of other things are
6 made or as a result of these industries. However,
7 we also know that all these things are created with
8 a very short lifespan so that they could continue to
9 make more and more money.

10 I am a veteran. I did not serve and
11 survive to come back home to allow my fellow
12 citizens to be killed by the polluters, investors,
13 and the trade that support them just to make a damn
14 buck. I request Energy Transfer be denied this
15 expansion. Thank you.

16 MS. BERARDI: Is there any other -
17 anybody else would like to testify? Please make
18 sure you state your name and spell it.

19 MR. BURNS: My name is Adam Burns, A-
20 D-A-M B-U-R-N-S. I live in the area, and I would
21 like them to approve this. There's less pollution
22 today than there was ten years ago. There's going
23 to be very minimal - you act like people are going
24 to be passing away when they're not going to be.
25 People are getting cancer from other reasons other

1 than this project. The local taxes would help the
2 community. There's so many reasons why this should
3 happen, like everything's so minimal. And that's
4 pretty much all I got to say. Thank you.

5 MS. BERARDI: Thank you.

6 MS. STEVENSON: My name is Carla
7 Stevenson, C-A-R-L-A S-T-E-V-E-N-S-O-N. My father
8 was a worker for LI Chemicals for years. I'm only
9 here to state he passed away from liver cancer. I
10 rest my case.

11 PUBLIC MEMBER: Working in these
12 plants.

13 MS. BERARDI: That's fine. You can go
14 ahead and say your name and spell it.

15 MS. WHITAKER: My name is Myra
16 Whitaker, M-Y-R-A W-H-I-T-A-K-E-R. I live in Twin
17 Oaks, Pennsylvania. I've been there all my life.
18 My dad worked at the old refinery in Marcus Hook,
19 and he died of cancer. My mother died of breast
20 cancer. My dad, he died. I had breast cancer
21 twice, liver cancer now, and also colon cancer, and
22 I had a brain tumor.

23 So I know that a lot of this chemistry
24 that's going on in Marcus Hook has a lot to do with
25 everything that's going on. We don't need no more

1 pollution at all. I live it, and I know it's a lot
2 of people in Twin Oaks with cancer, different kinds
3 of cancer, and I know it's caused from all of that.

4 So it's too much pollution, too much. So, I do not
5 want any more, you know, plants or anything coming
6 into this Delaware County at all.

7 And Chester really suffered with all
8 the pollution of the truckers, tractor trailers
9 going through there. It's the noise, that's
10 pollution, the --- the fumes from them trucks, all
11 that traffic going through there, it's just
12 terrible. So that's all I have to say.

13 MS. BERARDI: Thank you. Is there any
14 other speakers that would like to testify? Hearing
15 none, this will conclude tonight's public hearing.
16 As a reminder, written comments on this application
17 will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday,
18 September 29th. If you wish to submit written
19 comments or questions, please see us or write down
20 this email address, ra-epseroaqpubcom@pa.gov.

21 Thank you for being here and thank you
22 for your comments. We appreciate your interest in
23 this project. Have a safe trip home, and good
24 night.

25 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 8:03 P.M.

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