

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

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RE: Chapter 102 Permit No. ESG0100015001 & Chapter 105 Permit No. E15-862

At Pittsburgh Works Together, we believe in building a strong inclusive economy that works for everyone. We believe the growing energy sector embraces our traditional strengths while preparing us for the brightest future for all residents of the Commonwealth.

The expanding energy market has relied upon our skilled labor in bringing critical new projects online. Pennsylvania's energy industry has grown rapidly over the last decade and remains a critical part of our community. It supports support hundreds of thousands of jobs and injects more than \$45 billion into our economy.

That money supports families across the state as well as our public schools, civil programs, nonprofits, and other valuable programs that our communities rely upon every day.

Energy Transfer's projects continue to be a driving force for our states' energy infrastructure buildout and the Mariner East pipeline has brought about real energy consumer savings. The project has employed thousands of skilled union construction workers from right here in Pennsylvania, which ensures the best trained workers in the industry are building this pipeline.

A pipeline will carry product equal to 750 trucks and 75 railcars. Much safer by taking tens of thousands of gallons of product off our roads and rail lines every day – pipelines also produce less emissions.

The application under review makes sense both from the perspectives of environmental and community safety. The current proposal would allow crews to excavate a trench for the pipeline to be installed into. This is an improvement based on the challenges experienced with inadvertent returns of drilling fluid (non-toxic bentonite mixed with water) at this very location.

On behalf of the corporate and organized labor members of *Pittsburgh Works*, I encourage the Department of Environmental Protection to advance the permits for Energy Transfer's new plans to complete construction of the Mariner East pipeline. I am confident our state's energy sector will continue to provide jobs and opportunities for our communities with the necessary infrastructure in place.

Sincerely,



Jeff Nobers
Executive Director