

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

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

We write the Department of Environmental Protection on behalf of Boilermakers Local 154 to voice our support for the Mariner East pipeline. This project is an important employment opportunity for skilled laborers across Pennsylvania.

Our chapter, located in Pittsburgh, serves Western Pennsylvania and parts of Ohio and West Virginia. At Local 154, we are dedicated to our trade of providing high-quality work to our communities. Our Boilermakers receive comprehensive training through our extensive in-field apprenticeship program to prepare them for anything they may face on the job. We strive to honor the Pittsburgh legacy of hard work and dedication to our craft as we bring high professional standards and a meticulous approach to our work sites.

The energy sector has proven an invaluable source of employment for Local 154 and skilled laborers throughout the state. Investments in the energy sector have consistently benefited local communities as skilled workers receive well-paying jobs and local economies enjoy a boost from increased revenue. Recently, 330 of our Boilermakers worked on the Ethane Cracker in Beaver County. In total, the project generated 6,000 jobs and uplifted a region that had not seen any substantial investments in over 30 years.

We appreciate that the pipeline developer is committed to improving communities and has altered construction on the Mariner East pipeline to an open cut method to help ensure environmental protection. We firmly believe in the importance of employing the strongest safety protocols, and this updated pipeline framework will surely better protect the communities along the pipeline route.

Although this specific project is in southeastern Pennsylvania, its completion is important for our entire state. We urge DEP to allow for the completion of the Mariner East pipeline. Supporting our communities is a responsibility and a privilege that we take seriously. The Mariner East pipeline is an opportunity for our members to serve our neighbors and state residents through providing safe and reliable energy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

SINCERELY,



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Boilermakers Local 154



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