



# THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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Richard D. Flinn, Jr.  
Director  
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency  
1310 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Director Flinn,

As you are aware, the Sunoco Mariner East pipeline crosses through the heart of Chester County. Since the beginning of this construction project, our Emergency Management staff has worked with impacted municipalities, schools and emergency response agencies to try and address public safety concerns that may arise from the presence of the Mariner East pipeline. Throughout the construction of the Mariner East pipeline, our focus has been on ensuring that our local first responders are trained to evaluate and respond to the potential pipeline risks, and that local emergency operations plans reflect the emerging hazards this pipeline introduces to our community. We appreciate the continued assistance of PEMA with our work to ensure that our responders are trained and our municipalities and schools are prepared.

We now write to request additional assistance from your agency.

Throughout the many stages leading up to, and during construction of the Mariner East pipeline, Sunoco has not been responsive to requests for information regarding potential hazards and risk assessments related to the product that will be transported through the pipeline. Several safety issues have occurred during construction, including sink holes and leaks, which have also raised significant concern. Sunoco's lack of responsiveness has created an environment of tremendous distrust.

Because of these ongoing issues, we formally ask PEMA to assist our Emergency Management staff in conducting a review of the current municipal and school plans affected by the Mariner East pipeline. We also request assistance with defining the type of public alert system appropriate for the hazards posed by the products that will be transported through the pipeline.

We thank you in advance for your assistance regarding this important public safety concern.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kichline  
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