

Upper Makefield *Township*

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Mr. Joe Massaro
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Sent via email

Dear Joe,

Thank you for attending the meetings this week with Mt. Eyre neighborhood residents to address the pipeline leak. Your company has demonstrated a commitment to resolving these legitimate and grave concerns for health and safety. In light of that commitment, I made two major requests of the company as summarized in this letter. First, the pipeline needs to be shut down. Second, independent well testing needs to be done at the expense of the company. Both of these actions are essential to reaching a resolution of this issue while regaining the public trust.

During these last two meetings, many previously unknown issues have come to light. The unknown size of the leak, inability of the technology used to detect additional leaks and the old age of the pipeline dating back to 1956 are among some significant discoveries. In addition, the smell of gas in the water has been reported in 2 other Upper Makefield neighborhoods. The residents and the representative from Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration believe the pipeline should be shut down. Given this grave situation that requires immediate attention, It is imperative that the company voluntarily shut down the pipeline until these issues are resolved. There is no other option given the state of so many unknown variables.

Many residents are not comfortable with the well testing being done by the company's selected vendors. The smell of gas continues in well water which has tested as uncontaminated while their neighbor's test show contaminates. I request that your company pay the costs of an independent contractor that the Township will select.

The company has stepped up to work with residents but needs to go further in resolving issues created by the failure of your pipeline. I look forward to the company's acceptance of these two requests.

Sincerely,


Yvette E. Taylor, Chair
Board of Supervisors

