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Dear Acting Secretary Shirley and Secretary Bogen,

I am writing to express my ongoing concern regarding the Sunoco Pipeline, which traverses Upper Makefield Township and is operated by Energy Transfer. As you are aware, on January 31st, it was reported that this nearly 75-year-old pipeline experienced a significant jet fuel leak, resulting in its shutdown until “necessary” repairs can be made to prevent further leakage.

While I acknowledge the work your agencies have undertaken thus far in addressing this issue and your continued collaboration with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), several critical questions remain unresolved. These unanswered questions leave our residents uncertain about the safety of their water and the long-term health impacts of this situation. As the State agencies tasked with overseeing the overall response and safeguarding the health and wellbeing of Pennsylvania’s residents, I respectfully request that you consider publicly addressing the following key points before the next public forum on February 11th, 2025:

- **Expedited and Comprehensive Testing** – Currently, 93 water wells have been tested, with an additional 102 wells scheduled for inspection. While we appreciate Energy Transfer’s expansion of the testing scope and the provision of bottled water to concerned landowners, many tests are taking significantly longer than the expected two-day average to yield results. Furthermore, the full extent of the leak plume remains undetermined.
- **Anomalies in Testing Results** – Reports indicate alarming findings, including wells with as much as 15 feet of jet fuel floating on top of the water. In some cases, jet fuel was skimmed off the surface of the water, but the well immediately began to accumulate significant amounts of fuel again. There have also been reports of double negatives, yet the well reeks of jet fuel. I ask that you consider clarifying these anomalies.
- **Ongoing Investigation** – The investigation into the cause and scope of the leak remains inconclusive. I believe it is vital that the results of this investigation be made public so that residents and stakeholders can fully understand the magnitude of the incident.
- **Remediation Plan** – As leaders responsible for overseeing both environmental and health responses, I believe the community deserves clear answers regarding the next steps in the remediation process. Transparency about the long-term outlook will help reassure residents that their concerns are being addressed.

- **Health Impacts** – Without a clear investigation and remediation plan in place, it is essential that residents are informed of the potential health risks they face due to exposure. Reports have surfaced of residents whose wells were contaminated and whose carbon filters, despite being installed, still emit the distinct odor of jet fuel. This is not normal, and it is critical that residents know whether continued exposure to their water is safe. Moreover, we hope you consider providing an answer to, “is the water safe to drink for people awaiting their results?”

As you are aware, Pennsylvania’s Constitution guarantees the right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of our environment for present and future generations. This right is in jeopardy, and I believe our residents deserve clear, immediate answers. The fundamental question we all need to ask ourselves is: “Would I drink that water?”

At this critical juncture, it is imperative that both the State and Federal governments adopt an all-hands-on-deck approach to ensure that our residents have the advocates and answers they deserve. I hope you will consider looking into this matter and I am here to continue our productive dialogue should you deem it beneficial. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this matter, consistent with applicable agency guidelines.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office at 215-579-8102 if there is any way we can assist in this matter.

Sincerely,



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