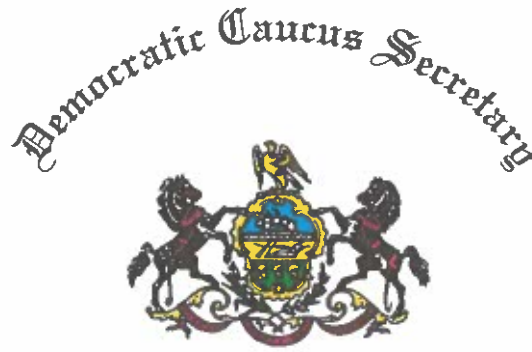


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March 19, 2025

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Re: Sunoco Twin Oak-Newark Pipeline in Upper Makefield Township, Pennsylvania

Dear Director Patterson,

Thank you for attending the March 11, 2025 meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors to discuss the Twin Oaks Pipeline release. We appreciate that you and Mr. Brown made yourselves available to answer residents' questions.

We are writing to follow up on two issues that were discussed at the meeting and to ask that the Department provide information relevant to them as soon as possible.

The first is the issue that Ms. Ellen Radow raised regarding the proposed pump and treat operation in the Mount Eyre neighborhood. Ms. Radow correctly noted that when ground water is removed in such an operation it causes a cone of depression, which could have the effect of drawing contaminated water into nearby drinking wells. Undertaking this work without even a rough delineation of the plume can result in the creation of an ill-defined or poorly understood zone of capture that could threaten residential wells. While we understand the need to begin extracting contaminated water from the area of the release, we join with residents in asking that the Department create a plan to monitor the impacts on neighborhood wells as the work is undertaken.

The second issue concerns MTBE. As you heard at the meeting, some residents are getting sampling results from their wells that not only indicate the presence of MTBE, but show

that levels of the constituent are increasing over time. We ask that the Department investigate this issue to determine what might be causing it, and that the Department request that Energy Transfer provide it with a full log of product that has been transported through the pipeline over the course of the last two decades at least and the periods of transport for each.

Again, thank you for your attention to this issue.

Very truly yours,



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