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Senate of Pennsylvania

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Jessica Shirley
Acting Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Sunoco Twin Oaks-Newark Pipeline Release Remediation, Upper Makefield Township

Dear Secretary Shirley,

Thank you for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's continued oversight of Sunoco/Energy Transfer's response to the Twin Oaks-Newark Pipeline release in Upper Makefield Township, Bucks County. We write today with an urgent request for enforcement action against Sunoco/Energy Transfer for their delays in performing a full remediation, causing continued harm to residents.

As you are aware, the Township and the residents desire swift action. A lot of great work has been done, including the recent completion of the three additional recovery wells on Glenwood Avenue. Unfortunately, key elements in this remediation are still not complete, and Sunoco/Energy Transfer is not moving with the urgency required. We are respectfully requesting DEP undertake an immediate enforcement action against Energy Transfer to compel it to remediate the affected area.

The plume must be delineated without further delay. This should have been one of the primary efforts from the first moment the release was identified. Without this, there is no way to assess the impact of this release on ground water and the number of residents impacted. We are nearly five months into this disaster; it is unacceptable that Sunoco/Energy Transfer has not delineated the plume.

Next, Sunoco/Energy Transfer must use the correct tools and methodology to recover product from the Mt Eyre neighborhood. Currently, Sunoco/Energy Transfer is relying solely on passive recovery techniques such as hand bailing and sorbent socks to extract the product from the wells and is still utilizing the residential well at 128 Walker Rd., Kristine and Kevin Wojnovich's home, as a primary location for recovering product. This passive recovery process only recovers product that is naturally migrating to these locations. Robust product recovery and remediation is necessary to increase product recovery by actively drawing product towards the recovery wells instead of allowing the product to continue to migrate throughout the area.

This is an urgent time sensitive task. Each day that passes, carcinogens from the jet fuel release continue to migrate further from the discharge location dissolving into groundwater and volatilizing into soil gas. It is critically important that Sunoco/Energy Transfer begin utilizing a multi-phase recovery process to draw product toward the recovery wells and extract the vapor state of product from the soil. The longer this is delayed, the opportunity to recover a meaningful amount of product is reduced and the risk of long term or permanent damage is increased.

We know that DEP shares these concerns and understands the importance of these remediation steps; however, these delays are indicative of a polluter who is not taking its responsibility to remediate seriously. On behalf of the residents of the Mt. Eyre neighborhood and Upper Makefield Township, we respectfully request that DEP initiate immediate enforcement action against Sunoco/Energy Transfer to ensure that these critical remediation actions are taken with the haste this situation requires.

Again, thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Very truly yours,



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