

BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

1ST DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

BIPARTISAN

PROBLEM SOLVERS CAUCUS

CHAIRMAN

271 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-4276

1717 LANGHORNE-NEWTOWN RD.
SUITE 225
LANGHORNE, PA 19047
(215) 579-8102



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

COMMITTEES

INTELLIGENCE

CHAIRMAN

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

WAYS AND MEANS

TAX
HEALTH

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

INTELLIGENCE LIAISON

NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

July 2, 2025

Administrator Lee Zeldin
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

As we pass the five-month mark since the Twin Oaks pipeline leak was discovered on January 31st in Upper Makefield Township resulting in the contamination of residential wells with jet fuel, our community remains without the critical answers it has sought from the beginning. Despite repeated outreach and formal correspondence with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), our offices still lack the information necessary to help residents understand the extent of the leak, the volume of product released, the recovery well plan, and what is being done to restore their water supply and environment.

As you are aware, the PADEP is the lead agency responsible for overseeing water testing, public safety, and environmental remediation following this incident. While I recognize the efforts PADEP has made to date, there remain significant concerns within the community regarding the pace, clarity, and scope of the response. Many residents continue to feel uncertain about the safety of their water and the long-term remediation plan. In light of these ongoing challenges, and given the complexity and seriousness of this situation, I believe it is imperative that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provide additional support and guidance to PADEP to help ensure that all remediation and oversight efforts are as comprehensive, timely, and transparent as possible.

In public meetings, PADEP officials have stated that Energy Transfer, the operator of the pipeline, will be held to a "higher residential standard" than typical Act 2 guidelines. Yet no explanation has been provided as to what that standard entails or how it will be enforced. At this time, our constituents are still waiting for answers on key matters including the scope and timeline of remediation, the number and purpose of recovery wells, and a detailed assessment of the volume of jet fuel released into the Mt. Eyre neighborhood and surrounding water table.

Although the EPA has limited authority under the Pipeline Safety Act, the agency has played a vital role in environmental monitoring and response following significant oil spills. The Floreffe, PA leak is one such example, where the EPA collaborated with other agencies to monitor cleanup efforts, establish water monitoring systems, and ensure the protection of drinking water sources. I believe that precedent makes it clear that EPA engagement in this case is both appropriate and necessary.

This is a critical moment. A coordinated, all-hands-on-deck approach between state and federal agencies is essential to ensure that residents of Upper Makefield, and the broader Bucks County community, receive the protection, transparency, and accountability they deserve. As a federal representative for the affected area, I am committed to bridging the gap between federal and state efforts to secure clear, science-based answers, and ensure long-term recovery. Our constituents deserve clean water, peace of mind, and a full understanding of the risks they are facing - now and in the future. I encourage the EPA to take all necessary steps to intervene, guide, and support the state's response, and to help guarantee the health and safety of our constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Fitzpatrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a blue ink color.

Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1)
Member of Congress