



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 18, 2025

The Honorable John Fetterman  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Fetterman and Congressman Fitzpatrick:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns regarding the Twin Oaks Pipeline operated by Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. (a subsidiary of Energy Transfer, L.P.). The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) appreciates your attention to the health and safety of the residents of Upper Makefield Township.

PHMSA's top priority is safety, and our mission is to protect people and the environment by advancing the safe transportation of energy and other hazardous materials. As you know, PHMSA has a Consent Agreement in place with Sunoco, and the Twin Oaks Pipeline is subject to an ongoing investigation. PHMSA remains committed to keeping your offices and the community informed as this investigation proceeds. PHMSA held a virtual public meeting in July to explain the requirements of the Consent Agreement and to take questions from the public. Agency staff have also participated in public town hall meetings held by the community and remain on standby to provide updates and answer questions.

While the agency's ability to share information submitted to us as part of an ongoing enforcement matter is limited, we appreciate the opportunity to respond to your constituents' concerns regarding recent developments with the Twin Oaks Pipeline. Anomalies identified by in-line inspections are possible deviations that require further investigation by the operator. These results do not necessarily indicate the presence of a leak or an imminent safety risk, which is why the Remedial Work Plan (RWP) required by PHMSA's Consent Agreement includes the development of inspection and repair criteria for any identified anomalies. PHMSA is in the process of reviewing Sunoco's implementation of the RWP and will be working with the operator to ensure it appropriately prioritizes and addresses any issues. Similarly, we have established a webpage on the PHMSA website that provides updates on the Twin Oaks Pipeline at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/news/energy-transfersunoco-twin-oaks-pipeline-updates>.

As noted in your letter, a PHMSA inspector was on site in Upper Makefield Township earlier this month to conduct interviews and observe testing. This visit was not related to the results of any in-line inspection. It was in response to an odor complaint submitted by a local resident and did not identify any evidence of a leak.

PHMSA is committed to ensuring that the Twin Oaks Pipeline is operating safely. On September 11, 2025, we issued a warning letter to Sunoco reminding them of their obligation to cooperate with our inspectors and provide them with relevant information. If our ongoing investigation finds that additional remedial measures are needed, we will not hesitate to take immediate and appropriate actions to ensure safety.

Thank you for your attention to pipeline safety and your continued engagement with the agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Kochman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" and last name "Kochman" clearly distinguishable.

Ben Kochman  
Acting Administrator