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Administrator Paul J. Roberti
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Roberti,

Thank you for meeting with my office and the residents of Mt. Eyre Manor to discuss the Twin Oaks Pipeline fuel release and PHMSA's ongoing oversight of this matter. I appreciate your willingness to engage directly with the community and to discuss the work PHMSA has undertaken in response to this incident.

The residents of Upper Makefield Township continue to live with the long-term effects of this release and deserve a clear understanding of what occurred, whether this incident could have been prevented, and what actions are being taken to reduce the likelihood of a similar event in the future. PHMSA's Notice of Proposed Safety Order identified significant concerns regarding the duration of the release, leak detection, integrity management, and corrective actions. As PHMSA's investigation and enforcement process continue, I remain interested in understanding how the agency is addressing these concerns, promoting compliance with federal pipeline safety requirements, and working to protect communities located near hazardous liquid pipelines.

I also respectfully request that PHMSA considers releasing responsive records associated with pending Freedom of Information Act requests that were submitted by members of the Task Force as soon as it is legally permissible to do so. I believe that transparency remains essential to maintaining public confidence and ensuring that affected residents have access to information regarding an incident that has significantly impacted their community. If records must continue to be withheld due to the ongoing enforcement proceeding, I respectfully request an update regarding the status of that proceeding and the anticipated timeline for their future public release.

To assist my office in responding to constituents and providing the community with meaningful updates, I would appreciate PHMSA's written response to the following questions:

Leak Detection and Investigation

- Without compromising the ongoing investigation, what can PHMSA share regarding the corrective measures implemented to address the deficiencies identified in leak detection, monitoring, and investigative processes?
- Does PHMSA remain confident that the actions taken to date adequately reduce the risk of a similar undetected release while the investigation remains ongoing?

Pipeline Integrity and Corrective Actions

- What significant corrective actions remain outstanding before PHMSA considers this enforcement matter resolved?
- How does PHMSA intend to verify that corrective actions have been fully implemented and will remain effective over the long term?
- If the investigation has extended beyond PHMSA's original expectations, are there factors contributing to that timeline that can be shared publicly?

Transparency and Enforcement

- Please explain the current legal basis for withholding records responsive to pending FOIA requests.
- To the extent that requested documents predate or exist independently of PHMSA's enforcement process (such as inspection records, communications, engineering reports, or other administrative records), can those materials be released separately without affecting the ongoing investigation?
- What criteria must be satisfied before the remaining records can be released?

Community Protection and Future Improvements

- Based on PHMSA's experience with the Twin Oaks Pipeline incident, are there additional authorities, resources, or legislative tools that would improve the agency's ability to prevent, detect, investigate, and respond to similar incidents?
- Are there provisions of the proposed Wojnovich Pipeline Safety Act that PHMSA believes would meaningfully strengthen pipeline safety, improve emergency response, enhance transparency, or better protect surrounding communities?

The residents of Mt. Eyre Manor have demonstrated remarkable patience throughout this process. They deserve transparency, accountability, and a clear understanding of the steps being taken to protect public health, safeguard their drinking water, and reduce the risk of similar incidents in the future. I appreciate PHMSA's continued engagement with the community and its willingness to provide information regarding this matter.

Accordingly, I respectfully request a written response to the questions outlined above within 30 days of the date of this letter so that I may provide a comprehensive update to my constituents.

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

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress