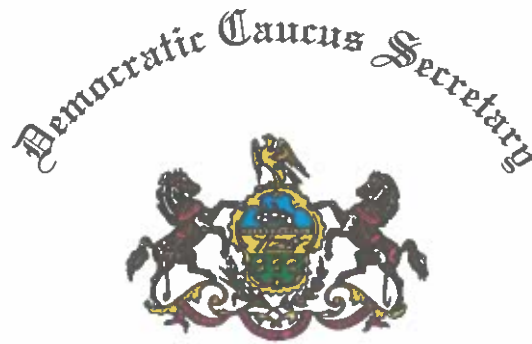


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Honorable Jessica Shirley, Secretary
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Re: Sunoco Twin Oaks-Newark Pipeline Release, Remedial Action Plan Public Comment

Dear Secretary Shirley,

We are writing to express ongoing and significant concerns related to the remediation of the jet fuel spill in the Mt. Eyre neighborhood of Upper Makefield Township. More than eighteen months have passed since Sunoco acknowledged the leak in January/February 2025 and nearly two years after residents began reporting strong jet fuel odors.

Sunoco's remediation response has been unacceptable. After over a year of passive remediation, Sunoco is only now proposing pilot testing for its preferred active extraction method, Multiphase Extraction. Township officials and residents have repeatedly urged more aggressive remediation from the outset, yet efforts have been limited to passive mechanisms such as bailing and absorbent socks. The prolonged delay in implementing active remediation likely allowed the fuel to migrate deeper into the subsurface, beyond the reach of passive methods. Had more effective recovery methods been deployed earlier, it is reasonable to assume that a majority of the pollution would have been removed. To date only 518 gallons have been recovered from wells, which is less than 10 percent of Sunoco's own estimated release volume.

There also remains unsatisfactory information regarding the true total quantity of jet fuel released, and the methodology used to calculate the estimate. Despite repeated requests, Sunoco

has not provided an updated volume estimate or explained how the 6,500-gallon figure was determined. This estimate appears to have been generated hastily in the hours immediately after the leak's acknowledgement, without the benefit of subsequent investigative findings. Given nearly two years of resident reports of fuel odors prior to that acknowledgment, it is difficult to accept that the original estimate remains accurate. Compounding this uncertainty is the lack of transparency regarding the root cause analysis. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued an advisory in January 2026 noting that improperly-installed or managed Type-A sleeves may be vulnerable to corrosion and other integrity issues. Yet Sunoco has not released its root cause findings. Considering that none of Sunoco's monitoring tools detected the leak, even during active inspection, public confidence cannot be restored until a thorough and transparent root-cause analysis is completed and shared publicly.

Regarding Multiphase Extraction, while active recovery should have begun at the start of this process, it is essential to ensure that the method will not introduce new risks to residents. We have yet to have the opportunity to review the detailed plans for Multiphase Extraction even though the Township has requested this. We need clear, scientific evidence demonstrating that dewatering the smear zone will not compromise groundwater or negatively affect residential water supply. Additional clarification is needed to ensure that this approach will not create cones of depression that could redirect contaminants into private wells. Furthermore, we must understand whether this extraction method is scientifically supported to yield meaningful product recovery.

The prolonged disruption created as a result of this release has severely impacted the quality of life for Mt. Eyre residents. They are exhausted by the chaos in their neighborhood, the fear for their health, the anxiety surrounding long-term exposure, and the uncertainty of their home values. For 18 months, they have been living under conditions no community should endure. They should not have to continue fighting for Sunoco and Energy Transfer to take responsibility for the damage caused.

We continue to hear from residents that dirt and sediment are in their water, and filters require changing at frequent intervals. This is not a sustainable permanent water solution. We support the Township's pursuit of alternative water solutions and Sunoco and Energy Transfer must be held accountable to provide long-term water solutions for this community.

We respectfully request the following additional confirmations:

1. Sunoco and Energy Transfer must commit to ongoing servicing of all POET systems. This includes routine contaminant testing, filter performance assessment, and timely filter replacement until remediation is fully complete.
2. POET systems are not a sustainable long-term solution. A permanent clean water source must be identified and provided to residents, yet the Remedial Action Plan contains no reference to such a solution.
3. The Department of Environmental Protection must independently review all vapor intrusion, soil, and surface water testing to verify Sunoco and Energy Transfer's claims that no additional testing is needed.
4. Sunoco and Energy Transfer must act with urgency and diligence to continue remediation and restore the neighborhood.

Residents deserve transparency, accountability, and swift action. We urge all parties involved to prioritize this community's safety, well-being, and future.

Very truly yours,



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