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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

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Re: Mount Eyre Neighborhood  
Washington Crossing LNAPL Incident and Investigation  
Pennsylvania Pipeline (a.k.a. Twin Oaks–Newark Pipeline)  
Upper Makefield Township  
Bucks County

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On January 31, 2025, Energy Transfer notified the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of a discharge from their 14” pipeline located in the Mt. Eyre neighborhood in Washington Crossing, Bucks County.

This discovery came after investigation by DEP and Energy Transfer and after both organizations communicated with residents and Upper Makefield Township regarding ongoing reports of petroleum odors in residential wells.

Energy Transfer has described the discharge as emanating from the sleeved portion of the 14” Jet Fuel Line. To date this release has caused free product and dissolved concentrations of petroleum-related chemicals in potable wells in the neighborhood, with some properties having contamination exceeding DEP’s Statewide health standard medium specific concentrations in their drinking water.

The above referenced discharge to Waters of the Commonwealth constitutes a violation of Section 401 of the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. § 691.401 (Clean Streams Law). Such violation also constitutes unlawful conduct under Section 611 of the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. § 691.611, and is subject to the enforcement provisions of Section 605 of the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. § 691.605, which includes the assessment of civil penalties.

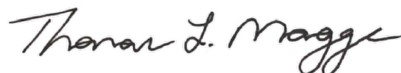
DEP requests the following information be provided within 15 days of the date of this letter at a minimum:

1. A description of the circumstances causing the incident and how the circumstances were determined, including historical investigations of the pipeline in this area.
2. Description and estimated quantity, by weight, volume, or measurement of materials or wastes involved.
3. An assessment of any contamination of land, surface water, groundwater, or air that has occurred since January 1, 2023.
4. Estimated quantity and disposition of all recovered materials or wastes that resulted from the incident and plans for ultimate disposal.
5. A detailed description of response actions, and remedial actions that were taken or are intended to be implemented (date and time of implementation), and how these actions will prevent a similar occurrence in the future.
6. A copy of any geotechnical, potholing, vapor monitoring, exploratory excavations, soil sampling, or other investigations done since January 1, 2023.
7. Any and all soil, groundwater, surface water or other sample or screening data collected in the impacted area. This data should be provided from January 1, 2023.
8. An outline of the steps Energy Transfer will take, including action items, if an actual or suspected pollution event was to happen in the future.

This Notice of Violation is neither an order nor any other final action of DEP. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to DEP under any of its statutes. If DEP determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [tmagge@pa.gov](mailto:tmagge@pa.gov) or 484.250.5136.

Sincerely,



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