



# THORNBURY TOWNSHIP

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August 29, 2016

BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS:

James H. Raith  
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*Public Meeting:  
1st Wednesday of each month*

Sunoco Logistics  
Sunoco Pipeline L.P.  
525 Fritztown Road  
Sinking Spring, PA

Re: Mariner East 2 Pipeline Project  
Thornbury Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Board of Supervisors of Thornbury Township requests that Sunoco Logistics address concerns outlined in this correspondence prior to the start of any construction activity associated with the proposed Mariner 2 East pipeline project within our township.

As your due diligence may have revealed, many township residences in the area of the proposed pipeline are served by on-site wells. The township and its residents are concerned that the activity associated with the construction of the project, as well as the on-going operation of the project, may have a negative impact on the natural groundwater systems which provide drinking water to residents. We would like to provide our residents with your written plan and procedures for ensuring the integrity of the existing on-site water systems is maintained.

Our understanding is that proposed construction methods may create voids between the proposed pipeline and surrounding earth and that it is Sunoco's intention to leave those voids open and unfilled, thus creating a potential pathway for groundwater contamination. The township believes it would be appropriate for Sunoco's construction methods to include grouting those voids. Additionally, we request that Sunoco establish a benchmark of the condition and quality of each of the wells within a prescribed radius along the project and monitor those same wells for an acceptable period of time post-construction to ensure no degradation of the groundwater.

In addition, given a recent leak in neighboring Edgmont Township, which involved the transmission of a far less volatile product, Thornbury is requesting that shutoff valves be installed in the pipeline preceding the township boundary where the project enters, as well as at the boundary where the project exits Thornbury Township. This would provide an additional level of safety for both our residential and commercial property owners whose properties would be most immediately and severely impacted by a breach of the pipeline. It would also provide Sunoco with the ability to respond quickly to an emergency, mitigating possible damage.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, our Board of Supervisors has concerns over the safety record of Sunoco as presented by the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration. We request a meeting to identify potential threats during construction and operation of the project to ensure that a viable evacuation plan is established in the event of any emergency. We would also like to meet to discuss any other safeguards appropriate to best protect our residents and their property.

If the project moves forward, the township may have additional questions and concerns to be addressed; however given the importance of those stated above we thought it would be best to have these issues addressed first. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the foregoing as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



James H. Raith  
Chairman  
Board of Supervisors  
Thornbury Township

