

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY**

A PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, Chester County expressing great concern to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) about hazardous liquids pipeline projects that increase the risk of catastrophic accidents and jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of Township residents, especially when such projects provide no corresponding benefit within the Township; and, authorizing intervention in the PADEP permitting process for the proposed Sunoco Mariner East pipeline project.

WHEREAS, Sunoco Pipeline L.P. (Sunoco) has announced that it is currently transporting highly volatile liquids under pressure through West Goshen Township, a “high consequence area,” using a repurposed pipeline installed in the 1930s with a capacity of 70,000 barrels (2,940,000 gallons) per day (Mariner East 1); and

WHEREAS, an additional proposed Sunoco pipeline known as Mariner East 2 could, if constructed, transport through West Goshen Township an additional 275,000 barrels (11,550,000 gallons) per day of these same materials (with the potential to expand to 450,000 barrels (18,900,000 gallons) per day); and

WHEREAS, the highly volatile liquids, which are being transported through the Township for the first time by Sunoco, are, if released, gaseous, invisible, odorless, toxic, heavier than air and highly flammable; and

WHEREAS, this project has the potential to jeopardize public safety in West Goshen Township by accidental leaks, explosions, or fire; and

WHEREAS, the highly volatile liquids which Sunoco is transporting and proposes to transport through West Goshen Township are overwhelmingly intended for export to overseas markets and customers; and

WHEREAS, the transportation of these highly volatile liquids through West Goshen Township provides no direct benefit to either the municipality or its residents; and

WHEREAS, Sunoco has 263 hazardous liquids spills since 2006, according to records maintained by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); and

WHEREAS, West Goshen Township has established a Code of Ordinances, including Chapter 84-56 of the Zoning Code, Utility Uses, in which the Board of Supervisors established use and other regulations for Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Sunoco's plans for new pipelines are currently undergoing review by PADEP under the provisions of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, Chapters 102 and 105; and

WHEREAS, the PADEP permitting process provides for public participation by interested parties such as West Goshen Township, and such public participation will make the impact on West Goshen Township known; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township believes the township should publically participate in the PADEP permitting process, through attendance at public meetings and submission of written comment, for the proposed Sunoco Mariner East 2 project, consistent with the Board's interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of township residents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, Chester County that:

Section I

The Township expresses deep concern about the current and proposed Sunoco Mariner East pipelines to the Governor of the Commonwealth and the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Of particular concern to the Board of Supervisors is the high level of risk to Township residents which occurs as a result of the nature of the highly volatile liquids being transported through the Township and the severity of a possible release. This risk must be demonstrably mitigated by such measures as the development of an incident response plan which includes (but is not limited to) viable worst-case evacuation routes; enhanced safety equipment and safety training for first responders; and, separation of new pipelines from existing residences by a distance equal to or greater than the Potential Impact Radius (PIR) of those pipelines. The Township expresses and conveys these deep concerns to the Governor and Secretary of the PADEP.

Section II

West Goshen Township, Chester County declares itself an interested party in all proceedings before any and all County, State, Federal, and any other regulatory agencies involved in the approval of facilities which could increase the shipment of highly volatile liquids through West Goshen Township, including but not limited to petroleum, petroleum products, and natural gas liquids.

Section III

The Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, Chester County authorizes the Township Solicitor to publically comment on Sunoco's pending Chapter 102 and 105 permit applications pending with the PADEP, including intervening with the Environmental Hearing Board in any appeal of PA DEP's final action, and any other proposed hydrocarbon extraction or transportation project that comes under consideration within the municipal boundaries of West Goshen Township.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, at the regular meeting of said Board held this 13th day of July 2016.

West Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania

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