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Howard Elliott, Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Repurposing of Sunoco Pipeline L.P.'s 12" pipeline to carry natural gas liquids

Dear Mr. Elliott,

We understand that Sunoco Pipeline, LP has notified PHMSA of their plans to repurpose an existing 12-inch pipeline to carry natural gas liquids across Pennsylvania to their refinery in Marcus Hook, PA. This pipeline was built in the 1930's and crosses the length of West Whiteland Township through busy commercial areas and numerous residential neighborhoods. On behalf of our community, we are seeking reassurance that if this pipeline is permitted to transport highly volatile liquids, it will be safe to operate so close to homes, businesses and gathering places.

In particular, we seek answers to the following questions:

- What approvals does Sunoco Pipeline need from PHMSA to repurpose this pipeline to carry natural gas liquids?
- Is Sunoco required to provide any public notice to the residents in the communities in which the repurposed pipeline is located about this proposed change before it is approved?
- Will Sunoco be required to upgrade some or all of this pipeline before it is permitted to convey natural gas liquids through it?
- Could an overview be provided of the steps to be taken by Sunoco and regulators to ensure an 80+ year old pipe, designed to carry petroleum products at low pressure, is capable of sustaining the increased operating pressure associated with the natural gas liquids and will operate safely?
- How old is the actual pipe in the ground? In other words, how long has it been since the segments in West Whiteland Township have been replaced?
- Is this 12" pipeline the same pipeline that recently leaked petroleum into Darby Creek near the Philadelphia Airport?
- What requirements does Sunoco have to report any approved changes to the Pennsylvania One Call System and emergency responders?

We would appreciate PHMSA's assistance in understanding what requirements are in place to ensure the safety of this pipeline and how PHMSA monitors compliance.

Sincerely,
West Whiteland Township
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