



# UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP

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## ADMINISTRATION

Date: August 11, 2020

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### INADVERTENT RETURN AT SUNOCO DRILLING LOCATION

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – On Monday, August 10, Sunoco Pipeline/Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) notified Upper Uwchlan Township that an Inadvertent Return (IR) had occurred in the Township. State regulators at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Fish and Boat Commission, and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) were also notified.

The Township is communicating with State authorities and elected officials and is advocating for a thorough and proper cleanup.

An investigation by DEP, the regulatory agency, is underway. DEP has provided this additional information to Upper Uwchlan Township about this incident: An unconfirmed amount of drilling fluid (mud and water), estimated close to 10,000 gallons, discharged into a wetland area, which flowed downgrade into the Park Road Cove area of Marsh Creek Lake. ETP has installed in-stream silt curtains and is working on additional containment and cleanup measures. Homeowners of private wells near the site that may have been affected have been notified. At this time, there are not concerns about impact to public drinking water supply. An analysis of the incident's impact on aquatic life will be conducted.

As regulators provide the Township with additional information, we will share it on our website.

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