



## Upper Uwchlan Township

August 13, 2020

The Honorable Thomas W. Wolf  
Governor of Pennsylvania  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Energy Transfer Partners - Pollution Event at Marsh Creek State Park

Dear Governor Wolf:

We write to you today with an urgent concern. Since 2017, Energy Transfer Partners has been conducting drilling operations in our Township to install the Mariner East pipelines beneath public and private lands and near the homes and businesses of hundreds of our residents.

The drilling operations have repeatedly resulted in inadvertent returns - the discharge of drilling fluid into waterways in the Township. Most recently, on August 10, 2020, nearly 10,000 gallons of pollutants discharged into a wetland area which then flowed into Marsh Creek Lake.

Marsh Creek Lake is the centerpiece of Marsh Creek State Park, a recreational haven that attracts over one million visitors annually. Boating and fishing are among the Park's most popular activities. This spill has done untold damage to the aquatic life and habitat, threatening both the ecological and economic value of the Park.

Importantly, the Lake is also a supply of public drinking water; both the Downingtown Water Authority and Aqua Pennsylvania's West Chester facility intake from the reservoir.

Because municipalities hold no regulatory authority over pipeline siting and construction, we have been unable to adequately address the concerns of our residents. We write to you to vigorously advocate that the Commonwealth require Energy Transfer Partners to expeditiously clean up and restore our communities' water resources, but also to ask that the Commonwealth rescind all permits which have been issued to Energy Transfer Partners for the drilling operations in our region. This recent incident has made the following abundantly clear: the drilling operations cannot be safely conducted in our Township. The geology of our area and proximity of the drilling work to irreplaceable natural resources make it impossible for Energy Transfer Partners to drill in a safe manner with no harm to the environment and sources of drinking water.

Please take swift action to protect the residents of our Township.

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Sincerely,



Sandy D'Amico, Chairperson  
Upper Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors

Cc: Representative Danielle Friel-Otten  
Senator Katie Muth  
Chester County Commissioners  
Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, PA Department of Environmental Protection  
Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary, PA Department of Health