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MARSH CREEK STATE PARK CLEANUP UPDATE

CHESTER SPRINGS, PA – Upper Uwchlan Township elected officials and staff continue to converse with State agencies and Energy Transfer Partners representatives to remain apprised of the cleanup efforts at Marsh Creek Lake and the surrounding wetland area following the pipeline drilling fluid discharge incident earlier this week.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) issued a joint statement about the incident, current status, and cleanup efforts. Read that statement [at this link](#).

Cleanup will continue tomorrow, Saturday, August 15, beginning at 7 AM. Personnel from DEP and DCNR, along with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, continue their oversight of the cleanup operations.

Instructions for Park Visitors

Marsh Creek State Park remains open to the public during the cleanup. The section of the Lake that has been impacted – Park Road Cove – has been buoyed and roped off to boaters, paddle-boarders, and any other users. This is for the safety of the park users, safety of the cleanup personnel, and to keep the bentonite fluid from being disturbed. As a reminder: swimming is never permitted in any part of the Lake.

Drinking Water

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has reiterated that there is minimal concern about an impact to drinking water from this incident. If you have a private well, any turbidity, discoloration, or smell in your water should be immediately reported to the DEP and Chester County Department of Health. The Chester County Department of Health can provide you with recommendations regarding water testing.

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