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Administrator Paul J. Roberti
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Roberti,

Tomorrow marks one year since the discovery of the jet fuel leak from the Sunoco Twin Oaks pipeline in the Mt. Eyre neighborhood of Upper Makefield Township - a milestone that underscores how long our community has been waiting for clear answers. Over the past year, residents, local officials, and I have worked together to seek transparent communication regarding the magnitude of the release, the status of the investigation, and the steps regulators and the pipeline operator, Energy Transfer, will take to ensure accountability and long-term safety. While commitments have been made - including during your November 2025 visit to the neighborhood at which time assurances were given that updates would be forthcoming - the community has yet to receive a substantive or comprehensive report addressing its key concerns. Given the time that has elapsed, it is imperative that these matters be resolved in a transparent manner without any further delay. With that in mind, I am formally requesting an update on several outstanding issues of critical importance to the affected community and the broader region, including the following:

1. Status of the Federal Investigation and Findings

A preliminary PHMSA investigation concluded that the pipeline leaked for at least 16 months before it was reported in January 2025, and that the failure was tied to a sleeve defect. However, residents and officials still do not have a complete accounting of the total volume of jet fuel released, the final root cause analysis, or an explanation of all conditions that contributed to this failure.

- When will PHMSA release the final investigation report, including laboratory findings, integrity data, and inspection results?
- Will this final report be made public in full, including all supporting documentation and analytical data?

2. Enforcement Actions and Liability Measures

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has issued orders requiring Energy Transfer to provide clean water and install treatment systems in impacted homes. Nonetheless, questions remain:

- What specific federal enforcement actions have been taken or are planned under PHMSA authorities against Energy Transfer for its failure to detect and report this release?
- Will PHMSA pursue civil penalties, compliance orders, or corrective action mandates beyond the proposed safety order already issued?

3. Pipeline Integrity, Replacement, and Emergency Response Planning

Residents are understandably concerned about the ongoing operation of the Twin Oaks pipeline and whether similar failures might occur elsewhere.

- Will PHMSA require replacement or comprehensive upgrading of this segment of pipeline, including removal of aging components like the type of sleeve that failed here?
- What steps are being taken to ensure a robust emergency response plan is established, communicated, and periodically exercised with local communities to prevent future delays in detection and response?

4. Emergency Response and Community Safety

One year after the incident became public, the community still lacks a fully articulated emergency response and communication plan tailored to pipeline incidents that endanger drinking water resources.

- Will PHMSA work with Energy Transfer, state agencies, and local stakeholders to codify and publish such a plan, including community notification protocols, water testing triggers, and contingency measures?

For more than a year, the residents of Mt. Eyre and surrounding communities have lived with uncertainty, disruption, and persistent concerns about the safety of their health, property, and drinking water. They deserve clear answers, full accountability, and confidence that concrete enforcement and corrective measures are being implemented to prevent this from happening again. Accordingly, I respectfully request a written response to the questions outlined above within 30 days of the date of this letter, along with a definitive schedule for the public release of all remaining investigation findings and enforcement actions.

Sincerely,



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