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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: Hydrostatic testing of Sunoco Pipeline L.P.'s 12" pipeline

Dear Mr. Elliott,

Last month, Sunoco Pipeline conducted a hydrostatic test of their 12-inch pipeline as part of their effort to satisfy regulators that the pipeline can safely carry natural gas liquids. Shortly after the test, a West Whiteland resident noticed an increase in water discharge with unusual coloring just to the east of the Sunoco pipelines on her property on Shoen Road in Exton, PA. A picture is attached. This property is the same one where Sunoco's horizontal directional drilling created new – and ongoing – above ground water seepage along Mariner East 1 and is in the same neighborhood where drilling disrupted well water supplies last summer.

Representatives from Sunoco and the PUC, as well as the PUC's consultant geologist, responded quickly and visited this property after learning of the situation. They explained that the unusual coloring could not have been dye from the hydrostatic testing because the pipeline held pressure during the test. There was speculation that the coloring could have been from grass clippings or algae. While water samples were recently tested and found to be free of dye, the samples were taken a month after the hydrostatic test. Water samples were not tested when the property owner first raised the issue to definitively confirm that the coloring was not from testing dye. As a result, that property owner, as well as other people in the community, are left to wonder whether there is another cause for concern about Sunoco's pipelines.

On behalf of our community, we are asking that the hydrostatic test be conducted again before this pipeline is permitted to carry NGLs, with specific attention paid to the sensitive area near Shoen Road. We understand that re-doing the test involves time and expense and may even be unprecedented. However, it also is unprecedented to carry such highly volatile liquids so close to where people live and work in this densely populated area of Pennsylvania. In some areas, including the property in question, the 12" pipeline runs right next to homes, businesses and gathering places. A significant portion of the public is understandably nervous about the risk and consequences of a leak or rupture. Re-doing the test would assure the public that every effort is being made to confirm that this pipeline is safe to carry natural gas liquids.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to a response.

Sincerely,

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