

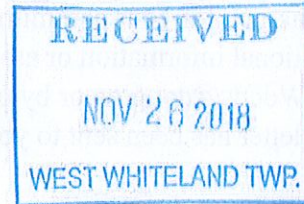


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**Pipeline and Hazardous
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Administrator

1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

November 16, 2018



The Honorable Theresa Santalucia, Chairman
West Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors
10 Commerce Drive
Exton, PA 19341

Dear Ms. Santalucia:

Thank you for your letter dated October 26, 2018, expressing concern over the recent hydrostatic testing of Sunoco's 12-inch pipeline. I appreciate the commitment of you and your residents to pipeline safety.

The mission of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is to protect people and the environment by advancing the safe transportation of energy and other hazardous materials that are essential to our daily lives. As part of this mission, PHMSA administers a national regulatory safety program for the 2.8 million miles of interstate and intrastate pipelines in the United States. This program requires that pipeline operators design, construct, operate, and maintain their pipeline facilities in compliance with the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations, which are found in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 190-199.

PHMSA has been coordinating the inspection of this Sunoco project with our State partner, the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PA-PUC). PA-PUC representatives were on-site to witness the hydrostatic pressure testing of the 12-inch Sunoco pipeline on September 12-13. PHMSA and PA-PUC both inspected and reviewed the records of the hydrostatic pressure test. The results showed a successful test.

Because the first test was successful, PHMSA does not believe that an additional test will net further safety benefits. However, as an additional safety measure, on September 27, Sunoco injected nitrogen, an inert gas, into the line. The nitrogen maintains pressure in the line, allowing Sunoco to monitor the line's pressure. The nitrogen was held until October 18, and PHMSA and PA-PUC have confirmed with Sunoco that the pressure of the nitrogen in the pipeline remained stable, which further confirms the success of the hydrostatic pressure test. If there is an indication of any serious issue, PHMSA can order Sunoco to delay service until those issues are resolved. Work still continues on the line.

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Thank you for your commitment to safety and the protection of the environment. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Ian Woods, PHMSA Community Liaison, at Ian.Woods@dot.gov, or by phone at 609-468-9478. I hope this information is helpful. A copy of this letter has been sent to your cosigners.

Sincerely,



Howard R. Elliott