



# MarinerEastNews

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## Mariner East Construction Newsletter

**Welcome to the Mariner East Construction Newsletter — a pipeline of information to keep you updated on developments across the project footprint.** Construction of Mariner East 2 continues across the 350-mile pipeline system, from eastern Ohio to southeast Pennsylvania, with more than 5,000 workers in the field operating safely and efficiently to build this critical energy infrastructure project. This newsletter provides a detailed update on construction activities within your region.

## Pipeline Construction: Know the Facts

**Pennsylvanians have coexisted for generations with pipelines carrying natural gas and natural gas liquids such as propane. Natural gas pipelines and utilities must adhere to strict state and federal safety regulations.**

- The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and other government agencies strictly regulate the manufacturing, construction and operation of Sunoco Pipeline projects.
- Sunoco Pipeline is using advanced construction methods, such as horizontal directional drilling, to minimize environmental impacts.
- An [independent study](#) conducted by a nationally respected expert found that Sunoco Pipeline meets or exceeds federal safety requirements at every level. Regarding welding, for instance, federal regulations call for at least 10 percent of pipeline girth welds to be inspected by X-ray; Sunoco Pipeline X-rays 100 percent. Other areas in which Sunoco Pipeline exceeds federal regulations include:



- Integrity Testing: (Sunoco Pipeline plans for testing the Mariner East 2 pipeline before it is placed in service.)
- Pump station design
- Pipeline monitoring
- Release detection
- Emergency notification
- Sunoco Pipeline’s Integrity Management Program assesses every inch of pipeline we operate, using smart inspection technology to analyze our pipelines internally and on-site inspections by Sunoco Pipeline personnel to ensure safe and efficient operation. ●

## Did You Know?

**To date, our construction crews along the Mariner East 2 pipeline have worked more than 3 million hours.**

Skilled local tradesmen and women are equipped with the most advanced training, safety measures and operation standards to ensure safe and environmentally responsible construction.



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## Mariner East 2 – Blair, Huntingdon, Juniata and Perry Counties

**Sunoco Pipeline has segmented the construction of the 350-mile pipeline into seven sections from Ohio to southeast Pennsylvania. In keeping with our commitment to regular communication with local leaders and the community, each construction “spread” has an individual point of contact for community affairs.**

**Segment 3 is approximately 63 miles and includes communities in Blair, Huntingdon, Juniata and Perry counties.**

### Construction Update

*Construction continues in every municipality within Segment 3, and we continue to make significant progress. Construction activities include:*

- Installation of environmental controls such as silt socks to contain water runoff.
- Laying of timber matting for heavy construction equipment to work while limiting ground disturbance and compaction.
- Delivery, stringing, welding, coating and bending of the 20-inch pipeline.
- Clearing brush and trees and grading the right-of-way to create a level workspace. More than half of the right-of-way clearing and access-road building is complete within the spread.
- Separating and piling topsoil to ensure topsoil is the final layer used when backfilling the ditch
- Digging of road bore pits to use a horizontal guided boring machine to safely install the 20-inch and 16-inch pipeline beneath roads and some highways.

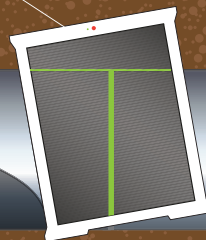
- Horizontal directional drilling activities continue throughout the construction segment.
- More than six miles of the 20-inch pipeline have been lowered into the ditch.
- A Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission audit was conducted on-site. The PUC inspector observed the coating and welding progress.

**Sunoco Pipeline is deeply committed to our core values of safety, security and environmental stewardship, and these values will continue to guide everything we do during construction of Mariner East 2.**

**We will continue to provide regular updates to local stakeholders in addition to this construction newsletter. ●**

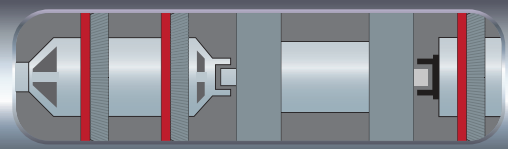
## Pipeline Safety from the Inside Out

Inspectors use X-ray technology to make sure all pipeline welds are secure.



Tools called “smart pigs” travel inside the line, measuring wall thickness and searching for defects or anything requiring maintenance.

New steel pipelines are treated with a protective, bonded-epoxy coating that prevents corrosion.



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