

MARINER EAST 2 NEWS & VIEWS

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Regulators and Emergency Response Agencies: Pipelines Are Safe, and 'Energy Transfer Is a Good Partner'

State regulators, emergency response representatives and other experts testified at a recent hearing in Harrisburg that our Mariner East pipeline system's county-by-county emergency response plans are in compliance with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) guidelines and that the company is a good community partner.

David Padfield, acting director of PEMA, confirmed to Rep. Steve Barrar, chairman of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives' Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, that the agency has reviewed every county's emergency response plan to ensure it is adequate.

Additionally, Tim Boyce, director of the Delaware County Department of Emergency Services, said, "Energy Transfer is a good partner. We work with them; we drill with them; we meet with them. I do not have an adversarial relationship with them in any way."

Bill Godsey, president of Geo Logic Environmental Services, testified at the hearing that pipelines are the safest and most reliable form of transportation for energy products and that regulations governing transmission pipelines are the most stringent.


Visit marinerpipelinefacts.com to read our Voices of Mariner blog post about the hearing.

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Energy Transfer Answers Pipeline Safety and Preparedness Questions at Hearing

Energy Transfer Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations Joe McGinn testified at the hearing hosted by the PA House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee. Throughout the hearing, McGinn answered questions from committee members on our comprehensive pipeline integrity programs and our construction standards that often exceed strict federal regulations for pipeline safety. McGinn also highlighted our participation in more than 750 meetings related to Mariner East and our continued efforts to work with communities, first responders and elected officials every day. 

Mariner East Fact Checker Launched

We recently launched a fact-checking website to answer questions and to cut through the misinformation surrounding the Mariner East pipeline system. For more information, please check out our fact-checking website at energytransferfacts.com.

Here are two recent facts that we checked:

Myth: Mariner East has nothing to do with energy independence. The products being shipped are just for export for the manufacture of plastic.

FACT: The Mariner East system will connect to the new CPV Fairview Energy Center in Cambria County for ethane feed, as well as two local-area propane and butane distribution terminals. The CPV Fairview Energy Center will generate enough electricity to power more than 1 million local homes and businesses. The Mariner East system terminates at the Marcus Hook Industrial Complex, where natural gas liquids are stored and distributed to local markets in and around Pennsylvania and abroad. Seasonally dependent, approximately 200 trucks per day pick up propane for local deliveries. We also recently developed an ethane truck rack for local ethane pickup and delivery.

With Mariner East 2 in service and Mariner East 2X construction continuing to progress, the possibilities for domestic energy use are vast.

Myth: Mariner East has failed to provide required information so that our schools and communities can fully prepare for any emergency.


FACT: We have provided all of the required information to school districts and local emergency departments along the Mariner East 2 and 2X route. This was recently confirmed by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), which has jurisdiction over this. The school districts and emergency response groups will use this information in developing response plans specific to their areas. Additionally, we have a robust Public Awareness Program that includes annual mailing of safety brochures to all parties along the pipeline route, using the same wording as the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), explaining how to identify and react to a pipeline emergency. We provided 84 Mariner Emergency Responder Outreach (MERO) trainings to 2,342 local responders from 2013 to 2017. We have also hosted emergency preparedness meetings with 41 schools across the Mariner East project in 17 Pennsylvania counties, with an additional six schools to be scheduled this year.

You Asked, We Answered

Does Energy Transfer deploy early detection and warning systems?

Yes. We have long had warning and early detection systems in place that monitor any variances in pressure, temperature, flow rate, product type and more. If a variance is detected, our sophisticated Computational Pipeline Monitoring (CPM) system alerts trained personnel and computerized valves are closed immediately.

Does the operator work with emergency responders to develop evacuation plans?

Yes. We provide information to every county's emergency response department to help them in the development of their own preparedness and evacuation plans. We have trained more than 2,000 first responders in Pennsylvania, offered annual training to civil authorities, and met with school officials to provide information and training. We are doing our part, and we go above and beyond federal requirements to ensure public safety. Recently at a House committee hearing, the PA Emergency Management Agency said the agency has reviewed every county's emergency response plans to ensure they are adequate. 

#Committed2Pa's Youth Sports Organizations

We are continuing to partner with local communities in support of our \$150,000 initiative to support youth baseball and softball organizations throughout Pennsylvania. We're also continuing our exciting three-year partnership to sponsor the Phillies Home Run Derby, a program that encourages youth involvement in sports.

