

**East Goshen Township**  
**Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda**  
Thursday, October 14, 2021  
East Goshen Township Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room  
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting.
4. Approval of Minutes  
    [September 9, 2021](#)
5. Public Comment
6. Chairperson's Report
7. Reports
  - a. Legislative Update
8. Old Business
  - a. Subsidence update/discussion
  - b. [Discuss Pipeline Hazard Vulnerability Response from Emergency Management](#)
  - c. [Revisit All Hazards Approach with EMS](#)
9. New Business –
  - a. Discuss Recent criminal charges brought against Sunoco from Attorney General
10. Liaison Reports
11. Any Other Matter
  - a. [Discuss next Meeting Date - November 11, Veteran's Day \(see attached memo\)](#)
12. Correspondence
13. Adjournment

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**PIPELINE TASK FORCE  
THURSDAY, September 9, 2021  
East Goshen Township Building  
DRAFT MINUTES**

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**Members Present:**

Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Jim Christenson, Christina Morley, Gerry Sexton

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**Others Present**

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**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

<i>ACOE</i>	<i>Army Core of Engineers</i>
<i>BI&amp;E</i>	<i>Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement</i>
<i>BOS</i>	<i>Board of Supervisors</i>
<i>CCATO</i>	<i>Chester County Association of Township Officials</i>
<i>CCPC</i>	<i>Chester County Planning Commission</i>
<i>DCNR</i>	<i>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</i>
<i>DEP</i>	<i>Department of Environmental Protection</i>
<i>EGT</i>	<i>East Goshen Township</i>
<i>EGSEA</i>	<i>East Goshen Safety and Environmental Advocates</i>
<i>ET</i>	<i>Energy Transfer Company</i>
<i>FEMA</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>
<i>FOI</i>	<i>Freedom of Information</i>
<i>HDD</i>	<i>Horizontal Directional Drilling</i>
<i>IR</i>	<i>Inadvertent Return</i>
<i>ME1</i>	<i>Mariner East 1</i>
<i>ME2</i>	<i>Mariner East 2</i>
<i>PHMSA</i>	<i>Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration</i>
<i>PUC</i>	<i>Public Utility Commission</i>
<i>TF</i>	<i>Task Force</i>

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**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted that this is the first in-person meeting in 1.5 years. Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Moment of Silence**

Bill called for a moment of silence for first responders and health care workers and to remember all those that served and lost their lives on 9/11/01.

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**Recording**

The meeting was recorded to the YouTube for later viewing by request.

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**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from August 12, 2021, were unanimously approved.

1 **Public Comment**

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4 **Chairperson's Report**

5 Bill reported for Caroline:

- 6 • The last Chester County Sunshine meeting was held on August 31, 2021. During the  
7 public comment period residents asked the Commissioners to do more in regard to  
8 Sunoco and the recent subsidence(s).
- 9 • During the storm caused by the remnants of Ida, the casing that was lost by ET at the  
10 West Whiteland site was unearthed and floated to the surface.
- 11 • Christina added that she presented at the Sunshine meeting the letter that the Pipeline  
12 TF and BOS sent to the PUC supporting the action requested by the Chester County  
13 Commissioners to shut down the 8- and 12-inch -line.
- 14 • Bill thanked Christina for representing the TF and Township at this meeting. He read  
15 the first and last paragraphs from the [letter](#).

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17 **Legislative Updates**

18 Bill has not received an update regarding the meeting that Representative Dianne Herrin  
19 had with Joe McGinn from ET.

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21 Bill reported that Representative Dianne Herrin along with a representative from  
22 Montgomery County introduced a bipartisan bill to hold contractors accountable for past  
23 failures. Although not directly related to pipeline safety, this bill could have overlying  
24 implications.

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26 **Old Business**

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28 **Subsidence update**

29 There was no report on the subsidence on Route 352. This will be on the next meeting  
30 agenda.

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32 **Chester County Vulnerability Assessment of Hazardous Liquid and Gas pipelines  
33 (part of the Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan)**

34 Christina provided background on the Chester County's Vulnerability Assessment of  
35 Hazardous Liquid and Gas Pipelines which is part of the [Chester County Hazard Mitigation  
36 Plan](#). She explained that Chester County has the responsibility to provide a hazard  
37 assessment every 5 years. The last document from 2015 did not have any solid information  
38 on pipelines. A new plan was due in 2020, but due to COVID, there was a delay. The 2021  
39 version is in a draft format. It includes a detailed section on HVLs. Municipalities and cities  
40 within Chester County should adopt this plan once finalized. The plan should also help  
41 mitigate the impact of risks such as floods, tornadoes, invasive species, hazardous releases  
42 etc.

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44 The TF discussed the probability and risk charts provided in the document. Christina  
45 explained that this data shows that in Chester County there is a very high probability seeing

1 an incident happened involving a gas or liquid pipeline. In the past, it was always stated  
2 that an incident involving a gas or liquid pipeline was a low probability with a high  
3 consequence. This in turn provided a false sense of security.

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5 Gerry noted that the data shows that the impact level of an Environmental Hazards was  
6 graded as "limited #2". He feels that pipelines should be rated higher. He also noted that  
7 further clarification regarding spatial extent and duration should be provided.

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9 Christina noted the following data was utilized in conducting the vulnerability assessment:

- 10 • Population within the hazard zone.
- 11 • Number of structures within the hazard zone.
- 12 • Estimate replacement value of structures in hazard zone

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14 Bill referenced Township maps that show 90% of the East Goshen Township population is  
15 impacted within ½ mile of a pipeline.

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17 Christina referenced the [Chester County Emergency Operations Plan](#) from February 2019.  
18 The Planning Assumptions Section states that if there is an emergency or disaster, the  
19 responsibility first falls on the municipality. Then County will help once the municipality is  
20 overwhelmed. The State response will occur 24 hours after the incident. Lastly, Federal  
21 response will be within 48-72 hours.

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23 Once the County completes the draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, all municipalities can  
24 adopt it by resolution. The County will collect and send the resolutions to FEMA.

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26 The TF discussed that even though the public comment period on this draft has passed, it is  
27 still beneficial to submit comments to the coordinator.

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29 Christina made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors if it is acceptable for the EGT  
30 Pipeline TF to send comments regarding the Risk and Hazard Vulnerability Section  
31 regarding Hazardous Liquid Pipelines to the Chester County Coordinator that is working on  
32 the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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34 Bill seconded. The motion passed 4-0. This will be on the September 25<sup>th</sup> Board of  
35 Supervisors agenda.

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37 The TF thanked Christina for her work on this summary.

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39 **New Business** - None

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41 **Liaison Reports**

42 Christina reported that at the Conservancy Board meeting she explained the importance of  
43 the Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan. She asked the TF members, as liaisons, to  
44 inform to their respective ABC.

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2 **Any Other Matter**

3 Gerry explained that he received an email via ReadyChesco from the Chester County  
4 Department of Emergency Services that included a link to the Toolkit for fire departments.  
5 He noted that the toolkit uses the “All Hazards Approach” and was concerned since this  
6 does not apply to ME. He will forward the email to the group.

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8 **Adjournment**

9 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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11 The next meeting will be in person on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

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13 Respectfully submitted,

14 *Susan D’Amore*

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## Susan D'Amore

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**From:** Derek Davis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:41 AM  
**To:** Caroline Hughes; Christina; Susan D'Amore; Bill Wegemann; Gerald Sexton; Jeannine Delvescovo; Jim Christenson; Judi DiFonzo  
**Subject:** FW: Pipeline Hazard Vulnerability Comments

Good Morning,

Please see Bill Turner's comments below. Although he said there may be time to evaluate our input at the annual review, they are not going to incorporate them as of right now. According to him, the public input period ended at the end of July.

Looks like he had a typo and said West Goshen instead of East.

Derek

### Derek J. Davis

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**From:** Turner, William <[wturner@chesco.org](mailto:wturner@chesco.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:53 AM  
**To:** Derek Davis <[ddavis@eastgoshen.org](mailto:ddavis@eastgoshen.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Pipeline Hazard Vulnerability Comments

Derek,

Thanks for sharing the feedback from the Pipeline Task Force. At this point the plan has gone through all public comment periods along with PEMA and FEMA approval. To make any changes would require us to restart the whole process again. At this point the county will be adopting the plan as presented. When it comes up for annual review we can look closer at these remarks. If you look at the risk scale for West Goshen it does highlight that for pipelines it would be greater than some other municipalities. The idea of this was to look at risks and hazards at a countywide level then determine if each municipality is in line with the baseline or below or above.

If you have any other questions please let me know.

William H. Turner  
Deputy Director for Emergency Management

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*The Mission of the Department of Emergency Services is to Promote and Assist in Providing Safety and Security to Chester County Residents so they can Work, Live and Grow in a Healthy and Safe Community.*

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**From:** Derek Davis <[ddavis@eastgoshen.org](mailto:ddavis@eastgoshen.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:25 AM  
**To:** Turner, William <[wturner@chesco.org](mailto:wturner@chesco.org)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Pipeline Hazard Vulnerability Comments

**EXTERNAL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hey Bill,

Our Pipeline Taskforce asked our Board of Supervisors for permission to send comments to the county EOC regarding the Hazard Vulnerability assessment.

Attach is a memo to our East Goshen board which encompasses the comments.

Do you know who would be best to forward this to based on the subject matter and in what format it would work best in?

Thanks,

Derek

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## **Memorandum**

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**East Goshen Township  
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West Chester, PA 19380**

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Date: 06/29/2021  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Derek Davis

Representative Dianne Herrin joined the Pipeline Task Force at their June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The recent pipeline leak incident at the Boot Road Pump Station was discussed. The consensus from the Task Force was that the residents and the public were not properly notified or informed during this event, and the current all-hazards response utilized by emergency workers is not sufficient for Mainer East emergency situations.

The following draft motions were recommended:

**1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT MOTION:**

Mr. Chairman I move to ask that staff coordinate a combined meeting with East Goshen Township, West Goshen Township, and the Department of Emergency Services (DES) to discuss the topic of public notification and ask DES to provide a standard operating procedure (SOP) for pipeline emergencies.

**2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT MOTION:**

Mr. Chairman I move that the Board publicly acknowledge that the all-hazards response to Mariner East is not sufficient for public notification and emergency response.



# Memo

## East Goshen Township

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**Date:** October 8, 2021  
**To:** Pipeline Task Force  
**From:** Susan D'Amore

RE: Next Meeting – 11/11/21 (Veteran's Day)

The next Pipeline Task Force Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11/11. This is a Township Holiday.

Please discuss and advise on one of the following options:

1. Hold meeting as scheduled (I am available for minute taking)
2. Reschedule for 11/18. Please note that the Futurists already have a meeting scheduled for the Board room this night.
3. Reschedule for a different day. (Note 11/25 is Thanksgiving)
4. Skip November meeting

Thank you.