

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2022**  
**East Goshen Township Building**  
**FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present are highlighted:**

**Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Jim Christenson**

**Members: Judi DiFonzo, Bill Wegemann**

**Others Present are highlighted**

**Township Supervisor: David Shuey; Township Manager: Derek Davis; Township**

**Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak**

**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>DES</i>	<i>Department of Emergency Services</i>
<i>EGT</i>	<i>East Goshen Township</i>
<i>ET</i>	<i>Energy Transfer</i>
<i>FEMA</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</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>NGL</i>	<i>Natural Gas Liquids</i>
<i>PHMSA</i>	<i>Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration</i>
<i>PMN</i>	<i>Post Meeting Note</i>
<i>PTF</i>	<i>Pipeline Task Force</i>
<i>PUC</i>	<i>Public Utility Commission</i>

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Gerry respectfully called for a moment of silence for all those impacted by the recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico and Florida. He also asked that we remember the police officers who were killed and wounded in the line of duty in Bristol, Connecticut.

**Recording**

Derek stated that the audio portion of this meeting was being recorded.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on September 8, 2022 were unanimously approved.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Discussion with Mike Groover, Deputy Director for Emergency Management, Chester County Department of Emergency Services**

Gerry provided Mike a brief background on the PTF and the current focus of the task force. Mike indicated that Chester County had issued requests for proposal regarding additions/modifications to the operations plan specific to NGL emergencies. The county intends to select a vendor with NGL experience who specializes in these types of events. Mike envisioned that regional table-top exercises followed by functional exercises would be utilized to develop the emergency response. The PTF would like to provide input and comments to the associated plans. The need for mutual aid during an NGL event was discussed. Therefore, these exercises and the resulting emergency response plans would include multiple municipalities. The vendor responses are currently being vetted. The timeline for this project is still being determined. Mike estimated that project duration would be about 4 to 6 months once the county agrees to a contract with a vendor. Mike will keep the PTF up to date on progress.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Gerry discussed the recent annual mailings from Energy Transfer and Adelpia Gateway. He did not find any new information in these documents. Both did mention their pipeline integrity management program (IMP). Gerry researched these IMPs on the respective company websites. There was no indication that these IMPs include active leak detection systems with sensors on or near above-ground pipeline facilities.

### **Reports**

#### **Legislative Update**

None.

### **Old Business**

#### **Recruiting new PTF members.**

Derek reported that the list of qualifications has been posted on the township website, Facebook, and Nextdoor. He has not received any applications.

#### **Letter requesting external leak detectors at Adelpia valve station.**

Derek has not received any response to the letter sent to NJR Midstream on 09/09/2022 regarding the request for external leak detectors at the Adelpia valve station.

#### **List of valve stations and above-ground facilities for pipelines carrying hazardous materials within EGT.**

Derek will speak with Mark Miller (Director of Public Works) about creating the list. This information would be very useful in a pipeline emergency.

**FEMA guides on pipeline emergencies.**

Judi shared her draft letter requesting additional information be added to the FEMA guidelines regarding pipeline emergencies. The PTF approved this letter with the recommendation that the BOS issue it to the appropriate elected federal representatives. Derek will add this item to the agenda for the BOS meeting on 10/18/2022. [PMN: The BOS approved this item with minor amendments. Letters were mailed to Senator Toomey, Senator Casey, and Representative Houlihan with Cc to the County Commissioners on 10/24/2022.]

**New Business**

Jim reported that Judi wanted to add pictures of the pipeline warning stakes to the upcoming Winter Newsletter article. [PMN: Jim sent the photos to Jessica Wilhelmy on 10/24/2022.]

**Liaison Reports**

**Update interactions with local fire companies regarding pipeline emergency response training.**

Jim reported that he dropped off the pipeline emergency response training brochures to the local fire stations. Judi reported that on 10/14/2022 Goshen Fire Co. is holding their family friendly fire safety event.

**Any Other Matter**

None.

**Correspondence**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 10, 2022, @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator*

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