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Secretary Patrick McDonnell
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
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Dear Secretary McDonnell,

Concern over the potential environmental harms caused by the Mariner East 2 pipeline are ever growing and need to be continually addressed. In this vein, I am writing to urge you to direct your staff to re-evaluate the permits that were granted to Sunoco for drilling in the area around the Tunbridge Apartments in Middletown Township, Delaware County. These apartments are located on Glen Riddle Road near the intersection of Pennell Road, also known as Route 452. Drilling in this area has caused some serious concern in recent weeks.

At this location, drilling fluid has backed up into the hole and seeped onto the ground on three separate occasions. This drilling fluid obviously has environmental and health concerns, but complicating this matter is the fact that this location is extremely close to Chester Creek. Once these drilling fluids enter our waterways, the damage may prove to be irrevocable. Our community cannot afford to wait for such damage to occur.

Recent legal action taken by Sen. Andy Dinniman, of Chester County, has halted drilling in West Whiteland Township, Chester County. Such legal action may be necessary to stop drilling in the Tunbridge area as well, but that can only be known after your agency reinvestigates the drilling site and the potential damage that may be done to the environment. In Chester County, obvious damage occurred in the form of a sinkhole that helped influence the judge's decision in that case. I cannot begin to surmise how a judge would rule in regards to the Tunbridge area, but we may ultimately find out.

Once again, I implore you to have your agency re-examine this area and report your findings back to myself and the residents as quickly as possible. As you know, this issue is of immediate and potentially grave concern to many Pennsylvanians, especially those in my district. I appreciate your attention to and swift action upon this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris B. Quinn".

Christopher B. Quinn