

Docket No. L-2019-3010267 - Citizen Comments

Hello,

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania I am very concerned about pipeline safety. I live on Ivy Lane in Center Township Beaver county approximately 1000 feet from where the Energy Transfer Revolution Pipeline broke and an explosion occurred on September 10th, 2018.

I urge you to consider regulations that would ensure the safety of all pipelines, to include not just new construction but pipelines already in use, being built or abandoned.

Some of the issues I would like to see addressed are:

- Public Awareness and Transparency - In regard to the September 2018 incident, the emergency responders, local officials, and our communities were not aware the pipeline was put in service the week prior to the incident. I am not aware of any public meetings about the Revolution pipeline prior to the incident.
- Bury the pipelines deeper in the ground. A pipeline that's 3 ft in the ground, especially on a steep slope that has a history of landslides is not safe, that that was proved last September. In the explosion one family lost their home and everything in it including several pets which is heartbreaking enough but at least no one lost their lives.
- Establish setbacks where pipelines cannot be within feet people's houses. Some of the new pipelines being built in our area are within feet of many homes.
- Emergency shut off's closer together. In our area the way I understand the current set of regulation is all locations must be no more than 7.5 miles from a shut off, so they are 15 miles apart.
- Vehicles Identification Markings – It would be helpful for the safety and security of the neighborhoods if the vehicles for all of the pipeline employees and contractors would be marked. We have a steady stream of unmarked white and grey pickup trucks on our road. Small neighborhoods like ours know who belongs and who doesn't. If the vehicles were marked the neighborhoods would be an ally in keeping the pipeline safe. It would

be hard for an unauthorized person to gain access to the pipeline without being noticed.

I respectfully request you consider regulations to prevent incidents such as this from happening again. Our neighborhood has not been the same since the incident. You live with the underlying worry of it happening again. For me and many of my neighbors this has been a life-changing event. Your peace of mind, sanctity and enjoyment of your home has changed and will never be the same again. We have already had one incident and hope to prevent a second one that could be much worse and lead to the loss of life.

Respectfully

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The Commission seeks public comment on the following additional areas for potential regulation:

1. Utility interactions with local government officials, including but not limited to such topics as emergency planning and emergency response coordination, periodic drills with utility/municipal coordination.
2. Requiring periodic public awareness meetings with municipal officials and the public.
3. Pennsylvania-specific enhancements to public utilities' public awareness programs pursuant to 49 CFR § 195.440 and API Recommended Practice 1162.
4. Pennsylvania-specific enhancements for operator qualification.
5. Enhancing transparency while protecting confidential infrastructure security information.
6. Regulation of construction techniques such as horizontal directional drilling.
7. Accident and incident reporting criteria, notification criteria for reporting incidents or unusual events to local emergency officials.
8. Advance notification and/or Commission preapproval of major construction activities.
9. Odorant utilization.
10. Geophysical testing and baselining.
11. Protection of public and private water wells and supplies.
12. Land agents and eminent domain (see 52 Pa. Code § 57.91).
13. Background investigations of employees and contractors.
14. Integration of new regulations on existing facilities.