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## **Public Hearings on Major Modification Requests on Mariner East 2 Pipeline Canceled to Mitigate COVID-19 Spread**

**Norristown, PA** – To prevent the possible spread of COVID-19, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has canceled three public hearings to gather public input on proposed modifications to three localized Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) section of the Mariner East 2 pipeline project in parts of Chester and Delaware counties. The hearings were advertised in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on March 14, 2020 (50 Pa. B. 1620 – 1622).

Interested individuals are invited to submit written comments, suggestions, support, or objections regarding the proposed modifications, which must be received by May 8, 2020, at 11:59 PM. Written comments should be mailed to the Waterways and Wetlands Program, 2 E. Main Street, Norristown, PA, 19401. Comments may also be submitted online at [RA-EPWW-SERO@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EPWW-SERO@pa.gov) with the subject designating which modification request the comment is intended for. All comments, whether submitted in writing or delivered at hearings, carry equal weight.

The three modification requests primarily consist of requests to change installation methodologies in 3 localized areas:

### **HDD 620, Middletown Township, Delaware County**

This modification consists of a change in the route and installation method for the 16- and 20-inch diameter pipelines. Specifically, the applicant has requested to change the HDD installation method for the 20-inch and portions of the 16-inch diameter pipelines to a conventional open trench construction through Wetland WL-I1 and Stream S-I2, conventional auger bore under Glen Riddle Road, and a direct pipe bore under Riddlewood Drive and the Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) Railroad.

### **HDD280, Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County**

This modification consists of a change in the route and installation method for the 16- and 20-inch diameter pipelines. Specifically, the applicant has requested to convert the installation method of both the 16- and 20-inch diameter pipelines from an HDD to an open cut installation and one conventional bore. The change in methodology is proposed to minimize impacts to Waters of the Commonwealth and avoid potential future growth requirements of the PA Turnpike I-76.

### **HDD 400, West Whiteland Township, Chester County**

This modification consists of a change in installation method for the 20-inch diameter pipeline. Specifically, the applicant has requested to change the installation method for the 20-inch diameter pipeline from an HDD to a direct pipe bore and open trench installation. The direct pipe bore would go under the Exton Bypass (State Route 30), AMTRAK (American Track National Railroad Passenger Corporation), Norfolk Southern Railroad, and Wetland WL-K21. The remaining 1,269 feet would be installed via open trench installation. The change in installation

method will not result in any increase in permanent impacts to Wetland WL-K21 or other Waters of the Commonwealth as set forth in the original Chapter 105 authorization.

Additional information on the modification requests can be found on DEP's [Pipeline Portal](#).

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