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RE: Township's Filing on Friday, November 12

On Monday, November 8, 2021 Sunoco/Energy Transfer appealed Judge Barry Dozor's decision concerning a Right to Know request to Middletown Township regarding the Mariner East pipeline project. The nature of the request and the basis for the Township's position is discussed more fully in a statement dated October 22 that can be accessed on the Township's website by clicking on this link:

[10.22.2021 Middletown Township's Statement Regarding Judge Dozor's Right-to-Know Decision](#)

Because Sunoco/Energy Transfer filed an appeal to the Commonwealth Court, Middletown Township felt it prudent to appeal as well, and did so on Friday, November 12. Given Sunoco/Energy Transfer's appeal, the Township's participation in the appeal process is important to keep a seat at the table to protect the Township's interests. Failure to file an appeal, would cost the Township its seat at the table and its ability to argue for the health and safety of its citizens.

Section 708 (b) (17) of the Right To Know Law provides a process in which a Township can receive information related to a non-criminal investigation without fear that the confidential information supplied by a public utility will later be disseminated to the public. This section of the Right To Know Law was the original impetus for the Township withholding non-criminal investigation documents, because the Township takes seriously its surpassing responsibility to protect the safety of its citizens.