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## Commissioners Urge PUC to Require Sunoco Pipeline Public Meeting

**Carlisle, PA** – In a letter to the state Public Utility Commission (PUC), the Cumberland County Commissioners this week urged the PUC to require Sunoco Pipeline to hold periodic, public regional meetings to address any citizen questions and concerns regarding the company's pipeline operations.

The request for PUC action, signed by all three commissioners, notes Sunoco Pipeline's refusal to attend public meetings with citizens who live in close proximity to the pipeline, now that the Mariner East II project is nearing completion and operation.

"As such, we are respectfully requesting that the Public Utility Commission take whatever policy and/or regulatory action necessary to enhance the minimum federal 'public awareness' safety rules, promulgated by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, to require Sunoco Pipeline, as a regulated Pennsylvania public utility, to conduct regional and periodic public outreach meetings to address any citizen questions and concerns," the commissioners wrote.

The letter recalled Sunoco Pipeline's last minute cancellation of its anticipated attendance at a July 10 meeting of the Lower Frankford Township Board of Supervisors, and its failure to accept written invitations by the Cumberland County Commissioners, dated Aug. 13 and Sept. 13, to attend a county-hosted meeting.

"We find it inexplicable that a large enterprise like Sunoco Pipeline that touts 'safety' as a 'top priority at all times', would refuse to send representatives to attend a coordinated county-hosted meeting to detail safety measures taken, advise citizens of any precautions they should take, and to address any other questions and concerns," the commissioners said in their letter to the PUC.

While citing the need for a public meeting, the commissioners said that since their inquiries into Sunoco's regulatory "public awareness" requirements, they were pleased that the company recently mailed 64,000 safety precaution informational [brochures](#) to citizens, emergency first responders and public officials in municipalities across the state who live or work within 1,000 feet of the Mariner East pipeline.

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