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Dozens Say “No Trespassing, No Surveying, No Mariner East Pipeline” at Mechanicsburg Pumping Station Protest

Landowners, Advocates, and Concerned Citizens Say NO to Sunoco Logistics’ Plans for 350 Miles of Devastation

Opponents representing the 14 counties affected by Sunoco Logistics’ Mariner East pipeline chanted “No Trespassing, No Surveying, No Mariner East Pipeline” at a protest at the company’s pumping station in Mechanicsburg today. The rally was the first to bring together impacted landowners, advocates, and concerned citizens from across Pennsylvania who have been organizing and strategizing to collectively stop the pipeline.

“Sunoco Logistics and Energy Trespassing Partners have been trying every trick in the book to get the Mariner East pipelines in the ground, including lying, intimidation, and harassment,” said **Sam Koplinka-Loehr, Shale Gas Organizer with Clean Air Council**. “We are here today to get out the truth. This project has never been approved by any regulatory authority. The pipelines are a private venture for private profit, they are not for the public. No eminent domain for private gain! We demand that Sunoco Logistics and Energy Trespassing Partners drop this project!”

“Today, we stand with impacted residents along the Mariner East Pipeline to let Sunoco Logistics, L.P (Sunoco) know that we will not allow them to violate the property rights of Pennsylvanians,” said **Stephanie Novak, Community Organizer for Mountain Watershed Association(MWA)**. In March 2014, MWA filed as an intervenor when Sunoco applied to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for exemptions from local zoning for the project. “Sunoco is continuing their assault on our property rights by attempting to use eminent domain for private gain. Property owners should have the right to say no.”

“Sunoco Logistics LP, Range Resources, Mark West Energy, INEOS and Borealis AG are all partners in crime. The crime is the continuing efforts to take land away from honest hard working Americans. It not about jobs in our country; it’s about convoluting the truth, bullying, coercion, and threats of eminent domain to achieve their final goal. The goal is pipelines to transport NGLs derived from the Utica and Marcellus shale gas plays, primarily in the form of ethane, across three states and the Atlantic Ocean to the highest bidders abroad. All of this done in the name of corporate profits that are gained at the expense of the health, safety and quality of life of the many American families victimized in the process. Simply put it is “Corporatism,” and is likened to the fascism of days past which history has repeatedly shown to be a dangerous path,” said **Kim Van Fleet, Co-founder, Cumberland and Perry Pipeline Awareness.**

"I do not believe that Sunoco Pipeline, a private company, has the legal or moral right to take the land of private citizens so that Pennsylvania's natural resources can be shipped overseas for the benefit of foreign corporations" said **Eric Friedman, affected landowner, Thornbury Township, Delaware County.**

“The science is clear. Every new fossil fuel pipeline and expansion of a pipeline is digging us deeper into catastrophic climate destabilization and an unlivable planet. It’s imperative that corporate shams like Sunoco Logistics Mariner East pipeline are stopped in their tracks. People do not want this project and the planet cannot afford it. Fossil fuel exploitation has made generations of Pennsylvania families sick – we have too many sacrifice zones from these polluting industries – we cannot afford more and we are here to say enough is enough,” said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper.**

"If we allow this pipeline to be built, we will be trapped into more fracking," said **Wendi Taylor of Citizens for a Safe Cumberland County.** "And once the frackers are done with the Marcellus shale and start on the Utica shale, fracking and its dirty waste will be at our doorsteps and in our backyards."

“We came together today, bolstered by the historic decision yesterday by President Obama to reject the Keystone XL pipeline. Affected landowners, concerned citizens, and advocates defeated that pipeline and will defeat Mariner East too,” said **Karen Feridun, Founder of Berks Gas Truth.**

Photos from the rally will be available for download at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsko8vLJ7> by 2:00p.m.

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