

Draft Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting of the
Chester County Pipeline Safety Advisory Board

Thursday, October 26
3:00 pm

Chester County Government Services Building
601 Westtown Road West Chester, PA 19380 Room 042
Also available virtually via Zoom

1. Approval of the April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - The board did not have a quorum
2. Approval of the July 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - The board did not have a quorum
3. Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule
 - The board was provided with the 2024 meeting schedule via email
4. Review Status of Action Items
 - There were no action items that needed reviewed
5. Pipeline Safety Plan Update
 - Tony Przychodzien, Chester County Department of Emergency Services, shared that the plan had been reviewed by the Emergency Management Division and the Director and that maps of the population along the pipeline are being drafted. The team has also met with pipeline owners for inventory of their products. Tony Przychodzien also shared the plan will have public information similar to the nuclear facilities
 - Board Member Don Herb asked about pipeline owners notifying municipalities and the county

- Director Franklin asked if it could be put into the health regulations for public health safety, with possible regulations attached to it

6. Standing Committee Briefings, if Applicable

- There were no reports outs at this time
- Director Messerschmidt asked that the Incident Review Committee could take a look at the pipeline explosion in Arkansas and report back to the board

Action Item: Director Messerschmidt will reach out to the Incident Review Committee about the Arkansas pipeline explosion

7. Overview of Pipeline Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) Website Uploads

- There were no uploads outside of general board business

8. Board Open Discussion

- Director Messerschmidt noted that the Department of Energy was scheduled to host a community briefing about the hydrogen hub. There was also some discussion at the Environmental and Energy Advisory Board (EEAB) about having someone speak on this topic, possibly in a combined effort with the PSAB to brief both boards

Action Item: Reach out to schedule a briefing regarding the hydrogen hub for the EEAB and PSAB board members

- Director Messerschmidt briefly discussed the Arkansas pipeline explosion and that it appeared to be natural gas, not much information on the mode of transmission but was hoping for more information to become available in the next few weeks
- Board Member Tish Molloy asked if the Public Utility Commission (PUC) completed their investigations into the sinkholes in West Whiteland Township

Action Item: Check to see if the PUC completed their investigations into the sinkholes in West Whiteland Township

- Carrie Conwell from the Planning Commission said that they contacted Braskem, and the company was willing to talk to the boards as they are one of the project awardees. Director O’Leary noted that it could possibly be a special meeting for the boards

9. Public Comment

- Ginny Marcille-Kerslake commented that they are currently excavating the Mariner East line on Ship Road and found an anomaly. Ginny Marcille-Kerslake noted that this should be a concern for residents and the PSAB due to it being a brand-new pipe. There was also concern for pipe that they cannot excavate. Ginny Marcille-Kerslake said that the county should reach out to Energy Transfer if not informed and keep on top of this. Something similar occurred in Delaware County. There was discussion about notifications to the residents about this item as well as the sinkhole remediations at the Chester Valley Trail and library.
- Director Messerschmidt noted that in the pipeline plan, the department is working with pipeline operators to establish more regular notification on routine maintenance and that a standard template could possibly be created for this

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned