These files are in response to a report DRN received from our community monitors. DRN trained those interested in the communities in the Jacobs Creek Pipeline vicinity on monitoring the progress of the project. After some community members shared concern about the appearance of red hoses near Houghs Creek, DRN wrote a formal letter and sent to Sunoco Representatives, Upper Makefield Township, and the Bucks County Conservation District to ask the purpose of the hoses. When the red hoses were first documented there was no hay bale structure which should be done for Best Management Practices for a proper full filtration system. After the original photo documentation it appears the hay bales were then added to the site and after the submission of the November 15th letter (below) where DRN made the companies, the township, and agencies aware, DRN received the response confirming the site was within compliance.
Hi Anneke this just fyi --- hope today went smoothly with all the travel!

faith

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From: Faith Zerbe
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 3:32 PM
To: colleen.armstrong@energytransfer.com; dburmester@uppermakefield.org
Cc: Jason Maurer <jmaurer@bucksccd.org>; 'Tracy Carluccio (tracy@delawareriverkeeper.org)'<tracy@delawareriverkeeper.org>
Subject: Jacobs Creek HDD pipe replacement - red hose inquiry from Delaware Riverkeeper Network

To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached regarding construction practices today observed along the Jacobs Creek pipeline replacement project. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this monitoring report and response to our inquiry.

Kindly,

Faith

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Ms. Colleen Armstrong  
Sunoco Pipeline  
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Upper Makefield Township  
Denise Burmester – Director of Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer  
dburmester@uppermakefield.org  

Re: Jacobs Creek Pipeline Relocation, 14 inch Twin Oaks to Newark – Inquiry on HDD and Red Hose  

To whom it may concern:  

Trained DRN monitors observed a red hose as part of the pipeline replacement and HDD Project today on 11/15/22. Photos below were taken on the Pennsylvania side of the pipeline project. The pipeline project is located in BLACKWELL TOWNSHIPS, MERCER COUNTY, NJ and UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PA.  

DRN is inquiring on the purpose and location of the red hose in the photo that is currently running under the sound barrier wall and appears to go into the riparian buffer adjacent the Houghs Creek. Is dewatering taking place and if so what is the status of bentonite or HDD fluids within the water? HDD is water intensive and we understand waste from the HDD is to be sent to an approved disposal site off site. Please explain the purpose of the hose and its origin, what it is carrying, and what the origin and end point for the hose is. Photo documentation may be part of Sunoco’s weekly report which photos would also be helpful since public access is limited.  

With neighbors and trained monitors watchdogging this project, we request a prompt response to this inquiry and we would also kindly request that DRN receives the required weekly updates on the project so that we can also share this information to trained volunteer monitors in the region photo documenting the pipeline project. Please see photos enclosed below.
Red hose running under sound wall into forest near Houghs Creek

Red hose continues along Houghs Creek
Last location the Red Hose is observed. Cannot observe the end point.

Houghs Creek, Upper Makefield, PA – located nearby the construction area
Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to a response and being added to the weekly monitoring report email listserv so that we can communicate these matters to monitors on the ground watch-dogging the pipeline construction. If you have any concerns you may contact Faith, DRN’s Director of Monitoring at faith@delawareriverkeeper.org or tracy@delawareriverkeeper.org.

Faith Zerbe

Director of Monitoring
Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Tracy Carluccio

Deputy Director
Delaware Riverkeeper Network

cc. Joseph Gunson, Superintendent at Office of Leases & Concessions
Jason Maurer, Bucks County Conservation District, jmaurer@bucksccd.org
From: Faith Zerbe
To: Anneke van Rossum
Subject: FW: Jacobs Creek HDD pipe replacement - red hose inquiry from Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Date: Monday, November 21, 2022 11:12:25 AM
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From: Faith Zerbe
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 4:50 PM
To: 'colleen.armstrong@energytransfer.com' <colleen.armstrong@energytransfer.com>
Cc: 'Jason Maurer' <jmaurer@bucksccd.org>; 'Tracy Carluccio (tracy@delawareriverkeeper.org)' <tracy@delawareriverkeeper.org>; dburmester@uppermakefield.org
Subject: RE: Jacobs Creek HDD pipe replacement - red hose inquiry from Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Dear All,

DRN is attaching two additional photographs taken on 11/16 at the same PA location noted in the 11/15/22 letter.

It appears a desilting haybale structure has now been constructed by Sunoco adjacent Houghs Creek with now two red pipes present instead of just one.

Thank you in advance for your attention and prompt response.

Faith Zerbe

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Good morning,

We have inspected the site. The hoses are for dewatering work areas. The hoses are run through the appropriate sediment filtration bags and then additional filtration that was set up by the site contractors. This setup is in compliance with Ch. 102 regulations for this type of activity.

Jason Maurer  
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From: Denise Burmester <DBurmester@uppermakefield.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 6:13 PM  
To: Anneke van Rossum <Anneke@delawareriverkeeper.org>  
Cc: faith@delawareriverkeeper.org; colleen.armstrong@energytransfer.com; Jason Maurer <jmaurer@bucksccd.org>; tracy@delawareriverkeeper.org; Kershner, Daniel A <DANIEL.KERSHNER@energytransfer.com>  
Subject: RE: Hose Response

Good Afternoon,

Inspections have been conducted and feedback received is that use of the red hoses is in compliance with approved plans.

Sincerely,  
Denise Burmester, CZO  
Director of Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer  
Planning and Zoning
Thank you, Ms. Burmester, for your investigation into the hoses and your response to our concerns.

Sincerely,
Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director
for
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Good Morning Jason,

Thank you for looking into the dewatering system and for your report that explains the system being used. We appreciate your response confirming that the system is in compliance with Chapter 102 regulations for this activity.

Sincerely,
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