

March 1, 2018

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

We were shocked to learn that you and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) decided to allow Sunoco to resume construction on the pipeline in exchange for a large fine, despite numerous and constant permit and environmental violations since the beginning of the construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline. This allows Sunoco to carry on with their reckless construction on this pipeline that puts the safety of your constituents at risk. For the sake of health and well-being of communities on both sides of the Atlantic, the undersigned organizations from the United States, Scotland, England and Europe, are writing to urge you to put a final stop to the construction of the Mariner East 2, and to move to a full ban on fracking.

The decisions you make to promote fracking in Pennsylvania have effects in Europe too, polluting air, littering waters with plastic debris, and exacerbating climate change. Communities in Europe live at the end of the long life cycle of fracking in Western Pennsylvania. After the drilling, the dangerous and explosive gas liquids (such as propane and ethane) are transported via pipelines to the Marcus Hook Terminal, where the petrochemical company Ineos ships them to plants in Scotland and Norway to produce plastics and chemicals. Ineos has [amassed a terrible environmental record throughout Europe](#) of accidents, safety lapses, chemical leaks, substantial pollutant releases, and even fires and explosions.

The Mariner East 2 pipeline, which would travel 350 miles across Pennsylvania, is a key part of Ineos' dangerous expansion plan. It would deliver more fracking, more pollution, and more plastic waste. It is being constructed dangerously close to homes, schools, libraries, hospitals and daycare facilities, and has already caused dozens of drilling fluid spills and several cases of water contamination for the residents of your state. [Communities fear for their safety during the construction phase, and over the life of this dangerous pipeline if it is completed.](#)

Fracking in Pennsylvania feeds this company's bottom line, and directly contributes to their awful record of pollution. Ineos, of course, downplays the environmental risks of fracking, and is trying to force fracking upon the United Kingdom, even [in - and under - the historic Sherwood Forest](#). But a growing movement of residents across the United Kingdom are taking bold action to protect their communities from the dangers of fracking and plastics pollution. Ineos has responded by seeking a [court injunction to silence peaceful, democratic protests](#).

We have seen the damage that fracking has done in the United States, especially in your home state: serious cases of water contamination, increased air pollution and a myriad of other health problems. Most distressingly, a [recently published study based on records of 1.1 million births in Pennsylvania](#) found that pregnant women living within two-thirds of a mile of a hydraulic fracturing well were 25% more likely to give birth to a low birth weight baby than were women who lived at least 10 miles outside that zone during pregnancy.

We do not have to live with these dangers to our air, water and climate. That's why some political leaders are taking action: Just last year, Ireland, Scotland and the state of Maryland chose to ban or put a halt on fracking, based on the well-documented risks and impacts to the environment and public health.

We urge you to please follow their lead and promote an economy built around renewable energy and clean energy jobs for your state. It is time to put a stop to this dangerous pipeline, and to move to a full ban on fracking. Your decision to do this will benefit our communities and our health, and it would protect residents of the state of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

USA

1. [Food & Water Watch](#)
2. [Berks Gas Truth](#)
3. [Josh Fox, Director of Gasland and Democratic Platform Committee Member](#)
4. [Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D., Concerned Health Professionals, New York](#)
5. [Friends of the Earth U.S.](#)
6. [Center for International Environmental Law \(CIEL\) - US](#)
7. [Physicians for Social Responsibility](#)
8. [Physicians for Social Responsibility - Philadelphia](#)
9. [Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network](#)
10. [Oil Change International](#)
11. [Progressive Democrats of America](#)
12. [Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Water Air](#)
13. [Earthworks](#)
14. [Pennsylvania Council of Churches](#)
15. [Earth Ethics, Inc.](#)
16. [Protect Penn-Delco](#)
17. [Uwchlan Safety Coalition](#)
18. [Protect \(Penn-Trafford\) PT](#)
19. [Americans Against Fracking](#)
20. [Frack Action](#)
21. [New Yorkers Against Fracking](#)
22. [Concerned Citizens of Lebanon County,](#)
23. [Upper Uwchlan Residents for Safety](#)
24. [Goshen United for Public Safety](#)

25. [Idle No More SF Bay](#)
26. [Bold Iowa](#)
27. [Lebanon Pipeline Awareness](#)
28. [350 New Orleans](#)
29. [Save The Hills Alliance, Inc.](#)
30. [Breathe Easy Susquehanna County](#)
31. [Nature Abounds](#)
32. [WESPAC Foundation, Inc.](#)
33. [OVEC-Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition](#)
34. [Middletown Coalition for Community Safety](#)
35. [Catskill Mountainkeeper](#)
36. [Seeding Sovereignty](#)
37. Sanford-Oquaga Area Concerned Citizens (S-OACC)
38. [Beyond Extreme Energy](#)
39. [Atchafalaya Basinkeeper](#)
40. [People Demanding Action](#)
41. [Center for Biological Diversity](#)
42. [White Rabbit Grove RDNA](#)
43. [Rootskeeper](#)
44. [Keystone Progress](#)
45. [Mountain Watershed Association](#)
46. [No Fracked Gas in Mass](#)
47. [Preserve Montgomery County VA](#)
48. Patriots From The Oil & Gas Shales
49. [Big Bend Defense Coalition](#)
50. [LEPOCO Peace Center \(Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern\)](#)
51. [Delaware Riverkeeper Network](#)
52. [Schuylkill Pipeline Awareness](#)
53. [Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Earth Democracy Committee](#)
54. [FreshWater Accountability Project](#)
55. [Triangle Womens' International League for Peace and Freedom](#)
56. [Society of Native Nations](#)
57. [Friends For Environmental Justice](#)
58. [Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens](#)
59. [Daily Kos](#)
60. [Union County Peace Council](#)
61. [350 Philadelphia](#)
62. [Athens County \(OH\) Fracking Action Network](#)
63. Guernsey County Citizens Support on Drilling Issues
64. Crushing Colonialism
65. Xun Biosphere Project
66. [Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipelines](#)
67. [New Jersey State Industrial Union Council](#)
68. [Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipelines](#)
69. [ClimateMama](#)

70. Franciscan Response to Fracking
71. [The FANG Collective](#)
72. [Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains](#)
73. [The Story of Stuff Project](#)
74. [Pennsylvanians Against Fracking](#)
75. [Marcellus Outreach Butler](#)
76. [Save the Southern Tier](#)
77. [Don't Frack NY](#)
78. [CREDO Action](#)
79. [350.org](#)
80. [Waterkeepers Chesapeake](#)
81. [Maryland Environmental Health Network](#)
82. [Howard County Climate Action](#)
83. [Community of Communities](#)
84. [Don't Frack Calvert](#)

Europe

85. [Food & Water Europe](#)
86. [Friends of the Earth Europe](#)
87. [Frack Free United, UK](#)
88. [Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland \(FoE EWNI\)](#)
89. [Talk Fracking, UK](#)
90. [Friends of the Earth Scotland](#)
91. [Frackwatch, Scotland](#)
92. [Our Forth Against Unconventional Gas, Scotland](#)
93. [Frack Free Ryedale, UK](#)
94. [Transition Chesterfield \(UK\)](#)
95. [Eckington Against Fracking, UK](#)
96. [Frack Free Pickering, UK](#)
97. [Frack Free Five Valleys, UK](#)
98. [Clacks Against Unconventional Gas Extraction, Scotland](#)
99. [Frack Free Strensall, UK](#)
100. [Haxby and Wigginton Against Fracking, UK](#)
101. [Nafferton Against Fracking, UK](#)
102. [Frack Free Nottinghamshire, UK](#)
103. [Frack Free East Yorkshire, UK](#)
104. [Frack Free Cleveland, UK](#)
105. [Not Here, Not Anywhere Ireland](#)
106. [Berliner Wassertisch, Germany](#)
107. [Ecologistas en Acción, Spain](#)
108. [UK Youth Climate Coalition, UK](#)