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Gamble Township Pipeline Release and Repair – Oct. 26 update

GAMBLE TOWNSHIP (October 26, 2016) – Water-monitoring continued today on Loyalsock Creek and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River under the supervision of the U.S. EPA, Pennsylvania DEP and the Lycoming County Department of Safety. Results continue to show that drinking water supplies remain safe since a Sunoco Logistics pipeline was damaged by a bridge washout Oct. 21, releasing gasoline into Wallis Run and Loyalsock Creek.

Air monitoring is ongoing with the EPA and DEP, and no hazardous levels have been detected. Additionally, no significant traces of gasoline have been found, but Sunoco Logistics crews will continue to monitor the area.

Following a meeting with state and local officials yesterday, neighbors were notified of plans to begin emergency repairs to the damaged line in consultation with PennDOT and the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Construction began today and will continue 24 hours, 7 days a week until finished. Repairs are expected to take approximately two weeks. During that time, some noise is to be expected near construction zones.

Neighbors were also notified of the use of bentonite in the horizontal drilling process, which will be used to install the pipeline 25 feet under the streambed of Wallis Run. As stated in the letter, bentonite is nontoxic and is naturally found in streams and waterways.

Neighbors with any questions regarding repair work, including noise and/or vibrations, may contact Sunoco Logistics at **1-800-759-5644**.

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