

Upper Makefield Sunoco Pipeline Leak Timeline

- May 10, 2022 – Bucks County Courier Times reports [resident concerns](#) over a repair to the pipeline. Residents cite concern over potential disastrous side effects from a mistake in the repair but are primarily concerned with sound.
- May 2022 – Energy Transfer, Sunoco Parent, executes a repair process called “sleeving” to reinforce the walls of the pipeline in Upper Makefield. Later analysis would reveal that this action lead to improper seal around the sleeved portion resulting in leakage.
- September 2023 – First report of petroleum smell in water by resident. Further reports of smells would be made throughout 2024 but were not attributed to the pipeline at that time.
- January 9-23, 2025 – PA Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) inspected wells and well water in homes that reported petroleum smells.
- January 31, 2025 – Sunoco notifies PHMSA’s National Response Center of a leak, detailing the release of 156 barrels of jet fuel.
- February 6, 2025 – Meeting conducted by Upper Makefield Township (video link [here](#)). Purpose was to hear from residents regarding the issue and confront representatives from Energy Transfer.
- February 8, 2025- [Letter](#) from Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren to PHMSA requesting a suspension of flow of all petroleum
- February 13, 2025 – Energy Transfer notifies DEP of their [Act 2 Intent to Remediate](#), a formalized commitment to address leaks of harmful substances into the environment. Meeting conducted by Upper Makefield Township (video link [here](#)) to discuss the Act 2 actions by Energy Transfer.
- February 13, 2025 – PHMSA issues Notice of Proposed Safety Order to Energy Transfer.
- February 18, 2025 – DEP issues formal Notice of Violation to Energy Transfer.
- February 25, 2025- [Letter](#) from Senator Santarsiero to energy transfer requesting more information and that they shutdown the pipeline for a full investigation.
- February 27, 2025 - Meeting conducted by Upper Makefield Township (video link [here](#))
- March 19, 2025- [Letter](#) from Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren to PHMSA requesting a representative be present to answer residents' questions at upcoming meetings.
- March 19, 2025- [Letter](#) from Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren to DEP writing to follow-up on the issues of a pump and treat operation and the issue concerning MTBE

March 11, 2025 - Meeting conducted by Upper Makefield Township (video link [here](#))

April 30, 2025 – PHMSA and Energy Transfer sign consent agreement outlining required remediation actions.

May 6, 2025 – Energy Transfer announces a recovery well installation work [plan](#), intending to recover the jet fuel spilled into the ground.

May 9, 2025 – DEP [approves](#) an Interim Remedial Action Plan, put forth by Energy Transfer/Sunoco. The plan lays out a process of “LNAPL recovery (e.g., bailing, absorbent socks, passive skimming) or total phase extraction using a vacuum” through a series of wells.

June 18, 2025- [Letter](#) from Steve Santarsiero and Representative Warren to DEP, asking Environmental Protection to act in response to Sunoco’s delay in implementation of remediation efforts.

July 15, 2025 – Meeting between DEP and Residents. Energy Transfer releases [plan](#) for location of monitoring wells.

August 11, 2025 – [Letter](#) from Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren to PHMSA requesting complete shutdown of the pipeline and transparent communication about anomalies in the sleeve inspections.

September 2, 2025 – Energy Transfer submits [Interim-Site-Characterization-Report](#).

September 9, 2025 – DEP Status meeting, [recording](#) here.

September 11, 2025 – PHMSA Issues warning letter to Energy Transfer for failing to allow PHMSA inspectors to take photos of investigation information in compliance with the consent order.

September 15, 2025 – [Letter](#) from Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren to PHMSA reiterating concerns from August 11, 2025 letter.

October 17, 2025 – [Letter](#) from Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren to PA DEP citing concerns with Energy Transfers Interim Site Characterization Report.

November 5, 2025 – [Site visit](#) with PHMSA Administrator Paul Roberti in Mt. Eyre neighborhood and Taylorsville Road repair location.

December 12, 2025 – DEP Status meeting, [recording](#) here.