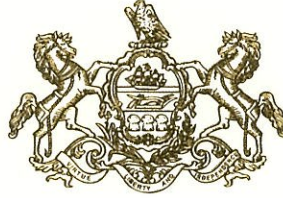


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April 14, 2023

Honorable Richard Negrin,
Acting Secretary
PA Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Re: Altuglas LLC Chemical Plant Spill

Dear Acting Secretary Negrin:

We are writing to express our deep concern about the chemical spill that occurred in Bristol Township at the Altuglas LLC Chemical Plant, owned by Trinseo (the "Facility"), and to underscore the need for increased monitoring of this and other sites like it.

On Friday, March 24, 2023, more than 8,000 gallons of acrylic latex polymer were spilled into Otter Creek in Bristol Township, Bucks County, which then flowed into the Delaware River. The spill went undetected for over 30 minutes. Early information suggests that the illegal discharge was a result of a ruptured pipe at the site. Apparently, this was not the first time that hazardous substances were released from the Facility into Otter Creek and the Delaware in violation of Altuglas's discharge permits. According to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, over the past decade, both the EPA and the U.S. Coast Guard have detected releases of acrylates from the Facility.

The Delaware River is the source of drinking water for millions of Pennsylvanians. Illegal discharges like the one at the Facility on March 24 pose a direct risk to their health and safety. Moreover, the release of hazardous substances into Otter Creek and the Delaware River threatens the ecosystem of the entire region.

It is critical that there are both real-time monitoring and detection systems for chemical plants, especially those, like the Facility, that are in close proximity to drinking water sources. There also needs to be regular and rigorous inspections of pipes and related infrastructure at plants like the Facility.

We respectfully request that the DEP conduct a thorough investigation into the circumstances that led to this illegal discharge and impose the appropriate penalties. We further

ask that the Department require all necessary remedial action, and develop monitoring, detection, and inspection policies at the Facility to ensure spills like this do not occur in the future.

Very truly yours,



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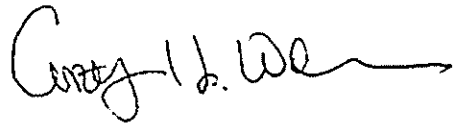
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony H. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony H. Williams
State Senator, 8th District

CC: Bristol Twp
Bristol Borough
Bucks County

