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Re: Docket #2020-P-A-0017, Supplemental Public Comments on the Draft Title V Renewal Permit for Delaware City Refining Company (Permit No. AQM-003/00016 - Part 1 (Renewal 3), Part 2 (Renewal 2), and Part 3 (Renewal 3))

On 14 July 2020 I signed in through the proper password link-up to view video conference meeting on Docket #2020-P-A-0017, Supplemental Public Comments on the Draft Title V Renewal Permit for Delaware City Refining Company (Permit No. AQM-003/00016 - Part 1 (Renewal 3), Part 2 (Renewal 2), and Part 3 (Renewal 3))

I was deeply alarmed that as a citizen activist that I was not permitted to post commentary about the Draft Title V Renewal Permit during this virtual public hearing. I read the hearing minutes posted by DNREC 16 July 2020... There was no listing of citizens who participated in this virtual public meeting nor any E-notification of the E minutes to the DNREC hearing website to my registered e-mail account.

So I have questions?...Why wasn't the meeting procedural protocols following the Governor Carney's virtual meeting decree...A Declaration Of A State of Emergency on COVID-19 On March 12, 2020, Governor Carney issued his Declaration Of A State of Emergency For The State Of Delaware Due To A Public Health Threat (the "3/12/20 Order")....The Order has (so far) been extended four different times, the most recent of which was on July 6, 2020. Thus, the Order was in effect at the time of the July 14, 2020 public hearing in this Docket. ...As stated in a "comments"letter from the DNREC hearing website posting 16, July 2020 from the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic of Widener University's Delaware Law School by Kenneth T. Kristl, Professor of Law and Director (dated 23, July 2020) "Who" was responsible for this violation of our Governor's "3/12/20 Order"? Why did this breach of the "public's trust and integrity" in DNREC occur? How will this gross violation of Governor's "3/12/20 Order" in the middle of this horrid pandemic be rectified?

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