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I, Council Member At-Large Rysheema Dixon of the City of Wilmington, would like to publicly go on record in support of the Diamond State Port Corporation (DSPC) permit application to develop a new Container cargo port at the Edgemoor site. Development of the Edgemoor site is an essential component of the "Port Expansion" initiative.

The Port Expansion initiative was spearheaded and developed by the ILA to save the shipping industry in Delaware and to save current jobs and create future jobs in shipping for Wilmingtonians and Delawareans. With the expansion of the Panama Canal and the Suez Canal, hundreds of ships that previously docked on the west coast will be coming to the east coast. The shipping lines are ordering much larger vessels that cannot dock in the Christiana river, which is only 35 feet deep. Also, most cargo is being shipped or will be shipped in containers and these larger container ships will need at least 45 feet in depth.

This means the DSPC must expand its shipping operations onto the Delaware River, which is 45 feet in order to first, attract some of these customers, and secondly keep the customers it has to survive. This project has a broad organizational and community support, so I too will fully support this project.

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