

City of Wilmington



MICHAEL S. PURZYCKI
Mayor

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Lisa A. Vest
Hearing Officer, Office of the Secretary
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

By email: DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov

Re: Docket #2020-P-0024

Dear Hearing Officer Vest:

I write to express my strong support for the Diamond State Port Corporation's (DSPC) plan to develop a container port at the Edgemoor property formerly owned by Chemours. There is great anticipation regarding this project.

The current Port of Wilmington, once owned by the City, has long been an employment resource for many City residents and others living in the surrounding area. The Port is a distribution hub for the East Coast and provides good paying jobs for the people who live here.

A project such as the proposed Edgemoor facility is one that does not come along frequently and is especially welcomed as we deal with the coronavirus pandemic. It is an opportunity to create a new employment hub that will provide approximately 1,000 new jobs for area residents in addition to the construction trades that will be required to build the facility.

This new port would also result in a currently abandoned and polluted parcel of land being cleaned up and repurposed. For far too long, we have dealt with the forgotten remnants of heavy industry along the Delaware River shoreline with little interest in redeveloping those properties. This project is just what we need along the river—good paying jobs and a clean, environmentally-friendly business.

The City of Wilmington is looking forward to this project being completed. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael S. Purzycki", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Michael S. Purzycki