

Reject permits for Bioenergy DevCo

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources) <DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov>

Dear DNREC,

Please deny permits for the proposed Bioenergy DevCo biogas plant, in Seaford. This plant would harm human health as well as Delaware's ecosystems.

Despite what the industry claims, anaerobic digestion is not a miracle cure for the pollution that the poultry industry brings to Our state. The process uses a huge amount of water to produce climate-altering methane gas, leaving behind contaminated waste. Bioenergy DevCo has failed to prove it can responsibly manage this waste after processing. In fact, Bioenergy DevCo doesn't have the permits necessary to legally market many of the products its applications say it intends to produce.

What's equally concerning is that this project would create a new profit motive for the poultry industry to create even more waste. As you know, Delaware ranks worst in the nation both for wells contaminated with nitrates and for waterways too polluted for use. This pollution harms the health of babies & children, causes massive fish kills and toxic algal blooms. The vast majority of Our water pollution is caused by the poultry industry and its mismanagement of waste and belligerent disregard for Our ecosystems. The proposed digester will only make these problems worse!

The Bioenergy DevCo plant threatens to pollute Our air, poison Our water, exacerbate Global climate change, and bring as many as 73,000 vehicle trips per year into a vulnerable neighborhood. It's clear that Bioenergy DevCo does not take these threats to human & environmental health seriously. They have not only failed to show any mitigation plan, but their cursory environmental analysis doesn't even acknowledge these threats.

Placing these dangers within close proximity to Delaware communities, especially vulnerable immigrant communities, is totally unacceptable.

I urge you to say no to this dirty biogas proposal and reject Bioenergy DevCo's permits.

Sincerely,

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