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Comments on Docket #2022-P-MULTI-0012: Bioenergy Innovation Center

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Comments:

I have written and spoken repeatedly about the dangers of the proposed biogas facility in my community, including prior comments during the initial hearing, and want you to either deny such plans or move them to an industrial area. Devco is located near a mobile home park populated by Spanish speaking and Haitian Creole speaking people. To this day no one from the company has communicated about the proposed plant in these languages. As you know, methane is a green house gas that is 25 times more damaging to the environment than carbon. Anticipated leakage is climatically significant: literature estimates for methane leakage from biogas production suggest that leakage is in the 2%–4% range . Under reasonable leakage and demand assumptions, RNG (Renewable Natural Gas) could be climate intensive. These two things together indicate Delaware is on the verge of once again harming the most vulnerable among us for profit. Right now, plans are ready for a greenway above I95 in an attempt to make amends to the poor people harmed by the routing of this interstate through their community. Why Delaware would even consider locating this new dangerous and polluting plant near a community where people of color live indicates that nothing has been learned from the mistakes of our past. We cannot continue to take advantage of people whose native language is not English and whose skin is not white to profit some company. As a citizen and a member of an international and local group seeking a nonviolent world as imagine by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I look to you to protect our environment here in Delaware and also our people, especially those whose voices are not as powerful as wealthy corporations'. Please please please join me, Nonviolent Seaford, the Poor People's Campaign and many others in opposing this plant, or at least moving it to an industrial site. Thank you.