

**Subject:** Reject permits for Bioenergy DevCo

**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 2:10:23 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** cheryl.crist=verizon.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Cheryl Crist

**To:** HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

Dear DNREC,

Delaware is the 'First State'. So let us put ourselves first in the quest for a better environment and deny permits for the Bioenergy DevCo biogas plant proposed for Seaford. This plant would harm human health as well as Delaware's natural environment.

This project falls under the category of 'greenwashing'. It is using waste to create waste and then attempting to gain our approval by poorly cleaning up the waste the process creates. We should not be fooled by this marketing approach.

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 in the process of producing 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 even have the permits necessary to 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. Once word gets out that all waste is welcome in Delaware, we will become home base for any other similar entities to dump their waste here under the guise of doing good.

As you know, Delaware ranks worst in the nation both for wells contaminated with nitrates and for waterways too polluted for use. The state should be going everything possible to improve our water quality, not choosing projects that will make the quality even worse. This pollution can harm the health of babies and children and 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. The proposed digester will only make these problems worse. We have enough sources of pollution already in Delaware; we don't need to knowingly import even more.

Why do we, the small state of Delaware, want waste trucked in from surrounding states? I bet we have enough of our own waste.

This plan will be even worse for our air quality and ground and water pollution because there will be roadway accidents causing truck content spillage.

The Bioenergy DevCo plant threatens to pollute our air, poison our water, exacerbate climate change, and bring as many as 73,000 vehicle trips each year into a vulnerable neighborhood. It's clear that Bioenergy DevCo does not take these threats to human and environmental health seriously at all. 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,

Cheryl Crist  
100 Peirce Road  
Wilmington DE, 19803-3728