



Maryland

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October 18, 2022

The Honorable Shawn M. Garvin
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Re: Bioenergy Innovation Center at 28338 Enviro Way, Seaford, Delaware

Dear Secretary Garvin:

This letter is to offer the Maryland Department of the Environment's support for the anaerobic digestion (AD) industry in the Delmarva region. The expansion of the Bioenergy Innovation Center (located at 28338 Enviro Way, Seaford, Delaware) may include an anaerobic digester, wastewater pretreatment system, and biogas upgrade plant.

It is our understanding that the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) is considering permits for this facility. This project would serve the greater Delmarva region's waste diversion industry and enhance our shared waterways.

As you may know, Maryland recently permitted an AD facility in Jessup, Maryland. This facility, also constructed and operated by Bioenergy Devco, met each of Maryland's regulatory and statutory requirements. AD is a safe and secure technology that provides communities with environmentally-sound ways to manage organic waste. It can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create sustainable energy, and produce a healthy agriculturally-based soil product.

We thank you in advance for advancing this important project. If you have any questions, you may contact Tyler Abbott at tyler.abbott@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Tablada".

Horacio Tablada
Secretary

cc: Tyler Abbott, MDE Chief of Staff