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Comments:

As Chair for the Delaware NAACP Health Committee, I am submitting this comment in opposition to the proposed siting of the DevCo Biogas Energy facility in the Seaford, frontline Community. Understanding the health inequities that will be placed, once again, upon the necks and backs of our vulnerable communities, the Health Committee stands against the negative health issues, potential threats and risks that the biogas industry will impose. In this America, this State, this community, peopleW who live, work, and worship should be able to enjoy some semblance of mental health in living free of an ever-existing threat to health and safety. Many have testified of the potential harm to the community upon a number of fronts and those testimonies have documented support in the literature of other industrial plants located in the country and internationally (Environmental Health Perspectives 110 suppl 2, 2002: 195-201). When manure to energy projects are placed for a factory farms, the processing of the methane will release CO2 and hazardous air pollutants/. Biomethane production burdens and poisons local communities and, further, is destruction of our planet's health and sustainability. I, respectfully, request and submit other solutions be investigated and examined such as New York State and its climate-forward policy in its Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) "and create more innovative laws that protect and prioritize environmental justice communities, ensuring disadvantaged communities are not disproportionately burdened with more polluting infrastructure". The Delaware State Conference of Branches Health Committee stands in solidarity with the Sussex County Environmental Health Network and the indigenous communities of Seaford in opposition of approval by DNREC to issue permits to DevCO to operate its facility in their community.