

## Reject permits for Bioenergy DevCo

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

Dear DNREC,

PLEASE!! Deny these permits for Bioenergy DevCo's biogas plant proposed for Seaford. This plant would harm human health as well as Delaware's natural environment.

RECOGNIZE: Devco's process of anaerobic digestion is not a miracle cure for pollution that the poultry industry brings to our state—but uses huge amounts of water in the act of producing climate-altering methane gas, leaving behind contaminated waste.

BURDEN OF PROOF: Bioenergy DevCo's failed to demonstrate how to responsibly manage this waste after processing—moreover, Bioenergy DevCo does not have the permits necessary to market many of the products it intends to produce!

Additional Waste? Equally concerning—as a new profit motive, the poultry industry would create even more waste.

The Poultry Industry causes the vast majority of our water pollution through its mismanagement of waste.

Meanwhile, Delaware ranks worst in the nation both for wells contaminated with nitrates and for the waterways too polluted to be used—harming the health of babies and children, while causing massive fish kills and toxic algae blooms.

Bioenergy DevCo's Plant—Threatens Both Human and Environmental Health:

- Polluting our air, poisoning water,
- Exacerbating climate change,
- Bringing up to 73,000 vehicle trips into a vulnerable neighborhood every year.

Bioenergy DevCo does not take these threats seriously at all:

- Failing to show any mitigation plan,
- Their cursory environmental analysis doesn't acknowledge these threats.

DANGERS: Totally unacceptable within close proximity to Delaware communities, and especially vulnerable immigrant communities

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

Sincerely,

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