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

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My name is John Irwin. I live in New Castle County. I want to register my opposition to the Bioenergy Innovation project. We need to reduce the amount of methane being produced and burned because it is a powerful greenhouse gas if leaked and results in carbon dioxide if burned as a fuel. Both are harmful because they make the climate emergency worse. We already have too much concentration of poultry waste here in Delaware and this project would make that problem worse by bringing in waste from other states. This process of trucking in waste, and trucking out methane, 'digestate' and wastewater will mean a tremendous amount of traffic with its resulting air pollution. As many as 20,000 truck trips a year. In addition, trucks carrying out methane are in effect 'bomb trucks' because of the explosive nature of methane. They'll be traveling through residential areas and unloading near an elementary school. Tons of nitrogen resulting from the processing will end up on fields and in wastewater that will add stress to the already overburdened Nantikoke River. Finally, this extra pollution and risk is also in the neighborhood of low-income people of color whose first language is Spanish or Haitian Creole. Using this location is taking advantage of this community's obstacles in getting information and support to advocate for themselves. This is environmental injustice. Do not approve permit requests for this project.