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Good morning Mr. Burdick,

Apologies for not yet returning your call. Inland Bays Wastewater Treatment Facility is permitted by the Groundwater Discharges Section of DNREC which does fall under my oversight. However, as I've mentioned in past emails, I am not the expert on individual facilities so your best avenue for obtaining accurate and complete information is through submission of a FOIA request. The FOIA process is explained and forms are located at <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/foia/>. To determine compliance status you could request annual reports, Monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports, and/or inspection reports. All of our large onsite wastewater disposal facilities also have a monitoring well network that surrounds the facility which is monitored at least quarterly, so you also could request monitoring well data.

I just told her

I am not aware of disposal actions by Mountaire at the Inland Bays facility. If you observe any "dumping" or spray activities over ponded areas, then please definitely call our environmental hotline which is for environmental complaints, spills, releases, trash dumping and more. (800-662-8802) This would allow our environmental crimes unit to dispatch someone for investigation which occurs much more rapidly than if the call comes directly to the program. If you want more information regarding DNREC's Environmental Crimes Unit, it can be found at <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/community-services/enforcement/>.

Regarding disposal of Rehoboth Beach wastewater at the Inland Bays Facility, I actually think it works the other way around (i.e. a portion of flow from Inland Bays goes to Rehoboth for treatment and disposal via the ocean outfall). That would be something you should be able to confirm via FOIA of the Inland Bays and Rehoboth wastewater permits.

I appreciate you reaching out with your concerns and I will check with the Groundwater Discharges Program to assure appropriate oversight for compliance and enforcement is being applied. Be well!

Regards,

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