

## Public Hearing Comments

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Comments on Docket #2022-P-W-0008 -- Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility

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### Comments:

Dear Lisa A. Vest, Hearing Officer, As a resident of Indian Summer Village on Rt. 24 in Millsboro, DE, I am disputing the request for the Inland Bays Wastewater to increase the output of the sludge disposal on the neighboring land. Within the permit request documentation there is a statement that they are committed to 100 percent DNREC permit compliance and full transparency. Sussex County DNREC does not have a history of abiding to the laws that they are supposed to enforce. That was evident with the Mountaire facility. Mr. Lawson has indicated that the Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility is compliant, yet there was a report of non-compliance from 2018. How can these statements be trusted. According to the public notice, the expansion of the Inland Bays includes the construction of a wetland to research and demonstrate the effectiveness of wetland systems to remediate local groundwater resources, serve as an innovative alternative to treated wastewater storage and proved and enhanced treatment disposal option. Is our area just for research? Are we to be guinea pigs for a system that is already broken? The Inland Bays accepts sludge from all areas. I saw a truck entering the facility from Rehoboth Beach. I suppose it's okay for us to have our water polluted even more. Haven't we had enough with the sludge from Mountaire and the surrounding areas. It is obvious there needs to be disposal of waste, but in a manner that is modern. What do large cities do? They certainly don't spray sludge next to residence properties lines as they do here. There will be a point where all of the fields that are used to spray will be overrun, and the ground won't be able to absorb the waste. Then we will all have tainted water leading to more disease and death. With all of the new residence moving into the area, I am sure they don't want tainted water. Residence will start moving out leaving empty homes, no tax revenue and a poor economy. Please don't expand this facility. Find an alternate modern solution for waste disposal.