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Comments:

On behalf of progressive Methodist Action Program - people who care about the health of our neighbors and about the health of the planet – I must contest the NORAMCO suggestion that its expansion will not put the community at additional risk. The community is already at risk with the existing emissions. NORAMCO insists that their vacuum pump will mitigate additional emissions from the proposed expansion. My question is, what if the pump fails? Machinery does so with some regularity. The resulting emissions release could greatly impact the health of the surrounding communities. It appears that DNREC already has made up its mind, despite a written disclaimer (yes, we can read between the lines) to approve this permit to expand. Just as in the Seaford biogas plant expansion, DNREC cares more about business profits for the entities involved than it cares for the health and welfare of Delaware's citizens. The EPA's potential civil rights suit against DNREC in the case of the Seaford plant is plenty of evidence that this is the case. If DNREC can't stand up to corporations and stand for the people of Delaware, they need to be disbanded and replaced with an agency that will do so.