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Comments on Docket #2024-P-A-0005 -- Croda Flare System Permit

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Comments:

I think that the Flare is unnecessary and will add more greenhouse CO2 gas especially to Collins Park residents as well as to the Rt.9 Corridor. If CRODA is permitted to erect and operate a gas fueled flare would increase greenhouse gas that is now recognized as a major environmental problem, contributing to an amount of about 400 Mt CO2 per year. I agree with Bill Dunn about major risk for explosion. Losses from gas fuel flares are the single largest loss in many industrial operations for chemical plants. Furthermore, permitting a gas flare is an added health hazard risk for Collins Park Community. Gas flaring constituents are as follows: Methane, Ethane, Ethylene, Propylene, Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide, Nitrogen, water, and 1-Butene. When CRODA said that if Ethylene Oxide escapes it will be burned off and released into the atmosphere. I want DNREC to consider the cumulative impact of the next door Fujifilm's 3 new plants that also released several chemical pollutants into the air for the original plant and their 3 new processing plants added in the last 3 years. DNREC should be looking for REAL solution to CRODA's regular hazardous releases of Ethylene Oxide into the air. DNREC is suppose to protect the people of DE who have the right to clear air. Therefore, I am asking that you do not approve the permit for CRODA to erect a Flare. It appears that CRODA does not know how to stop the release of Ethylene Oxide, and that the Flare would be a band aid solution for CRODA's Ethylene Oxide chemical release. Please include this comment into your official record regard the CRODA Flare System Permit. Thank you. Jeanette W. Swain, Resident and Representative for the Collins Park Community.