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I have been reading the narrative of US Wind labeled 1-1, 1-2, 1-3 and 1-4 along with the related Tables ( 1.0-1, 1.2, 1.3,1.2-1) and Figures (1.0-1, 1.2-1,1.3-1, 1.3-2) I am particularly concerned with Figure 1.2-1 which lays out the necessary ONSHORE cables which will be about 10 miles each going through towns such as Dewey, Dagsboro, Ocean View, Millville and Bethany. It seems like all these cables are in the future plans. I realize that not all of these are included in the 3Rs permitting process, but they are part of US Wind's proposal. Can you possibly provide additional information concerning the constructing, digging, and maintenance of these high voltage ONSHORE cables? What is the timeframe for these cables to start? How long will each take to dig and bury? What drilling is necessary? Can you address the noise level of such construction? What runoff to our Indian River Bay will be created by construction, heavy equipment and the building of substations? What impact will it have on our marine life in the bay and native as well as migrating birds? What impact will it have on our towns, the environment and our health? To continue, according to Congressional Research Service, a US government agency invertebrates, fish and birds will be impacted by the construction of OSW through habitat alteration, EMF effects(except for birds, collision risks (except for the invertebrates, noise effects and water quality. This would just be specific to the bay since this permitting is specific for that; however, marine mammals are impacted by all of the above. (<https://crsreports.congress.gov/R47894>, 1/19/24) Finally, what impact will the construction of these ONSHORE cables and in the Indian River Bay to the landing at 3Rs along with additional substations have on our neighborhoods, our environment, our health, our outdoor recreation in the bay and at 3Rs? DNREC's mission is to "protect public health and the environment: provide quality outdoor recreation; improve the quality of life..." Protect our natural resources coastal region, bay and ocean by denying access to 3Rs, Indian River Bay and towns to US Wind at this time. More scientific data is necessary. Thank you.