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Comments on Docket #2024-P-MULTI-0007 -- US Wind Project

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1. The current near the Indian River Inlet is quite powerful and there have been 2 recent breaches just north of the Inlet that have posed a considerable public safety hazard. DNREC has yet to solve the breach problem. Directional drilling at 3Rs Road represents yet another potential risk of further dune erosion, and perhaps another breach, south of the Indian River Inlet. Should these cables become unburied as they have done elsewhere, there is even more risk to beach erosion. This is extremely concerning. These cables should not be placed anywhere near the Indian River Inlet. 2. There has been recent news coverage of a wind turbine falling into the ocean. To my knowledge no plan exists for dealing with what happens to hundreds of wind turbines should they fall or fail in some manner, fall into the ocean and/or wash up on our shores.. 3. It appears each request for Wind Turbine leases is being looked at in isolation. What is the cumulative effect of all the proposed lease areas being built? No one knows. Support for these projects including cables at 3Rs is theoretical. That in itself should be a red flag. In sum, DNREC has a responsibility to protect the Delmarva coast. Risking that coast for a project that does not benefit Delaware is even further concerning. Please deny US Wind's petition until such time as there are more real world data points from US wind turbine projects already underway and public safety contingency plans are in place. Once done, the change to the Delmarva coast will be irreparable and the collateral damage unknown. Thank you for your consideration.