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

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DNREC's mission is to protect and preserve Delaware's natural resources. In relation to all of the permits being considered, I feel it would be in the best interest, and desires of citizens of the area affected is to stop, or at least substantially delay this project. Our State Parks serve the whole state, and are the only place available for Non OceanFront Homeowners to enjoy our beautiful seaside in its "almost" natural state. Please don't allow this to happen. In relation to the specific permit applications being considered, I would ask that DNREC consider the following: There seems to be no consideration, in your presentations, for the noise pollution that will be needed for the landfall construction, the trucking and the eventual, who knows how long, completion of the destruction of our wetlands and coastline. Please observe the operations in Virginia Beach, and the extreme hardship that project is putting on their residents. It is just a few miles down the road. Why not see how they work out, before tearing up our coastline? What environmental impact, and air quality pollution will be caused by hauling sludge for miles up to the Georgetown landfill and then dumping it in Georgetown? With diesel trucks, I would imagine? Boring 3' - 6' deep up the Indian River Bay will be hazardous, and the construction will affect the whole area for decades to come. Please make them go 10' down, if at all! Apparently, environmental impact studies are being conducted by USWind, according to a DNREC hearing employee. These are the studies onto which DNREC is relying. Is there not a conflict of interest there? Isn't this important enough for the State to fund their own study, or at least an objective 3rd party? Virtual hearings are not well attended, nor do they lean themselves towards transparency and public relations. Of course the State knows this... It is extremely disappointing that this is how you choose to hold this meeting. Onsite attendance should always be an option. Please stop hiding from the people you serve. When I asked the Governor's office about this - the response? "This is how we do it". But, is it legal? I guess it is if you get away with it. Please give heavy weight to the risks, known and unknown, before issuing these permits. For example, how did we go from one landfall in the June 5 informational meeting, to "up to 4" in the current advertisement for the application!