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

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As DNREC is aware the Rehoboth Bay, Indian River Bay, and Little Assawoman Bay are the major surface water bodies in the Inland Bays/ Atlantic Ocean Basin. These estuaries provide important habitat for migrating birds, finfish, shellfish, and the medically necessary Horseshoe crab. However, the bays are becoming increasingly urbanized with encroaching development. In the sediments underlying the Inland Bays are several shallow aquifers, or water-bearing zones, which inexpensively provide 100% of the region's drinking-water and irrigation supplies. These aquifers also feed streams, rivers, and the bays them-selves. The basin's ground water, generally available within 10 feet below the surface, is an invaluable asset to us. Yet the very availability of ground water and its continual movement through the water cycle make the basin's water resources extremely vulnerable to contamination. This major heavy construction proposed for Maryland's turbine cable route is the most egregious case of environmental destruction in history. No evidence in the BOEMs Impact statement this will be a safe project for our citizens water supply. All of our homes on the cove are supplied by well water . Our area does not have an option. Therefor, all current and future permits for heavy construction in the Coastal Zone to possibly jeopardize our Clean Water Act must be denied. We oppose any future oil, gas, bulk transfer facilities, electric transfer array cables , turbines, or any other disturbance to the Coastal Zone.