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Subject: Schnable Report Comments

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My firm belief is that the Schnabel Report about the Iron Rich Toxic Waste Pile near Edgemoor supports the community concerns about public health related to the Dupont-DNREC voluntary clean-up plan that I and others stated at previous public meetings on this topic. In that sense, the study has been helpful. Though I understand the problems in finding a suitable firm to do the report, I believe that the report still took too long to produce, which was not in the public interest. In a nutshell, the Schnable Report says:

1. Evidence about dioxin was inconclusive due to the lack of good data (though I and others pleaded in vain for new testing/data)
- 2 There is evidence of cancer causing toxins leaking out of the sides and bottom of the pile that was pointed out by the public (which are not addressed by capping) 3. The capping plan will last (protect the public) for only a few decades 4. There is immediate and ongoing (under the plan) danger of toxins entering the food chain from birds, plants and fish that ultimately reach human diets 5. That the pile is currently in disrepair indicates a culture of unconcern about its dangers 6. The idea (put forth by the public repeatedly) of moving the pile was never seriously considered 7. There is cause for environmental compensation and restoration as a result of damages done

In summary, I believe the pile should be moved. I don't think another study is warranted. I believe that in light of new evidence the 2001 deal has to be rescinded because the public's right to health, long life and the pursuit of happiness is paramount.

But finally indulge me and let me add that in my humble opinion I think it is evidence of a sick set of values and a broken system that we propose to leave 500,000 tons of contaminant on a wetland plain, a mile from people's homes, and a few feet from one of America's major waterways. I expect and hope for a better solution.

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