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TO: Qazi Salahuddin, DNREC, Air and Waste Management Division

**FROM: Janet Kramer, President, LWV-NCC
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RE: SCHNABEL REPORT

The League of Women Voters promotes public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources. The League also believes that we should preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

The Schnabel Engineering Report has brought forth serious findings that must be closely examined by DNREC and the public. Our understanding is that DNREC will review the Schnabel Report, provide recommendations, then hold public hearings on the recommendations. The League strongly recommends that DNREC hold an additional public hearing for citizen input on remedies to DuPont's "iron-rich" waste pile before making recommendations. This allows for public comment "before the fact" rather than "after the fact".

The League hopes that you will consider our suggestion. Thank you for this opportunity to express our concern.

**Janet Kramer, President
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