Appendix A – All Comments Received on the Final EIS

(Comments received until February 26, 2013)

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To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Cc:	DEAKYNE Cindy; ELIASON Susan
Subject:	RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project #201028
Date:	Thursday, February 14, 2013 8:59:52 AM
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Hello Greg,

The Delaware State Housing Authority has "No Comments" on the above referenced proposed City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project.

Thank you,

Andy

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Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:08:12 PM

Greg:

I have no comments on the Final EIS. However, I am interested in the status of the schedule for the Permit Hearings, and construction. Did the schedule get delayed by a year or are we still on schedule for hearings this spring?

Tony

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
DIVISION OF WASTE AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (WHS)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Pope, P.E., Engineer VI, DNREC Financial Assistance Branch (FAB)

FROM: Christina Wirtz, Outreach Ombudsman, DNREC Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances

SUBJECT: FAB Project # 201028 – FINAL Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project

DATE: February 21, 2013

DNREC's Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances (WHS) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the FINAL Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall (FAB Project 201028). WHS includes the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Section (SHWMS), Tank Management Section (TMS) and the Site Investigation and Restoration Section (SIRS).

SIRS and TMS comments on the project can be found below. SHWMS did not have any comments.

SIRS Comments

Agency Name: DNREC

Project Name: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project #201028

Division: Waste and Hazardous Substances/ SIRS Contact Person: Krystal A. Stanley

Regulations/Code Requirements

DNREC's Site Investigation and Restoration Section (SIRS) reviewed the proposed project. There are no SIRS sites or salvage yards found within a ½-mile radius of the proposed project. However, please be aware:

- If it is determined by the Department that there was a release of a hazardous substance on the property in question and the Department requires remediation pursuant to the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act, the provisions of 7 Del.C. Chapter 91, Delaware

Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act and the Delaware Regulations Governing Hazardous Substance Cleanup shall be followed."

Suggestions

- SIRS strongly recommends that the land owner perform environmental due diligence of the property by performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment **(including a title search to identify environmental covenants)** in accordance to Section 9105(c) (2) of the Delaware Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act (HSCA). While this is not a requirement under HSCA, it is good business practice and failure to do so will prevent a person from being able to qualify for a potential affirmative defense under Section 9105(c) (2) of HSCA.
- Additional remediation may be required if the project property or site is re-zoned by the county or state.
- Should a release or imminent threat of a release of hazardous substances be discovered during the course of development (e.g., contaminated water or soil), construction activities should be discontinued immediately and DNREC should be notified at the 24-hour emergency number (800-662-8802). SIRB should also be contacted as soon as possible at 302-395-2600 for further instructions.

TMS Comments

Agency Name _DNREC___Project Name: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project #201028

Division___ _Tank Management Section__ Contact Person _____Elizabeth Wolff _____

Regulations/Code Requirements

- If there is a release of a Regulated Substance within the limits of the City of Rehoboth Beach, you must comply with 7 Del.C. Chapter 60, 7 Del.C., Chapter 74 and DE Admin. Code 1351, State of Delaware *Regulations Governing Underground Storage Tank Systems* (the UST Regulations).
- Per the **UST Regulations: Part E, § 1. Reporting Requirements**:
    - "Any indication of a Release of a Regulated Substance that is discovered by any Person, including but not limited to environmental consultants, contractors, utility companies, financial institutions, real estate transfer companies, UST Owners or Operators, or Responsible Parties shall be reported within 24 hours to:
        - The Department's 24-hour Release Hot Line by calling 800-662-8802; and
        - The DNREC, Tank Management Section by calling 302-395-2500."

Suggestions

- Should the municipality anticipate being more restrictive than Delaware's Regulations Governing Underground Storage Tank Systems or Delaware's Regulations Governing Aboveground Storage Tanks, please be aware that the municipality shall be responsible for enforcing the more restrictive rules.

- When contamination is encountered, PVC pipe materials should be replaced with ductile steel and nitrile rubber gaskets in the contaminated areas.

- If any aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) less than 12,500 gallons are installed, they must be registered with the TMS. If any ASTs greater than 12,500 gallons are installed, they are also subject to installation approval by the TMS.

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From:	Clark, Cherie (DNREC)
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Greg ,

I've attached minor comments to Section 9.9.31 to 33. Mainly just smoothing out the wording on last para in the attached notes.

If they could also please edit the Table of Contents 9.9.1

To Historic and Archaeological …… Archaeologic is not a derivative adjective.

Archaeology is often Americanized as Archeology, but get rid of the ic ending.

Take Care,

Cherie

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City of Rehoboth WWTP Outfall project

Comments from Cherie Clark 2/26/2013 Pg 9.9.31

Figure 9-11 Extents and Found Targets of Previous Submerged Cultural Resource Surveys
A magnetometer and side-scan sonar survey was performed by Tidewater Atlantic in the vicinity of the potential ocean outfall from July 11 to July 15, 2011. This report is included in (Appendix O) of this report. The area surveyed and the location of any found targets are shown in Figure 9-12.

Within the surveyed area, 22 magnetic anomalies and eight sonar targets were identified. An additional magnetic anomaly was detected near the survey area but not investigated further. Sixteen magnetic anomalies and one sonar target are suggestive of isolated modern debris, such as fish and crab traps, pipes,rods, cable, wire rope, chain, or small boat anchors. Three magnetic anomalies and five sonar targets were associated with the ADCP buoys deployed at the proposed outfall locations.

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Three magnetic anomalies and two sonar targets, located towards the southern end of the surveyed area, displayed characteristics that are indicative of potential cultural resources. It is recommended that the objects producing these signatures be protected by a 200 ft (70 m) buffer. The southern outfall is approximately 350 ft from the nearest potential cultural resource target. .

Figure 9-12 Extents and Found Targets of 2011 Submerged Cultural Resource Survey

As mentioned in this section, a review by the DNREC, Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation (Clark 2011) was performed during November 2011 under the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (amended 1966) and in coordination with the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office. It was concluded that the ocean outfall project is an undertaking for Section 106 review that has the potential to affect historic properties in limited areas of force main construction on land and offshore.

p. 9.9.33
According to the DNREC review of the Tidewater Atlantic, Inc. report included in (Appendix O) of this report, one target area with potentially significant cultural resources was identified near the end of the southern outfall location. This anomaly would require additional underwater survey to conclude that it is historic. No significant anomalies were associated with the alignment trending due east, the northern outfall alignment from Rehoboth Beach. It was concluded that the east trending route, the northern outfall alignment and outfall would have the least potential to impact cultural resources (Clark 2011).

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Hello Greg:

Please see the attached letter with a summary of comments from the Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to comment on the project. Please let me know if you should need anything else.

Best regards,

Christina

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Considering Constructed Wetlands as a Wastewater Treatment Option for the City of Rehoboth Beach

Division of Water staff have been asked to investigate if a Constructed Wetland (CW) could be designed to polish the effluent wastewater from the Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), to the point where the nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations leaving the CW would not impact surface water quality. This means that the effluent from the CW would have to be below 3.0 mg/l for total nitrogen and 0.1 mg/l for total phosphorus.

The City of Rehoboth Beach has a permitted design flow of 3.5 Million Gallons per Day (MGD). From January through October 2012 flows varied from 0.46 MGD to 1.84 MGD, averaging 1.7 MGD during the summer months. The Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) consists of primary treatment followed by two Oxidation Ditches, clarifiers, and microscreens, capable of providing tertiary treatment to significantly reduce nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations in the effluent. In 2012 the average effluent total nitrogen and total phosphorus concentrations in the effluent were 5.97 mg/l and 0.43 mg/l respectively (1).

Constructed Wetlands have been used in the U.S. to provide an inexpensive alternative to complex mechanical WWTFs designed to provide tertiary treatment for nutrient removal. Natural wetlands are typically prohibited from being used for wastewater treatment because they are considered “waters of the United States”, and subject to protection under the Clean Water Act. Constructed Wetlands are typically used to polish primary treated wastewater or lagoon treated wastewater. Constructed Wetlands are not commonly used to further reduce nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations from mechanical WWTFs that already provide tertiary treatment for nutrient removal like the Rehoboth Beach WWTF.

Constructed Wetlands are complex biological systems that will assimilate nutrients as a component of their metabolism. There are a variety of mechanisms in a CW system that capture, remove or utilize nutrients, including nitrification/denitrification, flocculation, plant uptake and absorption/adsorption. However, a portion of both nitrogen and phosphorus are lost or returned to the water column through litter fall, leaching and plant decomposition. Limiting the loss of nutrients back to the water column requires significant management, harvesting and replanting within the CW.

A review of several operational CW systems (2) clearly shows that constructed wetland treatment systems are capable of reducing the nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations in wastewater to ~5 mg/l total nitrogen, and 1 mg/l total phosphorus. Using a CW to further reduce the effluent nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations from the Rehoboth Beach WWTF may only increase the nitrogen removal rate by ~16%, and may not increase the phosphorus removal rate at all.

DRAFT

Design Criteria for constructed wetlands is largely empirical and based on observational data rather than engineering calculations (3). In some cases CW systems are designed based on the BOD loading to the system, recommending a design BOD loading not to exceed 30 lbs. BOD/acre/day. At a design flow rate of 3.5 MGD, and an influent BOD concentration to the CW of 30 mg/l, approximately 30 acres of constructed wetlands would be required. Design recommendations for nutrient reduction are typically based on detention times. A minimum of 10 days detention time is recommended to maximize nutrient removal rates in a CW system. Assuming a design flow rate of 3.5 MGD and a CW depth of two feet, 54 acres of constructed wetlands would be required. Design criteria for TSS removal are based on Stokes Law, and are similar to design criteria for BOD reduction.

There are numerous agricultural sites within 5 to 7 miles of the Rehoboth Beach WWTF that could be investigated as potential sites for a CW system. It must be noted; however, that following nutrient polishing from a CW, the polished effluent will still need to be disposed. Either a new NPDES discharge point to the Rehoboth Bay would have to be permitted, or a land-based disposal system, employing either spray irrigation or Rapid Infiltration Basin (RIB),or a combination of both, would have to be developed to dispose of the effluent. A RIB system would require an additional 50 to 150 acres, providing a suitable site can be identified; and over 300 acres would be required to spray irrigate the effluent from a CW with a design flow of 3.5 MGD.

Based on the already high levels of nutrient removal achieved by the Rehoboth Beach WWTF, concerns that additional nutrient removal through a CW would be limited, and the need for an alternative disposal option through either a new NPDES permit or land based disposal system, staff does not believe that a CW system can consistently meet water quality standards for Delaware's Inland Bays. Consequently, staff does not recommend pursuing this option for Rehoboth Beach at this time.

Sources

(1) Robert Stenger, Manager, Rehoboth Beach WWTF: 2012 wastewater data spreadsheet
(2) Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment and Wildlife Habitation. (EPA832-R-093-005)
(3) Constructed Wetlands Treatment of Municipal Wastewaters (EPA625-R-99-010)

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MEMORANDUM

To: Kathleen M. Stiller

Thru: Dave Schepens

From: Ronald Graeber RG

Cc: Greg Pope
Virgil Holmes
Derrick Caruthers

Re: Rehoboth Beach Constructed Wetlands
Preliminary Cost Estimates

Date: December 14, 2012

Preliminary cost estimates to build a Constructed Wetland treatment system with Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) for effluent disposal is attached for your review and consideration. Cost estimates for wetland plantings and site development were prepared by Division of Water staff Virgil Holmes and Derrick Caruthers. Cost estimates for land purchases, force mains, pump stations and RIBs were derived from the "Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Disposal Study" (August 2005), prepared by Stearns & Wheler, which was provided to us by Greg Pope of the Financial Assistance Branch.

The attached cost estimates have not gone through any kind of peer or outside review. Additionally, while it was verified that suitable sized parcels of land were available for siting the Constructed Wetland and RIB system, staff did not investigate any parcels of land to determine if the sites have the necessary hydraulic capability for a RIB disposal system.

Please feel free to contact me with any follow up questions.

Preliminary Construction Estimate for Constructed Wetlands: Rehoboth Beach				
Site Acquisition				
Wetlands	60 Acres	$25,000/Acre	$	1,500,000
RIBs	294 Acres	$25,000/Acre	$	7,350,000
Site Development				
clearing & grubbing	354 Acres	$1,200/Acre	$	7,504,800
site grading	9000 CY	$83.50/CY	$	751,500
silt fence	2500 LF	$7/LF	$	17,500
Wetland Planting				
plants	2,613600 SF	$0.75/SF	$	1,960,200
Conveyance System from WWTF				
forcemain	36,969 LF	$171/LF	$	6,321,699
pump station		1	$	1,000,000
RIB Development				
excavation/construction	265,000 CY	$3/CY	$	795,000
holding pond/tank	2MG		$	3,042,000
pump station		1	$	400,000
Total Construction Cost			**$**	**30,642,699**
Professional Services			$	2,144,989
Contingency			$	1,532,135
Total Project Cost			**$**	**34,319,823**

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To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project #201028
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 12:38:18 PM

I believed I had already commented none.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 11:55 AM
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Reminder!

Comments are due by today on the final EIS if you have not responded yet.

Thanks,
Greg

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If you do not have any comments, please respond and say "No Comments."
If you have any questions please email or call me at 302-739-9941.
Thank you for your input on this project.

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Greg – We have reviewed the EIS for the Rehoboth Beach waste water system and ocean outfall and have no comments or questions regarding the proposed project.

There are specific conditions that must be met regarding the use of two park sites within the path of the force main that may affect permitting and construction project circumstances. Two sites – Grove Park and Deauville Beach – are permanently protected under Section 6(f) of the federal Land & Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCF). We understand from the EIS that both sites will be locations where direct bore pipes will be permanently located underground.

While this action does not affect the 6(f) protection status, any above ground disturbance - most likely Deauville Beach – must be restored, to no less than the pre-existing condition, to ensure the continuation of public outdoor recreational use at those sites. Furthermore, the LWCF Program requires that non-recreation activities - direct bore operation, for example - that exceed 6 months in duration are not considered temporary and are problematic.

Please advise me of project's expected construction start and end timeframe.

Susan

Susan Moerschel
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Greg,

Attached is EPA's comment letter on the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall State Final EIS. Thank you for coordinating with EPA on this project and for re-sending the ftp link with the document.

Thanks,

Alaina

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RE: State Final EIS for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project #201028

Dear Mr. Pope:

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Project #201028 has been completed in accordance with the Environmental Review Procedures of the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund as directed by the Delaware Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed the State FEIS. The proposed action involves the construction of an ocean outfall for the discharge of treated effluent from the City of Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant (RBWWTP), which currently discharges into the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. The project purpose and need is to meet a DNREC consent order that requires the City of Rehoboth Beach to eliminate the discharge from the Rehoboth Bay and develop a new discharge method by 2014. Rehoboth Bay is a Clean Water Act Section 303(d) listed water body and has an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

The DEIS considered several alternatives, including the no action; Alternative 2, nutrient trading; Alternative 3, land application; Alternative 4, rapid infiltration beds; Alternative 5, ground water injection; and Alternative 6, ocean outfall. Alternative 6, north ocean outfall, has been identified as the preferred alternative and was the focus of analysis. The preferred alternative would discharge the treated wastewater into the ocean at a distance of 6,000 feet from a pumping station location along the force main alignment, the construction of which is also part of the project.

EPA appreciates that all public and agency comments were taken into consideration and responded to in the FEIS. Thank you for coordinating with EPA during the project modeling and monitoring, as well as throughout the State EIS process. If you have any questions, please contact Alaina McCurdy, the staff contact for this project, at 215-814-2741.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rudnick,
NEPA Team Leader

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Dear Mr. Pope:

Your recent notice, dated March 9, 2012, solicited agency comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by the City of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to evaluate alternative methods of disposal of effluent treated at the City's wastewater treatment plant. The DEIS was prepared in accordance with the environmental review procedures of the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund as directed by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). At present, the City's wastewater treatment plant is an advanced secondary treatment plant that receives wastewater from the City and surrounding areas of Henlopen Acres and Dewey Beach and discharges the treated effluent to the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. The City is proposing to construct an ocean outfall to discharge secondarily treated wastewater into the ocean approximately 6,000 feet from the Deauville Beach parking area. The proposed alignment of the force main would predominately follow existing utilities and rights of way.

The DEIS compares six key alternative methods of treated effluent disposal and their related sub-components that were determined to be technically feasible, including no-action, land application, and the preferred alternative, the design and construction of a new submerged ocean outfall to discharge treated effluent. Under the ocean outfall alternative, treated effluent would be pumped through a submerged ocean outfall pipe located more than a mile off the coast in the Atlantic Ocean. The DEIS, concludes that, although adequate dilution of treated effluent would occur at 5,430 linear feet (1,830 meters) from shore, final placement of a submerged ocean outfall located 6,000 feet offshore would ensure dispersement of the treated wastewater.

A combination of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) and excavation and backfill will be used to install the outfall pipe from the shore location to a point offshore in the Atlantic Ocean as far east towards the diffuser as is technically feasible. A jack-up barge, stabilized by anchors, will be mobilized to the selected offshore location to serve as the platform for the offshore drilling rig. At the mid-point of the outfall installation (approximately 3,000 feet (914 meters) offshore), the outfall would reach the surface of the seabed. The remainder of the outfall pipe would then be constructed using excavation and backfill techniques.

Fishery Habitat and Resources

In general, coastal and shelf waters throughout the region support extensive and productive fisheries (Spies, 1984). Beach habitats within the surf zone in this portion of the mid-Atlantic coast are important foraging and spawning grounds for a wide variety of benthic and pelagic fishes. Such habitats are characterized by low-diversity biological communities of organisms, most of which are either seasonal residents specifically adapted to living in high energy, dynamic environments or transients that feed in the water column or on the sea floor as they migrate through an area (Hackney *et al.* 1996; Nelson 1985, Diaz, Cutter and Hobbs, 2004).

Benthic assemblages in Delaware coastal waters exhibit seasonal and spatial variability. In general, coarse sandy sediments are inhabited by filter feeders, and whereas areas of soft silt or mud are more utilized by deposit feeders (USACE 1996). Previous benthic data collected near the mouth of Delaware Bay from 1980 through 1985 (Steimle 1990) showed a biomass dominated by mollusks. In addition, the near-shore mid-Atlantic continental shelf environment is host to a wide variety of subtropical marine invertebrates, including mollusks (clams, conchs, snails, octopi, and squid), annelids (worms), arthropods (crabs, lobster, and shrimp), coelenterates (corals, sea anemones, echinoderms, starfish, and sea urchins), sponges, bryozoans, and many others. These marine organisms feed in a number of ways, including predation, scavenging, filter-feeding, grazing, and feeding on organic detritus. Predatory invertebrates include octopi, many snails such as conchs, starfish, and squid. Filter-feeding organisms include corals, sponges, bryozoans, and bivalves such as clams and mussels. Grazing organisms include sea urchins and mollusks. Detritus feeders and scavengers include many worms, crabs, lobsters, shrimp, and snails (Spies, 1984).

The proposed project area contains more than 30 federally managed species of fish and shellfish covered by 10 fishery management plans (FMPs), and for which essential fish habitat (EFH) has been designated by the New England Fishery Management Council, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and NMFS. These species include Atlantic butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*), Atlantic cod, Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), Atlantic sea herring (*Clupea harengus*), summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*), winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*), black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*), scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*), red hake (*Urophycis chuss*), bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*), cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*), king mackerel (*Scomberomorus cavalla*), monkfish (*Lophius americanus*), silver hake (*Merluccius bilinearis*), Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus maculatus*), spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*), windowpane flounder (*Scophthalmus aquosus*), witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*), yellowtail flounder (*Limanda ferruginea*), winter skate (*Leucoraja ocellata*), little skate (*Leucoraja erinacea*), clearnose skate (*Raja eglanteria*), Atlantic surf clam (*Spisula solidissima*) and ocean quahog (*Artica islandica*).

Other species of concern include blue crab (*Callinectes sapidus)*, Atlantic menhaden (*Brevoortia tyrannus)*, striped bass (*Morone saxatilis)*, conch (whelk), American shad (*Alosa sapidissima)*, American eel (*Anguilla rostrata)*, and tautog (*Tautoga onitis)*. Recreationally important species within the area include anadromous species like the striped bass, weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis)* and bluefish. Demersal species such as winter and summer flounder, scup, tautog, hake, black sea bass, and blue crab are targeted both recreationally and commercially within the area.

Potential Impacts
Point source discharges may affect the growth, survival and condition of EFH-managed species and prey species if high levels of contaminants (e.g., chlorinated hydrocarbons; trace metals, PAHs, pesticides, and herbicides) are discharged. If contaminants are present, they may be absorbed across the gills or concentrated through bioaccumulation as contaminated prey is consumed (NOAA, 1991). At certain concentrations in finfish, shellfish, and related organisms, they are capable of modifying physiological characteristics including growth, visual acuity, swimming speed, equilibrium, feeding rate, response time to stimuli, predation rate, photosynthetic rate, spawning seasons, migration routes, and resistance to disease and parasites (SAIC, 2001).

Many heavy metals and persistent organic compounds such as pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls tend to adhere to solid particles discharged from outfalls. As the particles are deposited, these compounds or their degradation products (which may be equally or more toxic than the parent compounds) can enter the EFH food chain by bioaccumulating in benthic organisms at much higher concentrations than in the surrounding waters (Leonard, 1994).

Extreme discharge velocities of effluent may also cause scouring at the discharge point as well as entrain particulates and thereby create turbidity plumes. These turbidity plumes of suspended particulates can reduce light penetration and lower the rate of photosynthesis and the primary productivity of an aquatic area while elevated turbidity persists. The contents of the suspended material can react with the dissolved oxygen in the water and result in oxygen depletion. Accumulation of outfall sediments may also alter the composition and abundance of infaunal or epibenthic invertebrate communities (Ferraro 1991).

Benthos in the vicinity of the outfall diffuser or the trenched portion of the outfall pipe would be affected adversely by dredging and backfill operations as the diffuser is installed. The City anticipates that the impacts of operational activities would be minor and short–term. The plan stipulates that all excavations will be backfilled with the excavated material further minimizing changes to sediment composition and thus reducing the impact on the benthic community. As observed in Scott 2001, local benthic communities in areas disturbed by excavation will initially be decimated but resettling and recolonization is typically achieved within three months to a few years.

During the proposed HDD installation, there is a potential for the release of drilling fluid, or 'frac-out,' into the surrounding ocean environment during directional drilling operations. The EIS proposes that mitigation measures ('Frac-out' Plan) and best management practices be specifically designed with sensitive habitats (EFH) in mind and followed so as to avoid and minimize impacts to essential fish habitats (EFH) from drilling fluid releases.

Essential Fish Habitat
As you are aware, the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) requires federal agencies to consult with us on any action authorized, funded, or undertaken, or proposed to be authorized, funded, or undertaken, by such agency that may adversely affect any EFH. The statute defines EFH as "those waters and substrates necessary to

fish for spawning, breeding, feeding or growth to maturity." Our regulations further define EFH, adding, among other things, that "'necessary' means the habitat required to support a sustainable fishery and the managed species' contribution to a healthy ecosystem." While our regulations do not require state agencies, such as DNREC, to consult with us regarding EFH, we are required make EFH conservation recommendations to Federal and state agencies for actions that would adversely affect EFH (50 CFR 600.925)

As described above, EFH has been designated for a variety of life stages of fish managed under the New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council and NOAA. Based upon our review of the information provided, it appears that the proposed project will adversely affect EFH. As such, we offer the following EFH conservation recommendations pursuant to the EFH consultation requirements of the MSA:

1. In order to minimize impacts to benthic habitats, locate discharge points in coastal waters well away from shellfish beds, coral reefs, and other similar fragile and productive habitats.

2. In order to minimize scour and resuspension of sediments, reduce potentially high velocities by diffusing effluent to acceptable velocities.

3. The applicant should determine benthic productivity by sampling prior to any construction activity related to installation of new or modified facilities. Outfall design should be developed with input from appropriate Federal and State resource agencies.

4. Mitigation for the degradation or loss of habitat from placement and operation of the outfall structure and pipeline should be required..

5. Should the ocean outfall alternative be selected, benthic biota sampling should be an integral component of a comprehensive environmental/ecological monitoring program. The study program should consist of before (baseline) and following construction investigations so as to determine what effect, if any, construction had on the benthic community.

Endangered Species Act

A number of endangered or threatened species under our jurisdiction are known to occur in the Delaware River and Atlantic Ocean, including the threatened Northwest Atlantic Ocean (New Atlantic) Distinct Popoulation Segment (DPS) of loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), and the endangered leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempi*), and green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*). In addition, the endangered shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and five DPS of Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) (Gulf of Maine--threatened; New York Bight, Chesapeake Bay, Caroline, and South Atlantic--endangered) may occur in the Delaware River and in coastal waters near the facility. Several species of marine mammals also occur seasonally in the Atlantic Ocean offshore of Delaware, including federally endangered North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), and fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*) whales.

However, large whales are not expected to be near the facility or in the vicinity of any discharges.

The leatherback, green, Kemp's ridley, and NW Atlantic DPS of loggerhead sea turtles are known to be seasonally present in the oceanic waters of Delaware and will also transit into Delaware Bay. Listed sea turtles are likely to be present from April 15 – November 30 of any given year and mainly remain in the lower portions of the Delaware River system, and may occur near the outfall locations.

The federally endangered shortnose sturgeon is present in the Delaware River and has been documented in the lower Delaware in several surveys occurring between 1998 and 2005 (Shirey *et al.* 1999, Brundage 2005). Shortnose sturgeon are a long lived, benthic fish species that mainly occupy the deep channel sections of large rivers. They feed on a variety of benthic and epibenthic invertebrates including mollusks, crustaceans (amphipods, chironomids, isopods), and oligochaete worms (NMFS 1998). The species is anadromous in the southern portion of its range (i.e., south of Chesapeake Bay), while northern populations are amphidromous (NMFS 1998), and spend most of their time within river systems with little movement into coastal waters.

Shortnose sturgeon are known to occur in the Delaware River from the lower Bay upstream to at least Lambertville, New Jersey. Tagging studies by O'Herron *et al.* (1993) show that river portion between mile 118 below Burlington Island and the Trenton Rapids at river mile 137 is the most heavily used section of the river. Shortnose sturgeon overwinter in dense sedentary aggregations in the upper tidal reaches of the Delaware River between river mile 118 and river mile 131, with large concentrations around Newbold Island and Duke Island. However, shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River do not appear to remain as stationary during overwintering periods as in other rivers and will move within the system. During the late summer months, shortnose sturgeon are more dispersed and are thought to be more widely distributed throughout the river and estuary than in the winter months. Based on mark-recapture studies conducted from 1999-2003, a Schnabel Estimate of 12,047 (95% Confidence Interval 10,757-13,589) adult shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River has been calculated (Brundage *et al.* 2003).

The Atlantic sturgeon is a subspecies of sturgeon distributed along the eastern coast of North America from Hamilton Inlet, Labrador, Canada to Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA (Scott and Scott, 1988; ASSRT, 2007; T. Savoy, CT DEP, pers. comm.). NMFS has delineated U.S. populations of Atlantic sturgeon into five DPSs (77 FR 5880 and 77 FR 5914). These are: the Gulf of Maine, New York Bight, Chesapeake Bay, Carolina, and South Atlantic. The results of genetic studies suggest that natal origin influences the distribution of Atlantic sturgeon in the marine environment (Wirgin and King, 2011). However, genetic data as well as tracking and tagging data demonstrate sturgeon from each DPS and Canada occur throughout the full marine range of the subspecies. Therefore, sturgeon originating from any of the 5 DPSs can be affected by threats in the marine, estuarine and riverine environment that occur far from natal spawning rivers.

In the Delaware River and Estuary, Atlantic sturgeon occur from the mouth of the Delaware Bay to the fall line near Trenton, NJ, a distance of 137 miles (NMFS and USFWS, 1998; Simpson, 2008). As is the case in the Hudson River, all historical Atlantic sturgeon habitats appear to be accessible in the Delaware (NMFS and USFWS, 1998; ASSRT, 2007). The Delaware Estuary is known to be a congregation area for sturgeon from multiple DPSs. Generally, non-natal subadults immigrate into the estuary in spring, establish home ranges in the summer months in the river, and emigrate from the estuary in the fall (Fisher, 2011).

As you may know, any discretionary federal action, such as the approval or funding of a project by a Federal agency, that may affect listed species, must undergo consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended. If the proposed project has the potential to affect listed species and it is being approved, permitted, or funded by a Federal agency, the lead Federal agency, or their designated non-Federal representative, is responsible for determining whether the proposed action is likely to affect these species. The Federal agency would submit their determination along with justification for their determination and a request for concurrence, to the attention of the Section 7 Coordinator, NMFS Northeast Regional Office, Protected Resources Division, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. After reviewing this information, NMFS would then be able to conduct a consultation under section 7 of the ESA.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project. We look forward to continued coordination with your agency as the proposed ocean outfall project moves forward. If you have any questions regarding the subject matter contained within this letter or need additional details please contact Brian May at (732) 872-3116.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Administrator

cc: PRD (Colligan, Crocker, Vaccaro)
Rehoboth_EIS_Comments@state.de.us

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In order for the Department to make the soundest judgment on the environmental costs and benefits of each of the available options, we ask the EIS to be revised to include a comprehensive assessment of accurate and relevant scientific information, as we have recommended in this letter. DNREC should

require that the errors in the document be corrected and that meaningful local data be collected before decisions on the project are made. The nearby South Bethany Outfall would provide a local example that could assist in bolstering the EIS. To restore trust in this process, we also ask that the revised EIS be peer-reviewed to provide assurance to the public that it is a scientifically rigorous and objective document.

We would appreciate a response to this letter, and ask to be included in correspondence as things progress.

Thank you,

Amy Roe, Ph.D.
Conservation Chair
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From:	Jane Davenport
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Delaware Riverkeeper Network comments on Rehoboth Beach Outfall Project
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 4:27:56 PM
Attachments:	Atlantic Sturgeon Comment Ltr to DNREC re Rehoboth Outfall final.pdf

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Dear Mr. Pope:

Attached please find comments of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network on the Rehoboth Beach Outfall Project.

Thank you.

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Remember the River
To remind us all to Remember the River in every decision we make, and to hold our elected officials accountable to do the same.

February 26, 2013

Greg Pope
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Re: Comment on City of Rehoboth Beach Proposed Ocean Outfall Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Pope:

We submit these comments for your consideration regarding the impacts of the City of Rehoboth Beach Ocean Outfall Project proposal on the Atlantic sturgeon, a species listed in five separate Distinct Population Segments (DPS) by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The potential risks from the Outfall Project to the Atlantic sturgeon and its habitat are not adequately analyzed in the December 2012 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We urge you to recognize that, although the Outfall Project has the potential to affect Atlantic sturgeon from a number of listed DPSs, the genetically unique sub-population of Atlantic sturgeon that spawns in the Delaware River is already at critically low numbers and any impacts to these particular fish would have serious implications for the New York Bight DPS of which these fish are a part. The designation of Atlantic sturgeon critical habitat by NMFS is expected in April 2013. With this imminent designation as well as new research rapidly adding to our knowledge of this imperiled species, we urge you to exercise caution and ensure full consideration of the potential effects that the Outfall Project could have on Atlantic sturgeon before approving the final EIS or making any decision to approve the project. We also urge you to seek the National Marine Fisheries Service's guidance on whether an incidental take permit and habitat conservation plan is required under the ESA for the Atlantic sturgeon or any other federally listed species.

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DNREC is liable under the ESA for any action that results in take of endangered Atlantic sturgeon, including significant habitat modification or degradation

Section 9 of the ESA, 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a)(1) (2006), makes it unlawful for state and private entities to take endangered fish or wildlife species. The ESA defines "take" to mean "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect" an endangered species." 16 U.S.C. § 1532(19). "Take" has been interpreted to include significant habitat modification or degradation. *Bennett v. Spear*, 520 U.S. 154, 170 (1997) (citing *Babbitt v. Sweet Home Chapter, Communities for Great Ore.*, 515 U.S. 687, 708 (1995)); 50 C.F.R. § 222.102 ("Harm in the definition of 'take' in the Act means an act which actually kills or injures fish or wildlife. Such an act may include significant habitat modification or degradation which actually kills or injures fish or wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including, breeding, spawning, rearing, migrating, feeding or sheltering."); cf. 16 U.S.C. § 1533(a)(1)(A) (listing "destruction, modification, or curtailment of [] habitat" as one rationale for listing species as endangered or threatened). The ESA provides that violations of this take provision are enforceable via citizen suit and also establishes civil and criminal penalties.

In February 2012, NMFS listed the Atlantic sturgeon originating from the Delaware River as endangered as part of the New York Bight DPS. *Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened and Endangered Status for Distinct Population Segments of Atlantic Sturgeon in the Northeast Region*, 77 Fed. Reg. 5880 (2012). As NMFS has acknowledged, there were once 180,000 spawning female Atlantic sturgeon in the Delaware River. NMFS's latest population estimate based on fisheries bycatch data is that there is a mean of 87 spawning adult Atlantic sturgeon annually in the Delaware River. This number is even lower than previous estimates of 300 spawning adults, and highlights the absolute imperative of ensuring that the Outfall Project does not result in any further diminution of this genetically unique population. Overall, however, the ESA's prohibitions of take of Atlantic sturgeon apply to any fish that may be affected by the Outfall Project, no matter their river of natal origin.

The Atlantic sturgeon, an anadromous species, spends a good portion of its lifecycle in the Atlantic Ocean. Atlantic sturgeon either originating from the Delaware River or other natal rivers may be affected by the proposed action. The Outfall Project will reduce and degrade available feeding habitat and release contaminants. Increased turbidity, destruction of benthic organisms upon which the species feeds, and direct contact are expected short-term effects of the Outfall construction. Importantly, recovery of benthic organisms could take as long as a "few years." Thus, even if Atlantic sturgeon are not immediately affected by construction activities at the time the Outfall Project is actually constructed, the effects of the Outfall Project may adversely affect those Atlantic sturgeon as they return to the area over time.

What is more, because Atlantic sturgeon forage for and eat food that lives on the bottom of the River, because they have long life spans, and because they are subjected to contaminants in all of the habitats they use throughout their life cycle, they are believed to be particularly susceptible to environmental contamination. Toxic metals, PAHs (polychlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons), organophosphate and organochlorine pesticides, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and other

chlorinated hydrocarbon compounds have been found to harm fish by causing production of acute lesions, growth retardation, reproductive impairment, reduced egg viability, reduced survival of larval fish, delayed maturity and posterior malformations. Exposure to pesticides harms anti-predator and homing behavior in fish, as well as harming reproductive function, physiological development, swimming speed, and swimming distances. Deformities and ulcerations found in Atlantic sturgeon in the Brunswick River may be due to poor water quality as well as boat propeller injuries.

Early life stages of Atlantic sturgeon have been found to be more susceptible to some contaminants than a variety of other threatened and endangered fish species, and more susceptible than fish species that are more typically used to test for the aquatic toxicity of contaminants (i.e. fathead minnow, sheepshead minnow, and rainbow trout). Increasing contaminant loads can alter growth and reproductive performance of Atlantic sturgeon. For these reasons, the introduction of any contaminants into the Atlantic sturgeon's habitat should be treated with the utmost concern.

Although the odds may not be high, the possibility nevertheless exists that dredging and other construction activities involved in building the Outfall Project may result in the direct take of Atlantic sturgeon. In its rule listing the Atlantic sturgeon under the ESA, *see supra*, NMFS identified dredging as one of the threats to the species warranting listing.

Because numerous aspects of the Outfall Project have the potential to result in take of Atlantic sturgeon, either directly or through the significant modification or degradation of sturgeon habitat, DNREC would be well-advised not only to engage in a more thorough and in-depth analysis in the EIS of potential impacts to Atlantic sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon habitat but also to confer with NMFS on whether it would be prudent to apply for an incidental take permit.

DNREC should exercise caution and wait for the forthcoming NMFS critical habitat designation

In the final EIS, impacts to Atlantic sturgeon are considered to be minimal due to the migratory nature of the species and the dissipation over time of contaminants to background levels. Without full information on the species' critical habitat, DNREC does not have a complete foundation upon which to base these conclusions.

In the final rule listing three DPS of Atlantic sturgeon in the Northeast Region, NMFS made a "not yet determinable" finding for critical habitat, extending the mandatory statutory deadline for critical habitat designation by one year. This extended deadline is approaching in April 2013, and DNREC should wait for the final designation of Atlantic sturgeon critical habitat in order to incorporate and address this information in the final EIS. Research has demonstrated that many reaches of the Delaware River and nearby ocean are important to the various life stages of Atlantic sturgeon. NMFS' critical habitat rule, which must be based upon the best available scientific and commercial data, is sure to provide more information about the importance of near-shore oceanic habitat such as the area to be affected by the Outfall Project.

Given the extremely precarious status of the Atlantic sturgeon overall, as well as the genetically unique Delaware River Atlantic sturgeon that are part of the New York Bight DPS, DNREC should

exercise caution to avoid any action that may result in take of the species (including significant habitat modification or degradation) until all relevant information is available.

In sum, because of the serious legal consequences for violating ESA Section 9's prohibition against take of endangered species, and because of the serious real-world consequences to the Atlantic sturgeon population of any direct or indirect take, we urge you to revise the EIS to include a much more detailed analysis of the Outfall Project's potential impacts on Atlantic sturgeon. We also urge you to consult with NMFS to determine whether an incidental take permit for Atlantic sturgeon or any other potentially affected federally listed species is required for the Outfall Project. Any decision to finalize the EIS or to approve the Outfall Project before DNREC has taken these steps would be premature.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Maya K. van Rossum
the Delaware Riverkeeper

From:	Heather Saffert (Clean Ocean Action)
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	comments on Rehoboth Beach outfall
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:42:25 PM
Attachments:	COA comments on Rehoboth outfall Feb 2013.pdf

Please accept these comments on behalf of Clean Ocean Action.

Thank you,

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH

February 22, 2013

Mr. Greg Pope
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Dear Mr. Pope,

Over the past 34 years, we have documented many protected and endangered marine mammals and sea turtles transecting the New Jersey/Delaware coastline (species listed on following page). Our waters are not only a mode of transportation for these animals, but a birthing and feeding ground as well. A freshwater outfall pipe close to shore will not only dilute the saltwater that these animals need, but may adversely affect the food that they depend on along the coast. Recently, we have had a sighting of five right whales foraging at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. There are no more than 300 of these animals left in the Atlantic Ocean, and pollutants that may enter the water could adversely affect their future in our area.

Sincerely,

Robert Schoelkopf
Founding Director

Species Handled 1978-January 2007

Toothed Whales and Dolphin (Odontocetes)

Bottlenose Dolphin (D)	*(Tursiops truncatus)*
Common Dolphin	*(Delphinus delphis)*
Harbor Porpoise	*(Phocoena phocoena)*
Risso's Dolphin	*(Grampus griseus)*
Spotted Dolphin	*(Stenella plagiodon)*
Striped Dolphin	*(Stenella coeruleoalba)*
White-sided Dolphin	*(Lagenorhynchus acutus)*
Beluga Whale* (?)	*(Delphinapterus leucas)*
Pilot Whale	*(Globicephala malaena)*
Dwarf Sperm Whale*	*(Kogia sima)*
Pygmy Sperm Whale	*(Kogia breviceps)*
Sperm Whale (E)	*(Physeter catodon)*
Antillian (Gervais') Beaked Whale	*(Mesoplodon europaeus)*
Blainville's Beaked Whale (?)	*(Mesoplodon densirostris)*
Goosebeaked Whale (?)	*(Ziphius cavirostris)*
True's Beaked Whale (?)	*(Mesoplodon mirus)*
Melon-Headed Whale* (?)	*(Peponocephala electra)*
Northern Bottlenose Whale	*(Hyperoodon ampullatus)*

Baleen Whales (Mysticetes)

Humpback Whale (E)	*(Megaptera novaeangliae)*
Fin Whale (E)	*(Balaenoptera physalus)*
Minke Whale	*(Balaenoptera acutorostrata)*
Right Whale (E)	*(Eubalaena glacialis)*

Seals (Pinnipeds)

Harbor Seal	*(Phoca vitulina)*
Harp Seal*	*(Pagophilus groenlandica)*
Hooded Seal*	*(Cystophora cristata)*
Grey Seal	*(Halichoerus grypus)*
Ringed Seal*	*(Phoca hispida)*
California Sea Lion*	*(Zalophus californianus)*

Turtles (Chelonides and Dermochelyides)

Kemp's Ridley Turtle (E)	*(Lepidochelys kempii)*
Leatherback Turtle (E)	*(Dermochelys coriacea)*
Loggerhead Turtle (T)	*(Caretta caretta)*
Green Turtle (E)	*(Chelonia mydas)*
Hawksbill Turtle (E)	*(Eretmochelys imbricate)*

* = Animals not common to New Jersey Waters
E = Endangered D = Depleted T = Threatened
? = Insufficiently Known

From:	Suzanne Thurman
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	comments on Rehoboth ocean outfall final EIS
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 4:42:53 PM
Attachments:	Comments on final EIS for Rehoboth outfall.doc

Dear Greg,
Attached please find our letter addressed to Secretary O'Mara, which contains our comments and concerns pertaining to the proposed Rehoboth Beach ocean outfall final EIS. We would like this to be added to any final comments.
Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Suzanne Thurman

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Please note that we may not be able to check emails daily, as we may be in the field with a stranded animal. If you have an emergency and must speak to someone immediately, please call our stranding line at (302)228-5029.

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… dedicated to the conservation of marine mammals and sea turtles and their habitat

February 25, 2013

Collin O'Mara
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Dear Secretary O'Mara,

We strongly urge you to disallow the proposed Rehoboth Beach ocean outfall. The installation of this type of outdated disposal system as a means of wastewater treatment would pose a toxic threat to marine life and ocean health, as well as impacting human health. In addition, the degradation of our oceans poses a real threat to our state and local economy, which is based on tourism and therefore subject to public perception.

Rehoboth Beach has been known for it's beautiful beaches and good water quality, thanks in part to DNREC who has successfully championed clean water initiatives in the past. But this would change once 1,000,000 to 7,000,000 gallons of effluent is spewed into our oceans each and every day. This effluent will contain harmful levels of chlorine, as well as pharmaceuticals, endocrine inhibitors, caffeine, PCBs, and many other non-biodegradable anthropogenic toxins, none of which are adequately eliminated during the treatment process, and all of which are harmful to marine life and human health. Marine creatures such as dolphins and whales are very susceptible to the effects of these contaminants, which are known to cause cancers and other life threatening disorders in these species when they are subjected to effluent plumes. Plankton and other organisms contained in the surface layer will also be destroyed, impacting food sources and fisheries. An aggregation of five right whales was sighted earlier this month at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. This critically endangered species teeters on the brink of extinction, with only 350 individuals remaining. As plankton feeders, the availability of healthy plankton communities is mandatory to their survival, and to that of many other organisms in the interconnected marine ecosystem. In fact, coastal Delaware boasts more than 36 species of endangered, threatened and protected marine mammals and sea turtles. As Delaware's leading authority on marine mammal and sea turtle conservation, MERR has worked diligently for the past 13 years to protect and conserve these species, and we join together with the citizens of Delaware and neighboring areas to ask you to do the same.

We recognize that you and the leaders of Rehoboth Beach are facing some difficult choices in finding a viable solution for the wastewater management issue. With so much at stake, we implore you to more fully investigate solutions that create habitat rather than destroy it, such as constructed wetlands. The final Environmental Impact Statement that was produced for the proposed ocean outfall off of Rehoboth beach references a preliminary look at the use of constructed wetlands as a means of wastewater management, but seems to address this use in

terms of existing wetlands that would subsequently impact the health of the inland bays. In fact, constructed wetlands are typically created on previously degraded sites, rather than existing wetlands, which result in the desirable creation of wildlife habitat, recreational areas, and favorable public perception. The EIS references the Arcata, CA constructed wetland as a statistically comparable site. The Arcata site attracts more than 200,000 visitors annually, a huge boon for their tourist industry, and potentially for ours. In researching potential sites for a constructed wetland, we note that the Division was very successful in acquiring necessary lands for the Junction Breakwater trail, and we respectfully ask whether any consideration might be given to utilizing this, or similar areas, for a constructed wetland site if adequate acreage were available?

Not only do constructed wetlands outweigh all other wastewater treatment options in terms of their ability to effectively eliminate pharmaceuticals, caffeine, endocrine inhibitors, PCBs, flame retardants, and many of the other toxins listed previously, but they have been extensively utilized for removal of heavy metals from wastewater, particularly in applications for systems that have predominate heavy metal contaminants, such as mines and landfills. We note that the EIS references the elimination of heavy metals as an unknown feature of constructed wetlands, and is therefore listed as a disadvantage to this type of system. In contrast, the allowable quantities of harmful heavy metals that would be contained within the effluent plume are of great concern because they do not disperse, but rather settle to the ocean floor, impacting benthic organisms and subsequently benthic feeders (i.e. sea turtles). Considering the conflicting information that is stated in the EIS pertaining to the installation of constructed wetlands, we ask that a qualified constructed wetlands engineering firm be consulted prior to any final decisions in regard to this issue. With firms located throughout the country, and as close as Denton, MD, this should be easily achievable.

You and the other decision makers have the opportunity to make choices that will set Delaware apart as progressive and responsible stewards of our environment, and in so doing, create a legacy of hope and healing for our precious and irreplaceable oceans. We thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Thurman
Executive Director

Cc: Greg Pope

From:	Alan Tuttle
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I moved to Delaware
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:46:11 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I moved to Delaware for the beauty and cleanliness of the beaches. I also believe that we have a responsibility to be better stewards of our oceans.

Sincerely,
Alan Tuttle
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 20 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Alyssa Casey
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- There are other, better,
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:06:41 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

There are other, better, and less environmentally harmful solutions out there.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Casey
Seaford, Delaware

There are now 97 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Bill Sharp
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- UV light is the
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:48:04 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> UV light is the way to go as Kent County, Delaware does and then land irrigation.

Sincerely,
Bill Sharp
Milton, Delaware

There are now 66 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Brendan Wilson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I"ve lived in Rehoboth
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 11:13:51 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I've lived in Rehoboth my whole life, and the beach is part of me. The ocean should be treated with the same respect that the individuals that value it deserve.

Sincerely,
Brendan Wilson
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

There are now 124 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Brian Peters
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- The age of simply
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 11:26:32 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> The age of simply allowing our waste and toxins to flow downstream and into the nearest body of water is far behind us. Enviro-conscionable alternative solutions exist and we insult and harm the Earth and future generations by failing to use lower-impact solutuions NOW. Please step up for our Oceans, DNREC!

Sincerely,
Brian Peters
Georgetown, Delaware

There are now 70 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Brian Peters
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Bill Sharp, Diane Cooke...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 11:26:33 AM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

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66. Bill Sharp Milton, Delaware
67. Diane Cooke Lewes, Delaware
68. Todd Thurman Virginia Beach, Virginia
69. Richard McCorkle Dover, Delaware
70. Brian Peters Georgetown, Delaware

From:	Bridget Weaver
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Brandi Redrow, Kaitlyn Vogel...
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 4:39:39 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 157 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Sincerely,

151. Brandi Redrow Millsboro, Delaware
152. Kaitlyn Vogel Williamsport, Pennsylvania
153. Peggi Hurley Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
154. Jeffrey Snook Montoursville, Pennsylvania
155. Bridget Weaver Seaford, Delaware

From:	carl schloegel
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:28:04 PM

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From:	Carol Patterson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:29:46 AM

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Carol Patterson Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Carole Katrinic
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Brice Roughton, Yvonne M Cipressi...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 10:51:20 AM

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106. Brice Roughton Virginia Beach, Virginia
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108. Alex Yokley Rockville, Maryland
109. Tim Thurman Chesapeake, Virginia
110. Carole Katrinic Stevensville, Maryland

From:	Carrie Crawford
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:25:13 PM

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Sincerely,
Carrie Crawford Boiling Springs, South Carolina

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From:	catherine campinos
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:03:29 AM

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Sincerely,
catherine campinos baltimore, Maryland

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From: charlie bogen
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:55:50 PM

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Sincerely,
charlie bogen Junction City, Kansas

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From:	Charlotte Reid
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- "Polluting and dispoiling the
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 5:29:02 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> "Polluting and dispoiling the ocean hardly seems a civilized solution to the problems of waste disposal." Wesley Marx, The Frail Ocean. Second that.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Reid
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

There are now 118 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	charlotte thurman
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- as a newcomer to
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:45:29 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> as a newcomer to the area,1 have only been coming here since 1963,moved here to retire in 1977 andhave loved every day of time.i am sure i am not alone in my feelings ,to be able to see and walk by this wonderful sea, enjoy the dolphins,and be relaxed instantly is worth every thing to me. please, do not mess this up.

Sincerely,
charlotte thurman
rehoboth beach de, Delaware

There are now 58 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Chris Zollo
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Why is this not
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:25:24 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

Why is this not important to ALL of us!

Sincerely,
Chris Zollo
Lewes ,, Delaware

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From:	christine cox
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- future safety of our
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 8:40:54 PM

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Here's why I signed:

future safety of our oceans!

Sincerely,
christine cox
rehoboth beach, Delaware

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From:	Christopher Bushong
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This SHOULD be important
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:55:21 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> This SHOULD be important to all of us. If we do not stand up to the injustices perpetrated by our government, then we are no better than they are. Plus who wants to swim in filth all summer...

Sincerely,
Christopher Bushong
Hermitage, Tennessee

There are now 42 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Concerned Citizen
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 10:58:37 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Concerned Citizen New City, New York

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From:	Daryl Whittington
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Why pollute the oceans
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 4:54:10 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> Why pollute the oceans further if a more advanced disposal system is available? There is already enough toxic run off that enters our coastal waters that isn't monitored or controlled. Don't we owe it to the citizenry of Delaware to provide a more pristine beach and ocean environment for everyone to enjoy?

Sincerely,
Daryl Whittington
Newark, Delaware

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From:	debi salvucci
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- for our future and
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 1:12:33 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

for our future and our childrens future

Sincerely,
debi salvucci
newark, Delaware

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From:	debi salvucci
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Susan Haug, Joanne Wooldridge...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 1:12:33 PM

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Sincerely,

76. Susan Haug Lewes, Delaware
77. Joanne Wooldridge Newark, Delaware
78. Liz From RehobothBeachFever.com Marie Fairfield, Connecticut
79. Cathy Drew Newark , Delaware
80. debi salvucci newark, Delaware

From:	Denise DeMarco
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We should treat our
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:13:26 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We should treat our oceans like we need them. Not a place for contaminants. I'm sure you wouldn't want to swim in that kind of ocean.

Sincerely,
Denise DeMarco
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

There are now 73 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Devon Baird
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We need to stop
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:12:46 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We need to stop impacting our planet.

Sincerely,
Devon Baird
Rensselaer, New York

There are now 99 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Devon Van Alyne
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:34:42 AM

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Sincerely,
Devon Van Alyne Middletown, Delaware

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From:	diane gallagher
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:26:30 AM

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Sincerely,
diane gallagher Glenmoore, Pennsylvania

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From:	Donald Ott
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:14:50 PM

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Sincerely,
Donald Ott Milton, Delaware

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From:	donna chmielewskii
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This md beach resident
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:59:54 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> This md beach resident doesn't want a dirty ocean because de can't care for it's state because it doesn't tax for revenue

Sincerely,
donna chmielewskii
bishopville, Maryland

There are now 100 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From: donna chmielewskii
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Arielle Wildman, Alyssa Casey...
Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:59:32 PM

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96. Arielle Wildman Herndon, Virginia
97. Alyssa Casey Seaford, Delaware
98. Gerald Hendricks Elkton, Maryland
99. Devon Baird Rensselaer, New York
100. donna chmielewskii bishopville, Maryland

From:	Donna Hitchens
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Karen Fricia, p gail Chesler...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:20:09 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 75 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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71. Karen Fricia Lewes, Delaware
72. p gail Chesler Walnut Creek, California
73. Denise DeMarco Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
74. Kate Eichelberger Manheim, Pennsylvania
75. Donna Hitchens Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

From:	Dorothy Richards
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:08:25 PM

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Sincerely,
Dorothy Richards Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Edward Laurson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Daryl Whittington, Skylar Wilson...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 8:17:58 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 120 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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116. Daryl Whittington Newark, Delaware
117. Skylar Wilson Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
118. Charlotte Reid Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
119. Carly Buchanan Middletown, Delaware

From:	Edwin Krumm
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- There are so many
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 11:06:01 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> There are so many examples of how this type of procedure can and has failed in other coastal areas. Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it.

Sincerely,
Edwin Krumm
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

There are now 150 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Edwin Krumm
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Jivey Rivas, Jenn Foskey...
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 11:06:04 AM

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Sincerely,

146. Jivey Rivas Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
147. Jenn Foskey Milton, Delaware
148. Anita PEGHINI Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
149. Olivia Patton Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

From:	Elliot MacGuire
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:03:00 PM

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Sincerely,
Elliot MacGuire Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Emily Van Alyne
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- because my family swims
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:22:37 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

because my family swims in this water

Sincerely,
Emily Van Alyne
Middletown, Delaware

There are now 9 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Evin Phoenix
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Bryan Jones, angelica clemmer...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 4:00:20 AM

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101. Bryan Jones Selbyville, Delaware
102. angelica clemmer rehoboth beach, Delaware
103. Tavish Papp DeLand, Florida
104. Artez Wedt Laurel, Delaware
105. Evin Phoenix Alexandria, Virginia

From:	Gregg Rosner
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Protect clean oceans and
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:59:54 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

Protect clean oceans and marine habitat

Sincerely,
Gregg Rosner
Selbyville, Delaware

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From:	Gwen Palmer
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 10:50:08 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Sincerely,
Gwen Palmer Lewes, Delaware

There are now 34 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Gwendolyn Aboutboul
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Our resort business depends
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:11:25 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Our resort business depends on tourism. Tourists come first and foremost to enjoy our clean ocean and beach. Our children swim in the ocean daily through the summer months. For the health of our children and the health of our local economy, we must find a better solution.

Sincerely,
Gwendolyn Aboutboul
Rehoboth, Delaware

There are now 40 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Harry Brake
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:38:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Harry Brake , Mexico

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From:	Helen Hix
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Each generation owes the
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 3:00:57 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Each generation owes the next thoughtful consideration regarding clean air and clean water. Rehoboth Beach has been in the past and is now (along with other East Coast beaches) a favorite place for our family and families on the coast and from the WDC/other large populations - keeping the beach and the water clean is paramount.

Sincerely,
Helen Hix
Williamsburg, Virginia

There are now 114 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Ian Thurman
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I don"t want to
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 10:11:19 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I don't want to swim in water where there is a plume of effluent.

Sincerely,
Ian Thurman
Milton, Delaware

There are now 35 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Jacqueline Conklin
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- It is a threat
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 8:39:09 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> It is a threat to the environment both Marine and human.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Conklin
Milton, Delaware

There are now 53 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Jane Robinson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:56:12 PM

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Sincerely,
Jane Robinson Salisbury, Maryland

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From:	Janice Czarnecki
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Frank Gromling, Teresa Rodriguez...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 1:36:44 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 135 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Sincerely,

131. Frank Gromling Flagler Beach, Florida
132. Teresa Rodriguez Milford, Delaware
133. Gerree Stewart Lewes, Delaware
134. Robert Kunzig Lewes, Delaware
135. Janice Czarnecki Lewes, Delaware

From:	Janice Elder
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- its OUR OCEAN!!
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 1:38:22 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

its OUR OCEAN!!

Sincerely,
Janice Elder
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Janice Pinto
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:40:04 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Sincerely,
Janice Pinto Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Jeffrey Snook
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This is a beautiful
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 3:07:46 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> This is a beautiful vacation spot, I've been ther many times. Also my oldest daughter was just receintly married there.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Snook
Montoursville, Pennsylvania

There are now 155 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Jere Stephano
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This type of outdated
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 3:25:49 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> This type of outdated wastewater disposal has been proven to pose a toxic threat to marine life and those of us who spend a significant time in our local ocean. Our ocean is already beseiged with increasing toxins. It is the responsibility of all ocean communities to ban such practices that impede the healing of our precious ocean.

Sincerely,
Jere Stephano
Milton, Delaware

There are now 114 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Jim Cummings
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Absolutely
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:44:58 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Absolutely

Sincerely,
Jim Cummings
Millsboro, Delaware

There are now 3 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	JoAnn Holmes
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:33:48 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Sincerely,
JoAnn Holmes Lewes, Delaware

There are now 18 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Joanne Flanders
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Family summers for past
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 2:30:27 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Family summers for past 30 years on the Delaware shore.

Sincerely,
Joanne Flanders
Washington, District Of Columbia

There are now 86 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Joanne Wooldridge
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- It is a beautiful
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:36:48 PM

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Here's why I signed:

> It is a beautiful and natural resource that is enjoyed my many people. Sea life is important to people.

Sincerely,
Joanne Wooldridge
Newark, Delaware

There are now 77 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	John Hanes
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Who ever would purposely
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 1:06:01 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Who ever would purposely destroy mother nature and it's inhabitants have no souls. Don't do it!! Who the heck runs Delaware??? Thats a no brainer. Time to lead

Sincerely,
John Hanes
mechanicsburg pa., Pennsylvania

There are now 112 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From: john sykes
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 5:05:54 PM

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Sincerely,
john sykes Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Judith Dierkes
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- One by one -
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:01:16 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> One by one - we can make a difference! Protecting our oceans begins with common sense! Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Judith Dierkes
MIddletown, Delaware

There are now 27 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Judith Meushaw
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Kathryn Burgwin, Lisa Emery...
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:12:52 AM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 145 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Sincerely,

141. Kathryn Burgwin Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
142. Lisa Emery Elkton, Maryland
143. Lisa Demko Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
144. Suzann Walzog Timonium, Maryland

From:	Judy Stout
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- As a volunteer for
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:57:15 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> As a volunteer for Tri State Bird Rescue and MERR, I am commited to helping our marine life and birds of all species. I would be very disappointed to learn that the State of Delaware made any decisions that would negatively effect the health of our dolphins and other marine life.

Sincerely,
Judy Stout
Millsboro, Delaware

There are now 43 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Julie McCall
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Sandra Suhy, diane scobey...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:54:00 AM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 60 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Sincerely,

56. Sandra Suhy Ambler, Pennsylvania
57. diane scobey rehoboth beach, Delaware
58. charlotte thurman rehoboth beach de, Delaware
59. Anna Fugitt Lewes, Delaware
60. Julie McCall milton, Delaware

From:	Karen Jorgensen
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I will be moving
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 8:33:09 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I will be moving down there when I retire, and I want it to stay the way it is now. The reason i am retiring down there is because of the beautiful beaches there and I want everybody to stay healthy. These are some of the reasons why I'm against the Rehoboth Beach outfall.

Sincerely,
Karen Jorgensen
Commack, New York

There are now 52 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Karen Smail
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:41:50 AM

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Sincerely,
Karen Smail Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Kathy Pickens
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We are so fortunate
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:33:48 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We are so fortunate to have pristine beaches, unlike Santa Monica, where my brother and his wife, (both doctors) live. They say the water is so polluted that anyone swimming in that water is subject to meningitis. Please don't let our beaches become like the beach in Santa Monica.

Sincerely,
Kathy Pickens
Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Kathy Wiz
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:39:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Kathy Wiz Rehoboth, Delaware

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From:	Katie O"Malley
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:25:41 PM

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Sincerely,
Katie O'Malley Olmstedville, New York

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From:	Kevin Hannaman
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Todd Snyder, John Hanes...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 4:01:26 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 115 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here: http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

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Sincerely,

111. Todd Snyder San Francisco, California
112. John Hanes mechanicsburg pa., Pennsylvania
113. Jason Schmidt Kansas City, Missouri
114. Jere Stephano Milton, Delaware
115. Kevin Hannaman Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

From:	Kim Furtado
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:52:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Kim Furtado Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Laura Saxon
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:26:32 AM

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Sincerely,
Laura Saxon morriston, Florida

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From:	Lewis Sullivan
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:34:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Lewis Sullivan Abington, Pennsylvania

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From:	Lexi Scott
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:05:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Lexi Scott Milton, Delaware

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From:	Lin Pawlyk
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Don Verrico, Virginia Fornillo...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 2:21:34 PM

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82. Virginia Fornillo Lewes, Delaware
83. Samie Dozor Lewes, Delaware
84. martha sullivan Lewes, Delaware
85. Lin Pawlyk Rehoboth Bch, Delaware

From:	Linda Owings
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Joanne Flanders, Shane Gallo...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 3:08:26 PM

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86. Joanne Flanders Washington, District Of Columbia
87. Shane Gallo Hopewell Junction, New York
88. Christine Oakbrae Dagsboro, Delaware
89. Audrey Wyman Long Neck, Delaware
90. Linda Owings Millsboro, Delaware

From:	Lisa Emery
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We visit Rehoboth Beach
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 7:42:20 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We visit Rehoboth Beach every year for vacation and would not want anything to change.

Sincerely,
Lisa Emery
Elkton, Maryland

There are now 142 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Lisa Gallego
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:59:54 PM

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Sincerely,
Lisa Gallego Centreville, Virginia

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From:	Lisa Scott
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:30:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Lisa Scott Milton, Delaware

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From:	Liz From RehobothBeachFever.com Marie
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We travel to the
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:48:02 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We travel to the beach each and every summer! Let's keep Rehoboth as one of the U.S.A.'s cleanest beaches!!!

Sincerely,
Liz From RehobothBeachFever.com Marie
Fairfield, Connecticut

There are now 78 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Marjorie Bushong
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- These species cannot speak
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 9:35:13 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> These species cannot speak for themselves, so we who have a voice must speak in their defense and try to preserve them.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Bushong
Ocean View, Delaware

There are now 33 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Mechele Kalaygian
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Janice Elder, Jessie Howard...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 3:35:05 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 140 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Sincerely,

136. Janice Elder Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
137. Jessie Howard Milford, Delaware
138. Conde Reichard Dagsboro, Delaware
139. Lauren Barbieri Lewes, Delaware
140. Mechele Kalaygian Milford, Delaware

From:	Melinda Duryea
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Our oceans are important
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:35:52 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Our oceans are important to the well being of our planet.

Sincerely,
Melinda Duryea
Frankford, Delaware

There are now 19 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	MERR Institute
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	New petition to you: Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:59:54 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

MERR Institute, Inc. started a petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" targeting you on Change.org that's starting to pick up steam.

Change.org is the world's largest petition platform that gives anyone, anywhere the tools they need to start, join and win campaigns for change. Change.org never starts petitions on our own -- petitions on the website, like "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE", are started by users.

While "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" is active, you'll receive an email each time a signer leaves a comment explaining why he or she is signing. You'll also receive periodic updates about the petition's status.

Here's what you can do right now to resolve the petition:

- Review the petition. Here's a link:
  - <=""">http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de
- See the 5 signers and their reasons for signing on the petition page.
- Respond to the petition creator by sending a message here:
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Sincerely,
Change.org

There are now 5 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Alan Tuttle
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I moved to Delaware
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:46:11 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I moved to Delaware for the beauty and cleanliness of the beaches. I also believe that we have a responsibility to be better stewards of our oceans.

Sincerely,
Alan Tuttle
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 20 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Alyssa Casey
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- There are other, better,
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:06:41 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

There are other, better, and less environmentally harmful solutions out there.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Casey
Seaford, Delaware

There are now 97 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Bill Sharp
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- UV light is the
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:48:04 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> UV light is the way to go as Kent County, Delaware does and then land irrigation.

Sincerely,
Bill Sharp
Milton, Delaware

There are now 66 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Brendan Wilson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I"ve lived in Rehoboth
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 11:13:51 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> I've lived in Rehoboth my whole life, and the beach is part of me. The ocean should be treated with the same respect that the individuals that value it deserve.

Sincerely,
Brendan Wilson
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

There are now 124 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Brian Peters
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- The age of simply
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 11:26:32 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> The age of simply allowing our waste and toxins to flow downstream and into the nearest body of water is far behind us. Enviro-conscionable alternative solutions exist and we insult and harm the Earth and future generations by failing to use lower-impact solutuions NOW. Please step up for our Oceans, DNREC!

Sincerely,
Brian Peters
Georgetown, Delaware

There are now 70 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Brian Peters
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Bill Sharp, Diane Cooke...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 11:26:33 AM

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66. Bill Sharp Milton, Delaware
67. Diane Cooke Lewes, Delaware
68. Todd Thurman Virginia Beach, Virginia
69. Richard McCorkle Dover, Delaware
70. Brian Peters Georgetown, Delaware

From:	Bridget Weaver
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Brandi Redrow, Kaitlyn Vogel...
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 4:39:39 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 157 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Sincerely,

151. Brandi Redrow Millsboro, Delaware
152. Kaitlyn Vogel Williamsport, Pennsylvania
153. Peggi Hurley Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
154. Jeffrey Snook Montoursville, Pennsylvania
155. Bridget Weaver Seaford, Delaware

From:	carl schloegel
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:28:04 PM

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carl schloegel Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Carol Patterson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:29:46 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Sincerely,
Carol Patterson Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Carole Katrinic
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Brice Roughton, Yvonne M Cipressi...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 10:51:20 AM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 110 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Sincerely,

106. Brice Roughton Virginia Beach, Virginia
107. Yvonne M Cipressi Lewes, Delaware
108. Alex Yokley Rockville, Maryland
109. Tim Thurman Chesapeake, Virginia
110. Carole Katrinic Stevensville, Maryland

From:	Carrie Crawford
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:25:13 PM

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Sincerely,
Carrie Crawford Boiling Springs, South Carolina

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From:	catherine campinos
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:03:29 AM

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Sincerely,
catherine campinos baltimore, Maryland

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From: charlie bogen
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:55:50 PM

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Sincerely,
charlie bogen Junction City, Kansas

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From:	Charlotte Reid
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- "Polluting and dispoiling the
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 5:29:02 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> "Polluting and dispoiling the ocean hardly seems a civilized solution to the problems of waste disposal." Wesley Marx, The Frail Ocean. Second that.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Reid
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

There are now 118 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	charlotte thurman
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- as a newcomer to
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:45:29 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> as a newcomer to the area,1 have only been coming here since 1963,moved here to retire in 1977 andhave loved every day of time.i am sure i am not alone in my feelings ,to be able to see and walk by this wonderful sea, enjoy the dolphins,and be relaxed instantly is worth every thing to me. please, do not mess this up.

Sincerely,
charlotte thurman
rehoboth beach de, Delaware

There are now 58 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Chris Zollo
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Why is this not
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:25:24 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

Why is this not important to ALL of us!

Sincerely,
Chris Zollo
Lewes ,, Delaware

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From:	christine cox
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- future safety of our
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 8:40:54 PM

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future safety of our oceans!

Sincerely,
christine cox
rehoboth beach, Delaware

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From:	Christopher Bushong
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This SHOULD be important
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:55:21 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> This SHOULD be important to all of us. If we do not stand up to the injustices perpetrated by our government, then we are no better than they are. Plus who wants to swim in filth all summer...

Sincerely,
Christopher Bushong
Hermitage, Tennessee

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From:	Concerned Citizen
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 10:58:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen New City, New York

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From:	Daryl Whittington
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Why pollute the oceans
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 4:54:10 PM

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Here's why I signed:

> Why pollute the oceans further if a more advanced disposal system is available? There is already enough toxic run off that enters our coastal waters that isn't monitored or controlled. Don't we owe it to the citizenry of Delaware to provide a more pristine beach and ocean environment for everyone to enjoy?

Sincerely,
Daryl Whittington
Newark, Delaware

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From:	debi salvucci
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- for our future and
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 1:12:33 PM

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Here's why I signed:

for our future and our childrens future

Sincerely,
debi salvucci
newark, Delaware

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From:	debi salvucci
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Susan Haug, Joanne Wooldridge...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 1:12:33 PM

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Sincerely,

76. Susan Haug Lewes, Delaware
77. Joanne Wooldridge Newark, Delaware
78. Liz From RehobothBeachFever.com Marie Fairfield, Connecticut
79. Cathy Drew Newark , Delaware
80. debi salvucci newark, Delaware

From:	Denise DeMarco
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We should treat our
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:13:26 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> We should treat our oceans like we need them. Not a place for contaminants. I'm sure you wouldn't want to swim in that kind of ocean.

Sincerely,
Denise DeMarco
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

There are now 73 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Devon Baird
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We need to stop
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:12:46 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> We need to stop impacting our planet.

Sincerely,
Devon Baird
Rensselaer, New York

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From:	Devon Van Alyne
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:34:42 AM

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Sincerely,
Devon Van Alyne Middletown, Delaware

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From:	diane gallagher
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:26:30 AM

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Sincerely,
diane gallagher Glenmoore, Pennsylvania

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To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:14:50 PM

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Sincerely,
Donald Ott Milton, Delaware

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From:	donna chmielewskii
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This md beach resident
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:59:54 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> This md beach resident doesn't want a dirty ocean because de can't care for it's state because it doesn't tax for revenue

Sincerely,
donna chmielewskii
bishopville, Maryland

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From: donna chmielewskii
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: 5 new petition signatures: Arielle Wildman, Alyssa Casey...
Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:59:32 PM

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96. Arielle Wildman Herndon, Virginia
97. Alyssa Casey Seaford, Delaware
98. Gerald Hendricks Elkton, Maryland
99. Devon Baird Rensselaer, New York
100. donna chmielewskii bishopville, Maryland

From:	Donna Hitchens
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Karen Fricia, p gail Chesler...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:20:09 PM

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There are now 75 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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71. Karen Fricia Lewes, Delaware
72. p gail Chesler Walnut Creek, California
73. Denise DeMarco Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
74. Kate Eichelberger Manheim, Pennsylvania
75. Donna Hitchens Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

From:	Dorothy Richards
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:08:25 PM

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Sincerely,
Dorothy Richards Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Edward Laurson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Daryl Whittington, Skylar Wilson...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 8:17:58 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 120 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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116. Daryl Whittington Newark, Delaware
117. Skylar Wilson Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
118. Charlotte Reid Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
119. Carly Buchanan Middletown, Delaware

From:	Edwin Krumm
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- There are so many
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 11:06:01 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> There are so many examples of how this type of procedure can and has failed in other coastal areas. Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it.

Sincerely,
Edwin Krumm
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

There are now 150 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Edwin Krumm
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Jivey Rivas, Jenn Foskey...
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 11:06:04 AM

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Sincerely,

146. Jivey Rivas Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
147. Jenn Foskey Milton, Delaware
148. Anita PEGHINI Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
149. Olivia Patton Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

From:	Elliot MacGuire
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:03:00 PM

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Sincerely,
Elliot MacGuire Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Emily Van Alyne
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- because my family swims
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:22:37 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

because my family swims in this water

Sincerely,
Emily Van Alyne
Middletown, Delaware

There are now 9 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Evin Phoenix
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Bryan Jones, angelica clemmer...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 4:00:20 AM

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There are now 105 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here: http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

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Sincerely,

101. Bryan Jones Selbyville, Delaware
102. angelica clemmer rehoboth beach, Delaware
103. Tavish Papp DeLand, Florida
104. Artez Wedt Laurel, Delaware
105. Evin Phoenix Alexandria, Virginia

From:	Gregg Rosner
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Protect clean oceans and
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:59:54 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Protect clean oceans and marine habitat

Sincerely,
Gregg Rosner
Selbyville, Delaware

There are now 5 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Gwen Palmer
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 10:50:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Gwen Palmer Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Gwendolyn Aboutboul
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Our resort business depends
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:11:25 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Our resort business depends on tourism. Tourists come first and foremost to enjoy our clean ocean and beach. Our children swim in the ocean daily through the summer months. For the health of our children and the health of our local economy, we must find a better solution.

Sincerely,
Gwendolyn Aboutboul
Rehoboth, Delaware

There are now 40 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Harry Brake
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:38:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Harry Brake , Mexico

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From:	Helen Hix
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Each generation owes the
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 3:00:57 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Each generation owes the next thoughtful consideration regarding clean air and clean water. Rehoboth Beach has been in the past and is now (along with other East Coast beaches) a favorite place for our family and families on the coast and from the WDC/other large populations - keeping the beach and the water clean is paramount.

Sincerely,
Helen Hix
Williamsburg, Virginia

There are now 114 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Ian Thurman
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I don"t want to
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 10:11:19 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I don't want to swim in water where there is a plume of effluent.

Sincerely,
Ian Thurman
Milton, Delaware

There are now 35 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Jacqueline Conklin
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- It is a threat
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 8:39:09 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> It is a threat to the environment both Marine and human.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Conklin
Milton, Delaware

There are now 53 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Jane Robinson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:56:12 PM

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Sincerely,
Jane Robinson Salisbury, Maryland

There are now 15 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Janice Czarnecki
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Frank Gromling, Teresa Rodriguez...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 1:36:44 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

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Sincerely,

131. Frank Gromling Flagler Beach, Florida
132. Teresa Rodriguez Milford, Delaware
133. Gerree Stewart Lewes, Delaware
134. Robert Kunzig Lewes, Delaware
135. Janice Czarnecki Lewes, Delaware

From:	Janice Elder
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- its OUR OCEAN!!
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 1:38:22 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

its OUR OCEAN!!

Sincerely,
Janice Elder
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Janice Pinto
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:40:04 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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> Dear Secretary O'Mara, We strongly urge you to disallow the proposed Rehoboth Beach ocean outfall. The installation of this type of outdated disposal system as a means of wastewater treatment would pose a toxic threat to marine life and ocean health, as well as impacting human health. In addition, the degradation of our oceans poses a real threat to our state and local economy, which is based on tourism and therefore subject to public perception. Rehoboth Beach has been known for it's beautiful beaches and good water quality, thanks in part to DNREC who has successfully championed clean water initiatives in the past. But this would change once 1,000,000 to 7,000,000 gallons of effluent is spewed into our oceans each and every day. This effluent will contain harmful levels of chlorine, as well as pharmaceuticals, endocrine inhibitors, caffeine, PCBs, and many other non-biodegradable anthropogenic toxins that are harmful to marine life. Marine creatures such as dolphins and whales are very susceptible to the effects of these contaminants, which are known to cause cancers and other life threatening disorders. Plankton and other organisms contained in the surface layer will also be destroyed, impacting food sources and fisheries. Coastal Delaware boasts more than 36 species of endangered, threatened and protected marine mammals and sea turtles. As Delaware's leading authority on marine mammal and sea turtle conservation, MERR has worked diligently for the past 13 years to protect and conserve these species, and we join together with the citizens of Delaware and neighboring areas to ask you to do the same. We recognize that you and the leaders of Rehoboth Beach are facing some difficult choices in finding a viable solution for the wastewater management issue. With so much at stake, we implore you to more fully investigate solutions that create habitat rather than destroy it, such as constructed wetlands. You and the other decision makers have the opportunity to make choices that will set Delaware apart as progressive and responsible stewards of our environment, and in so doing, create a legacy of hope and healing for our precious and irreplaceable oceans.

Sincerely,
Janice Pinto Lewes, Delaware

There are now 12 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Jeffrey Snook
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This is a beautiful
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 3:07:46 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> This is a beautiful vacation spot, I've been ther many times. Also my oldest daughter was just receintly married there.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Snook
Montoursville, Pennsylvania

There are now 155 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Jere Stephano
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- This type of outdated
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 3:25:49 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> This type of outdated wastewater disposal has been proven to pose a toxic threat to marine life and those of us who spend a significant time in our local ocean. Our ocean is already beseiged with increasing toxins. It is the responsibility of all ocean communities to ban such practices that impede the healing of our precious ocean.

Sincerely,
Jere Stephano
Milton, Delaware

There are now 114 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Jim Cummings
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Absolutely
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:44:58 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Absolutely

Sincerely,
Jim Cummings
Millsboro, Delaware

There are now 3 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	JoAnn Holmes
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:33:48 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Sincerely,
JoAnn Holmes Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Joanne Flanders
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Family summers for past
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 2:30:27 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Family summers for past 30 years on the Delaware shore.

Sincerely,
Joanne Flanders
Washington, District Of Columbia

There are now 86 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Joanne Wooldridge
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- It is a beautiful
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:36:48 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> It is a beautiful and natural resource that is enjoyed my many people. Sea life is important to people.

Sincerely,
Joanne Wooldridge
Newark, Delaware

There are now 77 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	John Hanes
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Who ever would purposely
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 1:06:01 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Who ever would purposely destroy mother nature and it's inhabitants have no souls. Don't do it!! Who the heck runs Delaware??? Thats a no brainer. Time to lead

Sincerely,
John Hanes
mechanicsburg pa., Pennsylvania

There are now 112 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From: john sykes
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 5:05:54 PM

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Sincerely,
john sykes Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Judith Dierkes
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- One by one -
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:01:16 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> One by one - we can make a difference! Protecting our oceans begins with common sense! Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Judith Dierkes
MIddletown, Delaware

There are now 27 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Judith Meushaw
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Kathryn Burgwin, Lisa Emery...
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:12:52 AM

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Sincerely,

141. Kathryn Burgwin Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
142. Lisa Emery Elkton, Maryland
143. Lisa Demko Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
144. Suzann Walzog Timonium, Maryland

From:	Judy Stout
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- As a volunteer for
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:57:15 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> As a volunteer for Tri State Bird Rescue and MERR, I am commited to helping our marine life and birds of all species. I would be very disappointed to learn that the State of Delaware made any decisions that would negatively effect the health of our dolphins and other marine life.

Sincerely,
Judy Stout
Millsboro, Delaware

There are now 43 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Julie McCall
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Sandra Suhy, diane scobey...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:54:00 AM

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Sincerely,

56. Sandra Suhy Ambler, Pennsylvania
57. diane scobey rehoboth beach, Delaware
58. charlotte thurman rehoboth beach de, Delaware
59. Anna Fugitt Lewes, Delaware
60. Julie McCall milton, Delaware

From:	Karen Jorgensen
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I will be moving
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 8:33:09 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I will be moving down there when I retire, and I want it to stay the way it is now. The reason i am retiring down there is because of the beautiful beaches there and I want everybody to stay healthy. These are some of the reasons why I'm against the Rehoboth Beach outfall.

Sincerely,
Karen Jorgensen
Commack, New York

There are now 52 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Karen Smail
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:41:50 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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> Dear Secretary O'Mara, We strongly urge you to disallow the proposed Rehoboth Beach ocean outfall. The installation of this type of outdated disposal system as a means of wastewater treatment would pose a toxic threat to marine life and ocean health, as well as impacting human health. In addition, the degradation of our oceans poses a real threat to our state and local economy, which is based on tourism and therefore subject to public perception. Rehoboth Beach has been known for it's beautiful beaches and good water quality, thanks in part to DNREC who has successfully championed clean water initiatives in the past. But this would change once 1,000,000 to 7,000,000 gallons of effluent is spewed into our oceans each and every day. This effluent will contain harmful levels of chlorine, as well as pharmaceuticals, endocrine inhibitors, caffeine, PCBs, and many other non-biodegradable anthropogenic toxins that are harmful to marine life. Marine creatures such as dolphins and whales are very susceptible to the effects of these contaminants, which are known to cause cancers and other life threatening disorders. Plankton and other organisms contained in the surface layer will also be destroyed, impacting food sources and fisheries. Coastal Delaware boasts more than 36 species of endangered, threatened and protected marine mammals and sea turtles. As Delaware's leading authority on marine mammal and sea turtle conservation, MERR has worked diligently for the past 13 years to protect and conserve these species, and we join together with the citizens of Delaware and neighboring areas to ask you to do the same. We recognize that you and the leaders of Rehoboth Beach are facing some difficult choices in finding a viable solution for the wastewater management issue. With so much at stake, we implore you to more fully investigate solutions that create habitat rather than destroy it, such as constructed wetlands. You and the other decision makers have the opportunity to make choices that will set Delaware apart as progressive and responsible stewards of our environment, and in so doing, create a legacy of hope and healing for our precious and irreplaceable oceans.

Sincerely,
Karen Smail Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Kathy Pickens
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We are so fortunate
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:33:48 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We are so fortunate to have pristine beaches, unlike Santa Monica, where my brother and his wife, (both doctors) live. They say the water is so polluted that anyone swimming in that water is subject to meningitis. Please don't let our beaches become like the beach in Santa Monica.

Sincerely,
Kathy Pickens
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 25 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Kathy Wiz
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:39:06 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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> Dear Secretary O'Mara, We strongly urge you to disallow the proposed Rehoboth Beach ocean outfall. The installation of this type of outdated disposal system as a means of wastewater treatment would pose a toxic threat to marine life and ocean health, as well as impacting human health. In addition, the degradation of our oceans poses a real threat to our state and local economy, which is based on tourism and therefore subject to public perception. Rehoboth Beach has been known for it's beautiful beaches and good water quality, thanks in part to DNREC who has successfully championed clean water initiatives in the past. But this would change once 1,000,000 to 7,000,000 gallons of effluent is spewed into our oceans each and every day. This effluent will contain harmful levels of chlorine, as well as pharmaceuticals, endocrine inhibitors, caffeine, PCBs, and many other non-biodegradable anthropogenic toxins that are harmful to marine life. Marine creatures such as dolphins and whales are very susceptible to the effects of these contaminants, which are known to cause cancers and other life threatening disorders. Plankton and other organisms contained in the surface layer will also be destroyed, impacting food sources and fisheries. Coastal Delaware boasts more than 36 species of endangered, threatened and protected marine mammals and sea turtles. As Delaware's leading authority on marine mammal and sea turtle conservation, MERR has worked diligently for the past 13 years to protect and conserve these species, and we join together with the citizens of Delaware and neighboring areas to ask you to do the same. We recognize that you and the leaders of Rehoboth Beach are facing some difficult choices in finding a viable solution for the wastewater management issue. With so much at stake, we implore you to more fully investigate solutions that create habitat rather than destroy it, such as constructed wetlands. You and the other decision makers have the opportunity to make choices that will set Delaware apart as progressive and responsible stewards of our environment, and in so doing, create a legacy of hope and healing for our precious and irreplaceable oceans.

Sincerely,
Kathy Wiz Rehoboth, Delaware

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From:	Katie O"Malley
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:25:41 PM

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Sincerely,
Katie O'Malley Olmstedville, New York

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From:	Kevin Hannaman
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Todd Snyder, John Hanes...
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 4:01:26 PM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

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111. Todd Snyder San Francisco, California
112. John Hanes mechanicsburg pa., Pennsylvania
113. Jason Schmidt Kansas City, Missouri
114. Jere Stephano Milton, Delaware
115. Kevin Hannaman Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

From:	Kim Furtado
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:52:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Kim Furtado Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Laura Saxon
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 7:26:32 AM

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Sincerely,
Laura Saxon morriston, Florida

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From:	Lewis Sullivan
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:34:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Lewis Sullivan Abington, Pennsylvania

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From:	Lexi Scott
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:05:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Lexi Scott Milton, Delaware

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From:	Lin Pawlyk
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Don Verrico, Virginia Fornillo...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 2:21:34 PM

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83. Samie Dozor Lewes, Delaware
84. martha sullivan Lewes, Delaware
85. Lin Pawlyk Rehoboth Bch, Delaware

From:	Linda Owings
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Joanne Flanders, Shane Gallo...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 3:08:26 PM

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86. Joanne Flanders Washington, District Of Columbia
87. Shane Gallo Hopewell Junction, New York
88. Christine Oakbrae Dagsboro, Delaware
89. Audrey Wyman Long Neck, Delaware
90. Linda Owings Millsboro, Delaware

From:	Lisa Emery
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We visit Rehoboth Beach
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 7:42:20 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We visit Rehoboth Beach every year for vacation and would not want anything to change.

Sincerely,
Lisa Emery
Elkton, Maryland

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From:	Lisa Gallego
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:59:54 PM

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Sincerely,
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From:	Lisa Scott
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:30:52 PM

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From:	Liz From RehobothBeachFever.com Marie
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We travel to the
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:48:02 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We travel to the beach each and every summer! Let's keep Rehoboth as one of the U.S.A.'s cleanest beaches!!!

Sincerely,
Liz From RehobothBeachFever.com Marie
Fairfield, Connecticut

There are now 78 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Marjorie Bushong
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- These species cannot speak
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 9:35:13 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

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Here's why I signed:

> These species cannot speak for themselves, so we who have a voice must speak in their defense and try to preserve them.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Bushong
Ocean View, Delaware

There are now 33 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Mechele Kalaygian
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Janice Elder, Jessie Howard...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 3:35:05 PM

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136. Janice Elder Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
137. Jessie Howard Milford, Delaware
138. Conde Reichard Dagsboro, Delaware
139. Lauren Barbieri Lewes, Delaware
140. Mechele Kalaygian Milford, Delaware

From:	Melinda Duryea
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Our oceans are important
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 6:35:52 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Our oceans are important to the well being of our planet.

Sincerely,
Melinda Duryea
Frankford, Delaware

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From:	MERR Institute
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	New petition to you: Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:59:54 PM

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Sincerely,
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From:	MERR Institute
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	New petition to you: Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:52:46 PM

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From:	Michael Smith
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Beverly Eyclesheimer, Karen Jorgensen...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:06:51 AM

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Sincerely,

51. Beverly Eyclesheimer Lewes, Delaware
52. Karen Jorgensen Commack, New York
53. Jacqueline Conklin Milton, Delaware
54. Katie Avsec Dewey Beach, Delaware
55. Michael Smith Selbyville, Delaware

From:	Mike Baines
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We are making life
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:35:40 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We are making life hazardous for the marine life with all the garbage that is floating in the ocean. Our waters are already polluted, so we certainly do not need to add to it.

Sincerely,
Mike Baines
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 65 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Mike Baines
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Jana Puffenberger, Joyce Hastings...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:35:40 AM

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Sincerely,

61. Jana Puffenberger Laurel, Maryland
62. Joyce Hastings Lewes, Delaware
63. Megan Begley Lewes, Delaware
64. Marlene McCauley Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
65. Mike Baines Lewes, Delaware

From:	Muriel Hogan
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:30:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Muriel Hogan Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Olga Usova
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I care about our
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 8:44:05 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I care about our wildlife!

Sincerely,
Olga Usova
Milton, Delaware

There are now 127 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	p gail Chesler
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Rehoboth Beach is a
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:03:42 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Rehoboth Beach is a lovely place. Can't you figure a different way to achieve your goal?

Sincerely,
p gail Chesler
Walnut Creek, California

There are now 72 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Rob Rector
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:52:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Rob Rector Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Samie Dozor
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Arcata, CA created a
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 1:30:02 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Arcata, CA created a low cost marsh to filter their treated water...why not here?

Sincerely,
Samie Dozor
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 83 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Sandra Frunzi
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Steven Morris, Judy Keiser...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 5:26:50 PM

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Sincerely,

91. Steven Morris Millsboro, Delaware
92. Judy Keiser Lancaster, Pennsylvania
93. charles pierson wilmington, Delaware
94. Richard Bell Byers, Colorado
95. Sandra Frunzi Milford, Delaware

From:	Sandra Suhy
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- The ocean is not
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:21:22 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> The ocean is not a toilet! It's someones home. And I surf in it!

Sincerely,
Sandra Suhy
Ambler, Pennsylvania

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From:	Sandy Garrish
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I love the beach
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 3:07:27 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I love the beach and spending time in the ocean. I'm also a scuba diver and enjoy the marine life.

Sincerely,
Sandy Garrish
Ocean City, Maryland

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From:	Steve Stajkowski
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:46:01 AM

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Sincerely,
Steve Stajkowski New Castle, Delaware

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From:	Steven Morris
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I don"t want excess
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 4:25:13 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I don't want excess nutrients (poop) in my nearby ocean.

Sincerely,
Steven Morris
Millsboro, Delaware

There are now 91 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Susan Butler
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 9:12:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Susan Butler Middletown, Delaware

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From:	Susan MacPherson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We all need to
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 9:05:01 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We all need to play our part in being faithful stewards of our planet; it is the only one we have.

Sincerely,
Susan MacPherson
Wilmington, Delaware

There are now 122 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Susan Pawlikowski
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 11:20:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Susan Pawlikowski Milton, Delaware

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http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

From:	Susan Sullivan
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:30:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Susan Sullivan Roslyn, Pennsylvania

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From:	Teresa Rodriguez
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Why would anyone in
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 1:07:26 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Why would anyone in their right mind poison waters that support local wildlife and humans and businesses that depend on the health of our resort area?

Sincerely,
Teresa Rodriguez
Milford, Delaware

There are now 132 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Terri Brady
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 11:48:14 PM

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Sincerely,
Terri Brady Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Thomas Kehl
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:43:43 PM

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Sincerely,
Thomas Kehl Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Thomas Reidenbaugh
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Even though projections of
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 7:28:10 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Even though projections of immediate impacts may seem acceptable, long-term concentrations of pollutants in sediments and through the food chain can have extremely serious and ongoing consequences. Ocean dumping is never an acceptable alternative.

Sincerely,
Thomas Reidenbaugh
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

There are now 125 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Thomas Reidenbaugh
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: christine cox, Susan MacPherson...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 7:28:10 AM

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Sincerely,

121. christine cox rehoboth beach, Delaware
122. Susan MacPherson Wilmington, Delaware
123. Allie Band rockville, Maryland
124. Brendan Wilson Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
125. Thomas Reidenbaugh Lancaster, Pennsylvania

From:	virginia hendrickson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: christine okerblom, Olga Usova...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 9:15:26 AM

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Sincerely,

126. christine okerblom Salisbury, Maryland
127. Olga Usova Milton, Delaware
128. Liudmila Mikhno Newark, Delaware
129. susan gunkel perry hall, Maryland

From:	WALTER PAMER
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:28:21 PM

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Sincerely,
WALTER PAMER LEWES, Delaware

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From:	William Battista
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Our oceans should not
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:41:24 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Our oceans should not be a dumping ground for toxicns

Sincerely,
William Battista
Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Yolanda Gallego
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We only have one
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:29:15 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We only have one giant ocean and we're all responsible for keeping it healthy. Please help to do you part too, today!

Sincerely,
Yolanda Gallego
Ocean View, Delaware

There are now 11 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Yvonne M Cipressi
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Because I live here...do
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 8:38:45 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

Because I live here...do the alternative

Sincerely,
Yvonne M Cipressi
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 107 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	MERR Institute
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	New petition to you: Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:52:46 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

MERR Institute, Inc. started a petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" targeting you on Change.org that's starting to pick up steam.

Change.org is the world's largest petition platform that gives anyone, anywhere the tools they need to start, join and win campaigns for change. Change.org never starts petitions on our own -- petitions on the website, like "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE", are started by users.

While "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" is active, you'll receive an email each time a signer leaves a comment explaining why he or she is signing. You'll also receive periodic updates about the petition's status.

Here's what you can do right now to resolve the petition:

- Review the petition. Here's a link:
  - <=""">http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de
- See the 5 signers and their reasons for signing on the petition page.
- Respond to the petition creator by sending a message here:
  - http://www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-a-toxic-ocean-outfall-for-rehoboth-beach-de?response=48aa09bb23d1

Sincerely,
Change.org

There are now 5 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Michael Smith
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Beverly Eyclesheimer, Karen Jorgensen...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:06:51 AM

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5 new people recently signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

There are now 55 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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51. Beverly Eyclesheimer Lewes, Delaware
52. Karen Jorgensen Commack, New York
53. Jacqueline Conklin Milton, Delaware
54. Katie Avsec Dewey Beach, Delaware
55. Michael Smith Selbyville, Delaware

From:	Mike Baines
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We are making life
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:35:40 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We are making life hazardous for the marine life with all the garbage that is floating in the ocean. Our waters are already polluted, so we certainly do not need to add to it.

Sincerely,
Mike Baines
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 65 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Mike Baines
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Jana Puffenberger, Joyce Hastings...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:35:40 AM

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61. Jana Puffenberger Laurel, Maryland
62. Joyce Hastings Lewes, Delaware
63. Megan Begley Lewes, Delaware
64. Marlene McCauley Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
65. Mike Baines Lewes, Delaware

From:	Muriel Hogan
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 8:30:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Muriel Hogan Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Olga Usova
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I care about our
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 8:44:05 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I care about our wildlife!

Sincerely,
Olga Usova
Milton, Delaware

There are now 127 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	p gail Chesler
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Rehoboth Beach is a
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 12:03:42 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Rehoboth Beach is a lovely place. Can't you figure a different way to achieve your goal?

Sincerely,
p gail Chesler
Walnut Creek, California

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From:	Rob Rector
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 4:52:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Rob Rector Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

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From:	Samie Dozor
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Arcata, CA created a
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 1:30:02 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Arcata, CA created a low cost marsh to filter their treated water...why not here?

Sincerely,
Samie Dozor
Lewes, Delaware

There are now 83 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Sandra Frunzi
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: Steven Morris, Judy Keiser...
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 5:26:50 PM

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Sincerely,

91. Steven Morris Millsboro, Delaware
92. Judy Keiser Lancaster, Pennsylvania
93. charles pierson wilmington, Delaware
94. Richard Bell Byers, Colorado
95. Sandra Frunzi Milford, Delaware

From:	Sandra Suhy
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- The ocean is not
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:21:22 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> The ocean is not a toilet! It's someones home. And I surf in it!

Sincerely,
Sandra Suhy
Ambler, Pennsylvania

There are now 56 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Sandy Garrish
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I love the beach
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 3:07:27 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I love the beach and spending time in the ocean. I'm also a scuba diver and enjoy the marine life.

Sincerely,
Sandy Garrish
Ocean City, Maryland

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From:	Steve Stajkowski
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:46:01 AM

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Sincerely,
Steve Stajkowski New Castle, Delaware

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From:	Steven Morris
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- I don"t want excess
Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2013 4:25:13 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> I don't want excess nutrients (poop) in my nearby ocean.

Sincerely,
Steven Morris
Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Susan Butler
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 9:12:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Susan Butler Middletown, Delaware

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From:	Susan MacPherson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We all need to
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 9:05:01 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> We all need to play our part in being faithful stewards of our planet; it is the only one we have.

Sincerely,
Susan MacPherson
Wilmington, Delaware

There are now 122 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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From:	Susan Pawlikowski
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 11:20:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Susan Pawlikowski Milton, Delaware

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To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 7:30:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Susan Sullivan Roslyn, Pennsylvania

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From:	Teresa Rodriguez
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Why would anyone in
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 1:07:26 PM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Why would anyone in their right mind poison waters that support local wildlife and humans and businesses that depend on the health of our resort area?

Sincerely,
Teresa Rodriguez
Milford, Delaware

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From:	Terri Brady
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 11:48:14 PM

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Sincerely,
Terri Brady Lewes, Delaware

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From:	Thomas Kehl
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:43:43 PM

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Sincerely,
Thomas Kehl Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Thomas Reidenbaugh
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Even though projections of
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 7:28:10 AM

Dear Greg Pope (DNREC, Financial Assistance Branch),

I just signed MERR Institute, Inc.'s petition "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

> Even though projections of immediate impacts may seem acceptable, long-term concentrations of pollutants in sediments and through the food chain can have extremely serious and ongoing consequences. Ocean dumping is never an acceptable alternative.

Sincerely,
Thomas Reidenbaugh
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

There are now 125 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to MERR Institute, Inc. by clicking here:
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Subject:	5 new petition signatures: christine cox, Susan MacPherson...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 7:28:10 AM

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Sincerely,

121. christine cox rehoboth beach, Delaware
122. Susan MacPherson Wilmington, Delaware
123. Allie Band rockville, Maryland
124. Brendan Wilson Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
125. Thomas Reidenbaugh Lancaster, Pennsylvania

From:	virginia hendrickson
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	5 new petition signatures: christine okerblom, Olga Usova...
Date:	Monday, February 25, 2013 9:15:26 AM

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126. christine okerblom Salisbury, Maryland
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From:	WALTER PAMER
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	I just signed "Say no to a toxic ocean outfall for Rehoboth Beach, DE"
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:28:21 PM

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To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Our oceans should not
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:41:24 PM

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Here's why I signed:

> Our oceans should not be a dumping ground for toxicns

Sincerely,
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Millsboro, Delaware

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From:	Yolanda Gallego
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- We only have one
Date:	Friday, February 22, 2013 5:29:15 PM

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Sincerely,
Yolanda Gallego
Ocean View, Delaware

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From:	Yvonne M Cipressi
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Why I signed -- Because I live here...do
Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2013 8:38:45 AM

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From:	secretary@delaware.surfrider.org
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Rehoboth Outfall Final EIS Comments
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:02:25 PM
Attachments:	Final EIS Comments Final.doc

Good afternoon, Mr. Pope.

Attached is the position of the Surfrider Foundation Delaware Chapter, and endorsed by the Delaware Nature Society, the Assateague Coastkeeper, and the National Aquarium, related to the Rehoboth outfall proposal.

We appreciate your taking our comment.

Russ Merritt,
Secretary, Surfrider Foundation Delaware Chapter

February 25, 2013

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From:	John Weber
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	910 Comments on Rehoboth EIS
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:19:48 PM
Attachments:	RB_Outfall Comments 501 to 910.pdf RB_Outfall Comments 1 to 500.pdf

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Mr. Pope, I believe our Chapter Secretary resolved the issue and was able to email you the Chapter's Comments on the Final EIS for the Rehoboth Ocean Outfall.

But as I mentioned, our records show that 910 unique people took action and emailed you through our action alert system. You mentioned that you had not received that volume of email at all. Each of these should have been an individual email to you.

Perhaps spam-filters in your office caught these emails. But we would think that at least some came through. Or perhaps the entire Delaware State email system has blocked messages from the *Democracy in Action* email system. If you could look into that we would appreciate it. Please let us know.

For our convenience, the system allows us to compile these messages as pdfs. The two attachments here represent respectively emails 1-500 to you. And emails 501 to 910 to you.

Please acknowledged the receipt of these 910 messages as comments on the Rehoboth Beach Ocean Outfall Pipe.

Thank you,

John Weber
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From: John Weber
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: Additional Letters
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 11:33:51 AM

Greg, It seems like 4 more people did this yesterday. For convenience I am pasting them here.

I shut it off this morning so that is it! I'm still trying to find out the sending address. I will let you know.

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Subject:	Final EIS Comment
Date:	Thursday, February 14, 2013 2:13:33 PM
Attachments:	Microlayer_DNREC.doc

Mr Pope-

Enclosed comment on the issue and health of the ocean microlayer, not addressed in the final EIS.

I will be sending a copy via regular mail, but no reason to be duplicitious in lisiting.

Regards-

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Subject:	Legal issues/Permitting of Rehoboth outfall
Date:	Thursday, February 14, 2013 2:51:19 PM
Attachments:	attorney general DE.doc DNREC Secretary II.doc

Dear Mr. Pope-

Attached are letters of concern regarding issues that DNREC needs to publically address in regard to issuance of an ocean outfall permit. They have been mailed via certified post to their proper designates.

Also the statues of category 5.11.1.1.2 listed below.

I believe an issuance of permit will set a precedent for the State of Delaware in regard to these laws and those addressed to Attorney General Beau Biden. I fully expect Secretary O'Mara to uphold the letter of the law, and the obligations of his appointed position for full protection of the coastal environment.

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Subject: Fish exposed to anxiety medication show altered behavior, study finds. Washington Post article
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 7:05:11 PM

To be entered in final comment period.

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Fish exposed to anxiety medication show altered behavior, study finds

By Brady Dennis, Published: February 14

What happens to a fish on drugs?

If it's a wild European perch exposed to a popular anxiety medication, chances are it's antisocial, wanders away from the safety of its group and devours food more quickly than its peers — all behaviors that could have profound ecological consequences, according to a forthcoming report in the journal Science.

In a study aimed at further understanding the environmental impacts of pharmaceuticals that often wind up in the world's waterways through wastewater, researchers from Umea University in Sweden examined how perch behaved when exposed to oxazepam, a drug commonly used to treat anxiety disorders in humans. The scientists exposed the fish to concentrations of the drug similar to those found in the waters near densely populated areas in Sweden.

The result?

"Normally, perch are shy and hunt in schools. This is a known strategy for survival and growth. But those who swam in oxazepam became considerably bolder," ecologist Tomas Brodin, lead author of the article, explained. They "lost interest in hanging out with the group."

Brodin told an audience at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Boston on Thursday: "We think it's working through stress relief on the fish. It removes the fear of being eaten."

He said that researchers conducted a “boldness test” on the perch, opening a door that would allow them to swim from a small box into a much larger water tank. The fish with no drugs in their system remained timid and “didn’t come out at all,” he said, while those on oxazepam did.

The researchers said those behaviors, coupled with the tendency to scarf down food faster than normal, could alter the composition of the species and lead to ecological changes in the real world. For example, if they consumed more plankton, it could lead to an increase in algae.

Although Brodin and his colleagues focused on oxazepam in their research, they noted that residue from a “veritable cocktail of drugs” can be found in waterways worldwide.

Past studies have confirmed that an ever-growing cocktail of pharmaceuticals and other pollutants — including shampoos, perfumes, heart medications, painkillers and birth control pills — exists in waterways across the globe. There has been scant evidence thus far that the chemical traces pose any dangers to humans, but researchers have plenty to learn.

The Environmental Protection Agency has conducted or funded a growing body of research aimed at better understanding the sources and types of drugs that wind up in wastewater and in fish. The agency also has studied drug disposal practices in hospitals, hospices and other facilities and has said it will take regulatory actions whenever appropriate to limit the amount of pharmaceuticals that end up in water.

The Food and Drug Administration has said that the main way that drugs enter water systems is by passing through individual patients. But the agency also has issued guidelines for safely disposing of prescription drugs, urging consumers to avoid flushing them down the toilet and to take advantage of community “take-back” programs that allow people to turn over unused drugs for proper disposal. As part of its drug approval application process, the FDA also requires companies to submit an assessment of how the drug’s use would affect the environment.

“The solution to this problem isn’t to stop medicating people who are ill,” said Jerker Fick, a co-author of the Science report, “but to try to develop sewage treatment plants that can capture environmentally hazardous drugs.”

Deciding who is responsible for preventing potentially harmful drugs from polluting the nation’s water supply remains an evolving question.

The pharmaceutical industry, for instance, has strongly opposed a law in one California county that would require drugmakers to fund and operate a take-back program there. Various other state lawmakers have also proposed legislation to force drug companies to pay for take-back initiatives, to no avail.

PhRMA, which represents research-based U.S. pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, has said that it supports other initiatives that educate consumers about

safe disposal of unused and expired medications.

Brodin and Fick said Thursday that, given the drug residues observed in many waterways, fish throughout the world might already be affected like those in their lab.

“Probably these behavioral effects are happening even as we speak,” Brodin said. “It might actually change the ecosystem’s function and the ecosystem dynamics in the long run.”

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Subject:	Ocean Outfall
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Dear Ladies and Gentleman - I am a City of Rehoboth resident of 28 years. I am absolutely against the proposed Ocean Outfall Plan for our City. I am not convinced that this is the best plan and it is certainly not the best plan for our incredible natural resource. Perhaps the City of Rehoboth should set the standard for maintaining the quality of our waters and find a more suitable resolution. Personally, I would rather see treated wastewater used for irrigation purposes. I wish I could offer a solution. I cannot. However, I do know that we should be stewards of the earth and not continue to take advantage of what is not ours. Thank you for listening. April Hudson

From:	Frank Monteferrante
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Subject:	Rehoboth Outfall EIS Letter
Date:	Thursday, May 10, 2012 9:48:36 PM
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Dear Mr. Pope:

Please accept the attached letter inspite of the fact that it is past the 4:30 pm deadline. I was unable to get this out sooner due to work commitments.

Thank you for you consideration in this very important matter.

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From: Larry Baumgartner
To: Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject: Delaware Proposed Ocean Outfall
Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 4:02:39 PM

Do not let this happen!

I have been vacationing at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware since my parents first took me in the early 60s. The beach is pristine because nature is allowed to manage it, not man. Any introduction of waste to this area is going to ruin it and I know I will not spend my vacation dollars to swim in a sewage dump.

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May 10, 2012

Secretary Collin O'Mara

Delaware Department of Natural Resources

Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Secretary O'Mara:

The recent City of Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant Ocean Outfall Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared to examine all reasonable alternatives to the determine the solution to sewage effluent disposal, proposes to select an ocean outfall that will discharge over 3 million gallons a day just off Deauville Beach (approx. 4000 ft). This selection is based primarily on the immediate cost consideration of construction of the outfall versus other more costly, but less environmentally controversial options, such as land treatment by spray irrigation of sewage effluent. Ocean City Maryland implemented such a sewage pipeline to the ocean in 1970, two years before the Federal Clean Water Act passed in 1972. Essentially, selecting this option is applying a 1970's solution to a 2012 problem. Sometimes the best choice is not necessarily the least costliest.

Tourism is the largest industry in the Sussex County Cape Henlopen area, which annually generates over $700 million to the local economy. In question is preserving the excellent water quality of our beaches and the perception of clean beaches and ocean water free of sewage effluent containing a mixture of residual pharmaceuticals, bathroom and household products, and excess nutrients that can cause algal blooms. All of these taken together are detrimental to the long term health of the marine ecosystem, and cumulatively may be causing yet unknown environmental impacts.

Future extreme rain fall events will overload and overwhelm the treatment capacity of the Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant, and will result in raw sewage being discharged directly into the ocean in front of Deauville Beach. These exceedances will most likely occur during the tourist season when volumes will be the greatest. For these reasons, the selection of the ocean outfall is short sighted, and does not reflect the true cost to the local economy, to the marine ecosystem, to tourism, and it is the least desirable environmental alternative. Land application and other innovative approaches should be fully considered and explored. Land application has already been proven to be successful elsewhere in Delaware. Millions of dollars are spent annually to replenish the constantly eroding beaches in order to attract vacationers. The same effort should be put towards preserving the quality of the ocean water for all to enjoy.

A different solution for disposal of sewage effluent other than ocean dumping should be selected to preserve the environment, and the quality of life now enjoyed in the Rehoboth and Cape Henlopen area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From:	Ronald
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Subject:	Water project
Date:	Tuesday, February 12, 2013 10:47:34 AM

Hi my name is Ron Graleski. I have been fishing in the ocean the bay and the lewis canal for as long as i can remeber..i feel that this will impact the fishing mot only for me but my fellow fisher men...

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Stephen Helfrich
To:	Pope, Greg (DNREC)
Subject:	Rehoboth eis
Date:	Tuesday, February 12, 2013 1:22:57 PM

This cannot be allowed to happen the ocean is not the place to be pumping this stuff. We need to find alternative methods. The ocean is not a giant toilet or dumpster. It's actions like this that have the Eco system in such danger. This will impact not just fish, fishermen, aquatic life, but also tourism! Who wants to sit on a beach where crap is being dumped into the ocean right next to you! Please consider this and come to a new solution!

Stephen