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Dear Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Newbold,

It is difficult to know to whom to address this letter within each of your respective agencies so I am addressing to you with the expectation that you will pass it on to the right hands if I have gotten it wrong.

I write to express the Delaware Riverkeeper Networks' strong concerns with the Southport Development Project that we continue to read about and hear about in the press, for which there seems to be a lot of paper in the DEP offices, but little clarity as to the status of the permitting or the public process for the project. Therefore, I write this letter to once again document our opposition, and to once again request that we be kept informed as to any activity within your respective agencies with regards to this project.

The Southport Project, as we understand it, consists of a new container facility to be built in and along the Delaware River. The project requires filling an estimated 7 acres of wetlands and 33 acres of open waters in the Delaware River in and around existing piers 122 and 124. The site used to be on the National Priority List of contaminated sites, we are unclear as to its current status in this regard.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is absolutely opposed to this project as it requires filling in portions of the Delaware River, will result in destruction of wetlands, requires filling of the floodplain, and will destroy the natural riverbank that remains along portions of the site.

Yours sincerely,

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