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Subject: Dominion Merry Point Solar Project

Sirs:

I want to express my concern even pre-application about Dominion's Merry Point Solar Project.

As the Essex solar project and the environmental travesty at Fones Cliffs showed its too late if you wait for issues to be reported. Fines and settlements do not undo the damage of runoff and sediments washing into rivers. Weekly drone over flights at a minimum -- no way silt fence holds this -- what they said in Northumberland recently is correct -- no land disturbance between Nov/Dec and April because ground cover will not grow - plus training, equipment and emergency plan with all costs allocated to Dominion. I think county should be able to charge oversight for drone flights etc. to Dominion also.

I do not think county should approve anything until every aspect of project is documented; water management, soil management, debris removal, emergency response etc.

I expect we will get some new ugly power lines -- that should all be disclosed up front also.

There is zero rush to this -- if Dominion has to delay so what???? We only get one chance to get this right.
Respectfully submitted,
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