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DELAWARE AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PROCESSING OF TREATMENT RESIDUE (CAUSTIC VX HYDROSLATE or CVXH) AT THE DUPONT CHAMBERS WORKS DEEPWATER, NEW JERSEY

Whereas, after considerable study and deliberation, the Delaware Audubon Society (DAS) Board of Directors is compelled to articulate its position on the processing of Caustic VX Hydrolysate (CVXH) at the DuPont Chamber Works (Secure Environmental Treatment Facility or SET) in Deepwater, New Jersey; and,

Whereas, the DAS Board expresses its support for the primary purposes of the Chemical Weapons Convention, which requires the destruction of chemical weapons by 2007; and,

Whereas, the processing of these materials, which are currently located at the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Newport, Indiana, at the DuPont Chambers Works will require the transportation of hazardous materials across great distances and through population centers; and,

Whereas, the community of Newport, Indiana has expressed its support for the on-site treatment, destruction and disposal of these chemical agents at the Newport facility; and,

Whereas, the DuPont Chambers Works will be required to obtain a permit and make physical modifications to its plant to process the CVXH when more appropriate technology exists for treating and disposing of these materials; and,

Whereas, the Department of Defense has indicated that the DuPont Chambers Works is being considered for the treatment of additional chemical weapons waste from stockpiles

of mustard gas, VX and sarin nerve agents located in Kentucky and Colorado, as well as other locations; and,

Whereas, one of the reasons expressed by the Department of Defense spokesperson for considering the DuPont Chambers Works is that the use of incineration or other methods of treatment could face more opposition than DuPont's biological treatment system; and,

Whereas, the states bordering on the Delaware River and Bay and the federal government have spent billions of dollars cleaning up the Delaware Estuary; and,

Whereas, the Delaware River and Bay supports a commercial and recreational fishing industry worth millions of dollars annually; and,

Whereas, the Delaware River and Bay is an important major migratory bird flyway and supports an expanding multi-million dollar eco-tourism industry;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors, acting on behalf of the members of the Delaware Audubon Society, hereby states its opposition to the processing of chemical agents or their associated treatment residues at the DuPont Chambers Works in Deepwater, New Jersey; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this position be communicated to the Governors of Delaware and New Jersey and their respective environmental agencies and to the Chief Executive Officer of DuPont.

Mark Martell, President
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