

Note: The Department received 5,113 copies of the following email from individuals.

Subject: Exelon must be held accountable for its share of Conowingo pollution

Mr. Elder Ghigiarelli Jr.

Dear Mr. Ghigiarelli Jr.,

I support proper mitigation of the Conowingo Dam and urge you to hold Exelon accountable for the pollution the dam is causing in the Chesapeake Bay. As the owner of the dam, Exelon has a significant responsibility to help mitigate the harm the dam causes. The State of Maryland has the responsibility to insist on an appropriate level of mitigating conditions.

As a result, Maryland should require Exelon to contribute financially to the mitigation effort. Exelon has offered just \$200,000, but a recent study shows more financial capacity, by orders of magnitude. A portion of Exelon's larger contribution should be used to partner with Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York on a collaborative initiative to reduce upstream sediment and nutrient pollution, as well as the implementation of other practices that will benefit downstream water quality. Exelon also must be required to make specific operational changes at the dam, including improving flow and fish habitat.

Exelon can continue to make a substantial profit from the Conowingo Dam and still do what's right for the health of the Chesapeake Bay. I urge you to hold Exelon accountable.

Sincerely,