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Dear Reader,

I am submitting comments relative to the hearing conducted today by DOER.

A. I would hope this could be changed to NOT exempt from the Environmental Justice requirements ALL such plants.

B. I do agree with the acceleration of the standard from 2% per year to 3% per year to bring it in line with the LAW.

I am not sure where my following comments fit so I will just make them and hope they fit somewhere:

Sustainable Forestry Management: this phrase makes no scientific sense. There is no scientifically known way to sustainably manage a forest other than to TOTALLY LEAVE IT ALONE! Thining, culling, selectively cutting, etc etc are all methods used for the monetary profit of those "managing" the forest and do not conform to any well-researched understanding about forest ecosystems and how they do best. We do know the ecosystems are extremely intricate and all species within the forest play an incredibly interconnected role. Sequestration of CO₂, such an important role for forests to play in limiting climate change, is not just in the woody material of the trees but also in the soil microbial activity. This is interrupted when a forest is "managed" for profit.

I am opposed to woody biomass burning under any circumstances....we cannot burn our way to NetZero, which we must get to in order for the human species to survive.

It continues to amaze and confound me that the profits of forestry companies and methane gas industry seem to be more important to DOER in its rule making than the health of our population and environment at this time of CLIMATE CRISIS. Profits for the forestry industry seem to be driving the rules allowing continued subsidies for woody biomass plants. Profits for the methane gas industry seem to be what is protecting the allowance of gas-burning appliances in the new NET ZERO stretch code. Profits for the methane gas industry seem to be what is continuing the MASS SAVE incentives for gas-burning equipment. Profits for the methane gas industry seems to be what is delaying the inclusion of solar/wind into the grid for 2 more years. There can be no other explanation for such consistent subverting of the intent of the Roadmap Law and the will of the people as expressed in that law.

The continued grasp for profits by industries whose day is OVER is truly the dying

gasp of desperate companies. Yes, they are trying to recover some \$\$\$ on their sunk costs. However, for the Administration to allow this to continue to the detriment of us ALL, is unconscionable. Hanging on will just doom the world to horrendous environmental disaster. It is time for the Administration to stand up to these industries, help them see the "handwriting on the wall, and move on to a truly green future as fast as we can!!

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