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**Conowingo Dam**

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Dear Madam/Sir,

It is my understanding that the philosophy of penalizing Conowingo Dam for the terrible build-up of river bed sediment is still an active pursuit of the Maryland Department of Environment. It is entirely unfair to expect the Conowingo Dam to burden the cost for this clean-up effort.

Conowingo Dam provides much needed clean, environmentally sound and efficient Power for the Susquehanna Valley area. The sediment in the river was not introduced into the river by the dam. It was, however, constrained by the Dam from being dumped into the Chesapeake Bay, thus providing a valuable protection for the Chesapeake Bay. This restriction of sediment is a wonderful by-product benefit imposed by the Dam on the up-stream abuse generated by years by Construction and Agriculture efforts in Pennsylvania and New York. This "Progress" by the up-stream abusers should be the responsibility of those offenders. It is unfair to burden a provider of our most valuable commodity, Electricity, to the point that this business could be financially forced to spend money that is needed to continue providing this service to the community and the nation! Please, I urge you to reconsider and redirect your efforts to recover the cost of the sediment correction to those who created it and who should be liable to rectify their irresponsibility.

The price of progress and advancement should be borne by those who profited by such endeavors!

I am sorry I was unable, due to prior commitments, to attend the Public Meetings that were recently held. I hope my written thoughts will somehow be considered in your deliberations going

forward. If I can be of any additional assistance, feel free to contact me.

Thank you for considering my opinions and thoughts.

Respectfully,  
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