Talking points for Cosmo on Mountaire:

- Region III is concerned at the recent elevated in levels of nitrates in drinking wells around the Mountaire Farm in Sussex County that were identified in a DNREC NOV in November.
- Region III has an existing 1431 EPA Emergency Order on Consent in place for 7 residences around Mountaire that dates back to 2003.
- Recent sampling has identified an additional 40-60 residences in the vicinity of the farm that may be impacted by ongoing nitrate pollution from wastewater spraying operations.
- Earlier this month, Mountaire announced that they were offering to assist 88 homeowners around the facility with alternative water sources (deeper wells, treatment or hook up to public water).
- Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
- In speaking with your staff, we understand that the NOV has been referred to the Attorney General for action.
- ORC has spoken with the Attorney General's Office about working cooperatively with them. These conversations will continue.
- What is DNREC planning to take and what is the timeframe.
- Deliberative Process / Ex. 5
- We have a tentative meeting scheduled the week of January 29 with your staff to discuss options and plan a way forward.
- We want to work with you to resolve this issue.