SAMPLE DRAFT LETTER

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Date

Dear Mr. Grace:

Dominion Energy Cove Point LNG, LP has applied to the Maryland Department of the Environment for a permit (CH2017G006/01) to dewater the site of the proposed Charles County Compressor Station on Barrys Hill Road in Bryans Road, Maryland.  Dominion plans to extract 176,000 to 230,000 gallons of ground water per day for a ten-month period.  This will lower the water table, endangering the wetlands and potentially contaminating this important water source.

I am concerned that:

* Lowering the water table will impact shallow wells that serve private homes in the area and increase the possibility of contaminating the water.  Additional danger of contamination is of concern since Dominion plans to store 13,000 gallons of aqueous ammonia on the site.
* The wetlands that surround the site will be damaged.  The National Park Service, which oversees the Piscataway National Park, has said that, according to their modeling, the proposed dewatering will impact the wetlands in Piscataway Park located directly across the street from the proposed Charles Compressor Station.
* The proposed water drawdown will threaten the amphibian diversity that has been identified by the National Park Service.  Twenty-one species of amphibians have been identified in Piscataway Park.  The flora and fauna in this sensitive area are severely threatened and this beautiful green area may be destroyed.

I am requesting that comprehensive and independent **Health, Safety, and Environmental Assessments** must be completed before any permits for this gas compressor plant are approved.

Respectfully

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