Located on the Susquehanna River, the largest tributary to the Chesapeake Bay, the Dam was built in 1928 to supply hydroelectricity. This hydroelectricity comes at a high environmental cost - the River is a public natural resource and Constellation, the private company operating the dam, should play a more significant role in cleaning up.

The build up of fertilizers, sediment, and more behind the dam is a ticking time bomb for downstream waterways. Each year, 25.6 million pounds of seafood are harvested in Maryland. This harvest is valued at $60,317,112 and includes blue crabs, striped bass, and oysters.

The millions of pounds of pollution behind the dam threaten our collective decades-long efforts to restore the Bay.

Since its construction, the dam has trapped a significant amount of the sediment that flows down the Susquehanna before it enters the Bay - and no maintenance dredging has been done.

There is currently enough sediment behind the Dam to fill 243,800 rail cars, which would stretch over 3,600 miles (that’s from DC to LA and half way back!)

The sediment contributes >6 million pounds of pollution each year.

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The financial ask is small change to them - Constellation is one of the largest, wealthiest corporations in the United States and they value profits over your access to clean water!

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Take action by August 1 and make your voice heard by sharing your concern for the waters and people of the whole Chesapeake Bay region - don’t let Constellation keep the profits and leave us with the consequences! They are benefiting from a public resource and need to be held to the public’s interests.

Visit ConowingoDam.org to learn more.

Tell MD Department of the Environment to enact the 2018 certification that protects our water quality. Anything else would threaten:

- the livelihoods of watermen
- recreation and tourism in Maryland
- millions of taxpayer dollars that have gone towards cleaner water in the Susquehannah and Chesapeake Bay

Scan the QR code to sign the petition.

It’s about dam time for that to change!