



## Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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The Honorable Daniel McKee  
Governor, State of Rhode Island  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903  
c/o [governor@governor.ri.gov](mailto:governor@governor.ri.gov)

Re: Town of North Kingstown's  
Objection to Proposed Pyrolysis Facility at Quonset Business Park

Dear Governor McKee,

I want to first acknowledge your March 27, 2026 letter to Chairman Mesolella, Mark DePasquale, QDC Managing Director Steve King and me regarding the above matter.

On behalf of the residents of North Kingstown, I am writing to express our community's strong opposition to the proposed QSS Biosolids, LLC pyrolysis facility at Quonset Business Park (135 All American Way, North Kingstown, Rhode Island). Equally concerning as the project itself is the lack of meaningful public engagement throughout the approval process. This concern is further heightened by indications that the facility may rely on emerging technology that may have encountered challenges in other parts of the country.

As of today, this proposal has not included any form of notice to abutting residents and has not been subject to any form of a public meeting or hearing. It is my understanding that the proposal was discussed in executive session on two separate occasions with only a single public meeting held. At the public meeting, the QDC Board of Directors appears to have voted on an Agenda Item that was described and published as "Approval of Ground Lease to Global Solutions, LLC". The entity referenced also appears to differ from the company reportedly responsible for developing the project.

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The introductory page within QDC's most recent statutory report to the Town, dated January 16, 2026, along with numerous news clips on subsequent pages, all highlighting several new developments and projects, doesn't appear to mention a proposed pyrolysis sewage facility. The report also provides a map identifying upcoming construction along with the type of facility that will be proposed with no mention of the pyrolysis facility.

I would also like to raise an additional concern regarding the QDC Technical Review Committee (TRC). The Town of North Kingstown is represented on the QDC TRC with three members (employees). It is my understanding that, currently, the QDC TRC has only reviewed a proposal for an office building and Quonset Hut structure. It appears the QDC Technical Review Committee has never received information related to a pyrolysis facility at this location. It is also our understanding that the project will require multiple permits from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM); however, as of this writing, I don't believe there are any scheduled plans to conduct public hearings for these applications.

Once information regarding the project was brought to the attention of the Town Council via public concerns, the North Kingstown Town Council promptly convened a special meeting on March 30, 2026, to hear directly from residents and discuss possible next steps. This meeting had to be relocated to the North Kingstown High School Auditorium due to public interest and concerns where more than 400 individuals were in attendance. Public comment lasted over two and a half hours with each of the individuals speaking expressing strong opposition to the proposed facility. We expect a similar turnout at our upcoming April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

While we recognize the importance of addressing biosolids management, the lack of public engagement and the proposed location adjacent to multiple neighborhoods, an affordable housing complex, a new residential development of more than 300 homes, and within two miles of three schools and early childhood development centers, raises significant concerns regarding its impact on our community.

As Town Manager, I am equally concerned with the impact this could have on the outstanding partnership that has developed between QDC and the Town of North Kingstown. In my over nine years as Town Manager, I have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with QDC Director Steve King. I feel that our work together has played a significant role in the incredible success of Quonset Business Park, positive economic impact to the State of Rhode Island, as well as a positive economic impact to North Kingstown. It is to the benefit of QDC and all of Rhode Island that the public trust in QDC is restored. I look forward to working with Mr. King and that our positive and successful relationship continues to help Quonset Business Park and many of its critical tenants continue to grow and prosper.

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On behalf of the Town of North Kingstown, please accept this letter respectfully urging that you take any and all actions necessary to listen to the voices within North Kingstown who overwhelmingly oppose this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,



A. Ralph Mollis,  
Town Manager

Cc: Speaker Joseph Shekarchi  
Senate President Valerie Lawson  
Secretary of Commerce Stefan Pryor  
North Kingstown Town Council  
Senator Bridgette Valverde  
Senator Alana DiMario  
Representative Robert Craven  
Representative Julie Casimiro  
North Kingstown School Committee  
Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns  
Mr. Steven King, Managing Director & CEO, Quonset Development Corporation  
Mr. Vincent Mesoletta, Chairman, Narragansett Bay Commission

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