

# **Overdevelopment threatens Cape**

**I** believe we should be much more aggressive regarding the protection of our air and water. Instead of blaming everything on the military base and Mirant power plant, we should strive to reduce the pollution we are creating ourselves.

Certainly overdevelopment is the greatest threat to the environment, but there are other significant dangers as well. The fumes from the wood we burn in open fireplaces is just as carcinogenic as the emissions from the Mirant stack.

The same is true of the fine particulates being emitted by the diesel-powered vehicles that can be seen idling unnecessarily all over the Cape. The tons of insecticides and fertilizers that are being dumped on lawns and golf courses will eventually wreak havoc with our drinking water. Many of our streams, ponds and bays have been affected already.

It is within our power to fix any of the problems noted above, quickly and effectively, if a serious and concerted effort is made.

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