

Pollution needs to be PREVENTED in the Delaware River basin. The DRBC has an obligation to protect the river health and preserve basin waters to meet present and future needs. All phases of natural gas development, from industrial land preparation to storage, to the use of chemicals, to drilling, hydraulic fracking, and the degradation of large volumes of water, and its discharge and disposal of waste, have substantial adverse effects on the public health, on property, on air, water, and land.

The Delaware River is a treasure for our quality of life and economic and recreational vitality. The New York Department of Health concluded that the overall weight of evidence showed the likelihood of adverse health outcomes and environmental impacts from fracking could not be prevented. The time has come for the DRBC to make a permanent ban on gas drilling, fracking, and all ancillary activities throughout The Delaware River watershed. I oppose the storage, treatment, disposal, and/or discharge of fracking waste water within the basin and the withdrawal of water from the basin as well as any fracking activities within the basin.