



March 30, 2018

Commission Secretary
Delaware River Basin Commission
P.O. Box 7360
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Submitted via portal on 3/30/18

Re: Proposed New 18 CFR Part 440 - Hydraulic Fracturing in Shale and Other Formations;
Proposed revisions and additions to section 18 CFR 401.35 relating to project review classifications
DRBC

Dear Secretary and DRBC Commissioners:

Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) supports DRBC's proposal for the prohibition of high volume hydraulic fracturing (HVHF) in hydrocarbon bearing rock formations within the Delaware River Basin ("the Basin"). We provide more detail and additional recommendations regarding the prohibition under DRN's Section 440.3 comments and the proposed revisions and additions to section 18 CFR 401.35 relating to project review classifications under Section 3.8 of the Compact. These comments conclude that the prohibition is essential to provide needed protection to the Delaware River Watershed, but that it must go further.

DRN is enclosing a technical monitoring data report as part of this submission to supplement the additional comment and expert reports provided to the Commission today to call for a complete ban on gas drilling, export of freshwater to frack and import of wastewater in order to best protect the watershed and its current high quality conditions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya K. van Rossum".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faith Bybe".

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