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To whom it may concern:

### **Issue:**

In the previously proposed regulations for NY State, the dSGEIS, it states that significant risks to drinking water supplies are possible and that the risks are unacceptable. However, the dSGEIS singles out the NYC and Syracuse watersheds. How is it possible that the DEC believes that there is significant risk to NYC and Syracuse watersheds from hydraulic fracturing yet the DRBC believes that the risks are acceptable for The Delaware River Watershed?

### **Details:**

#### 6.1.5.4 Conclusion

“The Department finds that high-volume hydraulic fracturing activity is not consistent with the preservation of the NYC and Syracuse watersheds as unfiltered drinking water supplies. Even with all of the criteria and conditions identified in the revised draft SGEIS, a risk remains that significant high-volume hydraulic fracturing activities in these areas could result in a **degradation of drinking water supplies from accidents, surface spills, etc. Moreover, such large scale industrial activity in these areas, even without spills, could imperil EPA’s FADs and result in the affected municipalities incurring substantial costs to filter their drinking water supply.** Accordingly, and for all of the aforementioned reasons, the Department concludes that high volume hydraulic fracturing operations within the NYC and Syracuse watersheds pose the risk of causing significant adverse impacts to water resources. As discussed in Chapter 7, standard mitigation measures such as storm water controls would only partially mitigate such impacts. Such partial mitigation is unacceptable due to the potential consequences – adverse impacts to human health and loss of filtration avoidance – posed by such impacts.”

The process is either safe or it is not. If it is banned in NY, in several other states, and in several other countries, it cannot be good for the Delaware River Watershed.

### **Recommendation:**

Because NY state has agreed that this activity can pose significant risks to water supplies and consequently the health of its citizens, we cannot allow the citizens of NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, and ultimately the Atlantic Ocean to be guinea pigs for an out-of-control industrial process.

Sincerely,

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