DRBC – ENACT A COMPLETE BAN ON FRACKING

To the Delaware River Basin Commission voting members - the Governors of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, representing the Basin states, and the Army Corps of Engineers, representing the federal government:

We, the undersigned, call for the Delaware River Basin Commission to enact a permanent ban on natural gas drilling and fracking and related activities throughout the Delaware River Watershed, including a ban on the storage, processing, and discharge of wastewater produced by fracking, and a ban on the export of water for drilling and fracking operations where permitted elsewhere. Over the last 8 years of the DRBC drilling moratorium, reports and scientific studies have exposed environmental harms and documented serious health effects, leading New York and Maryland to ban fracking. The overwhelming weight of evidence shows that fracking and its associated activities cause unavoidable damage and, despite regulation, cannot be done safely.

The DRBC is responsible for protecting the water resources of the Delaware River Watershed — upon which approximately 17 million people rely for their drinking water. This water supply, the Wild and Scenic Delaware River, and the health of our environment and of present and future generations are irreplaceable. We call on you to enact a COMPLETE ban on fracking and its activities — BAN FRACKING, BAN IT ALL.