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DRBC

To whom it may concern:

Issue:

Who gets the first rights to water?

Details:

I have not found any mention in the dSGEIS of who has first rights to scarce water supplies during times of drought. In Texas, companies are outbidding farmers and municipalities for scarce water rights. See this article from the Wall Street Journal:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204528204577009930222847246.html>

What if the Delaware River Watershed has a severe drought? Who will get the water – the gas industry or people? Will we sacrifice our water, our food, and our livestock for gas? And, if you vote in favor of the gas industry allowing the right to poison our water, wouldn't the discharge of contaminants into depleted streams elevate the contaminants to unsafe levels?

Recommendation:

Since the DRBC cannot regulate the gas companies on such a micro level, it cannot guarantee that scarce, critical water supplies will be available for town residents during drought conditions. For this reason, the DRBC must enact a ban on the process.

Sincerely,

