

1 constraints on property usage is not a  
2 taking, but rather the obligation of  
3 government. If the DRBC was to allow  
4 imported waste, the DRBC should also  
5 eliminate the exemptions boosting that  
6 waste usage in the Delaware Basin and  
7 restore the liability to the companies  
8 disposing of that damaging waste.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

22 MR. JONES:

1 anyone in this room cares more about  
2 the river than me. I get me  
3 livelihood from it. I love the  
4 Delaware River.

5 And it's not a question  
6 of one or the other. We can have  
7 both. We can have a sustainable clean  
8 river and economic growth and  
9 development. And the purpose of the  
10 DRBC originally was just that, for  
11 economic development. This is our  
12 economic development up here, don't  
13 take it away. You have economic  
14 growth and development further down  
15 the basin.

16 One of the biggest users  
17 of this river water is the power  
18 industry, power generation. Whether  
19 it's coal fired, natural gas, oil or  
20 nuclear. The water to cool those  
21 plants, a lot of that water is  
22 exported out of the basin through  
23 evaporation, but that's okay.

24 This is our private  
25 property. You do not have the

1 authority to pick and choose what  
2 industry gets water and what doesn't.  
3 We do have the right to this water up  
4 here.

5 And the other thing,  
6 this drilling is not going to be  
7 widespread. You know that. You know  
8 it's only in certain areas. The whole  
9 area does not contain commercial  
10 natural gas.

11 So don't deny what is  
12 rightfully ours. It is the federal  
13 government and the state to regulate  
14 this industry. If it's so damn bad,  
15 ban it nationwide. Do not allow ---  
16 I respectfully ask a little more  
17 time ---.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 No, sir.

20 MR. JONES:

21 Well, I was interrupted,  
22 sir.

23 HEARING OFFICER:

24 I'll stop you at three  
25 minutes.

1 MR. JONES:

3 Listen, ---.

4 HEARING OFFICER:

5 I'll give you 15 seconds  
6 because of that interruption.

7 MR. JONES:

15 Everyone in this room  
16 pollutes, and you know what, unless  
17 you're willing to give up the standard  
18 of living and the power of the United  
19 States, if natural gas drilling is  
20 banned nationwide and oil through  
21 fracking, we are in big trouble.

23 This industry needs to be preserved.

24 It needs to be regulated, which it is.

25 Let the DEP do the job, not the DRBC,

1 the DEP. And you know that the  
2 regulations work in the SRB because  
3 three of the members sit there and you  
4 know you already made up your mind.  
5 This is a formality, you know.

6 Do the right thing, and  
7 it's private property. If you want to  
8 seize it, pay for it. Don't take it.  
9 My family has been a victim of Eminent  
10 Domain for the Tocks Island Project.  
11 It's not going to happen again.  
12 You're going to be fair.

13 And you use it yourself  
14 to heat the DRBC building.

15 If it's so bad, switch,  
16 go to solar, go to wind, whatever.  
17 But you use it yourself and there's a  
18 building in Bristol, Pennsylvania that  
19 uses it also. And everybody needs to  
20 realize we all pollute. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 Let me see. That was  
23 David Jones. Doug O'Malley, Doug  
24 O'Malley? Okay.

25 And then on deck should