

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.

9 The DRBC --- the
10 Delaware River Basin is not for sale
11 to the highest bidder or as a favor to
12 a business associate. It's not a bank
13 account. It is our home and it is the
14 DRBC's mandate to protect and preserve
15 the basin and its resources for
16 current and future residents, human
17 and otherwise. Thank you.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Greg Swartz will be on
20 deck and then the next speaker would
21 be David Jones.

22 MR. JONES:

23 My name is David Jones,
24 born and raised in the Delaware River
25 Basin. Landowner. I don't think

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:

2 Okay.

3 Listen, ---.

4 HEARING OFFICER:

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

7 MR. JONES:

8 Thank you. Why is it
9 okay in Pennsylvania in some areas and
10 not here? If it's so bad, if it's not
11 good enough for this basin, it
12 shouldn't be good enough everywhere
13 else. We need this energy, this clean
14 --- everyone in this room uses it.

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.

22 This is a blessing.
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