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Dear DRBC,

I am writing to express my concerns about use of the Delaware Diver Basin for the disposal of fracking waste, extraction of water, and for fracking itself.

In this area, home to a growing number of individuals, businesses, and communities, permanent disturbance caused by these activities will have consequences far into the future and these consequences will be permanent.

Diminishing the flow of water will severely impact the ecosystem, as well as the water table beneath this area of PA.

Toxic waste is the definition of fracking waste. Contaminants like those found in fracking fluids are difficult and expensive to remove. Toxic waste such as this is responsible for poor health, cancer, birth defects, among many other human health consequences.

Disposal of fracking waste simply spreads the contaminants to new areas. Disposal of toxic waste in highly populated sensitive areas is unacceptable.

Fracking itself causes earthquakes, and injection wells cause earthquakes.

The DRBS is charged with protecting the water quality, preserving ground water, habitat, and our environment in this area and should enforce a complete ban on fracking, waste disposal, and water extraction. Overwhelming scientific evidence -- over 1,420 studies -- point to adverse consequences of fracking.