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To the DRBC Commissioners:

Thank you for providing me and all concerned citizens the opportunity to comment.

As a resident within the Delaware River Watershed, a concerned citizen, and Chair of the Water Issues Committee for the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club, I call for a COMPLETE BAN on ALL activities related to unconventional HVHF drilling for natural gas, a/k/a fracking, within the Delaware River Watershed and Basin.

I oppose any proposal to allow water from the Delaware River Watershed to be withdrawn for use in unconventional drilling. I support a full and permanent ban on fracking and its activities throughout the Delaware River Watershed.

Despite the indisputable fact that the world is facing a future of water scarcity, the fuel energy industry will usurp as much water as possible for drilling purposes, such as they have in the town of Erwin, NY from an intentionally obscured water source, during a drought from a SRBC designated already stressed aquifer.

Drilling needs have increased from 3 million to up to, now in Ohio, 82 million gallons of water PER unconventional event.

To those industry executive, stockholders and politicians who seek to make North America the fossil fuel extraction nation of the world, and to expand the global market for natural gas for purely environmental profit purposes, the waters of the Delaware must be a BONANZA. Interested parties are seeking as much water as possible to continue their aims, (along with creating a market for water itself), and in the case of the Delaware, that means over the basic need for water of 17 million Americans, not to mention the other life forms in the basin. And they will try stunts as shown in Sierra Club, et al vs SWEPI LLC and the Village of Painted Post and Sierra Club vs NYDEC and Ravenswood Power plant in New York City.

They will lie and force through every project despite holds by state environmental entity orders at the expense of endangered and threatened species such as the family of three American Bald Eagles in Wawayanda, NY to see the CPV Valley Energy power plant, born of industry corruption.

They will keep calling natural gas clean energy. Besides being an extremely dirty and dangerous fuel to produce and convey, natural gas methane. has increased 30% in the world atmosphere the last ten years and is 105x more potent than CO2 as a greenhouse gas, and the production and conveyance are both dirty and dangerous.

As this asphyxiant in the atmosphere increases, we can anticipate the desecration of certain species of trees, (I recently heard sugar maples), so essential for releasing oxygen and converting CO2. We can also expect with the death of countless other methane sensitive species of flora and fauna, including songbirds (their demise will act for the world as the canaries have for coal miners, only on a massive scale)

I pray the better angels of your natures hold sway, over the lower angel of greed so rampant in the world today, as you make your decision. The Delaware River Basin needs to be kept pristine as possible if only so our descendents can see what the Earth was once like.