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Please ensure that the DRBC's new regulations provide a complete ban on fracking related activities in the Delaware River basin watershed. This includes not only drilling, but also water withdrawals for fracking, and the storage and/or disposal of fracking related wastewater.

The contamination from fracking cannot be adequately controlled, even when operations are regulated, and even when so-called "best practices" are used. As a result, fracking is destroying the environment. In Pennsylvania, over 9,000 public complaints about environmental problems in shale gas drilling areas have been reported; 4,400 of those are surface or groundwater-related. There have also been 302 documented cases of private well contamination in Pennsylvania due to fracking operations. Many of these "cases" represent multiple wells and large aquifer areas, for example, in the case of Dimock, where nine square miles of aquifer were contaminated. Additionally, regulation and modification of practices has not improved the situation: as fracking continues in Pennsylvania, the ratio of complaints has actually increased.

Up to 17 million people in the Delaware River watershed depend on these waters for their drinking water, including NYC and Philadelphia. Please do not allow fracking to contaminate our water.

Thank you.