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It is inconsistent to ban the drilling part of fracking and at the same time to propose regulations that would permit water withdrawals and wastewater disposal related to fracking outside of the Basin. Water used in fracking is taken out of the hydrologic cycle permanently. Wastewater from fracking contains toxic chemicals, many of which are secret, as well as cancer-causing radioactive elements brought to the surface from deep geological formations, elements which cannot be removed, and which last for thousands of years.

As potable water becomes harder to come by in our world and even water considered "potable" is only questionably so, we need to protect our drinking water resources more than ever. To allow such infrastructure projects in the Delaware Basin or anywhere else means inevitable damage to an environment which is already compromised by many chemicals and adding to the 21st Century slew of health epidemics. It seems every time I turn around someone else I know has come down with a chronic illness or cancer; do we really want to disable and kill our citizens?

In addition there have already been way too many spills as well as illegal dumping of toxic fracking wastewater, and even drilling wastewater used on produce farms in California without being adequately purified.

Given all of the above, one begins to wonder if humans don't have a powerful subconscious death wish.

If we care about the future of humanity and about our children's future, we cannot continue to mistreat the natural environment we are dependent upon for our survival, something which science will NEVER be able to replace or equal. We must stop removing toxic fossil fuels from the earth and ramp up all alternative energy efforts. Given the very REAL problem of climate change the situation is nothing less than URGENT; this is witnessed by the events of last autumn which included some of the worst hurricanes and wildfires in history.

Anyone with a conscience is able to understand how important these issues are, and how drastic change is immanent if we are to survive into the future on Planet Earth. And thus it follows that we need a complete and permanent ban to safeguard the Delaware River's unique and invaluable watershed and thus the health of humans and other life dependent upon it.