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I live in Durham Township where the Exceptional Value stream, Cooks Creek, enters the Delaware River.

Please allow me to state a reason that the Delaware River Basin Commission should ban fracking in this basin along with the withdrawal of water or the injection of fracking wastes into this River.

Durham Township consists of only 9 square miles. Having received that right to place the fracking industry where we would like it rather than the industry telling us where they would place their pads (Act 13 effect on local zoning of oil and gas activities), the most sensical place would be to permit it in the Industrial Zone. This Industrial zone would be preferred over having the industry in our home's backyards or in the village center. However, in our situation of being a Township of only 9 square miles, the fracking would take place in our Industrial Zone which is adjacent to the Delaware River and the Exceptional Value Cooks Creek stream. Fracking would most definitely riddle all of our underground 9 square miles leaving ALL our drinking wells in jeopardy. Our water and all peoples of this only planet who depend on water to live is of utmost importance.

Our PA Commonwealth's Constitution guarantees us the right to "clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustees of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people." I believe the Delaware River Basin Commission also stands for "programs that support these rights including water quality protection, water supply allocation, regulatory review (permitting), water conservation initiatives, watershed planning, drought management, flood loss reduction, and recreation."

Please stand up for the people in this Delaware River Basin and for the 9 square miles of Durham Township who want **NO FRACKING** and **NO WATER WITHDRAWALS** and **NO FRACKING CHEMICAL DISCHARGES INTO OUR DELAWARE RIVER BASIN.**

Thank you,

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