

Dyberry Township Supervisors

Kevin McGinnis, Chairman
Dyberry Township Supervisors
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Dear Sir/Madam;

I am contacting you today to express Dyberry Township's Supervisors OPPOSITION to the DRBC's proposed natural gas hydraulic fracking ban in Wayne County. After six years of stalling, and countless millions lost by property owners, the DRBC is in effect, proposing to take away property owner rights without compensation. Not only is this action UN-AMERICAN, it is also a VIOLATION of the United States Constitution. Basically, what the DRBC has proposed is to STEAL the valuable natural gas rights from all of Wayne County (and Dyberry Township) property owners.

The Dyberry Township Supervisors are against this UNLAWFUL TAKING OF PROPERTY RIGHTS, especially since scientific evidence does not support a ban. More specifically,

- 1) There are over 11,000 wells in PA that are deeper than the Marcellus Shale. Pennsylvania already has rules and regulations covering the safe development of those wells. Oil and gas wells have been drilled in PA for roughly a hundred years.
- 2) Fracking has been standard operating procedure in PA since the 1950s without any known adverse effects.
- 3) Marcellus drillers build their wells to exceed DEP regulations. In fact PA has never seen any impact on fresh groundwater directly from fracking.
- 4) Former Governor Tom Corbett wrote a letter to the DRBC complaining that Wayne County residents were suffering huge economic penalties from the current ban, and stated that there will be LEGAL ramifications if the ban continues.
- 5) The Wayne County Commissioners have wrote several letters to the DRBC demanding an end to the ban. Fracking has been proven safe and the ban has been a huge financial hardship placed upon Wayne County property owners.
- 6) Assistant Commissioner of the NJ DEP Water Resource Management (John Plonski) personally wrote me a letter stating that "NJ does not believe the DRBC regulations should expand into areas that are under State authority", and that the NJ DEP wants the DRBC to "adopt, in a timely fashion, regulations that adequately protect water resources while enabling the natural gas industry to proceed responsibly in developing those energy assets."
- 7) The DRBC and the SRBC are both controlled by the SAME GOVERNING MAJORITY. With both rivers considered vital water assets, why does the SRBC allow drilling and not the DRBC? Why can one area access their property assets and not the other?
- 8) With over 3,000 wells drilled in the area during the last ten years, the SRBC has stated that "to date, there is no discernable impact from hydraulic fracking on the waters of the Susquehanna River Basin."

9) PA Governor Wolfe sits on both the DRBC and the SRBC boards. Why is it ok for fracking in the Governors' own county of York, but not in Wayne County? Is there a conflict of interest here?

10) Why did Lisa Daniels and Governor Wolfe both vote yes to drilling in the SRBC and no to drilling in the DRBC? If it's safe for the SRBC then it's should be safe for the DRBC.

11) A fracking ban will ignore the facts. Hydraulic gas fracking has been proven safe. The DRBC is insisting on different standards than the SRBC, when both water basins are major sources of drinking water.

12) This is nothing more than a political move to take away Wayne County property owner rights. This is still America. If you don't want drilling, then buy the property and don't drill on it. But whatever you do, do not simply regulate the fracking asset away, and DO NOT INFRINGE UPON OUR RIGHTS.

In closing, a ban on fracking will destroy Wayne County property values, depress Wayne County income, steal assets from Wayne County property owners, greatly reduce State income taxes, stall job growth, and violate the Constitution of the United States of America! This is purely a "taking" of property owner rights. It should not, and will not, be allowed to happen without just compensation.

Sincerely,

Kevin McGinnis, Chairman
Dyberry Township Supervisors/Wayne County, PA