

1 protest. And we were on the one side obviously because
2 we did not want to frack on Delaware. And the people
3 from New York, there was a large contingent who were
4 doing --- who wanted to have fracking happen. And they
5 had a case of water. It was a very --- a blistering
6 hot day. We had stood in the sun out of our buses for
7 about three hours. And as we went to in the hearing
8 room like this, someone said from the other side would
9 you like some water. I'm going to throw this away.
10 And I said oh, thank you. I would. And he said oh.
11 He saw my button. And he said oh, I'm sorry. You
12 can't have it. And I said is that really what it has
13 come to? You get water, but I don't. I, in my 71
14 years, am convinced that the last world war will be
15 about water. At least up until now. So I asking to
16 please consider a permanent ban on fracking in the
17 Delaware River Basin. Thank you.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Thank you, ma'am. Lauren Lareau?

20 MS. LAREAU:

21 Lareau (corrects pronunciation).

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 Lareau. Thank you.

24 MS. LAREAU:

25 My name is Lauren Lareau. I'm here as a

1 concerned citizen. While I really appreciate the
2 Commission coming out and wanting to ban fracking, I
3 think that the way the regulations are written allow
4 too much of a loophole for companies to still destroy
5 the water there. So allowing the export of water would
6 be a dangerous thing. I think that if we're going to
7 be sharing water, the water should be going to the 15
8 million people that it supports. I think water is a
9 precious commodity. And I don't think we can afford to
10 share it with the natural gas companies.

11 And the idea that they can return the
12 water if they properly cleaned it is a pie in the sky
13 idea. Because there is no way you can clean
14 microscopic chemicals from the water. And the way the
15 system is designed such that the companies don't have
16 to disclose which chemicals they're putting in the
17 water because there are trade secrets is a dangerous
18 door to open. And I would strongly suggest that the
19 Commission decide against allowing any water to be
20 removed or returned by the fracking industry to the
21 Delaware River Basin. Thank you.

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 Thank you, Ms. Lareau. Andrew McGrath.
24 And then on deck will be April Whitley.

25 MR. MCGRATH: