

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:

1 My name is Andrew McGrath. I'm a resident
2 of Philadelphia. Formerly lived in Delaware County.
3 In Philadelphia, I'm one of the 17 million people who
4 get my drinking water from the Delaware River, along
5 with the rest of Philadelphia and State of New York.

6 My comments here basically fall into two
7 categories. One being that we simply do not have the
8 millions of gallons of water to spare for this purpose.
9 The DRCB establishes a policy of protection and
10 preservation that states that if the waters of the
11 Delaware River Basin are limited in quantity --- and
12 the basin is frequently subject to drought warnings and
13 drought declarations due to limited water supply
14 storage, and stream flow during dry periods.
15 Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Commission to
16 discourage the exportation of water from the Delaware
17 River Basin. These new rules directly contradict that
18 principle.

19 The second piece of my comments is really
20 that there is absolutely no safe way to store, treat,
21 or dispose of fracking waste water from the water shed.
22 I think the science has shown this over many years that
23 this substance that comes back out of the well is
24 radioactive. It's contaminated with known carcinogens.
25 We know that there known carcinogens in the waste

1 water. But as was mentioned before, we do not know
2 what all the chemicals are because they're not required
3 to even be disclosed to the public. They're treated at
4 trade secrets. Therefore, we need a complete ban of
5 fracking and all related activities, including water
6 withdrawals and waste disposal from the Delaware
7 watershed.

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 Thank you, Mr. McGrath. April Whitley.

10 MS. WHITLEY:

11 I'm here as a homeowner in the Delaware
12 River Valley. I live in the Bristol area with my
13 family. We get our water from the Delaware to drink,
14 as to my neighbors, my whole community at large. I
15 remember the first Earth Day, as I think they were
16 saying. I remember also when the Delaware River between
17 the road the Bristol bridge and the Dakota Tall Meyer
18 Ridge got it swim-ability certification. And it took
19 20 years. It was 19 years after the Clean Water Act
20 was passed. We can't afford to lose our water. If
21 there's an accident, a spill of some sort. I know
22 there's an alarm system for all the towns that take
23 water from the Delaware. They can shut their valves.
24 There's only 24 hours worth of water there, should
25 there be an accident of some sort.