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Allowing produced water from fracking operations into the Delaware River Basin is very short-sighted, and poses a threat not only to the citizens of New York City (where I live), but also to the budget for New York State. NYC has some of the best drinking water in the nation, and the reason is simple: NYC has a protected watershed upstate such that we do not need to filter or treat our water. Were the Delaware River Basin's water to become contaminated, New York City, most likely with the help from New York State, would need to build a water treatment plant, something that would cost billions of dollars to build.

Not only would the plant's construction costs be enormous, but during the many years it would take to build this plant, the citizens of NYC would be exposed to the unfiltered polluted water that was so dirty it necessitated construction of the treatment plant in the first place. We in NYC would experience something like what has happened in Flint, MI, but for millions more people.

The DRBC may feel that its loophole allowing wastewater to be brought into the Basin is only for the Dupont plant proposed far downstream from NYC's or Philadelphia's water sources. However, creating a loophole that allows frack wastewater to be brought into the DRBC is just that: a loophole that allows wastewater to be brought into the DRBC. Since the draft regulations are unspecific, even if originally intended for the downstream Chemours plant, there is no reason to believe that at later date, this loophole will not be used for someplace else.