

1 HEARING OFFICER:

2 Say again?

3 MR. RAPP:

4 Rapp, R-A-P-P.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 I have not gotten to
7 your name yet. And I'm not
8 sure that it's down here yet.
9 I don't see your name here.

10 MR. RAPP:

11 I was previously signed
12 up.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Okay. We'll see if we
15 can get to it. And I'll check
16 as the speakers are going here.

17 Okay? Okay. Ms. Heath,
18 please.

19 MS. HEATH:

20 Yes. I'm Gail Heath.
21 I'm a resident of Wilmington,
22 Delaware and I'm a member of
23 the Delaware Chapter of the
24 Sierra Club. To have a ban on
25 fracking, but allow the

1 withdrawal and discharge is
2 absurd. The danger will still
3 be the same. As many speakers
4 have made clear, there is no
5 way to remove many of the
6 hundreds of toxic chemicals in
7 fracking waste.

8 Delaware has spent
9 decades cleaning up the
10 Delaware River to re-establish
11 native population of aquatic
12 wildlife, such as the
13 endangered Delaware species of
14 Atlantic sturgeon. These
15 toxins will destroy native
16 aquatics. And impact the
17 livelihoods of 160,000 jobs
18 depending on the clean water.
19 Not to mention our own health.

20 Withdrawals will cause
21 low river levels, especially in
22 dry summers resulting in salty
23 ocean water moving further up
24 the river. This is to the
25 detriment of oysters and other

1 vital aquatic species that
2 people, as well as our abundant
3 birds and wildlife, depend on.
4 Wells in Southern Delaware can
5 become contaminated with salt,
6 as well as fracking chemicals.

7 In conclusion, a ban on
8 fracking but allowing
9 withdrawal and discharge does
10 nothing. Only a total ban of
11 all aspects of fracking is
12 acceptable. Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Thank you. That was our
15 38th speaker. Mr. Rapp, you
16 are listed here. Carol
17 Armstrong will be next. And
18 then Jan Filios. And then
19 Theresa Heinsler.

20 All right. Go ahead
21 when you're ready.

22 MS. ARMSTRONG:

23 Thank you.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Thank you.