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To allow fracking in the Delaware river basin would be a terrible mistake. Water is our most precious asset and the Delaware river and its tributaries provide drinking water to 17 million people and home to numerous endangered species. For the sake of the environment and our economy, the river must be protected from any possibility of contamination.

Not only do we know that the toxic chemicals can and have entered the water table during the drilling and extraction process, but now more than ever we need to be concerned about wastewater disposal which as we have seen in our own town, is not always handled in a responsible way. Now that the EPA is headed by a proponent of fracking, there is no responsible federal oversight of wastewater treatment.

Even if the DRBC requires wastewater to be treated in a central facility approved by the EPA, there is no guarantee that the EPA will maintain adequate standards at the facility. Therefore we should not allow any importation of fracking wastewater.

Nor should the DRBC allow any water withdrawals as monitoring will be very difficult and costly and it will be injurious to wildlife in the river and air quality throughout the basin.