

1 Okay. Thank you, ma'am.
2 Next will be Jodi Roggie, and then Beth
3 Kelley and then Mark Lichty. Did I
4 mispronounce your last name?

5 MS. ROGGIE:

6 Roggie.

7 HEARING OFFICER:

8 I guess I did. Roggie.
9 Okay. You're kind. All right. Ms.
10 Roggie, please.

11 MS. ROGGIE:

12 My name's Jodi Roggie.
13 I'm here as a private citizen, although
14 I support numerous environmental
15 organizations. I live in Lower Saucon
16 Township. I totally support the
17 proposed ban on fracking drilling, and
18 I'm confused and concerned about the
19 draft regulations that address storing
20 frack wastewater here and those have
21 addressed that our fresh water could be
22 used in fracking elsewhere.

23 The only way I can
24 support addressing these issues, is to
25 have a total ban on all fracking

1 related activities in our watershed.
2 No drilling, no accepting fracking
3 wastewater, no withdrawal of fresh
4 water. Anything else is too much
5 potential for introducing contamination
6 to our groundwater.

7 It's so easy to take for
8 granted that we'll have safe water, but
9 once I started learning about fracking,
10 I realized that many businesses place
11 their quest for monetary profit above
12 the health of citizens and the
13 protection of our environment.

14 The only way to protect
15 our watershed is to prohibit all
16 activities associated with fracking.
17 It's vital to the health and wellbeing
18 of the 16 million folks who depend upon
19 water from the Delaware River basin.

20 Frack wastewater is a
21 toxic kind of carcinogen. Studies by
22 Yale and many others have found that
23 this waste contains chemicals that
24 increase the risk of cancer and it's
25 well known that radioactivity exists in

1 fracking wastewater. Studies by New
2 York State show that among the numerous
3 radioactive elements is the longest
4 lived isotope of radium. Any storage
5 of fracking wastewater is just an
6 accident waiting to happen.

7 The materials available
8 to contain waste will surely degrade
9 before this radiation is secured. And
10 remember, we experience earthquake
11 tremors in our watershed, which is just
12 another opportunity for a containment
13 site to be disrupted and release the
14 waste.

15 We've had an
16 environmental rights amendment in
17 Pennsylvania since 1971. It clearly
18 states our right to clean air and pure
19 water and since Pennsylvania is a
20 member, the DRBC should also be bound
21 to defend these rights now and for
22 generations to come.

23 Your existing water code
24 requires consideration of alternatives
25 for projects that withdraw wastewater,

1 with one of these alternatives always
2 being no project.

3 Since our DEP and EPA has
4 found that fracking operations have
5 contaminated numerous wells, how can we
6 ever consider any circumstance where
7 watershed resources can be used to make
8 fracking possible? Please ban all
9 fracking.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Thank you, ma'am. Beth
12 Kelley, and then Mark Lichty and then
13 Harriet Shugarman. Okay. Is this Ms.
14 Kelley?

15 MS. KELLEY:

16 Yes. Before I start I
17 just have to ask a question. Will the
18 clock start when I introduce myself
19 or ---?

20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 The clock will start as
22 soon as you say your name and you need
23 to start by saying your name.

24 MS. KELLEY:

25 I'm not going to