

My name is Joe Levine from Milanville,
Pennsylvania. I commend the DRBC and the
Governors of the four states who come together
to support a fracking ban in the DRB. This
river is way too valuable and irreplaceable to
expose to the accumulative detrimental impacts
of fracking.

The Commission has determined
that high volume hydraulic fracturing poses a
significant immediate and long-term risks to
development, conservation, utilization,
management and preservation of the water
resources of the Delaware River Basin and of
the special protection waters of the basin.

Considered by the Commission to
have exceptionally high scenic, recreational,
ecological and water supply values.
Controlling pollution by prohibiting such
activity in the basin is required to
effectuate the comprehensive plan, avoid
injury to the waters of the basin as
contemplated by the comprehensive plan and
protect the public health and preserve the
waters of the basin for uses in accordance

with the comprehensive plan.

I know this is not a hasty decision. It's taken ten years. Thank god the door was never opened because it has since been proven by comprehensive state and independent studies including New York City and New York State, that fracking and its cumulative impacts are hazardous to our health and must be banned.

Let's not forget the industry's plan in 2008 fall to more than 20,000 wells in the Delaware River Basin. This would have resulted in the industrialization and environmental devastation of the watershed and the loss of this pristine water supply.

Treatment of fracked wastewater should also be banned. Last week's New York Times article Dollar Investment to Protect Drinking Water, notes that New York City will spend some 200 million annual leave on maintenance and upgrading of domestic wastewater treatment plants in their watershed.

Stating that ensuring the

adequate collection of treatment of wastewater is crucial, because it will be released back into the environment and eventually reaches the reservoirs. Fracking wastewater is untreatable and hazardous and toxic. Its movement, storage and disposal are notorious for leaking and spilling. These wastes should not be allowed into the Delaware River nor should injection wells which leak and migrate into aquifers and cannot be cleaned.

It is much more economical to control future pollution by prohibiting such activity in the basin. Our basin water use for fracking, it makes no sense to allow water from the Delaware River Basin to be taken out of the river and used elsewhere, especially for any fracking related uses.

This depletes the water and because it has been determined that fracking is hazardous to our health and the environment, it should not be used to assist elsewhere. Fracking cannot be done safely. Thank you.