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Dear Commissioners,

I am a concerned citizen.

In a press event at COP23, Robert Howarth, the David R. Atkinson Professor of Ecology at Cornell University said, "Methane is an important greenhouse gas and is currently responsible for an amount of global warming equal to approximately 60% of that caused by carbon dioxide. Methane reductions offer one of the few available approaches to immediately slow the rate of global warming, since the climate responds more quickly to decreases in methane compared to carbon dioxide." A ban on fracking in the Delaware River Basin is an important step in limiting methane emissions, but allowing water withdrawals and the processing of fracking waste in the Basin will only enable more fracking and, therefore, more methane leaks outside of the basin.

Transmission lines have served as the conduit that connects fracking in Pennsylvania to power plants, processing facilities, export facilities, and other infrastructure projects that have spread through the state and across its borders into neighboring states. In the final report of the Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force, PA DEP chief John Quigley said that within a few years, "In the next decade, Pennsylvania will undergo a substantial pipeline infrastructure build-out to transport gas and related byproducts from thousands of wells throughout the state.... The result will impact communities and the environment in every PA County." The DRBC's draft regulations do not address pipelines or any of the other infrastructure build-out occurring in the basin. Nevertheless, the regulations that would allow fracking waste to be brought into the basin and clean water to be taken out enable more fracking. And more fracking means more pipelines, more infrastructure.

The newly released Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking, 5th Edition speaks to the simple fact that you cannot completely protect people from fracking operations. We cannot prevent accidents from happening. As documented many times handling wastewater in the Delaware basin will cause impacts and contamination. It is not a question of if but when and where.

Ban fracking!!!

Sincerely

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