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I live about a half hour from the Delaware River, and have spent some time hiking and tubing with my family there, including watching the Christmas Day re-enactment of Washington's crossing of it during the Revolutionary war. In addition to being a natural treasure, home to fish and wildlife that every clean river provides life to, it is a historic landmark. It would be shameful that the River that helped Washington turn the tide of the war would be polluted.

There is no reason that we should consider allowing fracking wastewater to be dumped into the Delaware River. Fracking wastewater, especially from the Marcellus Shale, contains carcinogens and is radioactive. This river provides drinking water for 15 million people, all of whom would be at risk from contaminated water. Additionally, because the oil and gas industry is exempt from the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, we won't know what contaminants are present in the wastewater dumped into the river.

Please remove the proposed rules allowing fracking wastewater to be dumped into the Delaware and taking water from the Delaware to be used in the fracking process.

New Jersey should regain our rightful role as a leader in environmental safety. We have rejoined RGGI, now we need to ban fracking and the waste it produces.