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To whom it may concern:

Issue:

Too much rainfall causing problems for hydraulic fracturing in New York State.

Details:

It is clear that a drought can have serious implications for the industry and the residents and agriculture of the Delaware River Basin. However, it may be worse if too much rainfall is recorded as well. Hurricane Irene, which devastated portions of the state in 2011 is a prime example of a disaster of the opposite proportion. A drought can force gas industry participants to compete with people for water resources. However, a flood could cause massive contamination of lakes and rivers, farms, fields, grazing lands, and municipal and private water supplies in the state. The industry would claim these are “acts of god” and be largely exempt from cleanup operations. The cleanup efforts will, therefore, fall on taxpayers.

Recommendation:

Until the state specifically requires gas companies to be responsible for all clean-up operations including “acts of god,” such activity cannot be allowed in the Delaware River Basin.

Sincerely,

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Nation's energy needs

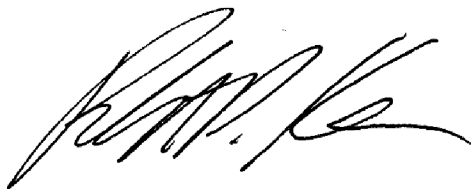
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For some reason, the nation believes that natural gas is the "savior" fuel. The methane that leaks from the process is 100 times more potent in terms of green house gases. Gas companies sometimes "flare" unwanted gas, creating an additional atmospheric burden. The fracking fluid used is toxic. This is not the "clean," "green" fuel that the gas companies would have us believe.

Recommendation:

Instead of allowing gas drilling with the associated costs to the environment and citizen health, simply incentivize citizens and companies to install renewable energy such as solar panels or wind turbines for electricity generation. Prices for solar panels have plummeted. Wind turbines has also seen a dramatic drop in prices. These are clean, renewable energy sources.

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