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For the past seven years we have had a moratorium on fracking and associated processes in our watershed. We've been pushing the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)--which is made up of the Governors of DE, NJ, PA, and NY as well as one representative of the federal government--to turn the moratorium into a permanent ban.

The good news is they have finally listened!--sort of... The bad news is that while the draft regulations DO include a ban on drilling for natural gas (fracking) in our watershed; they also propose allowing the disposal of fracking wastewater within the Delaware River watershed and/ or withdraws of water from our watershed to be used in the process of fracking elsewhere. This is simply unacceptable.

It makes no sense to ban fracking but allow for the contamination of our water from fracking waste discharges and the depletion of our water supply for fracking. Thankfully the regulations are just a draft. The commission will have to vote on whether to implement, refuse or change them.

Please Commissioners DO NOT approve the draft regulations as written.

Please ban ALL fracking activities.

Thank you!