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I support all amendments proposed by the Delaware River Basin Commission in regards to Hydro Fracking, and agree that a complete ban of fracking and fracking related activities are necessary. I am most concerned with the inefficiency of treating waste water. There are far too many chemicals used in drilling fluid that remain in the wastewater. In addition there has been inadvertent returns spilled when drilling which are contaminating our wetlands; such as over 100 spills by Sunoco here in PA for the Mariner East 2 construction just this past year. Sediment samples from the past decade show such increases of these toxic hazardous chemicals. We need to protect water quality and aquatic life. We need to combat the negative impact to our water quality by not allowing these practices. The Delaware River Basin Commission was created decades ago for this reason, and I support all efforts taken to a complete ban on fracking and all related fracking activity.

The pristine water in the basin belongs to the millions of citizens that reside here, not to the for profit industries polluting our air, land, and water. We can not allow the storage and export of our natural resources so that these companies can continue polluting our neighborhoods for profit, while also contributing to climate change. We need to be concerned when droughts and low precipitation become more frequent as the water should be reserved for drinking. Please continue to conserve, protect and ensure the quality of the basin! Thanks for all your efforts. Water is life!