

## Tom Strawman

I wish to express my opposition to permitting fracking activity of any kind in the Delaware River Basin, including the use of its waters or the disposal/treatment of fracking waste water from outside the basin.

I write from the opposite coast on Puget Sound, WA, as a defender of clean water in the U.S., increasingly imperiled by burgeoning industrialization of the natural environment. Clean water that is forever protected from pollution and fractured geology should be considered an essential good and goal in our overly affluent society, and its integrity should be maintained, a recognition set forth in the Clean Air and Water Act of 1973, signed into law by Republican President Richard Nixon. Let's not go backwards from that time!

While our water quality issues are of a different order on the West Coast than in the Delaware River Basin, the threat remains the same for both coasts: degradation, or its threat, of waters that are essential for the biodiversity of our environment, for the very water we human creatures drink, and for the coastal and riparian economies that keep our small and large communities prosperous, strong, and stable.

There are much better ways to make money than in advancing fossil fuel extractions through potentially destructive and inadequately researched means. Therefore, I oppose fracking in Delaware and anywhere else that living organisms depend on clean water.

Thank you for your consideration.