

DRBC Telephonic Public Hearing: March 6, 2018

Steve Tambini: Okay, good afternoon. This is Steve Tambini again. I am the executive director of DRBC and I am the hearing officer for today's public hearing. We just had a recess for about 20 minutes. We are going to start the public hearing again. It looks like there is at least one person who would like to speak. So, I am going to turn it back over to the operator and she will call out the names and ask anyone else if they would like to join.

Operator: And as a reminder, if you would like to make a statement today, please press the star and one on your touchtone keypad. We will go to Tom Yarnick. Please spell your last name for the record. You have three minutes.

Tom Yarnick: Thank you. The last name is spelled Y-A-R-N-I-C-K. I retired from the oil and gas industry in 2017 after nearly 39 years serving in various regulatory and environmental positions within the industry and now I do remain engaged now as an environmental consultant. So, from that perspective and background, it is simply clear to me that hydraulic fracturing can and is being done safely from both an environmental and public health perspective throughout the region and across the country. I see no scientifically or technically supported basis for the proposed hydraulic fracturing prohibition within the Delaware River Basin.

However, I am not opposed to reasonable and protective regulations related to hydraulic fracturing such as are already in place throughout the rest of Pennsylvania. I would therefore encourage DRBC to replace the proposed ban _____ [00:43:58] with either a set of responsible regulations or reliant on host state regulations where those exist. Thank you.

Operator: Thank you. We will go next to Gokan Seker. Please spell your last name.

Gokan Seker: S-E-K-E-R.

Operator: You have three minutes.

Gokan Seker: Okay, thank you. As a concerned citizen I urge DRBC, the complete ban on fracking for the health reasons and for the complete science is out for the health reasons for the environmental reasons. So, I am urging them to basically ban the fracking until we have complete scientific outcomes out in public. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

Operator: Thank you. We will go next to Tracy Carluccio. Please spell your last name for the record. You have three minutes.

Tracy Carluccio: Carluccio, C-A-R-L-U-C-C-I-O. I wanted to set the record straight on some claims that were being made about a study that was done by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission about the impacts of fracking in the Susquehanna River watershed. There was analysis done of that report by the U.S. Geologic Survey. They came up with some very interesting conclusions looking at the report and what the SRBC had actually examined.