

My name is Fred Peckham, I'm a roofer and landowner from Hancock, New York. My family has made a living using the natural resources of the river valley for over 160 years. I come here today in defense of my private property rights.

The new ban of the hydraulic fracturing proposed by the DRBC seems to be nothing more than an unconstitutional attempt of taking private property rights in the Upper Delaware River Basin using the advice of special interest groups having science as a guide with no intentions of providing just compensation to landowners.

Almost seems as though the DRBC is taking us back to the 1830s when feudalism was still a use in New York. When tenants were granted the use of the land and the promise of ownership in some future date, paying his landlord taxes while never gaining rights of ownership afforded to them by the U.S. Constitution until the anti-rent wars in the 1840s in Delaware County and New York put an end to this corrupt system once and for

all.

As well documented by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, of which several of the same members are represented in the Delaware Basin Commission, that the Susquehanna, using remote ordered quality monitoring networks, has not detected discernable impacts on the quality of the basin's water resources.

In fact, it has become cleaner. Giving the fact that in the past these differences have been used by the DRBC to justify the moratorium, their argument has become invalid.

The development area in the DRBC will have a smaller footprint than in the Susquehanna with only a fraction of the site being considered for development.

To date, there have just been under 5,000 wells completed in the Susquehanna in the ten years since development started. And just under 11,000 wells in the entire State of Pennsylvania. When the DRBC moratorium was declared, it was claimed by the

DRBC and their special interest groupies that there would be tens of thousands of wells drilled in the DRBC, which we know then as we know now is a sky, is falling scare tactic used to frighten the public.

The DRBC likes to say they protect the water for 15 million people, but 9 million of those people get their water from the New York City reservoirs. An area unaffected by the DRBC rulemaking.

How can members of the DRBC sit here and convince us it's okay for the Susquehanna to develop its resources when over 4 million people depend on its waters but not the DRBC right next door?

The DRBC has been taking money from special interest groups for studies, but also allowed them to sit on several SRBC Committees even sharing one while these same groups bring lawsuits and threats of lawsuits against the DRBC. A clear and admitted conflict of interest by the DRBC, an issue which is yet to be resolved.

How can one even contemplate writing

outlandish rules and regulations when landowners are shut out of the rulemaking process? The landowners of the Upper Basin have been and will always be, true stewards of their lands.