

1 ruin our precious water supply
2 with these deadly chemicals.
3 Thank you.

4 HEARING OFFICER:

10 | MR. LUTZ:

20 I want to begin by
21 clearly stating that our number
22 one priority at API is to
23 provide energy in a safe,
24 scientifically sound manner,
25 while also having the least

1 possible impact on the
2 environment. And our members
3 take this responsibility very
4 seriously. To this end, our
5 industry supports effective
6 regulation that fosters safety
7 and protects the land, air, and
8 water.

9 Regulation and oversight
10 are important to the U.S.
11 natural gas industry and our
12 industry is well regulated by
13 both federal and state
14 governments.

15 As you know, the DRBC
16 centers its watershed
17 management efforts on sound
18 science. Accordingly, it is
19 imperative that any final
20 decision on the proposed
21 regulations be based on science
22 as well.

23 While opponents of
24 energy production argue that
25 well stimulation will ruin our

1 water resources, science
2 clearly indicates otherwise.
3 Unfortunately, the Commission
4 relies primarily on two
5 particular studies in moving
6 these regulations forward,
7 including the EPA's hydraulic
8 fracturing and water resources
9 study.

1 threat to drinking water.
2 Perhaps most importantly, the
3 Susquehanna River Basin
4 Commission's extensive
5 real-time water quality
6 monitoring network consistently
7 shows that natural gas
8 operations in the Commonwealth
9 are not contributing to
10 negative impacts on water
11 quality in the basin.

1 These jobs are the
2 cornerstone of a nearly 45
3 billion economic impact to the
4 Commonwealth.

5 This API is a
6 standard-setting organization.
7 We have developed a series of
8 hydraulic fracturing
9 recommended practices that are
10 continually revised and
11 updated. These recommended
12 practices can be found on our
13 website. And I encourage you
14 to explore them. Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Okay. The next three
17 speakers will be Patricia
18 Libbey will be next, Norman
19 Torkelson, and then Geoffrey
20 Selling. And is this Ms.
21 Libbey? Okay. Whenever you're
22 ready.

23 MS. LIBBEY:

24 This is Pat Libbey.
25 Mine is a prayer to God because