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Regarding natural gas drilling WASTE DISPOSAL in the DRB:

My name is Shirley Masuo and I live in the DRB in Shohola, PA. I also work in the DRB in Narrowsburg, NY.

The organization I work with is currently conducting a survey of the people INCLUDING WORKERS FOR THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY who have been impacted by natural gas activity.

<http://www.damascuscitizensatsdr.org>

These surveys and the supporting documents to back up what these people are reporting, have been sent to, and officially recorded by the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR) - a part of the CDC. The ATSDR has in turn, sent this information to the PA Department of Health, which is now also making a registry of them and interviewing the survey-takers to verify what is in the surveys.

This is a comment from one of the surveys from a former worker for the industry from the Dimock, PA area.

"I did brine spreading myself for Chesapeake. We also used to haul synthetic or inverted mud as well.

They said, "we're going to call it 'water'".

We were told to dump 5,000 gallons of flowback in the Susquenanna many times, also on back roads, in farms fields, etc. We would do that 2 or 3 times a day. We would dump in into the sewer plant in Great Bend - right into the sewer system. Finally, the sewer authority found out and welded the manhole covers shut."

I hope the DRBC is not so naive as to think that this kind of dumping will not happen in the DRB and in the Delaware River, the source of drinking water for millions of people. The industry is having a lot of trouble with their waste disposal. Discovery of earthquakes resulting from their waste injection wells are forcing them to stop that process and there has been a clamp down on waste in uncovered pits. What else can we expect them to do with it but dump it?

There has also been a lot of coverage of accidental spills of frack fluid and frack waste all over the country. There is no way to get many of the chemicals and heavy metals out of the waste water. We cannot afford to pollute our drinking water. Please ban natural gas drilling in the DRB and natural gas waste from being disposed of in the DRB or "treated" in the DRB.

Also, allowing the industry to use fresh water from the Delaware River for natural gas activity in other areas only serves to allow the industry to continue to harm the health and welfare of people in nearby areas.

Please ban natural gas drilling, natural gas waste disposal, and the removal of fresh water from The Delaware River for natural gas activity.