

Green Delaware

Green Delaware supports the proposal to prohibit High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing in the Delaware River basin, and to impose strict controls on the use of water in drilling and the subsequent management of produced water. This subject has received a great deal of public attention, staff attention, media attention, and so on. The issue has been thoroughly explored and is ripe for action by the Commission.

In general we support the comments submitted by Ms. Herron of the Sierra Club (Delaware Chapter) and especially these:

"However, the draft regulations do not go far enough. For the regulations to be fully protective we need comprehensive a ban on all fracking-related activities, including the withdraw of water from the Delaware to be used in the process of fracking elsewhere and the storage, processing and disposal of fracking wastewater."

I will conclude by noting that the impacts of fracking are broader than generally recognized. For example, while not much mentioned, the mining of large quantities of silica sand for fracking has had sever negative impacts on water resources and qualify of life in Wisconsin and other states. Failure of the federal government to take appropriate and responsible action in regard to fracking means that state and regional bodies need to take a broader view than they are accustomed to.

Respectfully submitted,

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