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Dear Delaware River Basin Commission,

I am writing to express my support for a complete ban on all fracking activities in the Delaware River Basin, INCLUDING the withdrawal of precious water resources to support fracking activities elsewhere. It is inconsistent to ban the drilling part of fracking and at the same time to propose regulations that would permit water withdrawals and wastewater disposal related to fracking outside of the Basin. Water used in fracking is taken out of the hydrologic cycle permanently. Wastewater from fracking contains toxic chemicals, many of which are secret, as well as radioactive elements brought to the surface from deep geological formations, elements which cannot be removed, and which last for thousands of years. There are now 'super-sized' wells for fracking which will withdraw more fresh water and produce more wastewater.

While I commend the DRBC for banning fracking within the Delaware River Basin in 2010, I would like to see the Commission go a step forward and close all remaining loopholes by including a ban on water extraction in the prohibition on Basin fracking activities generally.

I would like to thank the Commission for its contribution to serving the public -- I hope that the final regulations will be sufficiently strong and will ensure that no Basin resources go to supporting fracking. If our water is worth protecting, then so are the resources of those elsewhere who have to live with fracking and its dangerous as well as still-uncertain consequences. Furthermore, the withdrawal of water is of great consequence even within the Basin since we have no idea how much water will be required as time goes on and since this precious resource provides the basis for all economic and recreational activity as well as clean water to millions of residents who live within the Delaware River watershed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Buccelli