

1 industry requires.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 Thank you, Sister.

4 Okay. Next is Paul Roden. And
5 then Gail Heath. And then
6 Carol Armstrong.

7 Okay, sir. When you're
8 ready, please.

9 MR. RODEN:

10 Good afternoon. My name
11 is Paul Roden. I live in Lower
12 Makefield Township in Bucks
13 County.

14 I am here today to call
15 on the Delaware River Basin
16 Commission to ban fracture ---
17 excuse me. I have allergies.

18 The compounds that are
19 in the fracking fluids are
20 radioactive. They're deadly.
21 They're toxic. How can you ban
22 fracking and accept the
23 fracking waste? It seems crazy
24 and stupid to me.

25 You have volatile

1 organic compounds, which only
2 can be separated by activated
3 carbon or charcoal. My
4 municipal waste Authority,
5 Morrisville Municipal Waste
6 Authority cannot handle the
7 existing domestic waste, let
8 along handle industrial waste
9 from fracking. This is insane.

10 The fracking industry is
11 exempt from the clean water and
12 the clean air, safe drinking
13 water and other environmental
14 acts. How is that possible?
15 Well, money talks, BS walks.

16 So how can the DRBC
17 regulate it when they have no
18 inspectors or monitors to do
19 this? This also seems stupid
20 and insane to me.

21 So it's unsafe to allow
22 drilling of natural gas with
23 fracking pollutants in the
24 Delaware watershed. We have to
25 rely on the wisdom of the

1 Commissioners to uphold their
2 vows and oath of office to the
3 Compact and fulfill their
4 mission to protect the water
5 supply.

6 And if we have problems
7 with droughts, and we couldn't
8 even have the re-enactment of
9 Washington crossing the
10 Delaware in the winter, what's
11 going to happen in the
12 summertime if they're drilling
13 100,000 gallons a day? This
14 also seems stupid and insane to
15 me.

16 So this is all unsafe.
17 New York State has seen the
18 wisdom and banned it. So why
19 should we allow it on this side
20 of the river? This also seems
21 stupid and insane.

22 So we have to fulfill
23 the oath of office to the
24 constitution of the
25 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

1 which has also been alluded to
2 in previous speakers. But I
3 will say it also again.

4 Article 1, Section 27,
5 it states that people have a
6 right to clean air, pure water,
7 and to the preservation of the
8 natural, scenic, historic, and
9 aesthetic values of the
10 environment.

11 Pennsylvania's public
12 natural resources of the
13 Commonwealth are for all the
14 people, including generations
15 yet to come. As a trustee of
16 these resources, the
17 Commonwealth shall preserve and
18 maintain for the benefit of all
19 the people.

20 So in conclusion I ask
21 the DRBC to do the right thing,
22 ban fracking forever in the
23 Delaware River Basin. Thank
24 you.

25 HEARING OFFICER:

1 Is Karen Melton here?
2 Karen Melton? Is Margery Schab
3 here? That concludes the list
4 of the people that signed up
5 previously or before today.
6 And then for today's list, Gail
7 Heath will be next. And then
8 Carol Armstrong. And then Jan
9 Filios. And Ms. Heath, is that
10 you?

11 MS. HEATH:

12 Yes.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Excuse me, one second.

15 MR. RAPP:

16 I didn't hear my name
17 called.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 What's your name, sir?

20 MR. RAPP:

21 I haven't heard my name.

22 HEARING OFFICER:

23 Say your name.

24 MR. RAPP:

25 Rapp, R-A-P-P.