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Though I have closely read the DRBC draft regulations, I have not found any clause that mentions who will pay for the regulators or the bonds that should be posted in case of a catastrophe, or to correct any potential damages. Will the companies that want to import waste from fracking carry appropriate and ample insurance? Will there be corporate posted bond funds using real cost pricing, for the damages caused in processing waste produced fluids? I suspect no one, including those at the DRBC, have answers to these important questions. Given the poor track records of all fracking-related operators, unfortunately there is a high probability that either an accident or intentional (illegal) spillage of toxic wastewater will occur. Given that 15-17 million people depend on the purity of the Delaware River's water for their drinking water, and that even more depend on the Basin's pristine environment for food (via the Basin's farmers), recreation and income, it makes much more sense for the DRBC to issue a complete ban on the entire process of fracking for fossil fuels including its waste than to have a loophole that allows produced water in. To maintain the quality of water that our citizens needs, we must keep the pristine quality of the water derived from this precious source, the Delaware River Basin