

1 you to protect our precious Delaware
2 River. Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 Thank you very much.
5 The next person lined up will be Dan
6 Rutledge, but the next speaker is
7 Steve Adams.

8 MR. ADAMS:

9 Okay.

10 Steven Adams, Damascus
11 Township Supervisor. I'm addressing
12 this Board to present the facts as I
13 understand them.

14 Under the Fifth
15 Amendment of the United States
16 Constitution, it states, and I quote,
17 no person shall be deprived of life,
18 liberty or property without due
19 process of law. Nor shall private
20 property be taken for public use
21 without just compensation.

22 The taking of this right
23 to capture and extract any mineral or
24 natural resource is an act of Eminent
25 Domain. Total ban on natural gas

1 extraction is a violation of the
2 Constitution. If this violation is
3 allowed, then there is no part of the
4 Constitution that's enforceable.

5 To my knowledge, there
6 is no scientific or other reason to
7 allow this taking without due process.
8 I visited active well drilling
9 operations, compressor stations,
10 recycling facilities, listed the pro
11 and con arguments regarding gas and
12 oil extraction, and attended formal
13 and informal sessions given by
14 independent consultants and
15 organizations.

16 As citizens of
17 Pennsylvania, we are, of course,
18 guaranteed certain rights under
19 Article 1, Section 27 of the
20 Pennsylvania Constitution. Governor
21 Wolf, the Delaware River Keeper, and
22 now the DRBC, are engaged in a
23 campaign to term a common sense
24 understanding of this section under
25 Pennsylvania Constitution into an

1 excuse to take private property from
2 any citizen or establishment without
3 evidence, just cause or compensation.

4 By ignoring Pennsylvania's success in
5 regulating fracking everywhere else,
6 this is what has --- this is what this
7 entire struggle has become for those
8 of us who live on the other side of
9 the mountain from the SRPC.

10 The claim that hydraulic
11 fracking is unsafe in the Delaware
12 Basin is not --- and not in the
13 Susquehanna Basin, is such hypocrisy
14 that I can't believe our Governor
15 would even consider such a ban. To
16 say that risk is too great to allow
17 this is not just --- is not a
18 justifiable reason to take this legal
19 right.

20 There is no procedure
21 that is without risk. To believe that
22 eliminating this risk in the Basin
23 will keep it safe is absurd. Our
24 roads and railroads alone pose more
25 risk than most people realize.

1 This book I hold is a
2 guidebook intended for use by first
3 responders for identifying
4 transportation incidents involving
5 dangerous goods and hazardous
6 material. The risk is far greater of
7 loss of life and contamination of
8 property traveling on the roads every
9 day. You just don't know it because
10 these risks are hidden in containers
11 on trucks and trains.

12 The winter maintenance
13 of our road system alone puts millions
14 of tons of salt on the ground and
15 water system each year, but no one has
16 protested that. And, in fact, I ask
17 more. We all want safe roads to drive
18 on, so no one cares if that destroys
19 the environment. Again, hypocrisy.

20 We all want what's best
21 for the environment. That's why there
22 should be good regulations. We all
23 need to be accountable regardless of
24 what we do. That's what makes this
25 country great ---.