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I am a landowner in Wayne county, and my family has owned land in upstate PA for the past 40 years. In addition, I am an environmental science teacher/professor.

I believe that landowner rights need to be valued, and this issue challenges the foundation US Citizenship.

A landowner is contractually obligated to the rights of their deed. It is not lawful for the government to supersede those rights without individual environmental impact analysis being conducted and determined for each hydraulic fracking project proposal.

There should not be a zero tolerance policy.

The best available science should be used to evaluate the environmental impacts of each fracking project on a case by case basis.

If a project cannot be scientifically "proven" that there is a significant probability of damage to a common resource, such as water, than landowners should be allowed to pursue economic gains from their resources in accordance with the clean water act, safe drinking water act, and all other applicable laws.

A blanket, zero tolerance ban on natural gas exploration (or any privately owned resource) that is generating billions of dollars globally; without solid scientific evidence of significant harm to the watershed, is both discriminatory of residents in a specified geographic location, and in opposition with US land ownership rights.

It is unlawful to ban fracking in a single location, and allow it in other locations, without substantial scientific evidence that each and every fracking project in that region has been proven a threat to the Delaware River Watershed.

In addition, it is foolhardy to examine this issue in isolation without proper cost/benefit analysis being given to every energy source material available.

It would be great if there was an energy that met our needs and had no environmental downside. However, every energy technology to scale has pro's and con's that need to be scientifically weighed and accounted for in this discussion.

All fracking projects should undergo an individual environmental impact assessment. Each project should be allowed if all environmental laws are satisfied.

If a project is considered and scientifically determined a significant threat to the environment, recommendations should be made for compliance. If the interested party is able to meet the environmental impact assessment requirements, fracking should be allowed to take place and be strictly monitored.

Please don't allow politics and greed to cloud the issue. Science should govern this process.