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I oppose fracking and any of its by products being introduced into the Delaware River watershed. The Delaware Water Gap is a significant area of natural importance which should not be contaminated with the by products of fracking.

Nothing relating to the process of fracking should contaminate this area.

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

Please take action to help achieve a complete and permanent ban to safeguard the Delaware River's unique and invaluable watershed and thus the health of humans and other life dependent upon it.