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I am writing to request a full fracking ban in the Delaware River Basin that includes waste processing and water extraction. Specifically, please do not issue regulations allowing fracking waste to be imported and processed in the Delaware River Basin and allowing water to be extracted for fracking in other communities. Fracking pollutes water, even when the operations are regulated. If fracking is allowed in the Delaware River Watershed, as many as 17 million people's water would be at risk. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, there are 302 cases of private water well contamination caused by oil and gas operations in the Commonwealth, and over 4,400 water complaints related to oil and gas have been filed with the PA DEP by the public. In addition, between 2004 and November 2016, there have been 9,443 public complaints to the PA DEP about environmental problems in shale gas drilling areas.