

industry related problems including storage problems that occur after flooding conditions.

In addition, in one of my other speeches, I talked about the glory and history of the DRBC, which as it began was a pioneer in the protection of resources and the protection of the Delaware River and the communities, recreational, and the creatures within it, from the beginning of its vaunted history until, I guess, now. It becomes important for the governors to be taking a look at the history and wondering why that is about to be, possibly, thrown down the tubes in a scheme that is going to involve a watershed that is incredibly wealthy, filled with millions and millions and millions of people who are dependent on the water, as well as flora and fauna, and allow that to be put into some sort of crapshoot as to whether an industry that is already running into great amount of trouble in this kind of procedure would allow it to invest in making us this area, and all four states, a garbage area for already contaminated water and to pull pristine water out.

We have just come out of a drought. It is not just California. Our drought in the Delaware River Basin is just over for approximately two years and in some areas in five different sections of the basin, there are still drought conditions. That is after everything happened this past year. Why is this on the table for private industry? Why is this being discussed at all? Thank you very much.

Operator: Thank you. We will go next to James Rapp. Oh, one moment. Your line is open. You have three minutes.

James Rapp: Thank you. I wish to express my sincere thank you for the opportunity to address the DRBC decision makers on this new forum. But firstly, I want to state this forum is not as effective as in person testimony for me and I would be opposed to it becoming a regular way of allowing public input.

I am strongly opposed to amending the administrative manual rules of practice and procedure with respect to hydro fracking and the receiving of waste and the drafting of water from the basin. They are contrary in every way to the purpose of the commission. Since 1961, the DRBC has stood independently of any corporate intrusion as many attempts to amend the rules in such a way to render the commission useless in a primary function.

If 18CFR40135B is adopted, the historical values to the American people will be altered from one of pride in citizenship to disgrace in democracy, from stewardship for future generations to steward plans for fish mutations.

I took a journey to see the impact of the industry just this Saturday and was appalled by the huge destruction of the environment overall. It was certainly not the small convenient pipes of a necessary new power source that would be hardly noticeable. As I stated, it was rather a heavy industrial, ugly, and devaluing to the quality of life of residence surrounding this infrastructure.

We bought coffee at McDonald's against my better judgement and three sips in both my wife and I tasted industrial chemicals. We, of course, we didn't finish them, and my wife refused to dump them down our drain back in New Jersey. She said she is afraid to have it in our septic as it might get into our well system.

It is wrong to allow this heavy industry practice to be done within the basin. The rule changes to collect these from any industry are, an industry ripe with a history of global environmental degradation is only an invitation for corruption at the highest magnitude.

Stand up for Americans and vote no rule changes and to continue the great stewardship we have known and enact a real comprehensive ban on all fracking related activity. I welcome the DRBC back from the Dark Side as we move forward for the betterment of Mother Earth and our mothers' and children's health alike, and not the sole pace of consumption of undisclosed and disallowed for discharge into waterways prior to the industry's unjust and unconstitutional exemptions. The basin's resources belong to the American people and are not to be exploited by international corporations to exploit for their continuation of this unnecessary practice. We need to move to clean energy now. We need to protect the areas that are presently unfracked because the ones that are fracked in my opinion have already been sacrificed and diseases and are suffering is --

Operator: You are at three minutes. Please conclude your statement.

James Rapp: Thank you. Thank you DRBC for this opportunity. Let's ban fracking comprehensively in the basin. Thank you very much.

Steve Tambini: Okay, this is Steve Tambini again with DRBC. We have gone through the list of people who have signed up in advance. Actually, there are several people who signed up and have not, don't appear to be on the call at this point. So, we will keep an eye out for those people, but at the same time, we will transition to opening up the hearing to anyone else who would like to make a comment. On this particular part, our operator will tell you how you can do that in a second, but what I would ask is that when you start your comment, if you could start by spelling your last name for the record, those who signed up in advance we do have a pretty good record of your names for the transcripts, but if you could start out by spelling your last name, that would really be appreciated. I am going to turn it over to the operator and she will tell you how, if you are interested you can join the call.

Operator: And at this time, if you would like to make a statement, please press the star and one on your touch tone phone. Once again, if you would like to make a statement today please press the star and one on your touch tone phone.