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I support a permanent ban on fracking in the Delaware River Watershed. This ban would protect health of the 15 million people who drink water originating in the Delaware Basin, as well as keeping at least one more source of pollution and disturbance out of fragile ecosystems.

However, a ban on fracking is not enough: treatment of fracking waste inside the Delaware Basin runs the risk of contaminating the same waters that a ban purports to protect. In the same vein, any removal of waters from the Delaware watershed for the purpose of fracking elsewhere both risks the health of other communities and environments AND increases the strain on an already overtaxed water resource. Delaware Basin waters should stay in the Basin and be protected for people as well as indigenous plants and animals.