

My name is Emily Rinaldi and I'm a northeastern Pennsylvania outreach coordinator for Penn Future. Penn Future is a Pennsylvania statewide organization dedicated to protecting our environmental and our environment, in supporting a clean energy economy in Pennsylvania.

We thank you for holding these public hearings. The comments I make today are in addition to the written comments that will be submitted by Penn Future. My colleagues in Philadelphia will comment later this week on Penn Future's concerns that the DRBC has proposed.

Regulations on water transfers and fracking wastewater treatment and disposal within the Basin, are inadequate to protect the water quality and necessary water quantities needed to support all uses for the Delaware River.

I'm here to express Penn Future's support of the DRBC's proposed ban on fracking within the Basin. The significant evidence confirming the potential devastating

impacts on water, air and human health, shows that this ban is needed to protect the Delaware's unique resources, recreational and industrial economies and the drinking water for over 17 million people.

In Pennsylvania alone in the past decade, the DEP has received over 4,000 water complaints related to oil and gas operations and nearly 10,000 public complaints of environmental problems from shale drilling. The DEP reports over 300 private water wells in Pennsylvania have been contaminated by oil and gas operations in Pennsylvania.

And we know that significant contaminations occur unreported. The harms from fracking are simply too great to allow in the Delaware River Watershed. Penn Future urges the DRBC to join the States of New York and Maryland to ban fracking. Thank you.