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Dear Comments,

I strongly oppose the Delaware River Basin Commission's (DRBC's) proposed rules which would severely restrict and effectively ban hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") and horizontal drilling within the basin.

The draft proposal is wholly unreasonable, without basis in the evidence or the strong safety record of regional energy development. Public energy policies must be based on sound science and a practical risk-benefit analysis, not politics and alarmism from activists who want to stop the use of traditional energy resources.

Hydraulic fracturing has taken place for decades and improvements in technology, along with horizontal drilling, has driven an unprecedented energy revolution in our nation. America is no longer heavily dependent on foreign energy sources, thanks in large part to hydraulic fracturing.

The DRBC's proposed new rules would take our region and nation in the wrong direction. The rules would limit energy development in the region, potentially raising costs for consumers and businesses. The resurgence in regional manufacturing---supported by affordable energy---could be impacted if other regulatory and state agencies limit or restrict affordable natural gas development.

I urge the DRBC to reconsider, withdraw, and revise its new energy development rules. Tight oversight and strict regulations of energy development are appropriate. Overreaching, unjustified restrictions are not. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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