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I am the current Resource Specialist for the Upper Delaware Council (UDC), and formerly a Biologist for the National Park Service (NPS), US Geological Survey (USGS), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries. As a Biologist with the aforementioned organizations a great deal of my work was directly related with water quality in the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, Lake Ontario, and the Upper Delaware. So I am familiar with federal regulations regarding water quality and the simple need for clean water whether it be for drinking or to sustain an ecological environment.

However, with that being said, I write this on behalf of myself and my family whom are citizens and landowners in Milanville, Damascus Township, Wayne County, PA.

Although my family's 40-acre farm lies approximately 3-miles outside of the "delineated river corridor" of the Upper Delaware, the east branch of Calkins creek (which is a tributary to the Delaware) runs through our farm. Furthermore, my family has enjoyed the Upper Delaware for kayaking, fishing, eeling, and swimming, and have been doing so for over 35 years.

So it goes without saying that my family and I applaud the DRBC on its May 2010 defacto-moratorium on fracking within the Delaware River Basin. We also support the DRBC's current steps towards permanently banning all gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing within the Delaware River Basin.

However, we are adamantly opposed to water withdrawals for and wastewater treatment and discharges from fracking throughout the entire Delaware River Basin!

As the DRBC is well aware, the Delaware River was designated as a National Wild and Scenic River by Congress in 1962 because of its outstanding features, irreplaceable resources, exceptional water quality and scenic and recreational value. These values would be irreversibly jeopardized by fracking and its polluting operations and must be protected.

The DRBC must permanently ban all gas drilling, hydraulic fracturing, water withdrawals for and wastewater treatment and discharges from fracking throughout the entire Delaware River Basin.