

1 the only person who's allowed to drill
2 in the northeast is my dentist.

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 So that everyone has a
5 chance to speak, we're going to limit
6 the people that signed up today to two
7 minutes. So perhaps tailor your
8 remarks. That's the only way we can
9 get everybody in. All right.

10 The next individual will
11 be Susan Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan,
12 please, when you're ready.

13 MS. SULLIVAN:

14 I'm Susan Sullivan. I'm
15 a resident of the Town of Tusten, New
16 York located in Sullivan County along
17 the banks of the Delaware. Our town
18 is a Delaware River town. I applaud
19 the DRBC's ban on fracking in the
20 basin. It was already considered to
21 be a heavy industrial use by the upper
22 Delaware Council in 2011.

23 Our letter to you folks
24 said this is a heavy industrial use
25 and this is not appropriate for the

1 River Carter. And it's not
2 appropriate for the river, for the
3 special protection waters either. In
4 my opinion, I'm speaking for myself
5 here.

6 Two things, you talk
7 about allowing withdrawals from the
8 river, and you also talk about
9 allowing the transportation and
10 possibly storage of toxic produced
11 water within the special protection
12 area. My question is --- and I know
13 that you're not answering questions,
14 but let me raise this issue. You
15 don't have regulatory power.

16 In other words, you
17 don't have people on the ground to
18 regulate these two things. So who's
19 going to follow the trucks taking
20 water out of the basin? Who's going
21 to regulate the pipelines? Who's
22 going to regulate and examine the
23 dangers of spills, et cetera, by
24 either storing or transporting
25 produced water?

1 It's simply --- I know
2 DRBC cannot do that. We don't have
3 the funds and neither, frankly, do the
4 areas that we're talking about. So I
5 oppose those two things and I'd also
6 like to speak to the economic impacts
7 of the de facto ban and also New York
8 State's ban.

9 New York State, after
10 many, many public hearings, banned
11 fracking in the State of New York.
12 The result has been a very healthy
13 real estate industry in our town.
14 It's been one business after another,
15 opening. It's been a really
16 interesting influx of young people
17 willing to come up here and raise
18 their children in all respects.

19 Banning fracking has
20 been an economic plus. We've also had
21 young farmers take up farming. Our
22 farmers markets are prosperous. So I
23 think we've seen excellent results
24 from what you guys have done and I
25 would just urge you to not allow those