

1                   Okay. All right. And  
2                   next is Joy Bergey. Ms.  
3                   Bergey, please. Anybody?  
4                   Thank you.

5                   MS. BERGEY:

6                   My name is Joy Bergey.  
7                   I live in Flourtown in  
8                   Montgomery County,  
9                   Pennsylvania. And I am a  
10                  lifelong resident of the river  
11                  basin. I am speaking on behalf  
12                  of partnership for policy  
13                  integrity, a nonprofit  
14                  organization that focuses on  
15                  energy and environmental  
16                  policy.

17                  For the past three  
18                  years, we've been investing the  
19                  EPA's regulations of new  
20                  chemicals used in drilling and  
21                  fracking. This fall,  
22                  marketplace on NPR broadcast a  
23                  two-part story on our  
24                  investigation.

25                  Based on our findings

1           and mounds of evidence about  
2           additional risks, we support  
3           the Commission's proposal to  
4           prohibit hydraulic fracturing  
5           in the basin.

6                     We also urge the  
7           Commission to prohibit  
8           wastewater disposal, water  
9           withdrawals, and other related  
10          activities. Allowing our gas  
11          and drilling activities in our  
12          basin --- allowing oil and gas  
13          related activities in the basin  
14          would amount to a huge gamble  
15          for our drinking water and  
16          environment.

17                    Our analysis of EPA's  
18          regulation of new chemicals  
19          proposed for drilling and  
20          fracking found in 2003 and  
21          2014, EPA reviewed 126 such  
22          chemicals.

23                    The agency found health  
24          concerns about more than 85  
25          percent of these substances

1 including lung effects,  
2 neurotoxicity, kidney toxicity  
3 and developmental toxicity.  
4 And yet, EPA allowed most of  
5 these chemicals to be  
6 commercially manufactured,  
7 usually without health testing  
8 that could have more  
9 definitively established risks.

10 More than half of the  
11 chemicals flagged by EPA as  
12 potentially harmful were used  
13 or likely used in oil and gas  
14 wells. Chemical manufacturers  
15 often kept the identities of  
16 these chemicals secret, as  
17 permitted by federal law.

18 Here in Pennsylvania,  
19 drilling chemicals often do the  
20 same. Where in state law,  
21 otherwise requires them the  
22 disclose publicly the fracking  
23 chemicals they use. As a  
24 result, it is difficult or  
25 impossible for the public to

1           determine where many fracking  
2           chemicals have been used, even  
3           if the EPA has said that these  
4           chemicals can pose health  
5           risks.

6                       This secrecy and other  
7           concerns range from  
8           radioactivity in wastewater to  
9           chronic leaks in underground  
10          wells makes fracking and  
11          associated activities a risky  
12          roll of the dice for our  
13          sensitive watershed. That's  
14          not worth it. Thank you.

15                      HEARING OFFICER:

16                      Thank you, ma'am.

17                      MS. BERGEY:

18                      Do you want a copy?

19                      HEARING OFFICER:

20                      You can submit that, if  
21          you'd like, through the written  
22          process. All right. And let  
23          me just go through the names,  
24          sir before you start. Let's  
25          see. That was Joy Bergey. And