

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.

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