

We will take our first question or our first statement, sorry, from Joan Farb. Joan your line is open. Please spell your last name for the record. You have three minutes.

Joan Farb: Okay, my last name is spelled F-A-R-B, as in boy. I am a member—thank you for the opportunity to speak. It's really off the cuff because I really didn't prepare anything, but I will give a detailed comment, a written comment section. I am really against any fracking activities in Delaware River Basin because of the possibility of the pollution of the water for 17 million people. There are many studies available showing that the chemicals that are released from the fracking process cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ [00:36:17] I really think the commission should realize they have a really important responsibility to keep this water pristine. And also, be aware of our constitution article one, section 27, that we are entitled to clean air and water for this generation and future generations and it's their legislative responsibility to assure this situation. Thank you again for this opportunity to speak and I will give more detailed written comment in regard to this. Thank you.

Operator: Once again if you would like to make a statement today, please press star and one.

We will take our next statement from Tom Shepstone. Tom, please spell your last name for the record. You have three minutes.

Tom Shepstone: S-H-E-P-S-T-O-N-E. And I previously commented, and I just want to add to my comments that this ban relies heavily upon the designation of special protection waters in the Upper Basin. In fact, those special protection waters aren't special at all. They are nothing but the same classification that Pennsylvania already has for high quality streams and exceptional value streams. In fact, fracking, hydraulic fracturing is being done on exceptional value, in exceptional value watersheds in the Susquehanna River Basin Commission with, as the SRBC reports, no discernible impact on the quality of the water resources as a result of natural gas development, end of quote. The fact that that statement has been ignored and the fact that that data has been ignored that we are doing drilling in the exceptional value watersheds of Pennsylvania in the SRBC regions shows that the intent here is to completely avoid and evade the truth that hydraulic fracturing has had no detrimental impact, no discernible impact on the quality of water resources and therefore there is no rationale for banning it in the Delaware River Basin. And in fact, the same commissions who serve on the SRBC serve on the DRBC. So, there is no excuse for ignoring the data and ignoring the facts of life, which are that this can be done safely and has been done safely.

What's going on here is the taking of land in the Upper Delaware quarter that would generate revenue for economic development, which is one of the purposes of the DRBC. And it's being done without the proper justification.