

1 as one of the ten special  
2 places in the central  
3 Appalachians that deserve  
4 protection, including the  
5 Satchel River Watershed and  
6 George Washington and Jefferson  
7 National Forests. A number of  
8 those places have since been  
9 protected from the impacts of  
10 hydraulic fracturing. And we  
11 think that with some  
12 improvements, that these  
13 regulations that the DRBC has  
14 set forth will go a long to  
15 accomplishing that in the  
16 Delaware River Basin. Thank  
17 you.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Thank you, sir. The  
20 next three speakers will be  
21 Sylvia Metzler, Vanessa Baker  
22 and Jonathan Lutz. This is Ms.  
23 Metzler. Am I right?

24 MS. METZLER:

25 Yes. My name is Sylvia

1 Metzler. I'm from  
2 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and  
3 I'm wearing my stethoscope  
4 today because when I leave  
5 here, I'm going to work. I'm  
6 an nurse practitioner. I'm  
7 retired, but still work in  
8 health.

9 As a nurse and a nurse  
10 practitioner, I'm extremely  
11 concerned about the health of  
12 people. And as a nurse, it  
13 wasn't just as a human being.  
14 I'm very concerned about water.

15 I just read about  
16 Capetown, South Africa. Their  
17 reservoir is almost empty.  
18 Water is a problem all over the  
19 world right now, potable water.  
20 Anything that we do that is  
21 going to interfere with human  
22 beings to have enough water is  
23 so worrisome. And certainly  
24 fracking and fracking related  
25 activities in the Delaware

1 River Basin is endangering our  
2 water.

3 I am connected with food  
4 and water watch. And one of  
5 our positions is we want a ban  
6 on all fracking in the Delaware  
7 River Basin. And actually, I  
8 would like to see a ban on  
9 fracking everywhere. But  
10 that's who we are speaking to  
11 today. And of all fracking  
12 related activities. That means  
13 no withdrawing water from the  
14 Delaware. That means not  
15 putting treated water back in  
16 or injecting wells.

17 You know, I think most  
18 of us remember that when  
19 President Bush and  
20 Vice-President Cheney were in  
21 office, they got together with  
22 the heads of the gas and oil  
23 companies. And they were able  
24 to make some very deep, and  
25 important, and dangerous in my

1           opinion, changes that  
2           regulations that we had that  
3           protected us are no longer in  
4           place.

5                     One of those things is  
6           the proprietary chemicals, that  
7           these companies can put all  
8           kinds of chemicals in fracking  
9           water, and we aren't allowed to  
10          know what they are. It's bad  
11          enough the ones we know about  
12          that are endocrine disrupters  
13          that are interfering with  
14          people's health.

15                    I've traveled through  
16          Pennsylvania in Susquehanna  
17          County several times. Three  
18          times. And talked with people  
19          there whose lives have been  
20          impacted by fracturing. Their  
21          drinking water, that they can't  
22          use their wells anymore. But  
23          their health. People who have  
24          been sick. Animals dying.  
25          Even people have died from the

1 effects of fracking.

2 And worse yet, in  
3 Pennsylvania, when they would  
4 report to the Department of  
5 Health, their worries, their  
6 concerns, they really weren't  
7 taken seriously.

8 So we need to protect  
9 our health. We need to protect  
10 our water supply, our air, the  
11 soil. We have to ban fracking  
12 and all fracking related  
13 activities in the Delaware  
14 River Basin. Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Next three speakers will  
17 be Vanessa Baker, Jonathan  
18 Lutz, and Patricia Libbey.  
19 Okay. And this is Vanessa  
20 Baker. Okay.

21 MS. BAKER:

22 Hi. My name is Vanessa  
23 Baker. I'm here as a private  
24 and concerned citizen. And 17  
25 million people depend on this