

1 the country.

2 The choice to allow  
3 fracking in the Delaware River basin  
4 does not have to be an either/or choice  
5 between our environment and health or  
6 our economy, nor does it have to be a  
7 choice between different economic  
8 drivers. We can and are building a  
9 better tomorrow for our children and a  
10 major part of that for most of  
11 Pennsylvania and what could be the  
12 Delaware River basin includes the  
13 natural gas industry. Thank you.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Okay. Thank you. Okay.  
16 Now, that was Nicole Jacobs. Correct?  
17 Okay. All right. And it'll be Mary  
18 Ellen Cronly next, and then Bruce Rosen  
19 and then Faith Zerbe.

20 MS. CRONLY:

21 My name is Mary Ellen  
22 Cronly. I'm with UFA, which is a total  
23 volunteer group and I traveled here  
24 from New York City today. I'm a  
25 concerned citizen concerned for the

1 health of our children and of all  
2 people. The proposed regulations allow  
3 DRBC to grant applications to export  
4 water for fracking and import toxic  
5 fracking wastewater into the Delaware  
6 water basin.

7 The proposed regs  
8 authorize toxic wastewater to be dumped  
9 into waterways after, quote, unquote,  
10 treatment by a facility. Many toxic  
11 chemicals used in fracking are unknown.  
12 How are the facilities going to treat  
13 chemicals that are unknown?

14 The gas and oil industry  
15 has a federal exemption. They are not  
16 required to reveal all the chemicals  
17 that they use. Exporting water for  
18 fracking will deplete the basin and  
19 concentrate the pollutants in the basin  
20 even further.

21 The proposed regs have no  
22 acceptable standards. They merely  
23 state that DRBC will discourage water  
24 export and wastewater import. An  
25 agency such as the DRBC and its

1 officials can be bribed by the gas  
2 industry. They can be undermined by  
3 politicians to reduce staff, withdraw  
4 funding and put their own cronies in  
5 charge.

6 How are they going to  
7 regulate the toxic chemicals that are  
8 in the wastewater? Allowing  
9 applications to authorize water removal  
10 for fracking and wastewater will  
11 support fracking in neighboring states.  
12 Fracking in neighboring states causes  
13 cracks in the underground rock  
14 formations which go for many miles.  
15 This has been shown by a New York City  
16 study by a --- by an --- by a ---  
17 excuse me, environmental engineering  
18 firm.

19 Allowing fracking  
20 chemicals to travel underground many  
21 miles, we don't know how far,  
22 eventually into our water supply and  
23 farming regions, fracking in neighbor  
24 states put methane leaks into the  
25 atmosphere. It causes global warming

1 and destructive climate changes to the  
2 region and climate. Fracking in  
3 neighboring states will eventually  
4 poison the air we breathe, the water we  
5 drink and the food we eat.

6 We need to ban fracking,  
7 not support fracking in our region.  
8 I'm not against businesses making money  
9 and people being able to earn a living,  
10 but it cannot be at the expense of our  
11 water, food and climate. Thank you.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Okay. Thank you, ma'am.  
14 Bruce Rosen, please, and then Faith  
15 Zerbe and then Ned Fink. Okay, Mr.  
16 Rosen.

17 MR. ROSEN:

18 Hi. My name is Bruce  
19 Rosen. I'm a retired city planner from  
20 New York City and a product of its  
21 public schools from kindergarten  
22 through my Baccalaureate. I mention  
23 that because when I was in junior high  
24 school, one of our classes was earth  
25 science.