

1 statistically significant
2 studies.

3 The fact that actually
4 the State of Pennsylvania or
5 the federal government has not
6 funded any health study in this
7 country is an abomination.

8 In short, there is
9 growing evidence that fracking
10 is bad for health. The civic
11 duty in --- will show that
12 there are 1,300 articles on the
13 adverse effects of health from
14 fracking. If you allow
15 fracking for anywhere in the
16 Delaware Watershed, you will
17 have committed a public health
18 disaster.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Okay. The next speaker
21 will be Peter Winslow. And
22 then on deck, will be David
23 Kinney and Sylvia Metzler. And
24 this is Peter Winslow?

25 MR. WINSLOW:

1 Yes.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 Please come up, sir.

4 MR. WINSLOW:

5 Thank you for this
6 opportunity to comment on the
7 proposed rules for regulating
8 natural gas development
9 activities under 18C of parts
10 401 and 440. I'd also like to
11 thank Representative Vitali for
12 bringing forward Article 1,
13 Section 27 of the environmental
14 rights provision of the
15 Pennsylvania constitution.

16 My name is Peter
17 Winslow. I'm speaking today on
18 behalf of the Philadelphia
19 Chapter of Pennsylvania
20 Interfaith Power and Light. We
21 are communities of faith
22 responding to climate
23 disruption as an urgent moral
24 issue.

25 Climate disruption

1 results in increasing frequency
2 and intensity of storms and
3 droughts, as well as sea level
4 rise, all of which stress the
5 Delaware River Basin, along
6 with the ability of the DRBC to
7 manage water resources and to
8 protect the environment.

9 Reliance on fossil fuels
10 causes and exacerbates these
11 conditions. Climate disruption
12 I view as the context in which
13 all of the concerns that you're
14 going to be hearing about for
15 the health and safety of the
16 people, and the protection of
17 the environment, and the wild
18 scenic river. Benefits of the
19 watershed are being considered.

20 So we appreciate the
21 intent of the proposed rules to
22 protect the watershed by
23 prohibiting high volume
24 hydraulic fracking within the
25 basin. And by discouraging

1 both exportation of fresh water
2 and importation of wastewater
3 associated with fracking
4 operations outside the basin.

5 Nevertheless, we are
6 apprehensive about loopholes
7 built into these rules.

8 Discouragement is a term
9 less open to interpretation.
10 And the evaluation processes of
11 water code section 2.30.4
12 allows considerable discretion.
13 Let's just close the door to
14 exploitation of the Delaware
15 River Basin by the fossil fuel
16 industry. We ask that you
17 tighten the loopholes and
18 extend the scope of your rules.

19 One, prohibit any export
20 of water from the basin for use
21 in oil and gas extraction.

22 Two, prohibit any import
23 of fracking wastewater to the
24 basin for treatment.

25 Three, prohibit

1 injection of fracking
2 wastewater into or under the
3 basin.

4 Four, prohibit the
5 underground storage of natural
6 gas or natural gas liquids.

7 And Five, beyond the ban
8 on high volume hydraulic
9 fracking operations, please
10 prohibit all activities
11 associated with hydraulic
12 fracturing in the Delaware
13 River Basin.

14 Thank you for your
15 attention concerning this
16 matter.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 David Kinney will be
19 next. And then on deck would
20 be Sylvia Metzler and Vanessa
21 Baker. And this is Mr. Kinney?

22 MR. KINNEY:

23 Yes.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Sure.