

1 if we don't reach you in the people  
2 that signed up today, you're welcome  
3 to come back this evening and we  
4 really expect that we'll be able to  
5 get to you. But we're going to try to  
6 get everybody in here this afternoon.  
7 All right.

12 Ms. Jones.

13 MS. JONES:

1 impacts are astounding and must not be  
2 overlooked. We've heard about  
3 increased traffic and road damage, air  
4 and noise pollution, light pollution.  
5 All of these things happen 24/7, and  
6 all of these things run directly  
7 counter to our community values in  
8 northeast Pennsylvania.

9 We understand that there  
10 are some who believe that the economic  
11 opportunities of a few should trump  
12 the protection of the environment that  
13 we all share in the long-term health  
14 of our region. But we respectfully  
15 disagree. Our children and  
16 grandchildren do not deserve the toxic  
17 landscape that fracking leaves behind.

18 Instead, we need to  
19 protect the environment that supports  
20 the outdoor economy that has drawn  
21 people to the area for over a century.  
22 The long-term residents and short-term  
23 visitors value the upper Delaware  
24 River Basin for its pristine  
25 headwaters, exceptional trout fishing,

1 and unaltered environmental resources.

We literally cannot afford to allow fracking to jeopardize the clean water that drives economic activity, including tourism, manufacturing, agriculture and small businesses. The harms from fracking are simply too great to allow in the Delaware River Watershed. The DRBC has both the authority and the duty to protect the Delaware River from the harms of fracking.

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