

1 studies. Geologists back in 2010 said  
2 to us the failure rate might be five to  
3 ten percent. Well, the science is  
4 bearing out. DEP has had over 4,000  
5 incidents where the public has said  
6 there has been problems with their  
7 drinking water. There's been over  
8 1,000 studies from the physicians for  
9 state energy, a health database. They  
10 have over 180 studies about the health  
11 impacts.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 I have to stop you.

14 MS. ZERBE:

15 So we need to stop  
16 drilling and we do hope the Governors  
17 will do the right thing. It is an  
18 election year. We're watching and the  
19 world is watching. End fracking now,  
20 all of it.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 Ned Fink, please. And  
23 then it would be Lois Ann Oleska and  
24 then James Orben. Okay, Mr. Fink.

25 MR. FINK:

1                   Okay. My name is Ned  
2 Fink. I'm from Coopersburg, PA and I'm  
3 just a taxpayer. And I'm against  
4 fracking, but I'm not going to thrash  
5 over everything the people here said I  
6 agree with. So there's no sense in me  
7 talking about that, but what I do want  
8 to talk about is, we're trying to clean  
9 up the Delaware River and the Delaware  
10 Bay.

11                   And a lot of people don't  
12 know this, but all the municipalities  
13 in the drainage are going to have to  
14 clean up their storm sewers out.  
15 They're going to have to put strainer  
16 bags in. Every time there's a  
17 rainstorm, they're going to have to  
18 clean their storm sewers out again, put  
19 more strainer bags in and the Borough  
20 are going to have to build a retention  
21 pond.

22                   And that's going to cost  
23 over a half million dollars, and  
24 they're probably going to have to take  
25 some homes because they want it on the

1 south side of the borough. Now, all  
2 this will only reduce the sediment that  
3 goes into the bay by ten percent, but  
4 the taxpayers are going to have to pay  
5 for all this.

6 So at a time when we're  
7 trying to clean the bay up, then we're  
8 going to go along with all this  
9 fracking and --- and you can't have  
10 that type of chemicals and everything  
11 winding up in the Delaware River. Now,  
12 I know in the Susquehanna River ---  
13 Towanda, PA, their fracking byproducts  
14 wind up in the Susquehanna River. And  
15 the Susquehanna River is having a  
16 problem right now and the bass don't  
17 reproduce anymore.

18 They're all small and  
19 stunted and they just don't reproduce.  
20 Now, I don't know if that's from  
21 fracking, but it --- it seems funny  
22 that's just happened recently in the  
23 last few years.

24 Now, Pennsylvania is a  
25 Commonwealth and if you look in the

1       encyclopedia, it tells us that a  
2       Commonwealth is a government where we  
3       the people have something to say, but  
4       it seems more and more in the  
5       Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, nobody  
6       heeds what we have to say. So I just  
7       would like to thank you for the time.

8                   HEARING OFFICER:

9                   Okay. Thank you. Ms.  
10       Oleska, Lois Ann Oleska, and then James  
11       Orben and then Ned Heindel. All right.  
12       And this is Lois Ann Oleska.

13                   MS. OLESKA:

14                   Correct.

15                   HEARING OFFICER:

16                   All right. Yes, ma'am,  
17       please.

18                   MS. OLESKA:

19                   I'm Lois Oleska. I am  
20       Moose Creek Watershed Board, a resident  
21       of Durham Township. I live on the  
22       creek, and it is part of the Delaware  
23       River watershed basin or watershed. As  
24       a member of the Moose Creek Board, we  
25       have many activities to educate our