

5 If Lee Clark appears
6 later, we'll give that person an
7 opportunity to speak. Then on deck
8 would be -- in addition to Pat
9 Henderson, would be Jeff Tittel, if
10 you could move forward, please. And
11 then the next speaker is Thomas
12 Shepstone.

13 MR. SHEPSTONE:

19 You are with this
20 proposed ban stealing the natural
21 resources and economic futures on this
22 side of the Berlin Wall and
23 constitutes the boundary two miles
24 west of here that direction between
25 the Delaware and Susquehanna River

1 Basin. Worst, you're doing it by
2 fraud.

3 On the other side of
4 that wall is the best laboratory
5 there, is to evaluate the impacts of
6 gas drilling. Thousands of gas wells
7 have been drilled hydraulically
8 fractured there. But I tell you, of
9 course, that you already know it.
10 Three of you a member --- a majority
11 of the DRBC also serve as a majority
12 of the SRBC. You're the same people.

13 You also know very well
14 that the SRBC staff has been
15 continuously evaluating the gas
16 drilling you allow on the other side
17 of that wall for impacts on water.
18 Those studies as recently as September
19 2017, say the Commission's remote
20 water quality monitoring network has
21 not detected discernible impacts on
22 the quality of the basin's water
23 resources as a result of natural gas
24 development.

25 And that's found in this

1 report right here. Anybody can get it
2 off the web. And yet, we know that
3 it's been deliberately ignored.

4 Twenty-two (22) pages of justification
5 for a ban and not one mention, not one
6 mention of this data that's at the
7 DRBC's hands.

8 They've deliberately
9 ignored it because both impacts --- or
10 despite, I should say, both impacts
11 being nearly identical, both faces
12 being sources of drinking water. And
13 you refuse to acknowledge gas drilling
14 is already safely taking place on the
15 other side of that wall in some of the
16 highest rated special protection
17 waters in Pennsylvania.

18 Meanwhile, the DRBC's
19 offices are heated with SRBC gas.
20 Yet, your notice of proposed
21 regulations, this 22 pages, pretends
22 this water quality data doesn't exist.
23 You simply want to apply a different
24 standard. You've chosen to cite phony
25 and speculative New York studies

1 rather than hard data in your hands.

2 You're engaged in a
3 massive land grab with the intent of
4 making a wilderness of our land for
5 the enjoyment of elite special
6 interest funding the Delaware River
7 Keeper. You've even taken money from
8 those special interest yourselves,
9 shame on you. What you're doing is
10 nothing less than high tech
11 colonialism.

12 You're taking our land
13 and economic future on the basis of a
14 fraud. And part of that fraud is the
15 fact that your own attorney, Kenneth
16 Warren, told the Third Circuit Court
17 of Appeals, a month or so ago, told
18 them that you'd already decided to do
19 this. This whole thing, and you're
20 running a good program here, but this
21 whole program today is a sham.

22 The decision's been made
23 and it's a terrible decision and it'll
24 be decided ultimately by the courts.
25 Thank you.