

1 place in a healthy environment  
2 for any of these activities.  
3 No place.

4 In addition, fracking  
5 and its wastewater can cause  
6 economic degradation. Tourism  
7 in our Bucks County is  
8 thriving. Our fishing, our  
9 vineyards, our blueberries, our  
10 barns, our bed and breakfasts,  
11 our restaurants, our water  
12 recreation, all depend on an  
13 ample supply of clean air and  
14 water. Toxins and tourism  
15 don't mix. Thank you for this  
16 opportunity.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 Thank you. Next would  
19 be Theresa Heinsler and then  
20 Wendy Goetz. And then Michelle  
21 Roberts.

22 MS. HEINSLER:

23 Theresa Heinsler. Money  
24 is power, but knowledge is also  
25 empowering. Fracking, I

1 believe, is a death knell, not  
2 just to the Delaware River  
3 Basin, but to the oil industry  
4 itself. Why would the biggest  
5 profit maker in the U.S. resort  
6 to such a costly extracted  
7 method resulting in such a poor  
8 quality product? Is it because  
9 the U.S. consumes 20 percent of  
10 the oil, only having two  
11 percent in the U.S.?

12 Partially, yes. But also  
13 because oil and gas is a  
14 non-renewable resource. Oil  
15 and gas from Texas and Oklahoma  
16 are rapidly depleted. The  
17 2,000 wells or more in the Gulf  
18 of Mexico are also being  
19 depleted.

20 Oil and gas sees the  
21 depletion, but not the  
22 solution. Why? Because it  
23 also means the gas industry is  
24 in the death knell itself. Is  
25 this why the conservation of

1           resources or developing clean  
2           energy are not being  
3           recognized? Why they cannot  
4           see it as nails for their own  
5           coffin. They prefer to see it  
6           as nails in our coffins.

7                       The Delaware River Basin  
8           is already a victim of oil and  
9           gas. How? Because of the many  
10          refineries, the oil tanks that  
11          line the Delaware, of the  
12          pipelines that run through, at  
13          least I know, Heinz Refuge,  
14          which is adjacent to the  
15          airport. And also by the  
16          airplanes who use the Delaware  
17          as a partial landing for the  
18          airport, the Philadelphia  
19          Airport.

20                      I live here and I can  
21          vouch for it. They go over it  
22          continually like every two  
23          minutes or so at times.

24                      And what is not  
25          generally known is that

1           airplanes have to carry by law  
2           an extra supply of fuel for  
3           emergency landings. But they  
4           need to discharge that fuel  
5           before they land. And to  
6           where? No one knows. I hope  
7           it's not in the Delaware, at  
8           any rate, I want to say ---.

9                   HEARING OFFICER:

10           I must stop you, ma'am  
11           at this point, okay. Just like  
12           everybody else.

13                   MS. HEINSLER:

14           Okay.

15                   HEARING OFFICER:

16           Okay. Thank you very  
17           much.

18           Wendy Goetz will be  
19           next. Then Michelle Roberts.  
20           And then Naomi Laver.

21                   MS. GOETZ:

22           Thank you. My name is  
23           Wendy Goetz. I'm a citizen of  
24           Freeland Heights in New Jersey  
25           and I would like to ask you to