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I am disappointed to read that the draft includes regulations that leaves open the possibility of water withdrawals as well as wastewater processing, storage and disposal related to fracking activities. It is inconsistent to ban the drilling part of fracking and at the same time to propose regulations that would permit water withdrawals and wastewater disposal related to fracking outside of the Basin.

Water used in fracking is taken out of the hydrologic cycle permanently.

Substantial damage is caused by the toxic wastewater produced by fracking which contains many dangerous pollutants, including naturally occurring radioactive materials, that cannot be fully removed by treatment and those damages can substantially harm the water quality of our streams and the life in them. Pollutants will inevitably spread downstream to negatively impact all of the watershed states, the habitats, fish, wildlife, and recreational values of the river and our vulnerable drinking water supplies.

Please address these areas of concern when reviewing your draft.

Thank you for our time.