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I am writing to support the draft rules, which would prohibit high volume fracking in the Delaware River Basin; prohibit exportation of water in high volumes; and prohibit importation of wastewater. Clean water is essential to human life. Clean water also supports recreation and tourism and thus is a boon to a locality.

Fracking introduces a variety of chemicals into the water. Some of these are known endocrine disruptors; others are radioactive; others are toxic heavy metals; and some react with chlorinated compounds discharged from water treatment plants to become more toxic. This list excludes those that are trade secrets, whose dangers cannot be known. Skin rashes, gastrointestinal problems, and breathing problems have been documented in people living near fracking sites.

Fracking can also deplete groundwater, depriving an area of safe drinking water.

Please prohibit fracking in the Delaware River Basin, along with use of the water for fracking and disposal of wastewater from fracking.