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Those of us in Pennsylvania are counting on our Article 1, Section 27 of our State Constitution to preserve our right to clean air and water (affirmed by the State Supreme Court on June 20, 2017).

The DRBC cannot have different rules for the various states in the compact. Ban all Natural gas drilling permanently in the Delaware River watershed.

The National Academy of Sciences found streams near gas wells are negatively impacted by runoff and sedimentation, harming benthic life, fish and other wildlife. The DRBC has a mission to protect our resources. Make the ban on natural gas drilling permanent.

Regarding the proposed section which would allow "treatment" of fractwater flowback or any other gas-drilling fluids or solids, remember that peer-reviewed studies in western Pennsylvania show that radioactive materials have accumulated over 600x normal, downstream from "treatment plants". Eliminate Section 440.5 Do not allow frackwater to be imported into the Delaware River watershed for "treatment".

Many of us rely on our water wells for our homes. Water is life. We cannot chance having our wells contaminated by gas drilling activities. Do not allow any gas drilling activities at all in the Delaware River watershed.

The attached photo illustrates one of the many wetlands in the Loyalsock State Forest in Pennsylvania. The Delaware State Forest would be vulnerable to gas drilling if you were to allow natural gas activities in the Delaware River Basin.

You MUST protect our headwater wetlands. The native brookies are the "canaries in the coalmine". Make the ban on hydrofracing and any other natural gas activities PERMANENT.

Yours,  
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