Operator:

Thank you. As a reminder, if you would like to make a statement today, please press star and one on your touchtone keypad. We will go next to Corinne Mayland. Please spell your last name for the record. You have three minutes.

Corinne Mayland:

Mayland is M-A-Y-L-A-N-D. I want to go and chime in. I reside in Lansdale, so I am in the River Basin, and in fact, our water that comes to our house is pumped in from Point Pleasant into the North Penn Water Authorities Treatment Plant and then dispersed. So, I have a very personal interest in this. I completely agree with what the statement that were made before with regards to the studies, especially that by Carluccio with regards to the SRBC study that people are saying that is just preliminary analysis and it wasn't really about assessing quality of the water. But the other is there are two other things in the regulations here. It is not just commenting on the banning fracking. There are two other parts that put there.

One is to say that any export of water from the river basin to be used in fracking is to be under the regulation of the commission. I fully agree it should be under the regulation of the commission, but I would like them to actually go further and ban the withdrawal for that purpose. We have too many fluctuations right now in terms of water levels. We can't afford to go and have it being taken out for something fracking for the very same reasons that support a ban on fracking.

The other is there is a rule in there that is talking about whether it's going to allowed to have treatment of fracking related wastewater be discharged into the basin. It goes a lot into speaking about how we are going to test that water. I would rather just put at least a moratorium or a ban on any disposal of the wastewater because it's way too early to be talking about how we are going to test it because we don't even know what is in it yet.

So, I would like to address the people on the line to chime in on the other two parts of this proposed regulation. Thank you.

Operator:

Thank you. We will go next to Karen Ferigun. Please spell your last name for the record. You have three minutes.

Karen Ferigun:

Thank you. My last name is F like Frank, E-R-I-G-U-N. I am weighing in to comment on some of the things I have heard, various speakers say about how the industry has been highly regulated in Pennsylvania, has been following regulations of Pennsylvania. The fact is being that the DRBC itself does not have a regulatory arm. Therefore, I understand that whatever regulations would be put into place would be for the states to control. But what our experience has been in Pennsylvania and we are clearly the ground zero in fracking in all of this watershed, is that the industry balks at every single time, any time there is an effort to put into place any regulations whatsoever.

Meanwhile on the DEP is vastly under stock. I am able to meet the challenges that have been opposed to it. In fact, in 2014 the general of Pennsylvania said that the DEP was woefully unprepared to deal with the shale gas boom. Nothing has changed. It's only getting worse. So, I just think that that needs to be taking into consideration and when the DRBC is considering the ones in these states to be able to do when there is a resistant industry involved on the other side. Thank you very much.

Operator:

Once again, to make a statement today, please press star and one on your touchtone keypad.

Steve Tambini:

This is Steve Tambini again. And looking at the list here, it doesn't look like anyone has indicated that they wanted to speak. We will wait her a second to see if there is anybody. I did hear some comments on the phone about whether or not people were having trouble getting in. What we are going to do is we are going to leave the phone line open until 3:30. So let me suggest that let's go on recess until 3:15. We will open up at 3:15 again and see if anyone who has joined. For those who are on the phone at point, once again, if you would like to hang in there until 3:15 or 3:30, you are certainly welcome to do that. If you would like to leave the call, you are welcome to do that as well. So, if you have—looks like we have somebody who has joined. Let's take the next person and then we will take a recess.

Operator:

We will go to Fred Stine. Please spell your last name for the record. You have three minutes.

Fred Stine:

S-T-I-N-E. And I want to, I just want to support the, what Tracy and Faith and Karen and the others have said. I support a total ban on fracking in the watershed including no exporting of water for fracking outside of the basin and no acceptance of water into our basin from treatment. I think that in our watershed, we have made some, our water quality and habitat for fish and other aquatic species has recovered in the last several decades. We don't want to slow that down in any of those activities either fracking in our watershed or exporting fresh water out, which affects as mentioned the base flow and streams and tributaries of the main stem, and/or importing frack wastewater from outside. All of those present a threat to ours and I think that it would be irresponsible for us to say no fracking in our watershed but support it in other watersheds. I think that that is irresponsible and is not something we should consider. So, I support the total ban on fracking and other elements. Thank you.

Steve Tambini:

Okay, operator, unless I am missing something, I don't see anyone who has indicated that they would like to speak at this time. Do you have anybody on your list?

Operator:

We have no one at this time.