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I am strongly opposed to opening the entire Basin area to any form of fracking activities. I believe the technology is just not there to guarantee safe construction or maintenance activities. The more than 12,000 leaks in New Mexico alone from this industry over the years is incontrovertible proof that the industry cannot claim complete competency. And that the technology has advanced over the years to reduce the harm. In Pennsylvania alone there have been over 500 reported incidences of leakage from these fracking and transport related activities, and that is what is "officially" reported to the state government agency. In addition, once again, the technology is just not there that can successfully treat or even mitigate or dilute already contaminated fracked water. In our public water treatment facilities. Really, how can even be a hint that there can be successful mitigation or treatment when over 3/4's of the chemicals are unknown and unknowable?? And the flushing out of dormant radioactive substances!?!? Bucks county is known for being a radon hotspot...if there is going to be the eventual push for injection of waste waters into the earth, and we all know that is what they are looking at, especially in a quite crowded and populated Delaware River Basin area, that procedure is now known to cause earthquakes, so what is to stop injection to create opened pockets of radon that can become free to do its own Migration?? This is one nasty and shortsighted industry asking us to suspend our desire for a life that is not under constant assault from cancer causing chemicals, air pollution and water contamination. I find this morally, scientifically, politically and ethically reprehensible. It needs to be stopped. I for one am tired of living in a country that is returning to its bad old roots of exploitation, rape and pillage, and destruction for the sake of the almighty dollar....we had only begun to rein this tendency in a few short decades ago....and we are returning to it?! Really? These people need to be stopped once and for all, all of them. And the political people who take money from them and support their efforts since they don't live near a pipeline or a well or a treatment facility...they need to be voted out. All of them. Please, do your job....do what you were set up to do.....stop ideas and projects like this from destroying us and the River and the environs around that river. Please please please protect this river....and us.