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Dear DRBC Commission and Governors,

I am writing to urge a permanent and total ban on fracking in the Delaware River Basin. I have many concerns about water quality, public health, infrastructure damage, environmental damage and earthquake, all known to be related to fracking.

I have driven through many areas in central and western Pa where fracking is prevalent, and I have found the deterioration of the roadways to be deplorable. In the Dakotas, the prevalence of earthquake has dramatically increased as fracking has increased there. Also of concern, is the number of trucks that transport spoiled water, and no surveillance to insure they ARE actually transporting the water TO treatment facilities, and NOT dumping soiled water, or taking water out of waterways without approval.

The 'experts' from the oil and gas industry who state that water quality is safe and has not been affected are failing to share a crucial and seminal fact. If the public has 'no right' to know exactly what 'proprietary' chemicals are being used in the liquid injection fracking process, then by extension there is no way to know exactly what chemicals to test for in wells or in downstream water. And similarly, there is no way to tell a physician what chemicals to test for when one becomes ill from drinking the 'safe' water.

I have absolutely NO faith in the EPA or the current administration. The president ran on the promise to delete 20 regulations for every 1 regulation that is on the books. And, the cabinet secretary of this same department has incredibly sued the EPA many times. How sad it would be for so many, if you approved the fracking, only to have your best efforts totally undermined. Please listen to the many many individuals and average citizens who have expressed strong opposition to fracking in the Delaware River Basin. Our concern for clean air, clean water and a safe, unspoiled environment should be primary in your discussions. I do NOT feel that big business/big money should have a voice in this process, nor a seat at this table.

I thank you for taking the time to read and consider this email, and the views of many others who live in the Delaware River Basin. Again, I appeal to you in the strongest possible terms, please place a permanent and total ban on fracking here.

Respectfully,

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