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The protection of the Delaware River Basin is vital to the protection of the environment surrounding the entire River Basin and the protection of those communities depending on the River for safe drinking water.

The ban on fracking in the river environs must be made permanent.

Permitting withdrawals from the River for fracking is an opening to fracking in the environs.

The volumes of water used at each site is in the millions of gallons and each drilling event opens up the opportunity for contamination to aquifers, groundwater and private wells.

Permitting fracking wastes to be released into the River is allowing partially untreated wastes into the River from which we drink.

These wastes contain radioactive materials, acids, hazardous metals, surfactants, and antifreeze as well as unknowns.

It is necessary to permanently ban fracking any where near the River and not allow withdrawals or disposals related to Fracking.