

3 | M S . O N G :

4 Good afternoon, Judge.

5 My name is Kimberly Ong. I'm  
6 an attorney at the Natural  
7 Resource Defense Council. I'm  
8 here on behalf of myself and  
9 the over 70,000 NRDC members  
10 who live in Pennsylvania,  
11 Delaware, New York and New  
12 Jersey.

20 I'd like to make three  
21 points. First, NRDC strongly  
22 supports a ban of the Delaware  
23 River Basin. Fracking can and  
24 has contaminated air and  
25 drinking water, ruined

1 landscapes, caused earthquakes,  
2 harms human health, and  
3 contributed to climate change.

Over 600,000 jobs or  
more than \$12 billion in annual  
wages rely on a clean and  
protective river basin for  
survival. Factoring in  
ecosystem services, over \$16  
billion are in peril if the  
River Basin is opened for  
fracking.

1                   and disposed of in the river  
2                   basin. The fracking process  
3                   yields wastewater containing  
4                   over 1,000 contaminants that  
5                   can cause significant harm to  
6                   human health and the  
7                   environment.

8                   Here's a partial list of  
9                   the chemicals that are found in  
10                  fracking wastewater. While  
11                  some of these chemicals are  
12                  benign, such as water and  
13                  citric acid, many of these  
14                  chemicals are toxic to humans  
15                  and animals and are radioactive  
16                  and corrosive. They can also  
17                  imperil ecosystems by depleting  
18                  oxygen or causing algorithms.

19                  And there is no safe way  
20                  to handle, treat, and dispose  
21                  of fracking wastewater. As  
22                  we've seen just next door in  
23                  Susquehanna County, even when  
24                  there are strict regulations in  
25                  place, where there's

1 wastewater, there are spills.  
2 And these spills pollute our  
3 water, destroy our habitats,  
4 and make people sick.

HEARING OFFICER:

MS. DONOHUE: