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HEARING OFFICER:

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Sandra Folzer, and then

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Sarah Caspar. And then Megan

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Desmedt.

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MS. FOLZER:

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Hello. I'm here as a

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private citizen for the most

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part because I drink water. I

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think there are probably a few

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other people who drink water as

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well from the Delaware River.

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Also, I have a farm in

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Tioga County, which is next to

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Bradford County. And I've

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visited farms where the cows

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have stillborn calves because

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of the pollution nearby. I

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have seen the dirty water. I

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do worry about my well as well.

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And given that there has

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been so much said that's been

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said about why we cannot clean

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the wastewater, that's a given.

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I think people have given

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enough facts. I don't have to

1 go about that.

2                   But I want to say that I  
3 believe that we cannot trust  
4 the fossil fuel industry to  
5 regulate itself or have our  
6 best interests. All you have  
7 to do is read the newspaper.  
8 Every week, at least once a  
9 week, you hear about a spill.  
10 You hear about an explosion.  
11 You hear about something. If  
12 you're looking and if you read  
13 the small print different  
14 places. Even in Pennsylvania,  
15 we had more than 4,000  
16 violations. We've had many  
17 violations.

18                   And if the industry is  
19 so caring about the private  
20 citizen, then why do they have  
21 gag rules? Why do they, when  
22 they try to help somebody --- I  
23 know even in Pennsylvania,  
24 we've had people who have had  
25 their wells ruined. And

1                   they're dependent upon the  
2                   companies. They can't afford  
3                   to bring in clean water for  
4                   themselves, these water  
5                   buffalos. So in order to get  
6                   money from the industry, they  
7                   have to take a payment and they  
8                   have to file --- they have to  
9                   promise that they will not  
10                  speak about all the injuries  
11                  that they have suffered.

12                  If this is so common,  
13                  then why is it so safe? I  
14                  think that it's a given that we  
15                  need to take a look at that.

16                  And finally, what I  
17                  wanted to end with is why would  
18                  we want to allow wastewater to  
19                  be put in our drinking water?  
20                  Why? What would be the benefit  
21                  given we know that it can't be  
22                  cleaned. It's radioactive.  
23                  There is not one good reason I  
24                  can think of for allowing  
25                  wastewater into our water

1 system. Thank you.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 Thank you, ma'am. Sarah  
4 Casper, and then Megan Desmedt,  
5 and Alex Cupo.

6 MS. CASPAR:

7 My name is Sarah Caspar.  
8 And I thank you. And I thank  
9 everybody who has hung in here  
10 and for what you all said. I  
11 am only going to confirm that  
12 what you have said is true.

13 I worked for EPA for 16  
14 years in this region. I saw  
15 everything that has been talked  
16 about. We cannot allow it  
17 because it doesn't work. We  
18 cannot allow self-regulation  
19 because it's too big a  
20 temptation for people to abuse  
21 that privilege.

22 So that's why agencies  
23 like EPA, DEP, et cetera have  
24 been created. So regulations  
25 are meant to protect us and to