

1 HEARING OFFICER:

2 Sandra Folzer, and then
3 Sarah Caspar. And then Megan
4 Desmedt.

5 MS. FOLZER:

6 Hello. I'm here as a
7 private citizen for the most
8 part because I drink water. I
9 think there are probably a few
10 other people who drink water as
11 well from the Delaware River.

12 Also, I have a farm in
13 Tioga County, which is next to
14 Bradford County. And I've
15 visited farms where the cows
16 have stillborn calves because
17 of the pollution nearby. I
18 have seen the dirty water. I
19 do worry about my well as well.

20 And given that there has
21 been so much said that's been
22 said about why we cannot clean
23 the wastewater, that's a given.
24 I think people have given
25 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