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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these draft regulations related to gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

The gas drilling industry has demonstrated their ability to pollute water and degrade streams in other parts of Pennsylvania. Monroe County is home to some of the best trout fishing in America. Our largely tourism based economy would be detrimentally impacted if shale gas play developers are permitted to install wells and frac in our special protection watersheds. Monroe County is also bordered by a special protection area, the middle Delaware National Scenic River, which offers visitors superb water quality for boating and fishing. It is also home to wildlife ranging from macro invertebrates to fishes to bald eagles and osprey.

Water withdrawals, waste water disposal, and other gas operations will cause irreparable economic and environmental harm to our watershed and river. The food chain of the Delaware river runs straight to our national emblem.

Please do not allow this activity and it's negative impacts to degrade the water quality of the river basin, as required by law and insisted upon by the public. Please continue protecting the eagles and all the other critters that depend on the river and cold clean waters that contribute to its flow.