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Maintaining a clean water supply is imperative. Given the large population that depends on the Delaware River for clean water, anything that puts that water supply in jeopardy would be foolish and irresponsible. We can look to the looming water crisis in Cape Town, South Africa for a prediction of misguided water use policy. While Cape Town's water crisis is caused by a different problem (diverting massive amounts of water to coal production), it is telling that water crises seem often linked to fossil fuel production. Endangering the Delaware River to support the fracking industry is insupportable. The oil and gas industry has played dirty by claiming status as a public utility when it does nothing to provide utility services to residents, instead making use of this special status to run roughshod over the rights of the population to a safe environment and access to clean water.

Please do not allow the Delaware River to be contaminated by fracking, either in the form of active extraction in the watershed and riparian area, or through the process of dumping toxic, radioactive wastewater in the surrounding area. The more pressure is put on the industry, the more it will have to find safer ways to conduct its business.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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