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I fully support the idea to replace the moratorium on fracking in the Delaware River Basin with regulations to permanently ban fracking in the Basin. I understand, however that the draft proposals include regulations which would leave open the possibility of water withdrawals as well as wastewater processing, storage and disposal related to fracking activities occurring outside of the Basin.

I strongly oppose these sections of the proposed ban. Water used in fracking is taken out of the hydrologic cycle permanently. Wastewater from fracking contains toxic chemicals, many of which are secret, as well as radioactive elements brought to the surface from deep geological formations, elements which cannot be removed, and which last for thousands of years.

I urge the commission to adopt a plan that would achieve a complete and permanent ban to safeguard the Delaware River's unique and invaluable watershed and thus the health of people and other life, which are dependent upon it.