

1 nation and it can work for the  
2 Delaware River Basin. Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 Thank you. Is this Mr.  
5 Handler?

6 MR. HANDLER:

7 Yes, sir.

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 Okay.

10 And just let me say the  
11 next names, Ron Stamets, Dick Martin,  
12 and Faith Zerbe.

13 Okay.

14 Mr. Handler, when you're  
15 ready, please.

16 MR. HANDLER:

17 My name is Bernie  
18 Handler and I'm also a property owner  
19 in Wayne County. I want to thank the  
20 Governors, Commissioners, and the DRBC  
21 staff for their efforts and for coming  
22 to the one conclusion based on  
23 scientific evidence that there is no  
24 safe way to regulate gas drilling if  
25 the goal is to protect the waters of

1 the basin.

2 It took great courage in  
3 this political climate to ban fracking  
4 entirely in the DRB. I sincerely hope  
5 that there's no walk-back from this  
6 and the decision remains to keep the  
7 ban on fracking. Two things the gas  
8 company are very desperate for are the  
9 sources --- or a source of clean water  
10 and a place to dump their toxic waste  
11 products.

12 The draft proposal opens  
13 up the pathway to allow both of these  
14 with the word discourage. A ban is an  
15 ambiguous word, clear and powerful,  
16 while the word discouraged invites  
17 them to the party as an unwanted  
18 guest.

19 First comes the  
20 exploration --- exportation of water.  
21 Over the past nine years, I've been  
22 following the dockets on the DRBC and  
23 cannot recall one docket allowing  
24 water to be used outside of the basin  
25 for an industrial purpose other than

1 for drinking water, for  
2 municipalities, and for bottling.

3 So why open up the  
4 spigot, especially since almost every  
5 drop will become toxic waste. And in  
6 the previous --- in the previous  
7 proposed regulations of 2010, water  
8 was prohibited for exportation from  
9 the basin for gas drilling. Why this  
10 change?

11 Also, the demand for  
12 water is continually increasing in the  
13 basin. New dockets and most  
14 renewables are requesting more water.  
15 Please keep the water in the basin for  
16 future use for future generations.  
17 Also, the estimated amount of water  
18 for each well has dramatically changed  
19 as the super wells operates at 20  
20 million gallons.

21 That's a lot of well  
22 water and a lot more waste. And a  
23 little bit I have here on the  
24 treatment of water, the wastewater.  
25 And the main point is that a lot of

1 these chemicals are still --- into the  
2 gas drillings. They come in  
3 canisters, in trucks, and they're  
4 pumped in, and companies like  
5 Haliburton keep them ---.

6 How can we ever clean  
7 that water? How we can we put them  
8 through it if nobody knows what they  
9 are, and many of those chemicals are  
10 toxic at one part per billion? So  
11 it's really impossible to clean.

12 Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Thank you, sir.

15 Ron Stamets? Mr.  
16 Stamets, please?

17 MR. STAMETS:

18 Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Yes, sir.

21 MR. STAMETS:

22 My name is Ron Stamets.  
23 I reside in Lakewood, Wayne County,  
24 Pennsylvania. Fracking activities  
25 have been effectively prohibited in