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I would like DRBC to know that as a concerned citizen and resident of New Jersey, I am opposed to the draft regulations that would allow the toxic wastewater produced by fracking to be stored, processed, and discharged in the Delaware River Watershed and allow water to be exported from the Basin for fracking elsewhere. I would like fracking to be COMPLETELY banned.

My position (and of those who are in support for a complete ban) is well supported by The Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking which was released by the Concerned Health Professionals of New York and Physicians for Social Responsibility this week.

The "...findings to date from scientific, medical, and journalistic investigations combine to demonstrate that fracking poses significant threats to air, water, health, public safety, climate stability, seismic stability, community cohesion, and long-term economic vitality. Emerging data from a rapidly expanding body of evidence continue to reveal a plethora of recurring problems and harms that cannot be sufficiently averted through regulatory frameworks. There is no evidence that fracking can operate without threatening public health directly or without imperiling climate stability upon which public health depends." (p.266)

Please ensure that our public health is protected by banning fracking completely.

Thank you very much.

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