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I oppose the DRBC's proposed regulations in reference to hydraulic fracturing. That being said I would recommend that the DRBC work with the gas exploration companies to generate a set of regulations that both sides can live with, instead of an outright ban on fracking.

Your proposed rule banning fracking poses several problems:

- 1) It strips the land owners of their effective property rights without compensation.
- 2) Even though NY has banned fracking, PA has not. You would be effectively circumventing current PA state law.
- 3) Because fracking is permitted in neighboring SRB, you would be discriminating against the property owners in the DRB.
- 4) The property owners have worked for generations to improve the watershed area, only to have additional regulations thrust upon them, not for their benefit, but for the benefit of the metropolitan areas to the south.
- 5) The resulting financial loss would cause economic decay in PA

Conclusion: Failure of both sides reaching a workable agreement is going to institute ill will between the parties and result in long and costly litigation as well as a push for legislative relief in PA and possibly in NY.

Thank You
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