

1 Viable alternatives to
2 burning fossil fuels, for
3 example, solar and wind power,
4 particularly of electricity,
5 are far preferable because they
6 are much less detrimental to
7 the environment. And would
8 create job growth in our
9 region.

10 Friends, Quakers believe
11 that we are called by God to
12 protect the health and
13 wellbeing. We are also called
14 on to protect the environment
15 both now and for future
16 generations. Expansion of
17 fracking directly contradicts
18 these elements. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Thank you, sir.
21 Victoria Strange will be next.
22 And then Carol Weston-Young.
23 And then Emily Davis. Ma'am,
24 when you're ready. Thank you.

25 MS. STRANGE:

1 Okay. Thank you for
2 this opportunity to speak. I
3 just wanted to add a short
4 comment as a wildlife ecologist
5 and a lifelong Pennsylvania
6 resident who recognizes the
7 importance of the Delaware
8 River watershed system as a
9 unique fresh water tidal
10 system. It's unparalleled
11 across this country and a vital
12 resource for the wildlife
13 communities that use this
14 region as a year-round, and a
15 stopover habitat.

16 We have already
17 designated the Delaware River
18 to an extreme degree, to the
19 point where many sections are
20 completely unrecognizable from
21 what they were before human
22 settlement. We must consider
23 the evidence that we've
24 gathered as to the adverse
25 affects of hydraulic

1 fracturing.

2 Many compounds of which
3 are extracted from shale
4 formations, as well as those
5 that are injected during the
6 fracking process which have the
7 potential to negatively impact
8 the Delaware watershed if
9 Pennsylvania chooses to be
10 involved in the transport and
11 treatment of these hazardous
12 compounds.

13 We do not need to
14 increase more pressure on our
15 biological diversity and
16 ecological functioning of this
17 region. And there is too much
18 risk of contamination and
19 detriment from the disposal
20 process.

21 Not only are these
22 persistent environmental
23 concerns important, but there
24 is evidence that the flow-back
25 water contains compounds which

1 have negative impacts on humans
2 such as neurotoxins and
3 carcinogens, as we've heard
4 from many of the other
5 speakers.

6 Residents have the right
7 to protect their drinking water
8 from being compromised by the
9 transport and treatment of
10 fracturing wastes. And I
11 support a complete ban of
12 hydraulic fracturing and
13 related activities in the
14 Delaware River Basin. And I
15 urge the Commission to do the
16 same. Thank you.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 Thank you. Ms. Carol
19 Weston-Young will be next. And
20 then Emelie Davis. And then
21 Daniel Markind. Is Carol
22 Weston-Young present? I will
23 call her name again. And then
24 Emelie Davis would be next.
25 You're Ms. Davis? Start by