Joe Guest

Please take action to permanently BAN fracking and ALL fracking infrastructure activities (pipelines, compressor stations etc) in the Delaware River Basin. My family and my community does not need or want natural gas. We certainly don't want to risk our health, nor do we want to risk polluting our water supply and causing any harm whatsoever to the wonderful natural resources and wildlife that live in the Delaware River Basin. Major states like New York have BANNED FRACKING ENTIRELY due to the extreme health risks and environmental hazards. It is shocking to me that entire states see that these activities are so dangerous that they must be banned, and yet here in PA we continue to compromise our citizens' health and the health of our environment just so corporations can make a profit exporting fuel.

Recently a group of leading scientists and physicians released the Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking, 5th Edition documenting fracking's harm to public health. Their conclusion is that the only way to truly protect public health is to prohibit fracking and all its associated activities (waste hauling, treatment, disposal). I urge you to ban all of these activities in your final regulations.

Enabling the shale gas industry by allowing it to take our water and dump its waste in the basin means that we can expect more industrialization in the basin. We will see more pipelines, power plants, and processing facilities. All of that shale gas infrastructure is designed to be around longer than we can afford to be using fossil fuels. If the Commissioners take into account the cumulative climate impacts of the regulations they are considering, they will see they have no choice but to ban all fracking-related activities in the basin.

Climate changed. We see the evidence of it everywhere. The only hope we have now is to speed the transition to clean, renewable, sustainable energy. If we don't, the impacts will not be limited to our water resources, but will endanger every aspect of our lives and very our survival. The DRBC must not allow any practices that enable more fossil fuel extraction anywhere. Protecting the water resources of the basin with a full fracking ban protects much more.

Again, please stand with the people of the Delaware River Basin and enact a full ban on all fracking activities.

Thank you.