

1 Mr. Bernhardt. This is Mr. Bernhardt.  
2 Okay. Yes, sir.

3 MR. BERNHARDT:

4 Hi.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Hi.

7 MR. BERNHARDT:

8 My name is Sam Bernhardt.  
9 I'm Pennsylvania Director for Food and  
10 Water Lodge. I just wanted to respond  
11 to several comments that were made by  
12 folks here looking to allow fracking in  
13 the watershed, stating that --- stating  
14 --- talking about EPA studies that said  
15 no widespread systematic water  
16 contamination was --- that fracking  
17 does not cause widespread systemic  
18 water contamination.

19 That title has been  
20 stated several times by those who want  
21 to open up our watershed to fracking.  
22 However, that is no longer the title of  
23 the EPA study. That is because the EPA  
24 study actually found that fracking can  
25 cause water contamination, and that the

1 study never stated that there was no  
2 widespread systemic water  
3 contamination. It was a poorly titled  
4 study and EPA's Science Advisory Board  
5 actually made the EPA walk back the  
6 title of this study.

7 They reviewed all the  
8 evidence, and they actually required  
9 the EPA to revise the title of this  
10 study to reflect the evidence that's  
11 actually contained in this study, which  
12 showed that fracking is associated with  
13 water contamination.

14 And so our opponents  
15 would like to believe that that is not  
16 the case, but the study was revised.  
17 So I wanted to put that on the record.

18 HEARING OFFICER:

19 Okay. Thanks, Mr.  
20 Bernhardt. Thank you. Ma'am, would  
21 you like to address this, please? If  
22 you don't --- okay. If you come  
23 forward, please. Yes. And then if  
24 you'd start by stating your name,  
25 please.