

MR. ZENNES:

First of all, thank you for letting me testify today. My name is Joe Zennes and I grew up on the Delaware River and still reside in the basin. I have a Master's of Science degree in environmental science and I've worked for the Delaware River Keeper Network in that capacity monitoring fracked gas pipelines in Pike County.

I feel there are three issues besides the drilling that need to be considered when implementing a permanent ban on fracking in the basin. First, water transfer out of the basin. There has been considerable efforts through the 1954 Supreme Court that read to protect the valuable resources of the basin.

My understanding is, the Commission supports a ten-year extension to the flexible flow management plan, and any withdraws for fracking needs to be considered under this complicated agreement.

Second, is wastewater disposal. I find it hard to believe that the Commission

would even consider allowing this vulnerable natural resource we've strived to protect for decades to be exported out of the basin and replaced with wastewater containing some of the most dangerous chemicals known to man.

My third point for pipelines I'll put in writing at another time. But I would direct the Commission to consider these comments when imposing a permanent ban on fracking to protect the cleanest fresh water in the world. I would encourage the Commission for a complete ban on fracking now. Thank you.