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I strongly agree with making the current temporary fracking ban a permanent one, but I also have concerns about allowing fracking companies to do water withdrawals from the Delaware River Basin, and I oppose allowing the importation and treatment of fracking waste in the basin area. I have read a DRBC spokesman's assertion that current regulations do not restrict either of these actions, and if so, I think such activities should be restricted. Since fracking waste contains dangerous toxic chemicals and unhealthy levels of radioactivity, I think it obviously should not be allowed anywhere within the Delaware River Basin, since doing so could potentially contaminate the drinking water source for millions of people, thereby causing significant health complications for an untold number of them. Additionally, for-profit petrochemical companies have no right to withdraw water from such an important public resource, and whether or not any of them have already been doing this, they should be prohibited from doing it in the future.

So yes, I strongly support a permanent ban on fracking in the Delaware River Basin, and I also support banning fracking companies from importing fracking waste into the DRB as well, plus I support banning fracking companies from withdrawing water in the DRB.