

1 with produced water waste is  
2 the proprietary nature of the  
3 fracking fluid, which makes it  
4 incredibly difficult for the  
5 DRBC to properly regulate these  
6 effluents.

7 Additionally, the  
8 requirement that companies ---  
9 background levels prevents  
10 areas of contamination from  
11 recovering.

12 For these reasons and  
13 the many more that have been  
14 mentioned today, I ask you to  
15 put forth a ban on fracking,  
16 the export of fracking ---  
17 export of water for fracking to  
18 be dismissed. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Maya Van Rossum would be  
21 next. And then Alicia Dorsey.  
22 And then Steve Bacher. Ms. Van  
23 Rossum, when you're ready,  
24 please.

25 MS. VAN ROSSUM:

1                   Good afternoon. My name  
2                   is Maya Van Rossum. I'm a  
3                   Delaware River Keeper, and we  
4                   are seeking on behalf of the  
5                   Delaware River Keeper Network.

6                   Nobody is safe if we  
7                   allow drilling and fracking for  
8                   gas from shale in our  
9                   watershed. If the fracking  
10                  industry were allowed to  
11                  advance in our watershed, we  
12                  will be signing up for  
13                  devastating and irreversible  
14                  harm to our water, air, health,  
15                  economy, and communities.

16                  Up to 23 acres of land  
17                  would be damaged for every well  
18                  pad, including forests,  
19                  wetlands, and needed water  
20                  recharge areas. We would  
21                  sacrifice billions of gallons  
22                  of water to this industry. We  
23                  would be increasing methane in  
24                  the atmosphere, magnifying the  
25                  pace and impact of climate

1 instability resulting in more  
2 floods and droughts to our  
3 watershed.

4 Where fracking happens,  
5 water wars are real. We do not  
6 want them here.

7 We do not want our  
8 farmers, our eco-tourism  
9 business owners, our voters,  
10 our fishers, and everyone who  
11 depends upon water, which is  
12 frankly all of us, to have to  
13 be battling with the frackers  
14 for water.

15 But that is what will  
16 happen if we allow fracking in  
17 our watershed. And that is  
18 also what will happen if we  
19 allow these regulations to  
20 advance as written. Because  
21 while they advance the long  
22 promise of banning fracking,  
23 they include the opportunity to  
24 bring frack wastewater into our  
25 watershed for disposal, and to

1           suck water out of our basin in  
2           order to support and do  
3           fracking elsewhere.

4                   More fracking anywhere  
5           means more toxic wastewater and  
6           fresh water needs, which means  
7           increased pressure on and use  
8           of our watershed to renew  
9           fracking that is devastating  
10          communities elsewhere.

11                   Frankly, this is both an  
12          untenable and an immoral stance  
13          for the Delaware River  
14          watershed to take.

15                   Fracking anywhere also  
16          means more pipelines, and  
17          compressor stations, and gas  
18          export facilities inflicting  
19          more harm on our natural  
20          resources and communities, both  
21          within the watershed and  
22          beyond. Too many have already  
23          suffered at the hands of this  
24          infrastructure.

25                   And so the Delaware

1 River Keeper Network supports  
2 that portion of the regulatory  
3 proposal that bans fracking in  
4 the Delaware River watershed.  
5 But to be fully acceptable, the  
6 Delaware River Basin  
7 Commission's regulations must  
8 say no entirely to every aspect  
9 of the fracking industry,  
10 including the wastewater and  
11 the water withdrawals, so that  
12 we cannot allow our watershed  
13 to become a sacrifice zone, nor  
14 allow our watershed to be used  
15 to sacrifice others, including  
16 future generations who will be  
17 saved or sacrificed by the  
18 decision that we are making  
19 today. Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 Thank you. Alicia  
22 Dorsey. And then Steve Bacher.  
23 And then Susan Carty. Okay.  
24 Ms. Dorsey?

25 MS. DORSEY: