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I believe quite strongly that drought years are not over. I believe drought will be returning as temperatures heat up in this area, as has been happening for over a decade, and precipitation patterns change. In fact, drought conditions remain for several select areas of the Delaware river watershed. So why in heavens name, would clean water be shipped out of here to be given to private industry for their irrevocable use in hydro fracturing activities? When our river has two species Of endangered fish in it that are just beginning to come back to halfway decent levels, would wayer be remov3d from their world? Why, when the recreation in this area dependent on this river is growing and growing and supports millions of people, hundreds of thousands of jobs, many, many commuters, would this water get given away?

And for what? To be used again, by private companies, to be injected at high volume to crack the earth and get gas and being up not only gas but all sorts of unwanted other things like radon and other radioactive substances, bromides, toxic chemicals, now toxified water with grit in it? Why? You can't drink it. You can't live in it. You can't swim in it. And did I say you can't drink it? So 17 million folks depend on this water. Countless fish and plants. Whole communities. Jobs, businesses that serve the river and its recreation industry, companies that withdraw already from it, communities that need it for projects.....and it is going to be removed? And possibly returned as an alien substance of no use to anyone or anything and indeed, is probably a harbinger if death itself.

Why? For profits. This is not for energy independence and self sufficiency . This is for profits. For plastics. For foreign corporations.....again....corporations. Always corporations. This is venal and si k and greedy and arrogant and insane. Don't do this. Please, don't sell all of us, and this river, out.