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I am strongly in favor of a fracking moratorium in the Delaware River basin for two main reasons.

First, while natural gas was embraced a decade or more ago as a cleaner alternative to coal and petroleum, the cost of energy has come way down since then for truly renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar. In that time period, the effects of global warming have become more pronounced. We need to act quickly to move to a fossil-fuel free society.

Second, the environmental effects of hydraulic fracturing can be pretty severe and are not worth the risk. We need to protect the water supplies from accidental injection of fracturing fluid into the groundwater supplies or from spills or other contamination into surface water. Present regulations do not go far enough into ensuring no major accidents can happen.