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Dear members of the DRBC,

I do not support hydraulic fracturing of shale for the release of gas for commercial use. The Delaware River Basin and surrounding areas are a particularly bad site for such fracking. 15 million people rely on water from the Delaware River Basin. Economic activities in the area rely heavily on these waters. But during and after fracking, the blowback and the "produced water" contains chemicals used in the process, as well as salts, metals, radio nucleotides, and hydrocarbons. The volume of this wastewater is significant, and will contaminate both surface and ground water resources.

In addition to such contamination, withdrawals from surface and ground water for HVHF may ruin aquatic ecosystems and river channel and riparian resources like wetlands downstream. The area is subject to dry spells. Water might then not be available for use during a drought. Water used in fracking is not returned to the river, thus would be lost.

In short, you are proposing a technology that will pose a great level of risk to public health and the environment.

"Potential significant adverse impacts on water resources exist with regard to potential degradation of drinking water supplies; impacts to surface and underground water resources due to large water withdrawals for high-volume hydraulic fracturing; cumulative impacts; stormwater runoff; surface spills, leaks and pit or surface impoundment failures; groundwater impacts associated with well drilling and construction and seismic activity; [and] waste disposal...."42 (DEC)

**BE BRAVE! DON'T DO IT.** NY does not want it. There are alternatives waiting in the wings for full implementation. It is selfish of you to think only of your monetary investments, when so much life, health, and environmental safety is at stake!