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As the Delaware Water Gap is the source of drinking water for at least 15 million people, I'm writing to ask for a complete and permanent ban on fracking in the Delaware Water Basin. There are many reasons why it should be banned, including the fact that fracking causes adverse health outcomes and environmental impacts.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has determined that there are 301 cases of private water well contamination caused by oil and gas operations in the Commonwealth; over 4,400 water complaints related to oil and gas have been filed by the public with PADEP. Between 2004 and 11.2016, PADEP lists 9,443 public complaints about environmental problems in shale gas drilling areas.

The Delaware River was designated as a national Wild and Scenic River by Congress because of its outstanding features, irreplaceable resources, exceptional water quality and scenic and recreational value. Let's not destroy it through fracking.

Thank you,
Marina