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A complete ban on natural gas development in the Delaware River Basin is a discriminatory overreach by a committee of unelected officials. How can three of the same individuals who sit on the DRBC vote the exact opposite when they sit on the SRBC? Both basins supply drinking water and contain special protection waters. If the SRBC's remote water quality monitoring network has not detected discernible impacts on the quality of the Basin's water resources as a result of natural gas development, then why would it be dangerous in the Delaware River Basin?

The Susquehanna River Basin has been producing natural gas via fracking for a decade now. The residents of the Delaware River Basin should be allowed the same opportunity for the following reasons:

1. The governing majority of the DRBC (PA, NY and USACE ) is the same governing majority of the SRBC so they are fully aware that fracking is of no threat to water quality, based on evidence already in the possession of DRBC decision-makers.

Given the SRBC data from its ongoing water quality monitoring programs and the DRBC knowledge of that data, any decision to ban fracking in the DRBC region seems to be purely political and without the scientific foundation necessary to justify the confiscation of private property. It's UN - American.

2. A complete ban is unjust and unfair, a complete denial of equal rights to the DRB landowners and residents seeking like economic opportunity.

3. A complete ban deprives Pennsylvanians and others of their rights and renders them second-class citizens, which is a breach of equal protection under the constitution.

4. By not allowing the landowners to harvest what is rightfully theirs, the DRBC is taking steps to confiscate property rights which leads me to believe that their intent is to eventually confiscate more private land in a massive power grab. It's another Tock's Island situation.