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Members of the Commission,

I have drifted through the Delaware Water Gap; my daughter-in-law obtained her PhD in Wetland Science and I accompanied her to set equipment in the marshes of Chesapeake Bay tributaries; when there were real teeth in the Army Corps of Engineers 404 Wetland Law, I managed to invoke it, and thus saved over a thousand acres from being devoured by useless suburban sprawl in my hometown.

My region here in Ohio has been the center of major fracking and the reality is not pretty. A brine well caused earth quakes. Our city water department sent a letter about hydrocarbon contamination though the source is from a pristine reserve. The fracking brine ponds leave an awful scar on the land and are not without toxic hazard. Piles of radioactive soil "too hot" to put in a landfill, are being mixed in open air with topsoil by bulldozers within three miles of my home and nobody was informed it was being built.

Gas was historically drilled for around here because of The Akron Dome a rock bubble left over from the formation of the Allegheny Mountains, I assume, an encasement which trapped gas for thousands of years. There are no "domes" in the geological formations of shale being horizontally fracked and any crack can lead to the surface and allow methane to penetrate your water supplies. And pipelines, to our country's despoilment, which are supposed to transport and inure to American's benefit, are being created as much to take the product and ship the gas across the ocean. In Ohio our finest dairy farms were cut in two. Now the whole industry is in a downturn.

Your river and the associated wetlands are too precious to encourage this industry to further wreck irreplaceable natural resources and water wells and recreational facilities and most important destroy your children's heritage and your peace of mind. Just say no, please. Thank you. Jeneen Beckett