

1       potable water. The water we get back  
2       will be in such a highly polluted  
3       condition that we'll have no choice but  
4       to store it or dispose of it.

5               That is effectively an  
6       unsustainable cycle the Delaware River  
7       Basin Commission is proposing in the  
8       staff regulations. The Commission must  
9       remain its position and ban all of it.  
10      Thank you.

11                   HEARING OFFICER:

12                   Thank you. Bryn  
13      Hammarstrom would be next, and then  
14      Joseph Hoffman and then Stephanie  
15      Catarino Wissman. All right. This is  
16      Mr. Hammarstrom? Okay. Sorry.

17                   MR. HAMMARSTROM:

18                   Bryn Hammarstrom. Not  
19      --- I'm a member of Pine Creek  
20      Headwater Protection Group, actually,  
21      Vice President and Treasurer, but I'm  
22      not speaking on their behalf, out of  
23      Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. I grew up in  
24      the Lehigh Valley, specifically near  
25      Limeport. I drove down to this hearing

1 because I care deeply about the Lehigh  
2 Valley.

3 I now live in Tioga  
4 County where the incidental side  
5 effects occur periodically, bad apple  
6 subcontractors caught dumping or  
7 spreading dirty water in our forests or  
8 along roadways. Wells and waters being  
9 contaminated. Heavy truck traffic,  
10 heavy truck dust, truck accidents, et  
11 cetera, but the --- so our group, Pine  
12 Creek Headwater Protection Group, work  
13 to stop a company misnamed Clean Earth  
14 from dumping a half million tons of  
15 drilling returns to extend the  
16 Wellsboro Airport runway.

17 I spent three days in DEP  
18 file reviews, one in Harrisburg, two in  
19 Williamsport on the metals, salts and  
20 radiation in the drilling return. We  
21 were successful. Unfortunately, DEP  
22 allowed Clean Earth to withdraw its  
23 proposal so all of our documentation  
24 was for naught until someone else tries  
25 to send and run around Pennsylvania's

1 constitutional guarantee of clean air  
2 and clean water.

3 So while I did not study  
4 the produced water itself, the drilling  
5 returns contain the various  
6 contaminants, heavy metals, salts,  
7 radioactivity, and all the chemicals  
8 added by the frackers that were just  
9 referred to by Ms. Feridun. I --- the  
10 SRBC does not allow oil and gas  
11 companies to withdraw groundwater, but  
12 it does give river permits.

13 I certainly would oppose  
14 the Delaware River Basin Commission  
15 from allowing either water withdrawal  
16 or --- river water withdrawal, or  
17 surface water or groundwater.

18 The damage done in the  
19 Susquehanna River Basin Commission in  
20 allowing the water withdrawals and then  
21 dealing with the 4 million gallons per  
22 day limits that they allow Shell and  
23 Seneca are producing millions of  
24 gallons of water, which originally they  
25 dumped on roadways as dust control and

1 took to local sewage treatment plants  
2 until belatedly the SRBC banned those  
3 two methods.

4 The dirty --- I'm sorry.  
5 Let's see here. The other issue  
6 besides clean air and clean water from  
7 the methane lost in the production,  
8 which would be encouraged by DRBC  
9 allowing its waters to expand fracking  
10 in the Susquehanna basin, is the idea  
11 of liability. And I think all of this  
12 will result in long drawn out court  
13 cases by people whose water was ruined.  
14 Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Okay. Thank you, sir.  
17 Thank you, sir. Joseph Hoffman would  
18 be next, and then Stephanie Catarino  
19 Wissman and then --- is Jeanne  
20 Cimorelli here?

21 MS. CIMORELLI:

22 Yes.

23 HEARING OFFICER:

24 She is here. Okay. And  
25 then she would be next. All right.