

1 got fined.

2 But that didn't help  
3 what happened to the environment.  
4 What I urge is the precautionary  
5 principal, because unless we know  
6 what's really safe, we can't do this  
7 to future generations and ourselves.  
8 Thank you.

9 HEARING OFFICER:

10 Tracy Carluccio would  
11 join the on deck people, please. And  
12 then this is Ms. ---.

13 MS. PUSKARCIK:

14 Puskarcik, yes.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Did I get it right the  
17 first time? Okay.

18 MS. PUSKARCIK:

19 Yes, just do it  
20 phonetically. Puskarcik (corrects  
21 pronunciation.)

22 My husband and I have  
23 lived here for over 30 years and own  
24 over --- well, almost 300 acres in  
25 Buckingham Township which is on

1       wonderful Hempstead Lake that feeds  
2       the Delaware River.

3                       We acquired this  
4       property over time and we did not buy  
5       any of the land in speculation for the  
6       possibility of future gas drilling  
7       profits like some landowners who don't  
8       even live here full-time. We believe  
9       that owning property here means being  
10      a good steward of the land and the  
11      water, having respect for all the  
12      creatures that live here, and also to  
13      be respectful of all of our neighbor's  
14      rights to clean air and water.

15                    A decade ago when the  
16      landsmen approached us, we listened to  
17      the sales pitch because then we didn't  
18      know about much of the pros and cons  
19      of the process and the offer of 3,000  
20      dollars per acre was pretty enticing.

21                    However, we had to do  
22      our homework. We researched the data  
23      available at the time and decided that  
24      no amount of money was worth the risk  
25      of polluting our air and water. And

1 the last ten years have given us even  
2 more well-documented information to  
3 confirm that we made the right  
4 decision.

5 So thank you, DRBC, for  
6 taking the first steps in banning  
7 fracking in the River Basin, but the  
8 agency should ban all aspects of  
9 fracking including water withdrawal  
10 and wastewater projection. The water  
11 injected for fracking is not only  
12 consumed, but it is a total loss to  
13 its source.

14 The water is no longer  
15 available to the hydraulic cycle  
16 because most of it is left sequestered  
17 deep in the ground cut off from the  
18 natural water cycle compounding the  
19 impacts of the loss. And 96 percent  
20 of the water withdrawn for fracking is  
21 used consumptively.

22 Meaning, that it will  
23 never again be available for  
24 consumption, never. Considering that  
25 only one percent of the earth's water

1 is drinkable, how we manage water will  
2 define our future and the future of  
3 this planet. Since 99 percent of that  
4 water is ground water, how we look at  
5 our aquifers is the most critical  
6 component involved.

7 And then there's the  
8 issue of earthquakes. Unfortunately,  
9 my hometown, Youngstown, Ohio, which  
10 never had any earthquakes in recorded  
11 history has had 77 earthquakes in the  
12 last --- well, in the year 2014, the  
13 last known numbers that I have. They  
14 were only in the magnitude of one to  
15 three, but again, these were  
16 earthquakes that never occurred before  
17 there was deep well water injections.

18 Oklahoma had 887 in one  
19 year of a magnitude of three point and  
20 over. So DRBC, thank you for banning  
21 fracking in the Basin, but please,  
22 also ban any water withdrawals or  
23 wastewater injection into the basin.  
24 Thank you.

25 HEARING OFFICER: