

1 MS. WARD:

2 It is.

3 HEARING OFFICER:

4 Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

5 MS. WARD:

6 My name is Carol Ward.

7 And I'm a member of the food
8 and water watch. I've been
9 involved with the fracking
10 issue for several years. And
11 what I'm going to say is my own
12 view. I don't speak for food
13 and water watch. I speak for
14 myself.

15 Fracking is not really a
16 benign process. My two major
17 concerns with it are health and
18 environmental considerations.
19 These considerations are urgent
20 as so many people have said in
21 this room.

22 Once a stream, aquifer,
23 or a river is polluted by
24 fracked wastewater or chemicals
25 used in fracking, they are

1 never the same.

2 Companies who do the
3 fracking use some or all of
4 3,062 known chemicals. And
5 I'll just repeat a few of them
6 benzene, boron, diesel fuel,
7 chloralamide, ethylene glycal,
8 hydrochloric acid, sodium
9 hydroxide.

10 I felt so bad for
11 Dimock, upstate Pennsylvania,
12 and some of the people whose
13 farm animals died immediately
14 upon drinking one part of a
15 fracked water pool.

16 And I felt bad for the
17 people that got continuous
18 seizures from --- they didn't
19 even know that the water they
20 were drinking up there was
21 fracked and contaminated.

22 Fracking fluid that is
23 pumped out of the ground
24 contains radioactive minerals
25 that can kill animal and plant

1 life. Negative effects after
2 ingesting or touching fracking
3 fluid can do damage to skin,
4 eyes, sensitive organs,
5 respiratory systems,
6 gastrointestinal system, liver,
7 brain and cardiovascular.

8 I'm concerned about the
9 reproductive aspect. Babies
10 borne to women who live within
11 ten miles of natural gas wells
12 can be born with congenital
13 heart defects, as well as
14 possibly defects to the brain
15 and spinal cord defects.

16 For these reasons and
17 because concrete wells in
18 fracking can crack, and pipes
19 burst, and their contamination
20 of wells, methane can cause
21 explosions. And for all these
22 reasons, I favor a complete ban
23 on the fracking of the Delaware
24 River Basin. And this must be
25 permanent. Because the

1 population is just too high
2 along the banks of the Delaware
3 River to lose this precious
4 resource.

5 Our health depends on
6 keeping the river safe. Thank
7 you for hearing my remarks.
8 And thank you for making
9 available a chance to speak.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Thank you, ma'am. Carl
12 Balis. And then Claudia Crane.
13 And followed by Sandra Folzer.

14 MR. BALIS:

15 My name is Carl Balis.
16 And I live in Glenolden,
17 Pennsylvania, which is only a
18 couple miles from here. I
19 don't have really too much to
20 say here because everything
21 that needs to be said has been
22 said by about 50 or 60 people
23 before me.

24 I just basically want to
25 stand as one more person who