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Dear DRBC,

Kindly put AN END TO YOUR POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND DISHONEST BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACKING within the Delaware River Basin!

Here are some reminders on how foolish you all look lying to yourself, but the science is on our side. NO MORE FAKE EXCUSES FOR DENYING LANDOWNERS THERE MINERAL RIGHTS! You need to be reminded the DRBC justification for the fracking ban is riddled with errors and has been Scientifically PROVEN FALSE:

hydraulic fracturing has polluted water supplies (it hasn't),
gas wells are repeatedly hydraulically fractured multiple times (they aren't),
the amount of water used is massive (it doesn't come close),
the water is lost forever (not true),
water use is growing (not so),
hydraulic fracturing causes gas migration (doesn't happen),
risk increases over time due to declining well integrity (not true as pressures decrease over time),
wastewater disposal is not regulated (it is thoroughly regulated),
the drinking water of 15 million people is threatened (not even close), and
fracturing using other than water (e.g., CO2, natural gas, propane) might still be subject to DRBC regulation (ludicrous).

Let's also not forget right next door in the Susquehanna River Basin the SRBC allows fracking; finding it has "no discernible effect on the quality of water resources." The "special protection waters" excuse the DRBC is using is also no justification when there is already natural gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing taking place in Exceptional Value watersheds in Pennsylvania with no ill effects.

The DRBC's reasoning for the proposed fracking ban is totally unjust and thoroughly dishonest. STOP LYING TO YOURSELF AND EDUCATED CITIZENS OF THE DRBC. THE MORATORIUM NEEDS TO BE LIFTED IMMEDIATELY.

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