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Delaware River Basin Commission
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Subject: We need a comprehensive hydraulic fracturing ban, not an unacceptable half-measure -- Proposed Amendments to the Administrative Manual and Special Regulations Regarding Hydraulic Fracturing Activities; Additional Clarifying Amendments

Dear Commissioner,

The Delaware River Basin Commission's proposed hydraulic fracturing regulations are a half-measure that won't protect the Delaware River Basin, or the people who rely on it.

"Our duty to the whole, including to the unborn generations, bids us to restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose and method."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

The regulations leave the door open to both hydraulic fracturing waste and water withdrawals for hydraulic fracturing, endangering a drinking water source for millions of people. A ban in name only is wrong for the Delaware River Basin, and it's one we can't live with.

"Our government is like a rich and foolish spendthrift who has inherited a magnificent estate in perfect order, and then has left his fields and meadows, forests and parks to be sold and plundered and wasted."

-- John Muir

The Delaware River is a treasure that belongs to the public, not to the highest bidder. Hydraulic fracturing has no place anywhere near the Delaware River watershed—or anywhere else, for that matter.

"Every man who appreciates the majesty and beauty of the wilderness and of wild life, should strike hands with the farsighted men who wish to preserve our material resources, in the effort to keep our forests and our game beasts, game-birds, and game-fish--indeed, all the living creatures of prairie and woodland and seashore--from wanton destruction. Above all, we should realize that the effort toward this end is essentially a democratic movement."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

The proposed regulations would not adequately protect the Delaware River Basin from the dangers of hydraulic fracturing. I urge you to pursue a comprehensive ban on hydraulic fracturing and hydraulic fracturing-related activities and keep our water safe.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

-- Aldo Leopold

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,
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