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Dear Comments,

I strongly oppose the DRBC's proposed rule to severely limit and thereby effectively ban hydraulic fracturing within your jurisdiction.

The oil and gas industry serves the nation by powering our economy and helping to keep energy affordable for millions of Americans, producing and delivering energy safely and working hard to ensure that our communities, work sites, and the environment are protected.

Government data and scientific research make it clear that the industry's commitment to safety has paid off. Hydraulic fracturing is safe, does not contaminate drinking water, cause earthquakes, or otherwise endanger the environment. Given this evidence, giving credence to the misinformation promoted by extreme anti-energy groups is not justified, nor does it warrant the imposition of your proposed rule.

The risks of allowing energy development in the DRBC region are minimal, while the benefits are certain. Domestic energy development is critical to our nation's strength---to our economy, to job creation, our energy independence, and our security. Households have extra money every year because we produce most of our own energy and reduce needless expenditures for energy importation.

The DRBC's proposed rule will take our nation in the wrong direction. Recognizing the strong safety record of energy development, the federal government has rightly begun to eliminate unnecessary regulations and reduce impediments to production. The DBRC should move in the same direction.

I respectfully ask the Commission to withdraw its new draft regulation and replace it with rules that support, not restrict, American energy development and production. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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