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Because of its huge use of drinking water drawn from fresh sources, and the eventual degradation and toxifying effects of "produced water" full of chemicals, fracking should be banned throughout the Delaware Basin. There should be no use of water transported from elsewhere for fracking, and there should be no exporting of water for fracking in other areas which will similarly pollute water there. The risks of fracking to the drinkable water supply have been shown to be high, spills leaks and concrete failure occur frequently. For survival, the need to preserve pure water supercedes the need for oil or gas. There must also be thorough oversight of and enforcement of water pollution levels, which tend to be left undone or falsified. The area with forests and good water must be saved from the eventual degradation that fracking and its high use of water will bring - the lowering of water tables and flow that will be disastrous in a period of drought, and the pollution that produced water spreads ever more widely as it leaches into groundwater and wells.