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I was very encouraged to hear that after ten years, the DRBC finally has decided that fracking is a dangerous activity and should be banned from the Delaware River basin, based on all of the scientific evidence that has been out there for years. I was dismayed that after stating the dangers, the same DRBC would then consider regulations for bringing fracking waste to be deposited in the same area that they propose banning fracking in. And withdrawing water from the Delaware to be used in fracking, elsewhere? Does that mean the commissioners think less of the people and their safety, in other areas of Pennsylvania, so go ahead and frack in those areas and we'll help you? Does that mean that the DRBC doesn't understand the dangers of bringing that same toxic material to be stored here? I don't understand but I am hoping this will be re-thought and there will be a permanent ban on fracking and everything related to it, here in this most vital, pristine water aquifer. And when you're thinking about water withdrawal, think Cape Town, South Africa. Not that it looks like there will be a drought here anytime soon, but water is going to be the next big commodity that people will be fighting over. To withdraw water from the Delaware for a purpose that you yourselves have deemed dangerous seems counterproductive at best.

Thank you.