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Adrienne Margado. Wrightstown, Pennsylvania. Bucks County. I love synchronicity. Yesterday is local little Newtown patch had a they shared the environmental working group's paper on potentially unsafe levels of radium in Pennsylvania drinking water. And then two days before that, Duke University came out with the study of radioactivity from oil and gas wastewater persists in Pennsylvania streams' sediments.

So, you know, there's a lot of that I know comes naturally. But when you start drilling it, and raking it up, it just lifts it to higher levels. And it becomes unsafe for everyone.

But I just want to share a few fun facts with everybody today. Okay? So water is the oil of the 21st Century. That's Andrew Weber, CEO of Dow Chemical Company.

Multibillionaires and elites are rapidly racing to control the world's water supplies. Morgan Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, CitiGroup, and other financial institutions are making huge investments in water infrastructure.

This I got this morning. The Bush family has purchased 100,000 acres which sits on top of an enormous freshwater aquifer. And this aquifer is larger than Texas and California combined. I thought well, why? Why would they want to do that?

Credits you see estimates that two thirds of the world's population is likely to live under water stress conditions by 2025. California and the western U.S., as well as Brazil and other parts of South America are experiencing historic drought conditions. Meanwhile, many states in the U.S. have now made it illegal to collect rainwater.

Companies like Nestle who believe water is not a basic human right are foraging available freshwater resources at unprecedented rates and was caught recently stealing 6 million gallons of water per year from national forestlands. The bottled water industry is making 22 billion a year bottling municipal water. Water utilities are increasingly becoming privately owned. For a typical household, privately owned water service costs 1,500 percent more than public water service.

Because corporations are driven by profits and not the public good, criminalization will likely result in lower environmental standards. Government cannot be trusted when it receives evidence by the police in the Flint, Michigan scandal in which officials approved land contaminated water for over 100,000 residents.

So these statements all lead me to believe and feel that our water supplies are in great jeopardy. So why would we consider allowing elicit contamination to occur in a scenic water basin that supplies water to four states and 17,000 (sic) people?

Let's be part of the solution and not part of the problem. The real war will be fought not for oil, but for water. Thank you.