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Hydraulic fracturing is heinous, and will destroy the Delaware River as we know it. Its use is only good for those who so happen to be greedy people, those that refuse to put their priorities in line, which would be to care about the Earth and Mother Nature rather than the generated revenue of these mass procedures. Our country is well off, regardless if there is natural gas trapped miles down inside the earth. There have been countless occasions in which these gases and chemicals have leaked into the water, contaminated it, sickening those that have used their same old water source for years. But the fracking teams do not confess, nor even consider that releasing these chemicals into the earth to retrieve gases has any effect on the events involving water being contaminated. The vast amounts of hazardous and flammable chemicals used for fracking is unbelievably shocking. Its injected into the earth, with some left and some of the oily, polluted water. But what do they do with this compound? They lay down rubber, and dump them in small pool- like structures, and leave them there for wildlife and most importantly so that it can leak back into the water and ground area. Wildlife is harmed drastically because the animal populations near fracking sites have been only declining in numbers over the years. Not to mention how many CO2 emissions that accumulate from the hundreds of truckloads of materials just to begin the drilling, nor to mention the thousands of gallons of water necessary to do these drilling procedures; none of it can be put back because of how dirty it becomes in the aftermath. The Earth has only been getting dirtier and dirtier--more and more destroyed for anthropogenic reasons. We need to stop this mad house now!