

1 shows a water cycle could not be  
2 destroyed or altered without expecting  
3 adverse effects to its entire  
4 ecosystem.

5 And also, I realize this  
6 is a hearing, so if the DRBC needs any  
7 references in according to this  
8 speech, please let me know. Thank  
9 you.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Jeanne Cimorelli would  
12 be the next person on deck. And the  
13 next speaker is, let me see, Carol  
14 Lawson?

15 MS. LAWSON:

16 Yes.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 If you would, ma'am?

19 MS. LAWSON:

20 My name is Carol Lawson,  
21 and I live in Burlington Township in  
22 Pennsylvania. In my profession, a  
23 speech language pathologist, a child  
24 development specialist, I provide  
25 early intervention services for

1 children from birth until the age of  
2 three.

3 In aggregate the cost to  
4 states who make up this Commission for  
5 early intervention services for our  
6 most vulnerable is roughly \$1.5  
7 billion a year of taxpayer money.

8 I heard recently that a  
9 --- during a community meeting, an  
10 appropriately member of our community  
11 claiming that no one has turned green  
12 or dropped dead yet from the effects  
13 of drilling in the Susquehanna River  
14 Basin. As a therapist and clinician,  
15 I have treated and helped infants who  
16 are grey in color, infants who turn  
17 blue as they struggle to coordinate  
18 their suck, swallow and breathing.  
19 All of these are critical life-  
20 sustaining skills.

21 I have held a four-  
22 month-old infant born with Leukemia  
23 enduring toxic chemotherapy in my arms  
24 to teach her how to swallow. Humans  
25 do not survive without the ability to

1 swallow. Every uterus, fetus, unborn  
2 child, developing child, exists  
3 downstream from staggering numbers of  
4 health regulated chemicals. We cannot  
5 cure cancers or birth defects, but we  
6 can, as a responsible and informed  
7 community, do all within our power to  
8 prevent further degradation of our  
9 shared environment and the cancers and  
10 birth defects that follow such  
11 degradation.

12 I support a ban on  
13 fracking from the Delaware River  
14 Basin, and I urge the Commission to  
15 ban the importation of frack waste  
16 into the basin for the purpose of  
17 treatment and disposal. I thank the  
18 Commission for the valiant efforts  
19 they have made over nearly ten years  
20 to resolve this contentious issue.

21 And what has been  
22 achieved so far is deeply appreciated.  
23 But we can and we must do more as a  
24 community. Thank you.

25 HEARING OFFICER: