

1 these chemicals are still --- into the
2 gas drillings. They come in
3 canisters, in trucks, and they're
4 pumped in, and companies like
5 Haliburton keep them ---.

6 How can we ever clean
7 that water? How we can we put them
8 through it if nobody knows what they
9 are, and many of those chemicals are
10 toxic at one part per billion? So
11 it's really impossible to clean.

12 Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Thank you, sir.

15 Ron Stamets? Mr.
16 Stamets, please?

17 MR. STAMETS:

18 Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Yes, sir.

21 MR. STAMETS:

22 My name is Ron Stamets.
23 I reside in Lakewood, Wayne County,
24 Pennsylvania. Fracking activities
25 have been effectively prohibited in

1 the basin since May 2010.

2 The DRBC released a
3 draft of regulations at the end of
4 2010, revised them in 2011, then
5 canceled voting on the rules. The
6 DRBC had not visited this issue until
7 the fall of 2017 when the
8 Commissioners directed the DRBC to
9 draft a rule prohibiting fracking
10 activities within the region.

1 number 299 dated April 2016 which
2 clearly states to date the
3 Commission's monitoring programs have
4 not detected discernable impacts on
5 the quality of the Basin's water
6 resources as a result of natural gas
7 drilling, but continued diligence is
8 warranted.

9 Three Commissioners of
10 the SRBC are the same commissioners of
11 the DRBC, and they have deemed it safe
12 to drill for natural gas in the SRB
13 where Marcellus shale underlies 80
14 percent of the region.

15 The arbitrary decision
16 of the DRBC to permanently ban
17 fracking and associated operations
18 flies in the face of the findings of
19 its sister organization, the SRBC.
20 And it is so warranted and politically
21 motivated without regard to the
22 livelihood or welfare of the citizens
23 of the upper Delaware River Basin.

24 The DRBC has been sent
25 1,300 signatures of local residents of

1 the upper Delaware River Basin who
2 oppose this proposed permanent ban
3 document which potentially places the
4 DRBC in authority position over the
5 state legislator in the regulation of
6 private land rights, something which
7 was never intended by the Compact
8 agreement between the states and the
9 federal government. Thank you.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Thank you, sir.
12 Mr. Martin, Dick Martin,
13 is he present? Then after Mr. Martin,
14 it'd be Faith Zerbe and Jane
15 Bollinger.

16 Okay.

17 Mr. Martin, please?

18 MR. MARTIN:

19 I'm Dick Martin from 20
20 minutes down the road in Lakeville. I
21 get my water from a well, most of you
22 do, too. And without pure water we
23 are SOL.

24 Last June 20th, the
25 State Supreme Court affirmed our right