

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.

11 The DRBC notice states  
12 that the use of hydraulic fracturing  
13 to extract natural gas from the  
14 Marcellus and Utica formations  
15 presents risks, vulnerabilities and  
16 impacts to the quality and quantity of  
17 the surface and groundwater resources  
18 in the basin at each step of the,  
19 quote, hydraulic fracturing water  
20 cycle.

21 What is disturbing is  
22 the DRBC's failure to mention the fact  
23 that over 3,000 fracked well drilling  
24 operations have been completed. The  
25 SRBC issued its report publication

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