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The Federal exemptions reduce control of how hazardous materials from fracking must be disposed of. Rescind the proposed section 440.5 and protect the Delaware River watershed.

Article I § 27 of our State Constitution guarantees our right to clean air and water. Our water quality must not be degraded. Natural gas activities result in discharges of the myriad of chemicals used in fracking and results in radioactivity downstream.

Proposed Regulation 440.5 must be deleted. No water from outside this watershed should be imported for treatment. Toxic, hazardous and radioactive materials build up over time and are cumulative. Our groundwater and streams would be at risk.

The natural gas drilling industry has already received unprecedented federal exemptions from the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. We need more protection not less.

PA DEP has received over 9,000 public complaints about environmental problems in shale gas drilling areas. We can avoid that grief by banning all gas drilling in the Delaware River basin.