

1 HEARING OFFICER:

2 Thank you. Okay.

3 MR. CUPO:

4 Which you have correct.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Okay. Good. Thank you.

7 MR. CUPO:

8 Thank you very much. So
9 my name is Alexander Cupo. And
10 I am the Southeast PR
11 coordinator for Penn Future.

12 Penn Future is a
13 Pennsylvania statewide
14 organization dedicated to
15 protecting our environment and
16 supporting a clean energy
17 economy in Pennsylvania.

18 We thank you for holding
19 these public hearings. The
20 comments I make today are in
21 addition to the comments that
22 we will be submitting through
23 our organizations.

24 My colleague commented
25 earlier this week about Penn

1 Future support on the DRBC's
2 proposed ban on fracking
3 operations in the basin, which
4 is absolutely necessary to
5 protect the Delaware River's
6 unique water resources,
7 recreational and industrial
8 tidings, and the drinking water
9 of over 15 million people.

10 However, the DRBC must
11 also ban the use of Delaware
12 River water for fracking
13 outside the basin. A single
14 fracked well uses 5 to 10
15 million gallons of water with
16 10 to 20 million gallons
17 requiring more the norm.

18 The amount of water from
19 the basin --- removing the
20 amount of water from the basin
21 upsets the balance of water
22 available for the protected
23 uses and other uses in the
24 basin.

25 But the DRBC are already

1 struggling to maintain
2 sufficient levels in ---. It
3 is incomprehensible that they
4 would allow such an export to
5 occur in the first place.

6 The DRBC must also ban
7 the transport, storage,
8 treatment, or disposal of
9 fracking wastewater within the
10 Delaware River watershed. The
11 potential risk to water quality
12 of the Delaware River from
13 these activities is too great.
14 And the threat to the drinking
15 water of Philadelphia and so
16 many other residents, including
17 myself, is too real.

18 To allow this within the
19 basin would be absurd. And to
20 say that it is also absurd that
21 the DRBC would ban fracking,
22 but allow for the treatment and
23 disposal of the extremely toxic
24 fracking wastewater to occur in
25 the first place.

1 Because there is no way
2 to regulate water transfers or
3 the treatment of fracking
4 wastewater within the Delaware
5 River Basin, while sufficiently
6 protecting the Delaware River's
7 resources, the DRBC must not
8 allow these activities to take
9 place. Thank you.

10 HEARING OFFICER:

11 Thank you. The last two
12 people, each one has two
13 minutes because we are almost
14 at 4:30. And these people have
15 spoken previously. Sharon
16 Furlong. Is she here?

17 MS. FURLONG:

18 Yes.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Okay. Well,
21 unfortunately, you're only
22 getting two minutes, ma'am.

23 MS. FURLONG:

24 Sharon Furlong with
25 Environmental Action, Sierra