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The Delaware River MUST be protected from shale fracking for natural gas - it is reckless for the DRBC to even consider shale fracking anywhere in the vicinity of the Basin. I have been attending DRBC meetings and hearings as far back as 2009, presenting this issue and all the facts to the DRBC for the protection of our watershed.

The proposed ban should protect the watershed in every possible way, and needs to go much much further to totally eliminate and prohibit ALL ASPECTS of fracking from the region. All stages of the process must be banned.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should the DRBC, whose task it is to PROTECT OUR WATER, even entertain fracking for gas for any reason. We can afford and must persist on developing wind and solar energy. There is absolutely no reason for the DRBC to consider this massive betrayal of human rights, not under the guise of "job creation" which is temporary or "energy independence" which is an illusion - the only one who benefits from fracking are gas and oil companies.

I have traveled through PA and upstate NY (Buffalo) interviewing families impacted by fracking. Families who are ill, who can't afford to move, who have lost everything.

I'm stunned that after so many years, this is still on the table at the DRBC.

EVERY FACET of fracking for natural gas should be BANNED in this region. The ban as currently proposed DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH.