

1 created.

2 So it's simply ---
3 excuse me. Treatment plants
4 can't handle the wastewater.
5 So it's simply not enough to
6 discourage water withdrawals,
7 and the disposal of fracking
8 waste to the Delaware Basin.
9 Both must be unambiguously
10 prohibited. The resource is
11 too vital to risk. Thank you.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Thank you. Mike Doyle,
14 please. And then Bruce
15 Birchard. And then Andrea
16 Strout.

17 MR. DOYLE:

18 Thank you very much. My
19 name is Mike Doyle. And I come
20 here as candidate for the
21 legislative district, the 170th
22 legislative district.

23 I knew I had to come
24 today to express my concern
25 that the Delaware River Basin

1 Commission was possibly going
2 to allow one thing while not
3 allowing the other.

4 And first, let me
5 backtrack and say that we are
6 here in regards to protecting
7 Mother Earth. It is sacred.
8 And water is life, as a speaker
9 said earlier.

10 It is important that we
11 are stewards here and we
12 maintain that stewardship.
13 There are people that have laid
14 their lives on the line.

15 Native Americans that
16 laid their lives on the line to
17 fight for this most sacred
18 source of life. And we sit
19 here today from our privilege
20 discussing whether it is good
21 to allow waste or just ban
22 fracking completely.

23 When people that are
24 from the land are willing to
25 lay their lives down for that

1 protection, we have to look and
2 see what we are doing as a
3 society. Right now, Mother
4 Earth is laying sick and dying
5 in her bed. And what we choose
6 to do is instead of giving her
7 medicine, we choose to inject
8 her with poison.

9 If your own mother was
10 there, I ask the Commission,
11 the Delaware River Basin
12 Commission, if your mother was
13 sitting sick in a bed, would
14 you inject her with poison? Or
15 would you give her medicine
16 that would allow her to live.

17 It is important that we
18 maintain this. And that we
19 allow the people to speak
20 because if we continue to let
21 corporations dictate how we
22 live on this planet, this
23 planet will soon die.

24 I come here as someone
25 who has witnessed this

1 firsthand. And to the River
2 Basin Commission, and to you,
3 Your Honor, and to everybody
4 here that allows us to speak
5 today, many thanks. We thank
6 the Creator.

7 And I'm very concerned
8 that Oomcheemaka is not given
9 her respect. I'm sad to say
10 that we put corporate interest
11 in front of human interest.
12 And it must end. We must go
13 back and understand what is
14 sacred in life. We must
15 protect what is sacred. We
16 must all. Thank you very much.

17 HEARING OFFICER:

18 Bruce Birchard, please.
19 And then Andrea Strout. And
20 then Marta Guttenberg.

21 MR. BIRCHARD:

22 Well, good afternoon.
23 My name is Bruce Birchard. I
24 live in Delaware County. I've
25 lived there since --- my life