

1 would the government knowingly
2 permit corporations to dump
3 crap into the water and air? I
4 answered unfortunately, not all
5 people are interested in
6 welfare.

7 All too often, in a
8 capitalist society, profits
9 come before people. If the
10 Eagles can make it to the Super
11 Bowl, then I guess we can count
12 on you to keep our water safe.
13 Thank you very much.

14 HEARING OFFICER:

15 Sister Kate will be
16 next. And then Paul Roden.
17 And after Mr. Roden will be
18 Gail Heath. Okay. Sister,
19 please.

20 SISTER O'DONNELL:

21 Okay. I am sister Kate
22 O'Donnell of the Sisters of
23 Saint Francis of Philadelphia,
24 a congregation of over 400
25 women. I thank you for the

1 opportunity to be here today to
2 publicly speak to a revised set
3 of draft regulations.

4 Our Franciscan charism
5 calls us to be strong
6 proponents of ecological
7 consciousness with sustainable
8 development goals and the care
9 of creation.

10 We believe that
11 prohibition of hydraulic
12 fracturing and other shale gas
13 activities within the basin is
14 of upmost importance and a
15 necessity.

16 Protecting and
17 conserving the water resources,
18 and promoting comprehensive
19 practices for water management
20 is vital in a region that has
21 seen many negative impacts of
22 shale gas expansion and
23 exploitation in the state of
24 Pennsylvania.

25 And I think this is

1 worth repeating. The key is in
2 our Pennsylvania Constitution,
3 article 1, section 27. The
4 people have a right to clean
5 air, pure water, and to the
6 preservation of a natural
7 scenic, historic, and aesthetic
8 values to the environment.
9 Excuse me.

10 Pennsylvania's public
11 natural resources are the
12 common property of all the
13 people, including the
14 generations to come.

15 The Commission knows
16 that the socioeconomic value of
17 the Delaware River Basin is
18 beyond description, and the
19 Commission also knows that
20 exposing it to any of the
21 byproducts of natural gas waste
22 and other greenhouse gas
23 emissions would be illogical
24 and detrimental to the life of
25 the River Basin.

1 It is imperative that
2 any regulations related to the
3 Delaware River Basin would
4 further protect the water and
5 human right to water for the
6 millions who need access.

7 This river basin has
8 been the economic engine for
9 over 400 years. Excuse me.
10 And continued regulation and
11 monitoring is vitally important
12 for future generations.

13 I applaud the DRBC for
14 taking extensive steps and time
15 to address regulations and
16 presenting them at this and
17 other hearings in our region.

18 We don't want the beauty
19 of the basin to be exposed to
20 toxicity as in butane, methane,
21 ethane, and other excessive
22 greenhouse gas emissions that
23 are associated with hydraulic
24 fracturing and the extensive
25 infrastructure that this

1 industry requires.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 Thank you, Sister.

4 Okay. Next is Paul Roden. And
5 then Gail Heath. And then
6 Carol Armstrong.

7 Okay, sir. When you're
8 ready, please.

9 MR. RODEN:

10 Good afternoon. My name
11 is Paul Roden. I live in Lower
12 Makefield Township in Bucks
13 County.

14 I am here today to call
15 on the Delaware River Basin
16 Commission to ban fracture ---
17 excuse me. I have allergies.

18 The compounds that are
19 in the fracking fluids are
20 radioactive. They're deadly.
21 They're toxic. How can you ban
22 fracking and accept the
23 fracking waste? It seems crazy
24 and stupid to me.

25 You have volatile