

1 We ask that you do the
2 right thing and approve the
3 rule with changes. Make the
4 ban a full ban that bans
5 fracking, fracking wastewater,
6 and the withdrawal of water for
7 fracking purposes. Thank you.

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 The next three speakers
10 --- I'm sorry. Is Nancy
11 Harkins here? No. Next three
12 speakers will be Jean-Marie
13 Donohue. And then Lena Smith.
14 And then Jean MacFarlane. Ms.
15 Donohue?

16 MS. DONOHUE:

17 My name is Jean-Marie
18 Donohue. I am with Water
19 Spirit. Water Spirit is the
20 spirituality empowerment
21 program that educates and
22 advocates on water issues. We
23 are sponsored by the Sisters of
24 St. Joseph for Peace, which is
25 a growing Catholic order of

1 nuns, but we are inclusive of
2 people of all faiths.

3 Water is life. We fully
4 support a ban on fracking on
5 the Delaware River Basin
6 watershed and a ban on the
7 storage, processing, and
8 discharge of fracking
9 wastewater, a full ban on the
10 export of water out of the
11 watershed for fracking
12 purposes.

13 Clean, safe water is a
14 human right and a right for the
15 15 to 17 million people who get
16 their drinking, and bathing
17 water, and swimming water from
18 the Delaware River Basin.

19 As you know, the
20 Delaware River Basin watershed
21 has a special protection water
22 status, a designation that
23 prohibits the degradation of
24 the water. Fracking, and
25 fracking waste, and the export

1 of the water for fracking is
2 synonymous and equals the
3 degradation of the water.

4 Therefore, all of these
5 practices should be banned. We
6 personally feel at this point,
7 for the past seven to eight
8 years, that you could actually
9 fill this room with the paper
10 of the scientific studies of
11 the disastrous health effects
12 of fracking on human health.

13 We particularly and the
14 Sisters of St. Joseph's of
15 Peace would like to give voice
16 to the children and infants
17 that live in this area, that
18 live in the Delaware water
19 basin and draw their bath water
20 from there, their drinking
21 water. And they brush their
22 teeth with this water.

23 We would like to cite
24 one particular 2015 study from
25 the Radiation and Public Health

1 Project that was funded by the
2 Pittsburgh Foundation. It was
3 the health hazards to fetuses,
4 infants, young children in
5 heavily fracked areas of
6 Pennsylvania in eight counties.
7 They found that the rise in
8 infant mortality rates in
9 heavily fracked counties was
10 13.9 percent greater than the
11 rest of Pennsylvania. The rise
12 in cancer incidents from ages
13 zero to four in heavily fracked
14 counties was 35.1 percent
15 greater.

16 We find it to be a moral
17 and ethical outrage that you
18 would think that it was safe to
19 bring fracking waste into the
20 Delaware River Basin Commission
21 that serves 15 to 17 million
22 people, and these children
23 whose small bodies cannot
24 handle these chemicals.

25 Thank you for your time.

1 And we call for a full ban.

2 HEARING OFFICER:

3 We will pick up in the
4 order that I mentioned. But
5 we're going to take a little
6 break. All right. Okay.

7 Thank you.

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9 (WHEREUPON, A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN)

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11 HEARING OFFICER:

12 All right, ladies and
13 gentlemen. We will resume. We
14 will pick up. Please take your
15 seats. Okay. We're ready for
16 the next three speakers. And
17 they will be Lena Smith, Jean
18 MacFarlane, and then Walter
19 Jeranek. Ms. Smith, please?
20 Lena Smith? Okay. I'll call
21 her name again. How about Jean
22 MacFarlane? Oh, Lena Smith
23 will not be here? Or will she
24 be here?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: