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If I - as an individual - pollute a very small area, I am subject to fines and worse. The natural gas industry can pollute entire watersheds, however, with not even a slap on the wrist. The natural gas industry has contributed heavily to political campaigns, with much success. The industry is now exempt from adhering to restrictions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act.

Potable water is a natural resource in short supply. A single incident can cause pollution that can take a century to remedy. Money cannot buy back clean water.

The practice of fracking in the Delaware River watershed is playing Russian Roulette with clean water. It is not worth the risk! The polluters will make their fast buck and go live someplace else where fracking is banned so that they can continue to enjoy clean water!

I am reminded of a lawsuit that I read about. Rex Tillerson, our current Secretary of State and former Exxon-Mobile CEO, supposedly brought a lawsuit against a fracking company in Texas that was ruining his view shed with their water tower. "Do as I say, not as I do," was the message.

Time to stop catering to fossil fuel industries, and cater instead to the future of our planet – and that of your children and their children.