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Money is Power, but knowledge also empowers.

Fracking, I believe, is a death knell, not just for DRB, but for oil industry itself.

The largest profit-maker in US resorts to a very costly extraction method to produce a very low quality product. Why? The US consumes 20% of world's supply of oil, but produces only 2%. Is the oil and gas from Texas and Oklahoma being depleted, or the over 2,000 wells in the Gulf of Mexico running slower?

Oil and gas industry see the solution as obtaining whatever they can, regardless of consequences, and encouraging the gluttony consumption of fuel in airplanes, cars and trucks, and consumer use of heating and air-conditioning.

This solution benefits oil and gas profits, and slows the nails in their coffin, but hammers more quickly the nails into our coffins instead. The need to develop alternate energy sources as well as the conservation of what still exists is denied.

DRB is already under a death knell because of the oil tanks, and refineries that line its banks or the Schuylkill, which flows into it. The Philadelphia airport has a landing strip that the Delaware River leads into and which planes flyover regularly. By law, those planes must carry extra fuel in case an emergency landing is required. When not used, it must be discharged before landing. Where, is not known. Airplane fuel is one of the most potent carcinogenics, of all the carcinogenic oil and gas by-products, of which there are many.

Allowing any aspect of fracking will sound the death knell for the Delaware River. Lake Erie was killed largely by chemical pollution, and the Delaware is not as large or as deep. Oil and Gas may be exempt from the Clean Water Act, but we humans are not.

It's not just that life depends on clean air and water; it's allowing corporations, with their power and money, to escape responsibility for promoting widespread and wasteful consumption, as well as death.

I believe we should choose to be wise stewards of the earth and its resources, and recognize that oil and gas are a non-renewable resource. Once it's gone, it's gone!. Why not prepare now, before it is over for everyone.