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That the proposed draft regulations potentially allow produced water from fracking operations to be treated within the Basin suggests the DRBC might allow the Dupont water treatment facility, aka Chemours, to operate in Deepwater, New Jersey. Please note, this location lies in the Delaware River Basin. Perhaps the DRBC believes that because this location is at the river's estuary, the DRBC does need to ensure the purity of any discharges, or even potential spills from the treatment plant. Unfortunately, given the track record of just about every water treatment facility nationwide, we know there is great potential for accidents and -- unfortunately -- illegal dumping too.

Clearly the DRBC has not considered the effects of climate change on this area. As oceans rise the ocean's salt water will enter the fresh water of the Delaware River even further north than it does now, thus creating a potentially perfect storm of accidents where toxins in the produced water may enter the Delaware River north of its estuary, further polluting the Basin.

In addition, valuable fisheries currently exist in this same estuary, and these fisheries could be greatly harmed by any accidental (or illegal) dumping of toxins. For example, baby shad leaving the Delaware for their life in the ocean could easily be damaged or even killed by encountering plumes of contaminants. Please see

<http://blogs.smithsonianmag.com/science/2013/10/radioactive-wastewater-from-fracking-is-found-in-a-pennsylvania-stream/#ixzz2gaB8X86f>

Thus, the DRBC's seeming belief that the Chemours plant will not pollute the Delaware River is unfounded. There is no reason to pander to Dupont, and absolutely no reason to jeopardize the purity of the Delaware River's water. The DRBC must NOT allow any produced water into the DRB.