

# Tom Yarnick

Dear Commission,

Regarding the DRBC's Proposed Rule published in the Jan. 12, 2018 Federal Register addressing natural gas development activities:

I write as a member of America's energy industry to say that I strongly oppose the DRBC's proposed rule to severely limit and thereby effectively ban high volume hydraulic fracturing within your jurisdiction.

Our industry serves the nation by powering our economy and helping keep energy affordable for millions of Americans. While producing and delivering energy is what we do, our priority is safety and environmental protection. We work hard every day to ensure that our communities, work sites, and the environment are not put at risk.

Government data and scientific research make it clear that our commitment to safety and the environment is paying off. High Volume hydraulic fracturing is safe and does not contaminate drinking water or other surface waters or groundwater. Given this evidence, your proposed rule to total ban on high volume hydraulic fracturing goes too far. Please do not give credence to the misinformation promoted by extreme anti-energy groups or the state of New York's politically biased work.

The risks of allowing energy development in the DRBC region are minimal, but the benefits are certain. Domestic energy development is critical to our nation's strength---to our economy, to job creation, and to our security. Households have extra money every year because we produce much of our own energy.

The DRBC's proposed rule would take our nation in the wrong direction. Recognizing the strong safety and environmental record of energy development, the federal government has rightly begun to limit unnecessary regulations. The DBRC should go in the same direction.

I respectfully ask the Commission to withdraw its proposed regulation and replace it with rules to support, not restrict, American energy development. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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