

1 Cimorelli. I had --- actually, when I
2 registered, I'm deferring my public
3 comments, so I should have been
4 crossed off the list.

5 HEARING OFFICER:

6 Okay.

7 Thank you, ma'am.

8 The next person on deck
9 would be Jane Cyphers and the next
10 speaker would be Mr. Martin, Richard
11 Martin. Would you say your name for
12 me, though, sir?

13 MR. LEVINE:

14 John Levine.

15 HEARING OFFICER:

16 Yeah, Mr. Martin before
17 you, sir.

18 Okay?

19 MR. MARTIN:

20 I'm Richard Martin,
21 Coordinator for the Pennsylvania
22 Forest Collation. Our primary mission
23 is good stewardship of our public
24 lands. Stewardship doesn't end at the
25 boundaries of our state forests or the

1 state game lands.

2 The issue here, is harm.
3 Would natural gas activities in the
4 Delaware River Basin harm our air, our
5 water, our health? Our sportsmen are
6 concerned that many present wells that
7 are in the head waters of our cold
8 water streams and our native rookies
9 are the canaries in the coal mine.

10 Now, the best indicator
11 of future performance is past
12 performance. And the River Basin
13 Commission saw the past problems in
14 Pennsylvania. They saw contamination
15 of almost 300 private water wells,
16 thousands of DEP citations. And the
17 New York Department of Health's report
18 that the likelihood of adverse health
19 incomes and environmental impacts from
20 fracking could not be prevailed.

21 One part of the proposed
22 Section 440, mentions frack water
23 flowback released if it is treated at
24 a wastewater facility. That is a big
25 word, treating. Treatment would not

1 remove the radioactive elements or
2 make it anything you and I would
3 knowingly drink. OJ's lawyer Johnny
4 Cochran would describe that as the
5 solution to pollution is dilution.

6 It makes no sense at all
7 to allow importation of water. Remove
8 all wording from Section 440 that
9 refers to importation of water.

10 We're lucky in
11 Pennsylvania, last June, our State
12 Supreme Court finally affirmed the
13 Pennsylvania Environmental Defense
14 Foundation's lawsuit over right to
15 clean air and water, Article 1,
16 Section 27 of our state Constitution.

17 And every elected public
18 official in Pennsylvania takes an oath
19 of office to uphold our State
20 Constitution from the Governor to our
21 Township Supervisors.

22 Safe, safe is the
23 absence of risk. You can't un-ring a
24 bell just like you can't recall a
25 bullet once you pull the trigger.

1 Because 6 percent of gas wells still
2 leaked upon completion and almost 50
3 percent will leak over the life of the
4 well, we rely on science.

5 And science uses a
6 precautionary principle, which is, if
7 you do not know all of the ultimate
8 effects of a process, do not do it.
9 If the natural gas industry provides a
10 good track record in the future, my
11 opinion could change. But for now,
12 the goal is do no harm.

13 HEARING OFFICER:

14 Robert Madison would be
15 on deck and then this is Joe Levine.
16 Yes, sir, if you would, please.

17 MR. LEVINE:

18 My name is Joe Levine
19 from Milanville, Pennsylvania. I
20 commend the DRBC and the Governors of
21 the four states who come together to
22 support a fracking ban in the DRB.
23 This river is way too valuable and
24 irreplaceable to expose to the
25 accumulative detrimental impacts of