

1 well go dry for 17 million
2 people in the Delaware River
3 Basin. Ban fracking completely
4 and all related activities.
5 Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER:

7 Stephanie Herron will be
8 next. And then Nancy Harkins.
9 And then Attorney Kim Ong. And
10 let's see. Ms. Herron, when
11 you are ready.

12 MS. HERRON:

13 Okay. My name is
14 Stephanie Herron. I'm with the
15 Delaware Chapter of the Sierra
16 Club. I am here with some of
17 our volunteers to testify on
18 behalf of our over 8,000
19 members in the state of
20 Delaware.

21 First off, I want to
22 thank you and thank the DRBC
23 for allowing us this
24 opportunity to comment. I also
25 would like to thank the DRBC

1 for listening to our voices.
2 We've been, you know, at these
3 DRBC hearings for the past
4 seven or eight years, or in
5 some cases more, calling on the
6 DRBC to make smart, sound
7 science-based decisions that
8 protect our health and our
9 future.

10 I want to thank to DRBC
11 for hearing our voices and for
12 hearing the overwhelming body
13 of scientific evidence, and
14 calling for a ban on drilling
15 in our watersheds.

16 I'm a little confused,
17 however, how at the same time
18 the DRBC would be moving to
19 potentially allow wastewater
20 disposal from fracking in our
21 watershed.

22 You know, I live in
23 Delaware, and we are at the
24 bottom of the Delaware River
25 Basin. And it doesn't matter

1 to us, at the end of the day,
2 if our water is contaminated by
3 drilling upstream of us, or by
4 wastewater disposal upstream of
5 us as one of the previous
6 speakers said. At the end of
7 the day, if it's not safe to
8 drink, it doesn't really matter
9 how it was contaminated.

10 So I would call on the
11 DRBC to completely close the
12 door on that potential for
13 contamination of our drinking
14 water, and our swimming water,
15 and our recreation water, which
16 is the driver of our economy
17 and fully close the door on any
18 opportunity for fracking
19 wastewater to get into our
20 water supply.

21 Furthermore, wastewater
22 withdrawals would also have a
23 potentially very serious impact
24 on Delaware and those of us in
25 the lower basin. Obviously, we

1 have seen drought conditions in
2 recent memory. And we know
3 that these are going to
4 continue to be more
5 unpredictable, and more common
6 as climate change continues.

7 Furthermore, I'm very
8 concerned, and the Sierra Club
9 is very concerned out of our
10 commitment to the principles of
11 environmental justice and the
12 principles for democratic
13 organizing.

14 If it's not safe to do
15 here, it's not safe in our
16 community, then it's not safe
17 to do anywhere. And so for us
18 to say that water could be
19 taken from our water supply in
20 the Delaware River Basin, which
21 is not only concerning from a
22 water quantity perspective,
23 it's deeply concerning from an
24 environmental justice
25 perspective. If it's not safe

1 enough to do here, it's
2 completely in violation of the
3 principles of environmental
4 justice for us to send water
5 other places for fracking.

6 And so I would call on
7 Governor Carney and the
8 governors of all the agencies,
9 and the federal government
10 representatives on the DRBC to
11 support a full and
12 comprehensive ban on all
13 fracking-related activities in
14 the Delaware River Basin.

15 To do anything less is
16 simply unacceptable and putting
17 us at unnecessary risk. Thank
18 you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Thank you. Next will be
21 Nancy Harkins, and then Kim
22 Ong. And then Jean-Marie
23 Donohue. Nancy Harkins? Nancy
24 Harkins not here.

25 All right. Attorney Kim