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We need to better protect the Delaware River and Watershed. We simply must stop extracting fossil fuels and stop shipping them and stop using them. The environmental dangers are indisputable and the climate crisis is already here. Please make environmental rulemaking more fair and transparent - without close-door decisions and permissive permitting. Specifically:

Too much Administrative Staff decision making cuts out the public: The Executive Director is given far too much authority over many crucial decisions and these are made behind closed doors, without the public and without a vote by the DRBC Commissioners.

Key Permits given too much of a "free pass." Extension of Permits without an expiration date are given favored status, such as the Gibbstown LNG Export terminal docket. The Executive Director is being invested with exclusive authority regarding extension of permits that removes public input completely and relieves the Commissioners of their responsibility to review and approve extensions. This legitimizes the behind-the-scenes decision making that undermines government accountability and public trust.

There is too low of a bar for the extension of Existing Projects that haven't yet been built. \$1M is set as a "minimum" amount expended to decide if a project has been sufficiently invested in, and even that value can be disregarded under certain circumstances. No foundation is provided for this amount and no substantive explanation of what "substantial funds in relation to a project" really means. And, the Executive Director has the power to decide if the amount expended is substantial. This is not good.