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- The Delaware River supplies drinking water to 15 million people including residents of Philadelphia and New York City, as well as many others in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware. Further, this river basin is a rich natural and economic resource for the region and the country.
- Given mounting reports of drinking water contamination and polluted streams, land and air near drilling zones resulting from gas drilling practices, and PA Department of Environmental Protection's reports of increasing numbers of violations of environmental regulations by the drillers, significant concerns have been raised by scientists and citizens alike.
- In anticipation of the negative impacts that drilling would have on our Basin, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, other diverse groups and concerned citizens are working to extend a current moratorium on drilling to allow sufficient time for a cumulative impact study to show how – and if – fracking for gas can be done without sacrificing drinking water and endangering the health of people living near and downstream of drilling. The Philadelphia Water Dept and the NY Attorney General among others are also calling for a cumulative impact study.

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- **Uncovered holding ponds**, as large as football fields, where the highly toxic flowback that comes up in the well with the gas is stored. Methane, laced with potent chemicals, can be blown by the wind more than 100 miles. Three times as many children in heavy drilling areas of Texas have asthma than in the rest of Texas.
- **Inadequate setback distances**, that allow gas wells to be 200 feet from an occupied home and 500 feet from a lake, river, stream, reservoir, or wetland.
- **Deep waste injection wells**, used to dispose of highly toxic flowback. These wells are suspected of causing earthquakes in AK, W.VA, OK and TX. The AK Geological Survey recorded more than 1,000 earthquakes (dozens a day) in 7 months in an area near two deep waste wells and one was at a 4.7 magnitude.

Please help get signatures to ensure the Delaware River and our communities are protected from harmful gas drilling. With every signature on the petition to DRBC, you make a difference. To download the petition: <http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/resources/Factsheets/global.petition.DRBC.pdf>

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For more info on natural gas drilling and how you can help take other actions to keep our water clean: www.delawareriverkeeper.org/river-action/ongoing-issue-detail.aspx?Id=10

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