

**Commission Secretary  
Delaware River Basin Commission  
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**Dear Commissioners:**

**I am Wayne Marshfield, Town of Hamden Supervisor, Delaware County. I see Natural Gas as a financial savior to our County, focusing on our towns outside of the NYC Watershed. Delaware County is a poor county, one that needs jobs, tax revenues, and opportunities for our residents. Natural Gas will provide that much needed economic boost.**

**In regards to the proposed DRBC draft regulations, the definition of the Natural Gas Development Project is far too inclusive, encompassing everything from pipelines and compressor stations to vehicle tire cleaning and dust control on roads. This is totally unacceptable and puts the DRBC in charge of activities that can and should be regulated by our municipalities. Since when does the DRBC have anything to do with compressor stations or tire cleaning? The project definition should be limited to the water withdrawals and discharges and to those of 100,000 gallons per day or more. We have gone from this common sense threshold to the point where the DRBC is seriously proposing to regulate dust control.**

**Also the pass-by flow requirements reveal the inherent discrimination against natural gas drilling as compared to other uses. The pass-by flow requirements on page 39 give a lot of attention to what is a minimal water use and does not take into account the much greater distortions of flow rates related to NY City's withdrawals of water from the basin. Natural Gas is made the lowest priority, while out of basin consumption by NY City has a much greater impact. This is inherently unfair and suggests the DRBC needs to put much more pressure on New York City as a means of securing more water for gas. The City withdrawals are controllable and should be addressed as part of a comprehensive solution to make room for natural gas.**

**The economic part of our community's survival has been totally ignored in the draft regulations and we cannot tolerate this. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.**

**Sincerely yours,**

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