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My name is Jack Branagan and I am the Chairman of the Stillwater Environmental Commission located in Sussex County, New Jersey. This letter is being sent on behalf of the Stillwater Environmental Commission. We completely support Article 7 proposed by the DRBC. It is deplorable what the gas industry has gotten away with in other states. It is responsible for contaminating both our ground and surface water. In the 1960s, I can remember the Delaware River being so polluted that the shad run stopped. The river was just a receptacle for factories and other industry to dump their waste. It has taken many years and many people to help clean this beautiful river to where it is today and now the gas industry and its fracking practices think they have the right to destroy everything that has taken years to reverse. Water is one of our most precious resources. We MUST protect it at all costs. It appears to me that the gas company is using our energy problems as a ploy to convince people that we must drill. If that is the case, then they should not be exempt from following the guidelines concerning water, soil and air pollution standards that all other industry must follow.