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BASIN COMMISSION

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Commission Secretary, DRBC 25 State Police Drive PO Box 7360 West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360

March 31, 2011

RE: Draft natural Gas Development Regulations

Dear Carol Collier and DRBC Commissioners:

We as a congregation span the Delaware River with half of our congregation in New Jersey and half in Pennsylvania. I appreciate the fact that you extended the Public Comment period until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Many people along the Delaware River have not realized the major impact that the gas drilling waste could have on our area.

It seems to me that the potential impact of billions of gallons of waste water being dumped into PA rivers and streams could have major negative results that could last for many, many years. I personally have had cancer and would not want anything we do for short term gain make the likelihood that others will have an increased rate of cancer.

It seems there should be a recommendation by the commissioners to halt this possibility until there are complete studies of the health impacts this can have on people downstream. I do hope that you will conclude as I have that the health and wellbeing of so many people should come before a rush into approving something that could. We cannot allow toxic chemicals to be injected into our underground water that could endanger people in our area for decades or more.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Stephens, Minister

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