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“To protect, preserve and improve the quality of water, land, and life in the Cooks Creek Watershed”

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Delaware River Basin Commission
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Natural Gas Development in Delaware River Basin

To Whom It May Concern:

The Cooks Creek Watershed Association, Inc. (CCWA) is an environmental advocacy and educational organization located in upper Bucks County. The Cooks Creek Watershed is a PADEP Exceptional Value Watershed that drains 30 square miles of Springfield, Durham, and Lower Saucon Townships into the Delaware River just south of Riegelsville, PA. The CCWA has been active in its role of stewardship since the early 1970s.

We are writing to you in response to the request for public comment on the draft regulations pertaining to natural gas development and related activities in the Delaware River Basin. We wish to inform you that the CCWA, its Board and members strongly support the continued ban of natural gas development in the Basin. We are particularly concerned about any withdrawals of water for development of fracking wells, storage, treatment, or disposal of waste water (directly or indirectly) into the waters of the Delaware, or placement of pipelines in, under, on, or through the Cooks Creek or Delaware watersheds.

If these activities cannot be outright banned, we strongly encourage the DRBC to adopt the strongest regulations to protect the water quality of the Delaware Watershed and its tributaries. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Douglas
President

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