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RESIDENTS SEEK SUPPORT FOR FRACKING MORATORIUM

Say Fracking Can't Be Done Safely

Middletown Township, PA, November 8, 2015—

Area residents will gather at 7:30PM Monday November 9th, to speak at the Middletown Township Board of Supervisor's Meeting. They will ask the supervisors to pass a formal resolution in support of permanently banning fracking in the Delaware River Basin. Resolutions have already been passed by the Supervisors of Newtown Township and Wrightstown.

There are two moratoriums presently in effect, one by the Delaware River Basin Commission and the other by the PA State Legislature. The latter expires in January of 2018, and the DRBC ban has no set expiration date. Marguerite Chandler of B-Cause says, "Supervisors are empowered and mandated by a PA Supreme Court Decision and the PA State Constitution to protect the air, water and environment for their municipalities. However their only direct regulatory power is zoning. Though many municipalities are working to update their zoning to provide as much protection as possible, they can't outright ban drilling without inviting a costly law suit. Since an outright ban is the best protection, the municipal resolutions of opposition to fracking will be used to influence those who presently do have the authority to ban.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network and other environmental groups are active in seeking to make permanent the drilling moratorium imposed by the Delaware River Basin Commission. The Riverkeeper recently published "Unsafe and Unsustainable," a scathing critique of the shale-gas industry's "best

practices” document. Environmentalists have criticized both the energy industry and its state and federal regulators for failing to protect communities from the ravages of the shale energy boom.

B-Cause maintains a comprehensive website, **NoFrackingBucks.net**, which offers many articles explaining and documenting the local, regional and global damage being done by fracking. Richmond Shreve, who analyzes news on fracking for NoFrackingBucks.net says, “Shale gas was once seen as a big win for America, but in the last couple of years we have come to recognize the health impacts and environmental damage make it as bad as coal. The fracking process pollutes the air, our drinking water, and it accelerates global warming in alarming ways. Unfortunately the energy lobby is working against both local and national interest. Nothing good comes of shale gas. Nothing.”

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