some suggestions for

What to write on your postcard to your Governor

- of NY, NJ, PA or DE -

The Governors of these states are the voting members of the Delaware River Basin Commission who can make the BAN permanent.

please write

I want a permanent BAN of all oil and gas drilling including fracking in the Delaware River Basin (DRB) and no frack-waste import and no water export. and choose some more as appropriate

I am a voter in (your state) <--this gets politicians attention!

I live, work, have my family here, have property, have a business here, come to the DRB for recreation, fishing, or other leisure activities (I spend $ here!).

I want a secure future without the threat of fracking so my children and I will not experience the severe health effects people suffer where fracking is taking place.

I want a secure future without the threat of fracking so my property values are protected.

I regard fracking as a violation of our obligation to be stewards of the land for future generations. I want my grandchildren to have good drinking water - and to be able to swim in and eat fish from the Delaware River.

As Governor you should step up and insist that the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) put in place a full BAN. It is the obligation of the DRBC to protect and preserve the resources of the River Basin - the water, land and air! Change the proposed regulations to include a drilling ban, a frack-waste import ban and a water export ban.

I am deeply concerned about global climate change and the impact of more fossil fuel use. We need a BAN on all gas and oil drilling in the DRB as well as a halt to allowing the building of more pipelines and gas power plants in the DRB. Gas is a very strong climate change agent. My family deserves a future!

AND besides we want renewable energy, not more damage to facilitate gas and oil use.

PLEASE (very important!) SIGN the card - and PRINT your name and address...include your children’s’ names - they can write cards too! ...put their ages

Write as many cards as you like - put different points on each. MORE on the BACK->

Mail them to your Governor. Here's their addresses:

Delaware
Governor John Carney
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street  12th Floor
Wilmington, DE  19801

New Jersey
Office of the Governor
P.O.Box 001
Trenton, NJ  08625

New York
Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Pennsylvania
Governor Tom Wolf
501 N 3rd Street
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

* Snail mail letters or postcards are the most effective way to voice your concerns, because legislators believe people who take the time to write them are more likely to vote. A regular snail mail letter or postcard is worth 20 emails and represents 100 voters.

* The letter or postcard is best if it is your own thoughts and words, but we have put together some points. Send more than one postcard as you can only fit a few sentences on a postcard AND it is best to have a single issue on each.

* let us know if you want some help.

Remember - one of the only things that can affect the outcome of fossil fuel politics is YOUR voice. When legislators hear from their constituents they listen, especially when the numbers start to mount. As with gas drilling, the cumulative impact makes all the difference.
WRITE YOUR Governor a **Postcard** to get a **permanent fracking BAN** in the **Delaware River Basin** - our home!

Have a **house-party**! Bring these materials to any gathering - with postcards or letter writing materials and get LOTS of friends, neighbors, fellow gardeners, friends at church, civic groups...at a tableing event! get everyone to pitch in! and send your governor a message - you want a BAN of frac drilling in the DRB, no frack-waste import, no water export to frack.

**Why send postcards to the Governors about drilling in the Delaware River Basin?**

There is a fragile moratorium covering drilling, frac waste import and water export (for drilling elsewhere) in the whole Delaware River Basin ((DRB), parts of NY, PA, NJ and DE that feed water to the Delaware River), because regulations to allow fracking in the DRB were not passed by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). The DRBC was formed (and has a mandate) to protect the resources of the basin and has control of drilling in the DRB. The five voting Commissioners are the governors of the four states in the basin and the federal component (Army Corps), so appealing to the governors—that YOU elect—will be persuasive.

There are now regulations proposed that WILL prohibit frac drilling, but will allow and regulate frac waste disposal in the basin and export of water for drilling out of the Basin. The liquid waste from drilling (sometimes called ‘brine’) is a toxic salty soup with heavy metals, radioactivity, benzene and other petroleum compounds, endocrine disruptors, biocides and many ‘unknown, ‘secret’ chemicals that have been shown to cause damage or kill, cause cancer, birth defects, and more. Spills, illegal dumping and transport accidents are common where frac waste is allowed. It cannot be 'cleaned' especially since often the exact components are not known due to exemptions held by the gas and oil industry to major protective federal laws that apply to other industries.

Remember that there is high volume hydraulic fracturing or ‘fracking’ going on in other states including all the rest of PA outside of the DRB, sending gas to DRB localities with all the related infrastructure problems including explosions! - so It is important that the Governors hear from you to stress that you don't want drilling in the DRB AND that there should be a pause of the fossil fuel infrastructure build out that is continuing. Pipelines, compressors, gas-fired power facilities, gas storage, cuttings and other waste disposal permitting should all be slowed way down and reconsidered in a proper look at the local and cumulative impacts of fossil fuel development and use which are not consistent with protecting public health or high quality water in the DRB or anywhere!. 

Write (letters, postcards) to your governor stressing that you want a ban on drilling in the DRB - a collection of some of the reasons to ask for this are on this paper. If you are sending postcards put one clear point about drilling impacts on a card and send several! **Your governor can vote for a ban with his vote as a Commissioner at the DRBC.  Make your wishes known!**

Here's concerned folks writting to their governos- PA and NY:

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