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## Breaking News! DRBC Natural Gas Regulations NOT Issuing Today, October 15, as Previously Announced

*West Trenton, NJ:* The DRBC is NOT issuing its draft regulations today, as they expected and had been announcing despite strong public opposition.

But then, posted this afternoon, October 15, 2010, on the DRBC website:

http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/naturalgas.htm

"The draft natural gas regulations are not yet ready for public distribution. The commissioners are working with staff to continue refining the draft regulations to ensure protection of basin waters while minimizing regulatory duplication. The draft regulations will likely be published in November or December 2010, and will be accompanied by a public rulemaking process. This process will entail two public hearings and a written comment period"

Says the Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum, "It is critical that we all keep up the pressure to prevent the draft natural gas regulations from being issued BEFORE the cumulative impact assessment has been completed. This federal funded comprehensive study must be done FIRST and then the information learned be used to inform the regulations that the DRBC will adopt regarding gas development in the Delaware River Watershed. This is essential to reach the required goal of prevention of pollution and degradation to the Delaware River and the water supply for more than 15 million people."

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