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Moratorium Holds on Gas Drilling and Fracking As Delaware River Basin Commission Cancels Vote to Allow Drilling Groups Rally to Push "Don't Drill the Delaware"

West Trenton, New Jersey – When the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) cancelled its meeting set for Monday November 21 – about whether to open the Delaware River Watershed to gas drilling and fracking – a loud cheer was heard

throughout the Delaware River Watershed. Then those who are determined to keep the Delaware River from being drilled rolled up their sleeves and put their collective shoulder against the wheel to make certain that the DRBC stalemate is turned into a permanent victory for the River and its communities.

A Rally for 11:00 am, Monday, November 21 has been called to bring together the community of voices that has led to this moment and reaffirmed the hope that drilling and fracking can be kept out of this sensitive Watershed, water supply for over 15 million people. On the site where the DRBC would have cast the vote that will define the Delaware River Watershed today and into the future - the War Memorial in Trenton, NJ –community, environmental, and constituency groups will gather. They will join the most famous faces of this struggle to drive home the message "Don't Drill the Delaware" to the remaining members of the DRBC – New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, President Barack Obama, represented by the Army Corps of Engineers, and Gov. Tom Corbett of PA who have not come out opposing the plan to allow gas drilling and fracking here, endangering our community health and water supply.

The Rally will feature writer and director Josh Fox <u>www.gaslandthemovie</u> and <u>www.savethedelawareriver.org</u> actor, director and founder of <u>WaterDefense.org</u> Mark Ruffalo; and actress and activist Debra Winger. Representatives of constituency groups that have worked to convince the DRBC voting members to vote against drilling and fracking, activists and leaders will rally for the next steps that need to be taken.

The Rally will conclude with a March to the New Jersey State House that houses Governor Christie's office. The marchers will be greeted by New Jersey Legislators who have championed a Frack Ban Bill through the NJ Legislature this year.

Several hundred people are expected to come out to express their resolve to work together until the Delaware River Watershed is safe from the intrinsically polluting practices required for natural gas drilling and fracking and to stand as protectors of the treasured Delaware River and its irreplaceable Watershed.

Go here for more information about logistics and planning for the day <u>http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/about/event.aspx?Id=160</u> and buses <u>http://action.foodandwaterwatch.org/p/salsa/event/common/public/index.sjs?distributed</u> event_KEY=647