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**Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Nockamixon Township
oust Arbor Resources**

Nockamixon Township, Bucks County, PA – Delaware Riverkeeper Network (“DRN”) and Nockamixon Township (“Nockamixon”) joined forces this Spring to fight Arbor Resources’ plans to drill for natural gas in violation of the Township’s zoning regulations and despite the damages that would result to the Wild and Scenic Delaware River, its Special Protection Waters, the adjacent Rapp Creek - classified as an exceptional value stream by Pennsylvania - and the Townships’ groundwater and other environmental and community assets. The PA Department of Environmental Protection’s (PADEP) permit was appealed by DRN and Nockamixon and a legal challenge to the “grandfathering” of the well by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) was also filed.

Arbor Resources initially filed as an Interested Party in the DRBC Consolidated Adjudicatory Administrative Hearing on Natural Gas Exploratory Wells and defended their PADEP drilling permit. But after floundering, Arbor withdrew its request for a PADEP permit and was notified subsequently by DRBC that they were no longer eligible for “grandfather” status. Arbor’s drilling permit has now been cancelled and its rights under the DRBC ruling are vacated. In other words, Arbor has been sent packing. Since there are no other proposed gas wells or projects in Bucks County, this ends this chapter of gas drilling threats in Bucks for the present and near future.

For more information on the demise of Arbor, see:

http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/resources/Letters/DRBC_to_Arbor_ltr_11.3-.0.pdf

For background on the legal fight see:

http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/resources/Comments/envir_hearing_bd_ltr_w_Notice_of_Appeal_5_18_10.pdf

http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/resources/Letters/DRBC_Hearing_Request_re_arbor_test_well.pdf

<http://www.delawariverkeeper.org/resources/PressReleases/press%20release%20on%20Arbor%20withdrawal%2010.22.pdf>

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