

UDRBC Essay 1.

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I believe proper management of the Upper Delaware River Basin is crucial to the health of the environment, citizens, and farmers surrounding it. The Natural Gas Exploration and Development could have a major, beneficial impact on the river basin. Studies have shown how natural well drilling has improved the Susquehanna River Basin, so why are citizens not allowed to help ours? The study conducted by the Susquehanna River Basin has proved that the drilling of natural gas has substantially improved the water quality of the river. Not only would it directly improve the water but it would give farmers a financial aid. The income from the drilling will keep the farmers from going out of business. Farmers will be able to properly care for their land, practice safe farming, and follow protocol. With this money, they will be able to upgrade their fields and possibly plant more crops. More crops will help filter and retain sediment and nutrients. The interruption of the harmful things from reaching the water will greatly improve its quality. The cleanliness of the water will affect the animals, humans, plants, and most importantly the environment, in a positive way. If there are more farms surrounding the river basin, there will be less issues. Agriculture is a huge part of our lives and we need to make sure that farms are increasing rather than decreasing. Natural gas drilling will help raise money for our area, it will help farmers produce their best crop, and will make it a greater environment for the citizens to be a part of. The next generation farmers will especially benefit from NGED because of the income and overall quality of the land and water. It is very important that family farming is preserved and enhanced, which would be effortless with the help of NGED.