Your Organization Can Help Make the Delaware River Safer for Recreation

The Issue
The Delaware River Basin Commission's (DRBC) regulations fail to recognize that recreation activities that bring individuals into direct contact with the water currently take place on the Delaware River along Philadelphia and Camden. As a result, current water quality standards do not sufficiently protect the health and safety of everyone who enjoys these types of recreation activities on this section of the Delaware River.

What is Primary Contact Recreation?
Activities that bring individuals into direct contact with the water, such as kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding, water skiing and jet skiing.

Send Us Your Story
Send us a written or video-recorded testimonial telling the DRBC why the Delaware River should be cleaner and safer for recreation. All organizations are encouraged to submit testimonials regardless of whether or not they organize on-water activities.

If your organization organizes primary contact recreation activities on this section of the river, consider sharing:
- A brief overview of your primary contact recreation program(s)/event(s)
- Why this recreational activity is important to your organization
- Where on the river your program/event is held
- Number of outings and the number of participants
- Age range and experience levels of participants
- If participants come into direct contact with water, and if so, how frequently
- Pictures, video, or other multimedia content documenting the program/event

Sign the Petition
Sign on to the Safe and Healthy Delaware River Petition. This petition calls on the DRBC to upgrade the regulatory status for the section of the river along Philadelphia and Camden so water quality standards protect everyone who participates in primary contact recreation.

Safe and Healthy Delaware River Petition

How to Submit Materials
- Consider posting to social media with hashtag #mydelawareriver and tagging @cleanaircouncil @delriverkeeper @pennfuture and @environmentnj