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CHESAPEAKE APPALACHIA, LLC, PROPOSED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL PROJECT

DRBC Announcement: CHESAPEAKE APPALACHIA, LLC, PROPOSED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL PROJECT,

Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC has notified the commission that it is rescinding its application for approval of a surface water withdrawal project to supply a maximum of 29.99 mg/30 days of water for the applicant's exploration and development of natural gas wells in the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Surface water was proposed to be withdrawn from the West Branch of the Delaware River at a location known as the Cutrone Site in Buckingham Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The proposed project would have been located in the Delaware River Watershed within the drainage area of the section of the non-tidal Delaware River known as the Upper Delaware, which is designated as Special Protection Waters. In its October 20, 2009 letter to DRBC Chairman Mark Klotz, who represents New York Governor David Paterson on the commission, Chesapeake wrote ". . . we have decided to withdraw the application and reassess our approach to the situation. We believe this is preferable to continuing with hearings and further public debate about the project at this time."

We do not know at this time where or when Chesapeake will come back with a new application for water withdrawal and for drilling shale gas wells in the Delaware River Watershed, but THANK YOU to all those who sent letters, attended the Hearing and DRBC meetings. It mattered for the West Branch!

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