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Re: New York City Comments on DRBC Docket Nos. D.2009-013-1 and D.2009-018-1, Stone Energy.

Paul V. Rush, P.E.  
Deputy Commissioner  
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Dear Ms. Bush,

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It has recently come to our attention that DRBC is considering conducting an environmental study on potential impacts of natural gas development in the Delaware River basin. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) strongly supports and encourages this approach. Policy decisions that are made today will have far reaching impacts for many years to come and it is crucial to have solid technical information to support these decisions.

As you know DEP has serious concerns about natural gas drilling and related water withdrawals. We recently completed our own investigation on the impacts of natural gas development on the New York City water supply, focused on water quality, water quantity and water supply infrastructure. We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the Final Impact Assessment Report (dated December 2009) to assist you in developing your own study. This report, as well as other related information, is available on our website ([www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep)).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the findings in the report, please do not hesitate to contact me ([dwarne@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:dwarne@dep.nyc.gov); 914-742-2099).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David S. Warne'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David S. Warne  
Assistant Commissioner