

SULLIVAN-DELAWARE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Attention: Commission Secretary
Delaware River Basin Commission
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Public Comment – Stone Energy Dockets

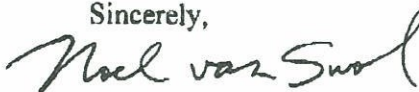
To Whom It May Concern:

The Sullivan-Delaware Property Owners Association represents 70,000 acres of private property along the New York side of the Upper Delaware River stretching from Hancock, NY to Port Jervis, NY. We are one of the largest pro-gas property owners' organizations in New York State and represent tens of thousands of voters who want gas drilling to proceed as rapidly as possible in the Delaware River basin.

1. The Sullivan-Delaware Property Owners Association supports the Surface Water Withdrawal and Natural Gas Well Site Dockets of Stone Energy.
2. We also support the efforts of Chesapeake Energy, Hess, Penwood Oil and Gas and all other legitimate prospective applicants to tap this world class Marcellus Shale resource which could make the United States of America energy independent.
3. We oppose the delays and foot dragging that have put off serious consideration of the Stone Energy applications.
4. We note that the Susquehanna River Basin Commission which protects an equally valuable aquatic resource has allowed water withdrawal in its permit area and has given approval for hundreds of wells without major incidents over the last two years. Given that record, why can't the DRBC immediately grant the Stone Energy applications?
5. Extensive review of the peer literature by our organization and its consultants demonstrates that hydraulic drilling and hydrofracking poses no threat to the environment.

We urge you to approve the Stone Energy permits immediately.

Sincerely,



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