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As it comes to radiation, it's something I know a little about. Is some brought up with frack water? Yes, of course it is. Is this a problem? Depends on the concentration. From what I've seen, no. But it's important to test for to keep tabs on that concentration.

The concentrations have been considerably less than, for instance, fly ash produced by coal power plants. Which, by the way, is produced in far greater volumes than frack water.

The question isn't whether it's 100% safe for everyone. Nothing is. The correct question is whether it's better than the alternative. Which, right now, is still coal and oil. Both of which produce more radiation worries than gas.

And gudgeon is correct, we've been drilling for gas in PA for 150 years. Fracking for the majority of that time. Because of the depth and volume, Marcellus adds some dangers. Radiation isn't one of them. It's no worse than traditional drilling. And if it were a problem, the worst stuff wouldn't be re-used frack fluid. It'd be tailings and drilling mud.