



Testimony
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The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA), which represents municipal, private and regional water companies, respectfully submits the following comments relative to **HB-6533, AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING**, which prohibits the treatment, discharge, disposal or storage of hydraulic fracturing waste in the state.

As public water suppliers, CWWA members strive to provide customers with a safe, adequate supply of quality water and closely monitor emerging issues and policies that may impact water quality. As indicated in Governor Malloy's 2012 Connecticut Comprehensive Energy Strategy, fracking may pose water quality concerns although Connecticut's natural gas resources are minimal and highly unlikely to be developed.

We are therefore supportive of the efforts of the state Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) to work with other states and the federal government to ensure that natural gas imported into Connecticut has been developed according to the highest environmental standards, as recommended in the Energy Strategy. We are also supportive of the recommendation included in the Energy Strategy to establish a "no leakage" target for the pipelines bringing gas to Connecticut.

In addition, EPA is conducting a study to better understand any potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water and ground water. The scope of the research includes the full lifespan of water in hydraulic fracturing, including Wastewater Treatment and Waste Disposal and the possible impacts of inadequate treatment of hydraulic fracturing wastewater on drinking water resources. CWWA will be reviewing the findings of the report to guide us in shaping public policy positions on these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The Connecticut Water Works Association, Inc. (CWWA) is an association of private, municipal and regional public water supply utilities serving more than 500,000 customers, or population of about 2½ million people, located throughout Connecticut.