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Committee Bill No. 5480

LCO No. 3983



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT REQUIRING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE USE OF CERTAIN PESTICIDES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT RESEARCH FARM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October
2 31, 2013, the Departments of Energy and Environmental Protection
3 and Public Health shall conduct an assessment of the practices
4 employed at The University of Connecticut Research Farm. Such
5 assessment shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) An
6 examination of the procedures for the storage and application of
7 pesticides on said farm, (2) a review of the protocols used to ensure the
8 safe application of pesticides, including, but not limited to, any
9 pesticide that requires an experimental use permit issued by the
10 United States Environmental Protection Agency, and (3) an evaluation
11 of the water testing regimen at said farm, including, but not limited to,
12 a review of the timing, locations and types of such testing, the number
13 of wells subject to such testing and the types of pesticides identified by
14 such testing.

15 (b) Not later than February 1, 2014, the Departments of Energy and

16 Environmental Protection and Public Health shall submit to the joint
17 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
18 matters relating to the environment any recommendations for
19 legislation or revised practices at said farm that the departments
20 determine are necessary as a result of the assessment conducted
21 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require an assessment of the pesticide practices employed at The University of Connecticut Research Farm in order to assure the protection of water quality and public health in the surrounding communities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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