

Environment Committee
State of Connecticut

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RE: Vote for SB 237 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF
FRACKING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

To whom it may concern,

Evidently the gas industry is now looking for places to dump and "manage" the toxic waste from fracking, and thus making a case that states that buy natural gas ought to also be willing to receive the waste. Moving waste around would help the gas industry hide and shift the cost of toxic fracking waste management to taxpayers.

I urge you to vote for a ban on any importation of hazardous fracking waste from other states into Connecticut. Note that it is even problematic to allow hazardous waste to travel on CT railways, highways or waterways. Make sure that the language of whatever bill moves forward does not even suggest that fracking waste can be "managed" as a hazardous waste because that will leave a door open to the assumption that fracking waste could be managed in CT.

If hazardous waste were allowed into the state of Connecticut it would most likely travel through or into poor urban areas, like neighborhoods in Hartford, that already live with regional facilities for wastewater treatment, electrical power, trash transfer and incineration, former landfills, . . . These facilities are known to cause (have caused) health issues to the surrounding community, and so have diminished the value of urban residential neighborhoods.

Hopefully fracking will be a short term energy source towards future clean energy and smarter energy conservation technology. Until then, Connecticut can be a policy leader by clearly refusing to turn a blind eye to the massive problem of toxic fracking waste - and so spare state taxpayers from the hidden costs of managing health and water quality problems caused by hazardous waste.

Again, vote to ban importation of any hazardous waste into Connecticut, especially fracking waste.

Sincerely,
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