

TO: The Environment Committee/CT Legislature

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TESTIMONY FOR: HB 6329: AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

My name is Michael Ader. I live in Coventry, Connecticut. I am here to present testimony supporting House Bill 6329 to Permanently Prohibit the Storage, Disposal, Handling and Use of Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut.

I am not a scientist, but the physical dangers inherent in toxic and radioactive fracking waste fluids have been well documented by others. What I offer today are personal experiences with waste spillage. My closest friend lives in Vienna, Ohio, an area where fracking is done. A solution for handling the disposal of the thousands of gallons of toxic waste water produced in the fracking mining process is the use of tanker trucks to haul the waste to injection wells. There the waste is forced under pressure back into the ground into these wells. During March, 2015, a spill occurred at the Vienna well site. Fracking waste flowed across a state highway and into an open waterway. HAZMAT efforts cordoned off the road for days to remediate the hazardous waste spill. Wildlife perished along the watercourse. **(See reference below.)** Wells in the area of the spill continue under surveillance.

This was just one truck in one part of one small rural town in Ohio. While no fracking operations are planned for Connecticut, we are in a position to prevent related and similar ecological disasters. I reside in Town of Coventry, among the first towns to pass an ordinance prohibiting the storage, disposal or use of waste from oil and gas exploration or extraction activities within its boundaries. It was a privilege to walk door-to-door in my town gathering more than three hundred signatures of others who believe as I do. Fracking waste spilled on the land, on the roads for ice control or used as construction substances could poison our children, our animals or our wells. An educational effort on this issue filled our high school auditorium for a special town meeting that passed an fracking waste prohibition ordinance unanimously.

Why should we subject Connecticut's residents and its environment to the risks of toxins and radioactivity of fracking waste? We live in an imperfect world where accidents will always happen no matter how strict the regulations. There are no good reasons to permit fracking waste to pass within our borders.

I urge you to ban hydraulic fracturing and all oil and gas drilling and extraction wastes from Connecticut.

- [Fracking waste Spill/dumping? Vienna,OH - Facebook](#)

Fracking waste spill/dumping? Vienna,OH - began when? Album 1of 2. ... **Fracking Waste Injection Well, Vienna, Ohio.** 39 photos. Timeline Photos. 42 photos.

