

HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

Testimony for HB6329 An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in CT.

Chemicals & radioactive radium in oil & gas drilling waste are known to cause cancers, nervous system & organ damage, birth defects & many other health problems. These toxins travel through the air and water. Accidents, spills & inadequate treatment may result in costly clean-up for local taxpayers.

Please vote to prohibit storage tanks, transfer of waste via tanker trucks, disposal & application of all oil and gas drilling waste and by-products on roads & property to reduce risk of toxic contamination & impacts to public health. Our watersheds and aquifers must be protected from risk of contaminations that would destroy the priceless value of these natural resources that we depend upon every day for our health and to grow our food.

Protecting the quality of air, soil, and water should be at the top of the list for our towns and our state. Livestock, pets, and wild game have sickened and died after being attracted to and licking the waste as a salt-lick. Radioactivity can remain in the water and contaminated sediment and soils for thousands of years, and there are hundreds of studies published to date showing the human health risks from fracking wastes.

Local police and fire departments have the burden of being first responders, and the high cost of remediation clean-ups likely fall on local taxpayers.

PLEASE MAKE PERMANENT THE BAN ON ALL WASTE PRODUCTS FROM OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

THANK YOU!



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*Our town is petitioning for an Ordinance to create a town-wide Ban. Many towns have done already.*