

HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

Fracking wastes are clearly hazardous, yet we do not have in place any permanent and substantial legislation to prohibit the dumping and use of it in the State of CT.

I support the passage of **HB 6329 AN ACT CONCERNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT**

Dumping of this toxic waste in our landfills would expose our workers and residents to harmful levels of some of these environmental toxins.

Radium-226 contamination would persist for more than a thousand years, ruining the productivity of the land for many generations.

Known and suspected carcinogens that have been present in fracking fluids include naphthalene, benzene and acrylamide.

Other environmental toxins present in some fracking fluids, such as toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes, can result in nervous system, kidney and/or liver problems. And these are only the known chemicals.

The use of fracking fluid and sands on our roads as a de-icer has the potential of contaminating our watersheds and our drinking water downstream. Use in building materials is another hazard.

I support removing the authority for DEEP to submit regulations and a permanent ban on hydraulic fracturing waste for gas.

The bill can be strengthened further by including language to ban all waste from both oil & gas drilling and extraction.

Thank you,

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