

Honorable Senator Miner, Senator Kennedy, Representative Demicco and distinguished members of the committee:

I urge you to protect our state citizens and environment with passage of Senate Bill 103. Please consider the following:

1. Spills and leaks are regular occurrences in other states across the country that have resulted in contamination of ground and water resources.
2. Fracking waste is often spread on roads or stored in shallow wells and finds its way into drinking water.
3. Contamination caused by fracking waste is not easily abated and leaves effected areas unfit for use for decades. Radium 226, found in this waste, takes 4,000 years to decay and turns into lead. It is known to cause breast, bone and liver cancers and associated with childhood and adult leukemia.
4. Remediation, when attempted, is a slow, costly and imperfect process that cannot guarantee safety.

We need to ban fracking waste from entering our environment so that we do not face similar disasters here. Rather than looking to DEEP to regulate fracking waste, we should avoid the potential poisoning of our environment by banning it all together.

I urge you to support SB103, An Act Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing in CT.

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