

Please vote to ban transporting fracking waste through Connecticut because:

A variety of health problems are associated with fracking

Respiratory problems:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4016083/>" Cough, shortness of breath and wheezing are the most common complaints of residents living near fracked wells. Toxic gases like benzene are released from the rock by fracking. An epidemiological study of more than 400,000 patients of Pennsylvania's HYPERLINK "<https://www.geisinger.org/>" Geisinger clinic, done with HYPERLINK "<http://www.jhsph.edu/>" Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, found a significant association between fracking and increases in mild, moderate and severe cases of asthma (odds ratios 4.4 to 1.5).

Problems during pregnancy:

Fracking chemicals are harmful to pregnant women and their developing babies. Another Hopkins/Geisinger study looked at records of almost 11,000 women with newborns who lived near fracking sites and found a HYPERLINK "<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26426945>" 40% increased chance of having a premature baby

HYPERLINK "<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/10/151008110550.htm>" Premature babies accounted for 35% of infant deaths in 2010. In addition to the personal toll on the families, premies are very expensive for society—prematurity is a major cause of neurologic disabilities in kids, and their HYPERLINK "<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/10/151008110550.htm>" cost of care was more the \$26 billion in 2005 alone, or \$51,600 per preemie.

Spills and accidents

With disturbing frequency, new spills or accidents are reported at the same time as industry tries to reassure that fracking brings safe and clean energy. Tell that to the residents of Dimock, Pa., who have had their drinking water destroyed, or those in many other communities.

In conclusion

There is growing evidence of a variety of health problems being associated with fracking. Common sense dictates that drinking and breathing cancer-causing agents will take their toll. The correlation is too strong to ignore, especially when we have other, cleaner energy options. For our safety and that of future generations, we should not allow fracking waste to be transported anywhere in Connecticut.

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