

Dear Committee members,

It is with heartfelt concerns that I request our State legislators to deny Fracking waste to be transferred and disposed of in CT. There are hundreds of UNKNOWN (proprietary) chemicals found in this type of hazardous waste. There are NO apparent longterm studies regarding the numerous combinations and accumulative impacts of such chemicals in our environment, especially our precious water supply. However, there have Been NUMEROUS reports of antidotal occurrences where congested Fracking areas have resulted in earthquakes, water/ air pollution, soil contamination and clusters of cancer/ autoimmune diseases. The benefits are minuscule in comparison to accidental road spills, environmental toxicity, and increased truck traffic. Interstate I -95 volume of traffic is already a hazard for CT commuters, not to mention the substantial increase for air pollution from increased trucking.

The attempt for CT DEEP to maintain proper records of chemicals is nothing less than a bureaucratic nightmare with no real benefits gained. Thus, any conceived regulations would be an exercise in futility. Necessary manpower, alone, would sink any attempt to develop a monitoring program. DEEP would need to heavily rely on what the Fracking truckers actually report on, and we all know how the oil/gas industry was forthright on climate change concerns studied decades ago. The industry's past actions is nothing less than criminal with devastating consequences on human life and future generations. This is NOT the type of ethical industry we should be welcoming to CT.

Climate change concerns vs the proposed support of fossil fuel exploration should make this decision a "slam dunk". CT is a State with educated, conscientious residents. Active support of fossil fuel development is contrary to the worldwide movement for sustainable solutions. The State of CT should be an integral member of this global community, despite the US Government's nonsensical position, and deny any proposed legislation that promotes fossil fuels AND invites additional hazards into our beautiful State.

One reminder: US Congress exempted the Fracking industry from complying with the Clean Water Act. Ask yourselves why t he industry would have found the need to lobby this exemption??? We have no profound findings that this waste is safe!!! Why would the Environmental Committee even consider playing Russian Roulette with our clean water and air supplies. There is zero benefit to increasing truck traffic in our already congested roadway systems!!!!

Respectfully,
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