

To the Environment Committee, CT Senate:

I am deeply concerned about the potential use of hydraulic fracturing waste in CT!  
I believe that as my government agents, you have the responsibility for protecting CT's air, land, and water resources as a public trust for ourselves, our children, and the generations to come against pollution and the potential for such violation.

If I knew then (when I converted from oil to gas) what I know now about the environmental impact and the deceptive rhetoric and promises of the businesses involved in the drilling for shale gas in PA, I would have pursued alternatives in clean energy with more vigor. Now those companies are looking to "dump" their waste products anywhere they can. You must not let that happen in CT!

The waste products are not just from the hydraulic fracturing process itself but include the flowback water, produced water, and the agents used for fracturing, all of which should be included in a complete ban, either traveling through our state or being pushed for either use or storage in our state.

Please do not be deceived by the promise of any jobs for our state. In PA, the jobs initially created were gone with the wind in very few years, leaving contamination behind, and few jobs, let alone adequate clean up and restoration.

Accidental spills are under reported in other states, and contaminated water with bromides and other salts are not being adequately "unsalted" to allow normal use ~ they remain an expensive hazard to remediate~ think "love canal" and the issues created by those chemicals. Show yourselves and this state to be wiser now: address changing state law to create a comprehensive, permanent ban in Senate Bill 103. CT municipalities are on the march to do so ~36 are on the record as of mid February!

Please acknowledge receipt of this testimony.

Sincerely,  
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