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Introduced by M. of A. BUCHWALD, ENGLEBRIGHT, LUPARDO, COLTON, MOSLEY, GUNTHER, BICHOTTE, LIFTON, GOTTFRIED, ROZIC, RYAN, MAYER, TITONE, BARRETT, OTIS, STECK, ZEBROWSKI, BLAKE, JAFFEE, BARRON, ARROYO, WALKER, QUART, CAHILL, GALEF -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, GLICK, HEVESI, KEARNS, MAGEE, PEOPLES-STOKES, SIMON, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to banning the acceptance of wastewater from oil or natural gas extraction activities at wastewater treatment facilities and landfills

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 20 of section 23-0101 of the environmental
2 conservation law, as amended by chapter 846 of the laws of 1981, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 20. "Waste" means
5 a. Physical waste, as that term is generally understood in the oil and
6 gas industry;
7 b. The inefficient, excessive or improper use of, or the unnecessary
8 dissipation of reservoir energy;
9 c. The locating, spacing, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing
10 of any oil or gas well or wells in a manner which causes or tends to
11 cause reduction in the quantity of oil or gas ultimately recoverable
12 from a pool under prudent and proper operations, or which causes or
13 tends to cause unnecessary or excessive surface loss or destruction of
14 oil or gas;
15 d. The inefficient storing of oil or gas; [~~and~~]
16 e. The flaring of gas produced from an oil or condensate well after
17 the department has found that the use of the gas, on terms that are just

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 and reasonable, is, or will be economically feasible within a reasonable
2 time[-];

3 f. Any waste that is generated as a result of oil or natural gas
4 extraction activities, which includes, but is not limited to, drill
5 cuttings and drilling mud from well construction and leachate from solid
6 waste associated with natural gas extraction activities. This waste may
7 consist of among other substances, water, chemical additives, or
8 naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) and heavy metals; and

9 g. Any waste that is generated as a result of or in association with
10 the underground storage of gas or liquefied petroleum gas.

11 § 2. Section 23-0101 of the environmental conservation law is amended
12 by adding a new subdivision 21 to read as follows:

13 21. "Natural gas extraction activities" means all geologic or geophy-
14 sical activities related to the exploration for or extraction of natural
15 gas or other subsurface hydrocarbon deposits, including, but not limited
16 to, core and rotary drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

17 § 3. Section 23-0305 of the environmental conservation law is amended
18 by adding three new subdivisions 15, 16 and 17 to read as follows:

19 15. The department shall prohibit the application of waste generated
20 from oil or natural gas extraction activities on any highway, as defined
21 in subdivision fourteen of section two of the transportation law, for
22 any purpose, including but not limited to use for de-icing, dust
23 suppression or any other use. Such prohibition shall extend to all waste
24 from oil or natural gas extraction activities whether or not such waste
25 received a beneficial use determination pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 360.

26 16. The department shall prohibit the use of waste generated as a
27 result of or in association with the underground storage of gas or
28 liquefied petroleum gas on any highway as defined in subdivision four-
29 teen of section two of the transportation law, for any purpose includ-
30 ing, but not limited to, de-icing, dust suppression or any other use.
31 Such prohibition shall extend to all waste from generation as a result
32 of or in association with the underground storage of gas or liquefied
33 petroleum gas whether or not such waste received a beneficial use deter-
34 mination pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 360.

35 17. The department shall prohibit the application of waste from oil or
36 natural gas extraction activities or waste generated as a result of or
37 in association with the underground storage of gas or liquefied petrole-
38 um gas on any state-owned real property.

39 § 4. Subdivision 4 of section 17-1905 of the environmental conserva-
40 tion law is amended by adding a new paragraph f to read as follows:

41 f. The department shall adopt regulations prohibiting the introduction
42 of waste from oil or natural gas extraction activities, as such terms
43 are defined in article twenty-three of this chapter, into any waste
44 water treatment facility within the state.

45 § 5. Section 27-0703 of the environmental conservation law is amended
46 by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

47 7. The department shall adopt regulations prohibiting waste from oil
48 or natural gas extraction activities, as such terms are defined in arti-
49 cle twenty-three of this chapter, from being deposited in a solid waste
50 management facility.

51 § 6. Subdivision 3 of section 71-1307 of the environmental conserva-
52 tion law, as amended by chapter 99 of the laws of 2010, is amended to
53 read as follows:

54 3. Criminal sanctions. Any person who, having any of the culpable
55 mental states defined in sections 15.05 and 20.20 of the penal law,
56 violates any provision of article 23 of this chapter or commits any

1 offense described in section 71-1305 of this title shall be guilty of a
2 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine
3 not to exceed one thousand dollars for each day during which such
4 violation continues or by imprisonment for a term of not more than one
5 year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. If the conviction is for a
6 subsequent offense committed after a first conviction of such person
7 under this subdivision, punishment shall be by a fine not to exceed
8 eight thousand dollars for each day during which such violation contin-
9 ues or by imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or by both
10 such fine and imprisonment. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
11 subdivision, any person who violates the provisions of subdivision
12 fifteen of section 23-0305 of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine
13 not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per violation and/or by
14 imprisonment for a term of not more than one year. Each introduction
15 and/or application of waste from oil or natural gas extraction activ-
16 ities shall constitute a separate and distinct violation.

17 § 7. Section 71-1933 of the environmental conservation law is amended
18 by adding a new subdivision 5-a to read as follows:

19 5-a. Any person who knowingly, as defined in section 15.05 of the
20 penal law, violates the rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to
21 paragraph f of subdivision four of section 17-1905 of this chapter shall
22 be punishable by a fine not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per
23 violation and/or up to thirty days imprisonment. Each introduction
24 and/or application of waste from oil or natural gas extraction activ-
25 ities shall constitute a separate and distinct violation.

26 § 8. Subdivision 2 of section 71-2703 of the environmental conserva-
27 tion law is amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

28 d. Any person who knowingly, as defined in section 15.05 of the penal
29 law, violates the rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivi-
30 sion seven of section 27-0703 of this chapter shall be punishable by a
31 fine not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per violation and/or up
32 to thirty days imprisonment. Each introduction and/or application of
33 waste from oil or natural gas extraction activities shall constitute a
34 separate and distinct violation.

35 § 9. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
36 it shall have become a law.