

DEC does not comment on pending legislation. To be clear, there is no loophole for fracking waste. Fluids produced from an oil or gas production well and wastes associated with high volume hydraulic fracturing, including flowback water and production brine, are prohibited from disposal in landfills in New York State. Under DEC's Part 360 regulations, permitted solid waste landfills can accept certain drilling wastes such as drill cuttings produced from oil and gas drilling operations. DEC closely monitors the wastes that go into New York State landfills and ensures other protective measures, such as radiation detectors and leachate collection systems, work properly and protect public health and the environment.

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