

Choices. Life is about choices. There are good choices and bad choices, and each choice has its own consequence. This is a lesson I teach my children every day. Mr. Scardina, you have been presented this very important choice. Frack waste. The other ugly side of fracking is the thousands of gallons of toxic radioactive frack waste that is left over from fracking. This waste is transported by trucks to class II injection wells where it is then injected into our ground. I live less than 5 miles from one of the largest injection well sites in the state. 14 of my family members live less than 2,000 feet from millions of gallons of highly explosive, radioactive, toxic frack waste. Not only is the truck traffic putting hundreds of citizens at risk, but the emissions from the amount of trucks needed to transport this waste will add to our ever growing climate change. Class II injection wells provide no monitoring for our water nor do they provide monitoring for the air we breathe. They cause earthquakes. They leak into our water shed from poor construction and kill everything in its path. There are spills from trucks and facilities with faulty machinery, and human error, and again contaminating our water. They explode from a simple spark to a lightning strike sending a plume of smoke filled with who knows how many toxic, radioactive, hazardous chemicals burning for days. For miles, people and animals will be breathing this into their lungs. These are just a few facts connected with injection wells. Would you feel safe with one in your back yard?

Should you, Toni Scardina, choose to allow fracking in the Wayne National Forest, you are simply saying, the health and safety of all the families you will be putting at risk are not worth as much as what *you* will gain. Frack waste would NOT exist without fracking. This too *must* be taken into consideration with the idea of fracking our ONLY national forest. So please Mr. Scardina, make the right choice. You are responsible for this decision. DO NOT CONSENT !

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