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**Town of Amherst
Erie County, New York**

**Resolution
RES-2012-420**

Adopted
May 7, 2012 7:00 PM

X.C.2 Amherst Bans Fracking Fluid from Waste Water Treatment Facility

Information

Department:
Category:

Councilmembers
Resolution

Sponsors:

Financial Impact

None

Body

WHEREAS, Hydraulic Fracturing or "Hydrofracking" is a controversial mining technique used to extract fossil fuels that have collected in layers of porous rock, and

WHEREAS, hydrofracking has received negative attention due to its connection to water pollution and other environmental problems, and

WHEREAS, the wastewater from hydrofracking contains chemical additives and radioactive material which vary in toxicity and include known carcinogens, water, sand, and chemicals, many of which may be harmful. Toxic chemicals that have been used in fracking fluids include methanol, ethylene glycol, formaldehyde, naphthalene, benzene, toluene and xylene. To date, over six hundred chemicals have been found to have been used in fracking fluids. According to Dr. Theo Colburn of the Endocrine Disruption Exchange, 47 percent of these products have the potential to affect the endocrine system, including human and wildlife development and reproduction, and

WHEREAS, the Amherst Wastewater Treatment Facility is a pure oxygen, activated sludge process that is biologically based that would be adversely affected by wastewater from the hydrofracking process, and

WHEREAS, while hydrofracking does not currently take place in New York State, a statewide moratorium is set to expire at the end of 2012, and

WHEREAS, several states and municipalities including Buffalo, Kingston and Auburn, New York and the state of Maryland have set a policy not to accept wastewater created by hydrofracking occurring outside of their communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Amherst that the Town of Amherst Wastewater Treatment Facility not accept or introduce wastewater from any hydrofracking operation into its process.

5/7/2012

Deputy Supervisor Marlette was added as co-sponsor of this Resolution.
Consent

Meeting History

May 7, 2012 7:00 PM Board Regular Meeting of the Town Board

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Mark A. Manna, Councilmember
SECONDER: Guy R. Marlette, Deputy Supervisor
AYES: