



RESOLUTION OPPOSING SUBSURFACE INJECTION OF FRACTURING WASTEWATER

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly, in 2012, approved Senate Bill 820, the "Clean Energy and Economic Security Act", which set forth the framework for the Mining and Energy Commission and relevant state agencies, environmental regulations and local government representatives to evaluate potential environmental impacts from hydraulic fracturing in the state and development regulations related to hydraulic fracturing; AND

WHEREAS, the Mining and Energy Commission and its partners have been researching potential impacts on the state and developing the required regulations; AND

WHEREAS, since the Commission has been meeting, there has been significant public discussion that the state's coastal plain is an ideal area for the subsurface injection of hydraulic fracturing wastewater, potentially damaging the coastal aquifers that are so beneficial to public health as water sources; AND

WHEREAS, the state's communities rely on our coastal aquifers for clean, safe drinking water; AND

WHEREAS, the introduction of contaminants via injection wells directly threatens the use of all aquifers in the state as potable water sources; AND

WHEREAS, the aquifers of North Carolina's coastal plain are not all laterally continuous and interconnect, making the tracking of the dumped wastewater impossible; AND

WHEREAS, waste disposal via wells is currently prohibited in the state; AND

WHEREAS, North Carolina's economy is dependent on continued economic viability of the eastern part of the state; AND

WHEREAS, the state's economy relies on tourism, and that industry is significantly funded by visitors drawn to the coast because of the health of its water and its beaches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Nags Head's Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to support the state's current laws that prohibit the discharge of fracturing waste through subsurface injection and to take no action that would weaken these laws before a viable option for fracking waste disposal, one in which Eastern North Carolina is not included, is found.

Adopted this 6th day of August 2014.

Robert C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk